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DEPARTMENT
Secretary's

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Prime Minister

Unemployment and the Economic Situation

Our annual Congress, at its recent meeting in Brighton, expressed deep concern at the deteriorating economic situation and in particular at the rise in unemployment to more than two million.

The General Council are requesting a meeting with you at the earliest convenient opportunity to inform you of their concern, and to discuss what action is needed, including measures to increase the levels of demand and employment, to reduce interest rates and lower the exchange rate, to reduce import penetration and to restore industrial investment.

I look forward to receiving your positive response to this request.

Yours sincerely

General Secretary

Mr. Fisher

① Share concern.

Industrial Approach.

I.C.I redundancies.

No magic button.

② 30's.

③ Work - get to full employment by
w/lection on top of w/lection.

Future Concerns - Agreed solutions.

- Consensus, Co-operation.

(ii) Wage Expansion - Close down \uparrow

(iii) Cut in M.L.R. 16-12%

Cash flow matters

High Pound \rightarrow

Key Industries threatened with cutback.

Selective Regrain Industrial Production

\rightarrow North Sea Oil - Structural Change

- Expansion is - British Industry.