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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP  
The Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of May 21, in response to one from Nicholas Winterton, Jack Straw and myself.

I confess I am very disappointed. The Textile Industry is in a very bad way - another 70 redundancies this week in Rochdale - and I really cannot over-emphasise the problem. I am certain it would be a tremendous help if you, personally, agreed to meet a deputation, and I appeal to you to reconsider your reply. We want to see YOU!

Psychologically, it would be a tremendous boost to the morale of textile workers if they knew that you were receiving a deputation - and I can tell you that that is the view of many M.Ps on your own side of the House.

PLEASE think again, and agree to see us.

Yours sincerely,



CYRIL SMITH, MBE., MP