THE PRIME MINISTER

2 June 1980

' Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for your letter of 22 May about your request that I should meet a deputation to discuss the problems of the textile industry in the North West. In view of the further representations which you and Nicholas Winterton have made to me, and the exchanges which you and others have already had with the Secretary of State for Industry and the Secretary of State for Trade, I would be prepared to meet a delegation to discuss the difficult problems now facing the textile industry. My office will be in touch with you and the others concerned to make the necessary arrangements.

I am copying this letter to Nicholas Winterton and Jack Straw.

Yours sincerely,

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Cyril Smith, Esq., M.B.E., M.P.

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