



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

This letter from Gavin Strang asks you to meet him to discuss growing unemployment in his constituency. You will see that he changes his tune half way through, and says that he would be prepared to meet a Scottish Minister instead.

Are you content that we should play this one away, since requests are beginning to come in in larger numbers now?

If so, I attach a draft you could send to Dr. Strang.

*I will see him
no MS*

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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16 February 1981

Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher M.P.,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street.

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

In the House of Commons

last Thursday you stated that
you would always be willing to
meet a Member to discuss a clause
in his constituency.

Last Sunday, it was
announced in my constituency that
Buntons Ltd are to pay off
one hundred workers. I informed the
workers at the mass meeting
that I would be taking you.



up on what you said in the
House of Commons and seeking
a meeting & discuss this - even
slow to Manselburg.

Re-reading your reply
I see you used the word
close and some Bramble's
will continue to be largest
employees in Manselburg
I anticipate that you ~~will~~
~~decide~~ may wish to decline.

If so I would be happy to
meet the Secretary of State for
Scotland. Failing that I
would certainly not reject
a meeting with Mrs. Thatcher.
Yours sincerely,
Gordon Strang