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THE PRIME MINISTER

25 June 1981

Thank you for your letter of 11 June recording the outcome of your discussion with the Managing Director of Perkins Engine Company about his company's interest in the BL foundry at Wellingborough.

As I promised when we met on 9 June, I have now asked Norman Tebbit to pursue all the issues as quickly as possible. In the end, the matter will of course have to be decided according to the commercial interests of both companies, but I can assure you that the Government will keep in touch with events and will seek to ensure that all possible routes have been considered by the companies.

While I am of course very interested in the progress of this matter, I suggest that in the first instance you keep in touch with Norman; I have asked that I see copies of all relevant correspondence.

Would you tell your constituents that I fully understand and share their concern.

(SGD) MARGARET THATCHER

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