



Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers

ENGINEERING SECTION

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Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON, SW1.

Dear Prime Minister,

ELLIOTT TURBOMACHINERY LTD., COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT

We have today received the final decision of the United Technology Group of the U.S.A. that the closure of this factory has to take place to protect the U.S.A. factories of the U.T.L. Group. This may be so but we also are looking for protection for the workforce at the Cowes factory who are now under the 90 days protective period which, unless we can get some assistance, will lead to the ever increasing Island dole queue. For this to happen to a workforce that has, in every respect, co-operated to their fullest and their efforts have produced a viable company is a tragedy. Its industrial relations record has been excellent and this has been recognised by your Ministers.

We sincerely make this last minute appeal to you and your Government to take over the plant which is at this time the only manufacturing unit in the U.K. supplying and servicing our own oil fields and petro-chemical industry.

Please save this workforce and use its skills to benefit the U.K.

Yours sincerely,

District Secretary.

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