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THE PRIME MINISTER

31 March, 1982.

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Di Can Mc Donald, CBE NEI House (Chairman & Chief Executive) Regent Centre Northern Engineering Industries Limited Newcastle upon Tyne Tel. 0632 843191 NE3 39B Telex 537900 pps. 2nd April, 1982 Prima Minister The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, LONDON S.W.1. A. J. C. 4 CC. M. Holmey FIC. O. N. Alones DOT. Spear Prime Minister, Mon 74 Thank you very much for your letter of 31st March. My colleagues and I are indeed grateful for your personal help and support, and that of the Government, over the Indian super thermal power station. I assure you that we will be making every effort to ensure that this project is an outstanding example of British technology. Our team leaves for Delhi tomorrow. Mours Liverely, Junea Ma Janais.



From the Secretary of State

John Coles Esq Private Secretary

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Following last week's discussions about NEI's bid for the Indian thermal power station, it was agreed that the Prime Minister should send a personal note to the Chairman of NEI, Duncan McDonald. Accordingly, I attach a draft.

Copies of this go to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Industry.

JOHN RHODES

Private Secretary



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