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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mrs. Linton,

Thank you very much for your letter. I found our meeting last September of immense value, and it was good to hear from you again.

I do understand your fear that the NUM leadership may yet evade responsibility for the misery they have caused - but I believe that the Coal Board have been, and are being, resolute about their position. For my part, I have made clear that there can be no fudging of the central issue, and no betrayal of the working miners to whom we owe so much.

I hope you will bear with me on the question of a further meeting. My time is so very full just now, and in the middle of the month I have to go to the United States. But please write to me again before then if you feel that the Government is failing to get the message across.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Linton

Mrs. Pauline Linton

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Dronfield:

Dear Mrs. Thatcher.

I am one of the miners wives who came to London to see you in September to discuss the miners strike. In this capacity I have been asked to write to you on behalf of the North Derbyshire working miners wives, who if possible would like to come to London, to have a meeting with you in order to express their thanks to you, at your handling of the strike, and also to express to you their fears.

Their fears being that at this late stage Arthur Scargal is going to be let off the hook with a negotiated settlement, which will allow him to lay the blame for the outcome of the strike at every body's door but his own, and that he will live to fight another day.

If this were to happen they feel that their sacrifices will have been in vain, because they have had all the hassle with the pickets, and all the intimidation, as it is they have been told that they are marked men and women after the strike, especially when the police have been removed, some are going to have to move away, because of the bitterness that has been created will last a long long time.

So close I would like you to know of the support we have had from the CTU in the Yorkshire area, so much so we are forming our own Valgo section in the Sheffield area, due to the hard back ground.

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help given to us by Mr Les Firth

I hope you will give this request your
kind consideration as we appreciate the
demands on your time.

Yours faithfully.

Pauline Linton
