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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 January 1985

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Dear Mr. Brown,

At our meeting on 11 December, I undertook to look further into your report of delays in the construction of factory units in Cowdenbeath.

I have since read the letter that Allan Stewart sent you following his investigation into this and there is nothing I would wish to add to the full account he provided. The Scottish Development Agency is well attuned to the local needs for factory accommodation, and we are not aware of any unreasonable delays.

During our meeting, Allan also mentioned the possibility of establishing an Enterprise Trust for the area around Dunfermline, of the kind that has been successfully developed in other parts of Scotland. I understand that your local Chamber of Commerce has already initiated some discussion about this, and I do hope therefore that you will lend it your firm support.

Gordon Brown, Esq., MP

Yours sincerely
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Dear Private Secretary,

MEETING WITH MR GORDON BROWN MP

In your letter of 11 December, you asked for a draft letter that the Prime Minister might send Mr Gordon Brown to follow up two points that were raised during their meeting on 11 December.

attached
As regards the report of delays in the construction of factories in Cowdenbeath, Mr Stewart wrote (also on 11 December) to explain that as he said at the meeting the Scottish Development Agency (SDA) was actively pursuing a factory development project through negotiations with a potential private developer, and that we were not aware of any unreasonable delays.

attached
The possibility of setting up an Enterprise Trust for Dunfermline and West Fife has also been dealt with by Mr Stewart in an earlier letter to Mr Brown (dated 27 November).

Mr Stewart has suggested that the Prime Minister might prefer to conclude the exchange with a final reply to Mr Brown's original letter. I attach a draft letter as you requested.

Yours sincerely,
Gerard Hetherington

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