

JOPLING, M.P.

16th April, 1980

Many thanks for your letter of 15th April, with which you enclosed an original letter dated 11th April, which you had received from Tony Bourne-Arton.

What a splendid letter his was. I have shown it to the Prime Minister.

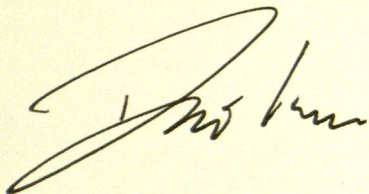
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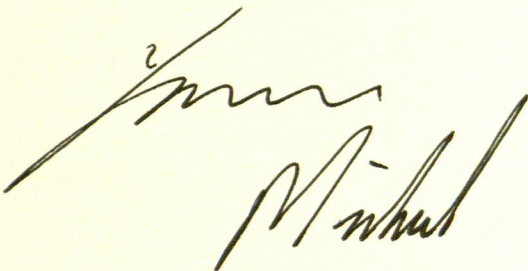


Government Chief Whip  
12 Downing Street, London SW1

15 April 1980.



I enclose a letter from Tony Bourne-Arton, ex Conservative Member for Darlington, about the Prime Minister's recent visit to Selby Coalfield. It seems to have been a great success.



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Dear Michael,

Here is some gossip about  
the PM which is all the more  
interesting since it comes from  
an a-political source.

I was working yesterday  
on Selby Coalfield business  
and my NCB chums were  
still bubbling with  
enthusiasm about Margaret's  
recent visit.

Not only were they like  
everyone else who'd only seen  
her on the box surprised by

her warmth & charm, but they were captivated by her humour.

Evidently the old plug-uglies down the mine laughed with her and liked her, and the news of that is now all over the Yorkshire coalfield. That, to say the least, can do no harm particularly as it won't please Comrade Arthur Scargill.

You'll be used to bad news so I thought you'd like some good news.

No reply

Yours ever,

Tony D. D.