



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

Edmund Marshall writes seeking a meeting to discuss the GEC Small Machines' closure which he mentioned at Question Time yesterday.

We will offer him a meeting on the usual basis, although this may have to be after the Whitsun Recess given the state of your diary.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON S.W.1.A. 0.A.A.

12 May, 1981.

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

CB/S

Dear Prime Minister, *EA*

Further to my oral question to you in the House today, may I ask that we have a meeting before long to discuss the proposed closure by GEC Small Machines Limited of their factory at Thorne in my constituency.

When you have made inquiries about the position, perhaps your office could contact me with a view to arranging a time for us to meet.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund Marshall

Dr. Edmund Marshall, M.P.



*Private Secretary's
file*

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10 DOWNING STREET Dr. Edmund

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From the Private Secretary

14 May 1981

MP

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*Closure of GEC Small
Machines Ltd.*

I am writing to confirm that your Minister will be present at the meeting with Dr. Edmund Marshall MP at 2200 hours on Monday 1 June in the Prime Minister's room at the House. Dr. Marshall wishes to discuss the proposed closure by GEC Small Machines Limited of their factory at Thorne in his constituency. Could a full brief please reach this office by close of play on Friday 29 May.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

J.C. Hudson, Esq.,
Department of Industry.

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From the Private Secretary

14 May 1981

Further to our conversation on the telephone this afternoon I am writing to confirm that the Prime Minister is looking forward to seeing you in her room in the House at 2200 hours on Monday 1 June. Mr. Kenneth Baker MP will also be present.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Dr. Edmund Marshall, MP

MFJ

cc Miss Stephens

13 May 1981

I enclose a copy of a letter to
the Prime Minister from Dr. Edmund Marshall.

The Prime Minister will be ready to
see Dr. Marshall, and will want to have
an Industry Minister present. Caroline Stephens
will be in touch with you to arrange a time,
and we shall require a brief to reach us the
day before in the usual way.

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Mrs. Catherine Bell
Department of Industry

MFJ

13 May 1981

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 12 May.

I will place this before the Prime Minister at once, and I am sure that she will ask us to arrange a meeting with you when she has had the opportunity to look into the issue in question.

MAP

Dr. Edmund Marshall, M.P.