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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 February 1982

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Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

The Right Honourable Gerald Kaufman, M.P.

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17 February 1982

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*Dear Mike,*

ICL PLYMOUTH GROVE

Thank you for your letter of 4 February about the closure of ICL Plymouth Grove. I attach a draft letter for the Prime Minister to send to Mr Kaufman on this.

Since the Prime Minister last wrote to Mr Kaufman on 22 December ICL have discussed the sale of the factory with possible UK purchasers, namely GEC, Unitech and Manchester Circuits Limited, but these discussions have all fallen through. It is most unlikely that anything can now be done to prevent the closure later this month.

*Yours,*  
*Neil McMillan*

NEIL MCMILLAN  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

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DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S SIGNATURE

Rt Hon Gerald Kaufman MP  
House of Commons  
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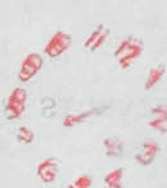
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*G. KAUFMAN MP*

4 February 1982

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I enclose a further letter from  
Gerald Kaufman, M.P., about the  
ICL Plymouth Grove closure. What  
more can we now say to Mr. Kaufman?

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Jonathan Hudson Esq  
Department of Industry

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4 February 1982

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 3 February.

I will place your letter before the Prime Minister and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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The Right Honourable Gerâad Kaufman, M.P.



From: The Rt. Hon. Gerald Kaufman, MP



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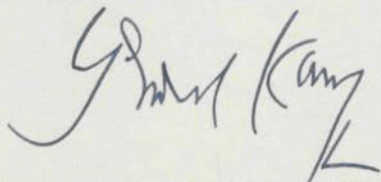
3rd February 1982

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

You will recall that I recently came to see you about the prospective closure of the I.C.L. factory in Plymouth Grove in my constituency.

The time for the expiry of the redundancy notices is now growing very close and I should, therefore, be most grateful if you would let me know of any progress in finding a purchaser for the factory.

Yours sincerely,



The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP.  
The Prime Minister,  
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