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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 May 1980

Dear Mr. Morris,

Thank you for your letter of 17 April, enclosing a copy of the letter of 2 April from Mr. D.G. Wilson, President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Industry, about Inmos.

As you know, Inmos have applied for an Industrial Development Certificate for Bristol with the aim of combining their Research Centre with the first production unit on the same site. This proposal is still being considered and a statement will be made as soon as possible.

With regard to the second production unit, the selection of the site will be in the first instance a matter for the company itself, and I have no doubt that they are fully aware of the excellent facilities that are available in the Manchester area. However, I would not expect the company to be in a position to consider possible locations for a second production unit for some considerable time - and certainly not until after a decision has been made on the first unit.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

The Right Honourable Alfred Morris, M.P.

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