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THE PRIME MINISTER

13 March 1981

Dear Mr Parry,

I thought that I should send you, on a personal basis, the attached letters to Trevor Jones and the Archbishop of Liverpool, about Tate and Lyle and the employment situation in Merseyside more generally. I know that you will be disappointed by the conclusion we have reached about the refinery, but I should like to assure you that we have devoted a great deal of time and effort to examining all the alternatives which have been proposed. I am sure that we have come to the only possible conclusion; what is important now is that we should press ahead with all possible speed with the initiatives we are already taking to help the area. We are determined to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Whelan

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Robert Parry, Esq., M.P.

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Dear Nelson,

I wanted you to see the attached letters which I am sending to Trevor Jones and the Archbishop of Liverpool about Tate and Lyle. I have tried to set out our position in full in both letters.

- We are doing everything we can to help.

I am copying this letter and its enclosures to Lynda Chalker, Anthony Steen and David Hunt.

Yours ever

Malcolm

Malcolm Thornton, Esq, MP

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