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Tate & Lyle

An encouraging letter from David Young about the Tate & Lyle dowry proposal. They are hoping to make an announcement the week beginning 6 April.

We have set up a meeting with all the Ministers concerned to discuss Merseyside generally next Monday morning. David Young will be at the meeting, and Mr. Heseltine will be bringing his Merseyside Regional Director, assuming you have no objection.

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TATE & LYLE

We met with Tate & Lyle this morning. The negotiations with the Trade Unions are far from concluded but it is probable that an announcement will be made in the week commencing 6th April. I enclose a draft of their proposed Press Release. As you will see, we have played down the part that Government or EIEC will play since we would like this to be shown very much as a Tate & Lyle initiative.

Job Creation Limited are now starting on their survey of the labour market and we are planning for a number of workshop units to be ready for occupation in the Summer. A large part of the site is occupied by the Refinery and Tate & Lyle estimate that it will take some 12 months to remove their plant before demolition can even commence so we are planning for a programme of continuous development with the objective of restoring some 1500 jobs over the next two or three years.

CPRS are very keen that we encourage Youth employment. To this end, I believe that I have persuaded Tate & Lyle to fund a pilot survey by World ORT Union to set up a Youth Training Programme. We could use some of the existing office and workshop accommodation for a Training Centre.

ORT is the world's largest vocational and technical training organisation, operating in over 20 countries around the world. It recently moved its headquarters to the U.K. but does not operate here as yet. The Prime Minister might recollect that she spoke at a Luncheon at Painters Hall in 1978. I am approaching them to undertake a survey with some hope of success since nominally I run their day-to-day operations.

I am copying this letter to Eileen Mackay at the CPRS.

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