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THE PRIME MINISTER

10 May 1985

*Dear Mr. Packer,*

Thank you for your letter of 26 April enclosing Delyn Borough Council's proposals for a development strategy to tackle the problems arising from the proposed closure by Courtaulds of their viscose staple plant at Greenfield. Your proposals are a useful supplement to the presentation you and Councillor Selwyn Roberts made on 26 April at Hawarden.

I said at the end of that meeting that I would be writing to the Chairman of Courtaulds to let him know of the representations that had been made to me and I have since done so.

I understand that copies of your Council's proposals have also been sent to the Secretary of State for Wales whose department is of course largely responsible for the programmes covered in the report; and that they have already been the subject of some preliminary discussion with the Welsh Office. Mr Edwards' office will be getting in touch with you very soon about the way in which these discussions can best be taken forward quickly and constructively.

*Kind regards.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Roger Selwyn Roberts*

John Packer, Esq.

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FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY  
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR WALES

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*8* May 1985

*Year Mark,*

#### COURTAULDS

Thank you for your letter of 30 April about which we have spoken.

- ... I attach a draft letter for the Prime Minister to send to Councillor Espley, Chairman of Clwyd County Council, and a draft reply for you to send to Mr John Packer, Chief Executive of Delyn Borough Council. I also attach for your information copies of draft letters which will go from my Secretary of State and me to Councillor Espley and Mr Packer respectively as soon as the Prime Minister and you have written. Perhaps you could let me know when this has been done.

*In meeting folder*  
I also attach a brief note on Wrexham for the Prime Minister's meeting with Dr Marek on 9 May (which Wyn Roberts will be attending).

✓ Just for the record a draft reply and background note for Dr Marek's PQ (for answer on 14 May) will be forwarded separately via our Parliamentary Branch.

Mr Edwards is of course very much concerned about the implications of the Courtaulds closures for North East Wales and he will be seeking ways of using existing mechanisms and resources as flexibly as possible. It should be said, however, that other parts of the Principality face the same (and in some cases even greater) difficulties as Clwyd; and there is an obvious need for even handed treatment.

*Yours sincerely  
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Private Secretary to  
The Prime Minister

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DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND TO

COUNCILLOR J ESPLBY  
CHAIRMAN  
CLWYD COUNTY COUNCIL  
SHIRE HALL  
MULD  
CLWYD

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I am writing to thank you for ~~and to acknowledge~~ Clwyd County Council's action response to the job losses which will arise from the proposed closure of Courtaulds viscose staple and acetate plants at Greenfield and at Wrexham.

I am glad we had

~~We did of course have the opportunity to discuss this matter at Hawarden on 26 April when I heard at first hand representations from you and your Chief Executive, as well as from the <sup>two</sup> district authorities in the County directly affected.~~

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~~You will be hearing very soon from the Secretary of State for Wales about how <sup>and the</sup> he proposes that discussions between the Welsh Office and the County Council should be taken forward on the <sup>points</sup> matters raised in your action plan as speedily and constructively as possible.~~

DRAFT LETTER FOR MR MARK ADDISON TO SEND TO

MR JOHN PACKER  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
DELYN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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