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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Prime Minister (4)

For J.M.

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16th May 1985.

Dear Prime Minister,

Thanks for seeing me last
week — I'm enclosing a copy of
a letter to Sir Christopher Hogg
which states the present position as
I understand it.

Yours sincerely,

J. Marek



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Sir Christopher Hogg,
Chairman,
Comtaulds plc.

Dear Sir Christopher,

I understand that the Chief Executive of Wrexham Maelor Borough Council, Mr Sydney Tongue, has asked for the meeting to be held between us to be convened as soon as possible. I am in agreement and hope we will be able to meet at your convenience as soon as arrangements can be made.

When we met Mr Gordon Campbell last he agreed to investigate the possibilities of introducing further efficiencies in production by manpower savings and also by modernisation of plant and capital equipment. He agreed to look at all three sites and come back to us with a figure for the shortfall that would need to be found if the Wrexham plant were to continue in operation.

I am concerned that your Spondon works continue to be increasing the labour force and hope you will be able to confirm that our negotiations are being carried out in good faith.

(P.T.O.)

A decision on the future of the plant needs to be taken quickly and I am sure it would be expeditions if the results of Mr Campbell's investigations were to be available to us at the earliest opportunity.

I look forward to a constructive discussion which would at least allow the local authorities, the Welsh Office, and the Welsh Development Agency the choice of whether or not to support the existing operation whilst a diversification programme was implemented.

Yours sincerely,

J. Shillcock

c.c. The Prime Minister
Secretary State for Wales
Chief Executive, Wrexham Maelor B.C.



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