

Mike Woodcock, J.P., M.P.



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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

1st November 1985

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Dear Prime Minister,

I was delighted, but shocked, to receive a note from Michael Alison, dated yesterday and received today, informing me of your visit to British Nuclear Fuel at Capenhurst today. I was even more surprised when I read of your visit in my local newspaper today. I and all of my constituency Association will be delighted that you have found the time in a very busy schedule to visit our constituency, but it does alarm me that I did not know of your visit until the day on which it took place and that the local press is obviously better informed than the sitting Member.

My constituency, as you well know, is very marginal and it is on Merseyside where we desperately need support. Your visit would have given me and my Association a wonderful opportunity, which has regrettably been missed. However, I wonder if following your visit to Capenhurst you could let me have a note of your impressions of the place and your support for the work that is being done there. I can then use this for publicity.

Yours sincerely,

M. Woodcock.  
pp J. Davies

(Dictated by Mr. Woodcock and signed  
in his absence)

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher M.P.  
The Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1

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10 DOWNING STREET

5th November 1985

Dear Mike

I am writing on the Prime Minister's behalf to thank you for your letter of 1st November.

I am very sorry indeed that you did not receive the letter which I sent to you (via Messenger rather than post) on 31st October, until the following day. In fact I had tried to contact you by telephone on Thursday 31st October so that we could have a word about the Prime Minister's proposed visit to Sellafield. We do have great difficulty in respect of notifying Members of Parliament in advance about the visits which the Prime Minister makes to their constituencies, on the grounds of security. Indeed, it has happened that because information about a proposed visit has been 'leaked' the visit has had to be cancelled. In the case of the Prime Minister's visit to Sellafield, I am afraid we were unable to give out any earlier information.

Yours ever  
Michael

MICHAEL ALISON  
Parliamentary Private Secretary

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12th November 1985

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your reply to my letter of 1st November, signed by your Parliamentary Private Secretary.

As you can imagine I was very disappointed not to be told about your visit to Capenhurst, especially as I understand that the local Members were present when you went on to Sellafield afterwards.

I write again because you have not responded to the request I made in the second paragraph of my letter. Could you please let me have a few words of support for the work which is being done at Capenhurst?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Woodcock".

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher M.P.  
The Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London SW1

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Could I see the Halcyon  
letters which might be dropped  
after the Sellafield visit's pl?

Mark Addison

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CAPENHURST - MIKE WOODCOCK MP

The attached is self-explanatory.  
Michael did not, as you know, go to  
Sellafield. How do you think we  
should respond to his request for  
"a few words of support for the work  
which is being done at Capenhurst?"

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