



From : TERRY LEWIS, M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

18 August 1986

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The Rt Hon Mrs M Thatcher, MP  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON  
SW1

Pre Marks

Agree to see

Mr Lewis when

Parliament returns?

But this must  
not hold up any  
N.C.B. processes -  
it is a matter for  
them

N 19/8

Dear Prime Minister

You will recall that sometime ago, you agreed to personally receive representations from Members with major redundancies in their constituencies.

I am now in such a position with the announcement that British Coal is to close the Walkden Workshops with the loss of 258 jobs. If the current British Coal proposals cannot be averted, as I believe they can, this will be a major redundancy so far as my Worsley constituency is concerned, and because this follows other closures in my area, I am anxious to make out a case for saving the Workshops.

I have written to the Chairman of British Coal requesting a meeting at which I would want to press the case for maintaining this Workshop facility on its present site.

I cannot emphasise too strongly the effect this proposed closure will have on the local economy in my constituency, and would therefore wish to press you to receive the representations to which I have already referred.

Yours sincerely

Terry Lewis

TERRY LEWIS, MP  
Worsley



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

19 August 1986

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 18 August requesting a meeting to discuss the implications for your constituency of the proposed closure of Walkden Workshops. The Prime Minister would be happy to meet you at a mutually convenient moment. She would however stress that decisions of this kind are matters for the management of British Coal in which she cannot intervene. In this context she notes that you are seeking a meeting with the Chairman of British Coal.

Perhaps you would like to get in touch with Caroline Ryder here who will be in the office from 26 August onwards to arrange a time.

Tim Flesher

Terry Lewis, Esq., M.P.

MRS RYDER

Attached is self-explanatory correspondence between myself and Terry Lewis, M.P. When Mr Lewis 'phones you perhaps you could arrange a brief from Energy; and possibly arrange for David Hunt to be present.

Tim Flesher

19 August 1986



From: TERRY LEWIS, M.P.

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23 August 1986

Ms Carolyn Ryder  
Prime Minister's Office  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON  
SW1

No prev. msg.

Carole

When you have checked with

David Hunt's office would you  
deal with the trip?

MWA 29/8

Dear Ms Ryder

The Prime Minister has kindly agreed to meet me at a mutually convenient time to allow me to discuss British Coal's proposal to close the Walkden Workshops in my constituency.

I have been asked by Tim Flesher to contact you regarding the arrangements.

I note that you will be returning to the office on Tuesday 26th, which is the day I leave for a holiday in the USA. In view of that fact, I would be most grateful if you could arrange for me to meet the Prime Minister anytime in the week beginning 22 September, with the exception of Thursday 25th. Failing that, it would have to be following the Conservative Party Conference in October.

I trust we will be able to agree on a mutually convenient meeting date, and look forward to hearing from you, in due course.

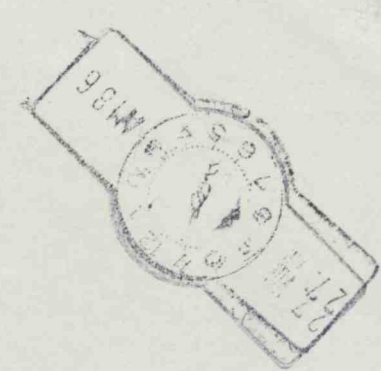
Yours sincerely

Terry Lewis

TERRY LEWIS, MP  
Worsley



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*From the Private Secretary*

3 September 1986

I am now writing to confirm your appointment with the Prime Minister to discuss British Coal's proposal to close the Walkden Workshops in your constituency.

The meeting will take place at 10 Downing Street at 1600 hours on Tuesday 23 September and David Hunt, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Energy, will be present.

(Mrs Caroline Ryder)

Terry Lewis, Esq., M.P.

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*From the Private Secretary*

3 September 1986

Further to our telephone conversation today, I confirm that David Hunt will attend the meeting with Terry Lewis, MP, and the Prime Minister on Tuesday 23 September at 1600 hours at No. 10.

I attach Mr. Lewis' letter and will be grateful to receive your brief by close of play on Monday 22 September.

(Mrs Caroline Ryder)

Miss J.A. Bennington,  
Department of Energy.



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cc David Hunt  
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*From the Private Secretary*

16 September 1986

I hope it will not cause you too much inconvenience if we change the time of your meeting with the Prime Minister on Tuesday 23 September from 1600 to 1615. If I do not hear from you, I shall assume that this will not cause you any difficulty.

CAROLINE RYDER

Terry Lewis, Esq., M.P.

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