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From the Chairman

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The Rt Hon Mrs. Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Lor Margaret

In view of the concern you and your colleagues expressed at our meeting on March 4 for the resuscitation of Merseyside industry, I thought you would wish to see an advance copy of a Press release we will be issuing in Liverpool on May 5.

As you will see we have commissioned a study of the feasibility of developing parts of our Liverpool refinery site for occupation by what we describe as "fledgling businesses". We would hope in this way to attract entrepreneurs into an area with which we have had such a close association for over a century.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Keith Joseph, Peter Walker and Leon Brittan.

Yours ever

George

JELlicoe

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news release from



TATE & LYLE TO INVESTIGATE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF LIVERPOOL
REFINERY SITE

Following discussions with the Department of Industry, Tate & Lyle announce their intention of seeking to offset some of the social consequences of the closure of their Love Lane refinery in Liverpool (which became effective on 22 April) by redeveloping suitable buildings and land on the site as premises for letting to small businesses.. Initially they have commissioned Job Creation Limited, specialist in the field, and W Berry Templeton Limited, property consultants, to investigate the possibility of small business development on the site of the Love Lane complex.

The study will embrace the prospects for creating new businesses in the area as a guide to the development potential of the existing site and buildings. Particular attention will be paid to the possibility of creating small workshop units for fledgling businesses. The study is expected to be completed within 2 months.

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The report will advise Tate & Lyle of the options for the utilisation of the site and the scope for their involvement in supporting a job creation programme in the area.

Tate & Lyle intend to start implementing a programme of action as soon as suitable opportunities are identified by the study. The company has been assured of the Government's support in carrying out such a programme. Tate & Lyle will seek support from local authorities and other commercial and industrial concerns who are equally concerned with the problems of unemployment on Merseyside.

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5 May 1981

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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