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Prime Minister

To note at his stage
Await Trade, Industry

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Treasury views?

Prime Minister

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I have read Arthur Cockfield's letter of October 20 on Standards and have been involved in many of the discussions that has led to the much improved position he reports. The will now appears to exist for a major advance by Government in recognising what can be achieved by a constructive partnership with industry over improving the quality of Britain's goods. But the implementation will be difficult.

The very act of raising standards imposes a cost on industry which has to invest to meet customer requirement. Many companies cannot afford such investment and we will undoubtedly face complaints from those who will argue that we have pushed them out of business.

May I suggest that what is now needed is a reinforced and well published Government - aided programme to help British industry to catch up. A policy of carrot and stick in the form of higher standards and grant aid seems to me to meet many of our policy objective - stimulating capital investment, helping industry, making Britain more competitive and combating unemployment. I also believe we will move far faster and with less obstruction and criticism if we adopted such an approach.

(Copied to Trade, Industry,
Treasury)

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Spoke to DoE

no comments - no reaction

to this minute.

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