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The Prime Minister,
The House of Commons,
Westminster,
LONDON, W1.

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Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd March. Needless to say I and my colleagues are relieved that the residue of Duport will continue and appreciate the interest you have shown in our problem.

I must however point out to you that over the last three years only 7% of output have been of low alloy steels; around 45% have been free-cutting and the bulk of that leaded.

We have been at pains to explain for some months past that this makes the Llanelli plant the only alternative domestic supply source to B.S.C. in this strategically vital product area. If the Llanelli plant goes the customer will be forced overseas for an alternative supply source. In these circumstances I respectfully suggest that it is vital that the question of the Llanelli plant be re-examined otherwise a vital component in a viable Phoenix II will be lost to the nation forever.

Yours faithfully,

Ken C Dayer