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*My worry is that
the scheme is too
modest and
£500 per
person too
little.*

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M Scholar Esq
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Prime Minister to see

Neill Mitchell
Duty Clerk
11/12/81

Dear Michael

PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT ON ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE SECTOR STEEL FIRMS

... I enclose a draft statement which my Secretary of State proposes to make on Monday, subject to the Prime Minister's agreement.

2 You will wish to note that Mr Jenkin will be considering the draft again over the weekend and I shall, if necessary, circulate any amendments on Monday.

3 I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Lord President, the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales, Trade and Employment, the Leader of the House of Lords and the Chief Whip.

Yours ever

Ian Ellison

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Private Secretary