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The Rt Hon Nicholas Edwards MP

From The Secretary of State for Wales

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TEXTILES

I have just returned from two days in North Wales where I met local authorities and trade union representatives. Great concern was expressed to me with considerable vehemence about the textile industry and the future prospects of Courtaulds.

On my return I have seen your minute of 21 November to the Prime Minister in which you suggest that you might make an announcement, when you wind up today's debate, about import quotas. I think that a major issue of this sort requires a good deal more deliberation than an announcement today would allow. I understand that Sir Keith Joseph has asked you to stay your hand on this and not to make the announcement you propose. I fully share Keith's view about this.

/ I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

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