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From the Secretary of State

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The Rt Hon Patrick Jenkin MP
 Secretary of State for Industry
 Department of Industry
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14th May 1982

Dear Secretary of State,

You will have seen from my letter of 11 May to Geoffrey Howe that I hope to have MISC 14's endorsement of the report of the ad hoc group of officials on follow-up to our conclusion on MISC 14(81)10 by 14 May. I propose very soon thereafter to make a Parliamentary statement outlining the Government's new policy initiative and making known our intention to publish at an early date a fuller consultative document. on standards
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I think it will be important to the success of our new policy for me to keep up the momentum generated by my initial statement. One way of doing this would be for me to take on an appropriate speaking engagement. At the moment, however, I have nothing suitable in my diary, though BSI have expressed their readiness to provide a platform in line with our urgent timetable. On the other hand, I understand that you agreed sometime ago to speak on 15 June to the British Standards Society's Annual Standards Conference. It occurs to me that in the interests of getting the new policy off the ground you might consider whether I ought not take over this engagement from you.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, members of MISC 14 and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours Sincerely
 Jonathan Rees

PP LORD COCKFIELD



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