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Dear Chris,

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SHIPBUILDING DEBATE: 21 MAY 1986

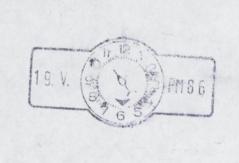
I attach a revised version of the Government's Motion for this Debate, which reflects comments on the text I circulated on Friday. I would be grateful if you could arrange for it to be tabled.

I am copying this letter and attachment to David Norgrove (No 10), Alison Smith (Lord Privy Seal's Office), Jill Rutter (Chief Secretary's Office), John Turner (Department of Employment), Sue Vandervoord (Department of the Environment), Andy Rinning (Scottish Office), and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

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Michael

MICHAEL GILBERTSON Private Secretary That this House notes the massive slump in demand for merchant ships which has led to cutbacks in shipyards throughout the world; regrets that this has inevitably led to contraction in the UK's own merchant shipbuilding industry despite the Government's extensive and continued support for British Shipbuilders (including over £1400m since 1979); and welcomes the Government's package of measures to provide special assistance to those affected.





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Alison Smith Private Secretary to the Lord Privy Seal Privy Council Office Whitehall London SW1

Dear Alison

SHIPBUILDING DEBATE: 21 MAY 1986

There is to be a half-day debate in Government time on shipbuilding on 21 May. I attach a copy of the text of the motion for this debate, as approved by my Secretary of State. I would be grateful for any comments by noon on Monday 19 May.

I am copying this letter and attachment to David Norgrove (No 10), John Turner (Department of Employment), Murdo McLean (Chief Whip's Office), Sue Vandervoord (Department of the Environment), Andy Rinning (Scottish Office), and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever, Michael

MICHAEL GILBERTSON Private Secretary

That this House notes the massive slump in the shipbuilding industry which has led to reductions in capacity throughout the world, regrets that this has inevitably led to contraction in the UK's own shipbuilding industry and welcomes the Government's package of measures to provide special assistance to those affected by this situation.

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