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Dear John,

Prime Minister

To note.

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The Prime Minister was interested in the countervailing duty case on stainless steel.

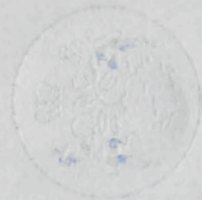
Washington telegram No.304/^{attached.} reports that on 4 February the Department of Commerce made a preliminary determination that the countervailing duty on BSC stainless sheet, strip and plate should be nearly 20%.

It is said that this duty is less than BSC had expected but is nevertheless prohibitive. We are of course doing everything we can, with Davignon who is trying to help, to do a deal with the Americans. But as I told the Prime Minister they were not willing to do a deal last week.

Yours
R W Gray

R W GRAY

P.S. You don't have to report this. But I thought you should know.



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MY TELNO 259: STAINLESS STEEL: COUNTERVAILING DUTY CASE.

1. ON 4 FEBRUARY DEPT OF COMMERCE MADE THEIR PRELIMINARY DECISIONS ON COUNTERVAILING DUTY ON STAINLESS SHEET, STRIP AND PLATE FROM THE UK. THE FIGURES ARE:

SHEET/STRIP FROM BSC	:	19.31 PERCENT
PLATE FROM BSC	:	19.31 PERCENT
SHEET/STRIP FROM LEE	:	ZERO

2. THE DUTY ON BSC IS LOWER THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED, BUT IS STILL PROHIBITIVE.

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