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Dear Tim,

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I am copying this letter to Jim Buckley (CSD), Richard Dykes (Department of Employment) and Terry Mathews (HM Treasury).

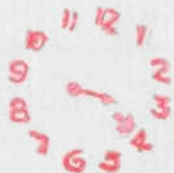
*Yours sincerely,*

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JONATHAN HUDSON  
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Copy of a letter sent to Tim Lankester from the Private Secretary to the Minister of State, Department of Industry (Mr. Baker).

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*Noted. (Comment: ICL need to rationalise their operations. They are grossly inefficient).*