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Thank you for your letter of 12 November advising me of the consequences for employment on Merseyside of a possible agreement between the wire rod producers. I understand that the agreement was not reached. While I am relieved that over 300 jobs on Merseyside have been reprieved, I do understand that there can not be any easy options for an industry burdened with overcapacity.

I was grateful for your detailed explanation and would like to be kept abreast of any developments in this case or any other affecting Merseyside.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours: The Prime Minister, The Chief Whip, Members of E(EA), and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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, MICHAEL HESELTINE

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