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From the Minister without Portfolio
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Dear David

Handwritten note: "AT to see Cabinet Office we providing an interim report this week" with initials "JH".

DEREGULATION

Thank you for your letter of 1 April about the Prime Minister's European initiative on deregulation and jobs. Thank you also for keeping Robin Lingard and Paul Twyman in touch with your proposals for follow-up action (your letter to Brian Unwin of 9 April).

The Minister without Portfolio was particularly pleased to see that departments are being asked to include in their lists of burdens those which have already been accepted by the United Kingdom. He and his colleagues on MISC 114 are anxious that departments should approach the task with an open mind.

Within his work in MISC 114 on deregulation, Lord Young attaches great importance to making quick and substantial progress in reducing the burden of European requirements. To that end he will wish to keep a "watching brief" on developments. A paper reporting on progress has been commissioned from you for the 4th meeting of MISC 114 (which is likely to take place in early June). I hope this does not present you with any difficulty: no doubt you will be talking to the Enterprise Unit about the details of your paper once you have the input from Departments. In the meantime, we are grateful to you for arranging that the Enterprise Unit will receive copies of the raw material contributed by Departments to your review.

We are also very much aware of the need to encourage effective lobbying of individual Member States. The Enterprise Unit has agreed with the CBI at a recent meeting on deregulation that they will urge corresponding organisations elsewhere in Europe to lobby their Governments to support deregulatory initiatives (they are already in touch with their Netherlands opposite number). You and the FCO may like to consider whether our Posts should make appropriate interventions in individual capitals to support the activities in Brussels.

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Copies of this letter go to Charles Powell (10 Downing St),
Colin Budd (FCO), Rachel Lomax (Treasury), John Mogg (DTI),
Steven Godber (DHSS), David Normington (Department of Employment),
and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely

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