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From the Private Secretary

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BRITISH STEEL CORPORATION

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While the miners' strike has continued, it has not been possible to consider BSC's longer-term strategy. The Prime Minister is concerned, however, that progress should continue to be made with the policy of privatising parts of BSC outside the main steel making plants, particularly the overseas and non-Phoenix businesses. She would be grateful for a state of play report on negotiations and future plans for such disposals.

I am copying this letter to Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry), Richard Broadbent (Chief Secretary's Office) and Peter Gregson (Cabinet Office).

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