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From the Private Secretary

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MANUFACTURING OUTPUT

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The Prime Minister is conscious that companies generally, including manufacturing companies, have increasingly in recent years contracted out functions such as transport and computer operations. The result will have been to depress manufacturing output and raise output in service industries. The Prime Minister has asked whether it would be possible to make any estimate of the scale of this effect.

I am copying this letter to Tony Kuczys (HM Treasury).

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