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John Arden

GAS TURBINES FOR THE SOVIET UNION

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 14 February to Francis Pym.

I am sure that it is right, as the Prime Minister suggests, to make a careful assessment of the likely US reactions if Rolls Royce get this business, for we would have to explain to them a decision to let a sale go ahead. But my own instinct, like yours, is that we should not prevent Rolls Royce from trying to clinch the deal.

Copies of this letter go to the other recipients of yours.

John Arden

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