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Dear Caroline,

Trade with Japan

Mrs Chalker will represent the Foreign Secretary at the Prime Minister's meeting on this subject on Wednesday 30 July at 4.00 pm.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra

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Prime Minister !

You wanted to be
reminded to have a word
with Alan Clark about
the note on trade with
Japan which he passed to
you through Michael Alison.

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See the trail in Today's
Express.

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Trade war yellow card for Japan

By PAUL POTTS Political Editor

TRADE Minister Alan Clark is to give the Japanese a final warning this week to cut out their sharp trade practices.

If they ignore his "yellow card," Mr Clark is ready to hit back with curbs on imports. His outspoken warning due to be given to a group of Tory MPs, could lead to a trade war with Japan.

Despite the political risks, Mr Clark is determined to stand up to the Japanese. He wants to stop unfair tactics which he is convinced give them a large slice of the market at home and abroad.

Some Tory MPs are increasingly concerned at Britain's trade policies which allow other countries to dump cheap products on our market.

Mr James Pawsey, MP for Rugby and Kenilworth, is to write to Mr Clark about the threat to hundreds of jobs by the influx of cheap Greek cement.

He said: "It is a national disgrace and high time this Government took some positive action."