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From the Private Secretary

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You may have seen my letter of 18 January to John Rhodes.

I have since seen your letter of 5 February to Mike Pattison containing the second EX(O) Report to the Prime Minister on major civil overseas contracts (it would be helpful if later reports in this series could be sent to me direct). You say in your letter that you will provide a separate report on the Orissa steel plant. I should be grateful if this could now be made available very quickly. Since my letter of 18 January requesting information about the present situation, the Prime Minister has received a good deal of detail from a private source. It seems desirable that she should have a full and up-to-date account from the Department of Trade without delay.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Holmes (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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