



10 Downing Street
Whitehall

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Dear Norman,

Many thanks for your two letters and the enclosure to your letter of November 23rd.

On the surcharges, I think you realise the difficulty we were faced with. We had to take immediate action to get down imports and it was either this or quotas.

You may know that Mr. Lange came to see me recently, as of course did representatives of Sweden and Denmark and I had a very full discussion with him about it.

Now, on the whole question of computers, I am looking forward to reading your note and then passing it on to our new Minister of Technology.

We are making a big drive on the whole computer question and as a first step, I have transferred responsibility for the computer industry to the new Ministry. In the past, the Board of Trade were the

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sponsoring Department - but never did anything.

On the other hand, most of the research on computers was done in the Ministry of Aviation as a by-product of their defence work. The whole of the responsibility is now under Technology and Frank Cousins has gathered together a number of top level people in an advisory capacity in addition to his direct Departmental responsibilities. I know he will be extremely interested to read your memorandum.

Yours sincerely,

Harold Wilson