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Dear Matt

Thank you for your letter of today's date.

You refer to several aspects of what were clearly constructive discussions occurring between us. I remain disappointed and mystified, therefore, that you have chosen to abandon those discussions at such a late point in that process by calling strike action.

I note you do not confirm that you are calling off the strikes to allow discussions to resume.

BRANDON LEWIS MP