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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Sir Mark

I wanted to thank you and Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell for your letter of 20 October, which set out the Council's advice on the UK industrial strategy. I very much appreciate being able to draw upon the Council's expertise.

I agree that the industrial strategy will need to take a comprehensive and long-term approach, securing benefits for the whole of the UK. Your letter clearly set out how this might be achieved and, in particular, the fundamental role that research and innovation should play in support of the economy across the UK. I also welcome the recognition you give to the opportunity to use the strategy to tackle the social challenges facing the country.

I know that ministerial colleagues and officials have found your input very helpful and I would be grateful for the continuing involvement of the Council as the strategy is developed.

Yours sincerely
David Cameron

Professor Sir Mark Walport