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Dear Secretary of State,

I attach a message from the CEO of GE Steam Power announcing that a MoU has been signed with EDF on the sale of part of Steam Power's nuclear activity, including the nuclear new build business globally and nuclear services businesses outside the Americas.

Such a sale would presumably include GE's Rugby site, which is of course responsible for the turbines for the Royal Navy nuclear submarine fleet. Your officials will remember that in May 2019 our predecessor Committee took evidence from GE and from the Department on an earlier proposal to move work from Rugby to France. Given the implications for the Continuous At Sea Deterrent, I would be grateful if you could tell us whether your Department was consulted in advance of the signature of the MoU, and what your attitude is to the proposed sale.

PP Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon. Tobias Ellwood MP
Chair of the Defence Committee