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Dear Tobias

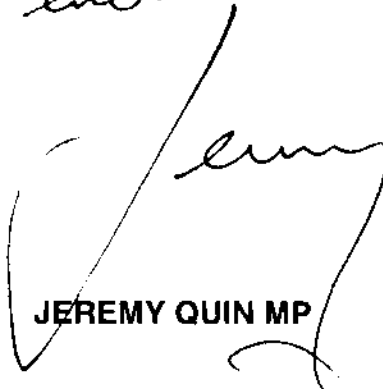
Thank you for your letter of 14 February 2022, where you raise the prospective sale of GE Steam Power to EDF and the future of the Rugby plant. We welcome the Committee's interest in this issue. I am replying on behalf of the Defence Secretary.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) was made aware by GE of the MOU in advance of its signature, and we have continued to engage with the company. You will be aware, that the new National Security and Investment Act commenced on 4 January and provides more robust and flexible powers to scrutinise transactions across sensitive sectors of the economy. Once the details of the proposed transaction become clearer, this provides the route to consider any national security issues arising from this sale. The MOD would be part of this process and would advise on the identification and appropriate mitigation of risks to UK defence interests.

Under the NSI legislation, the Government has a range of potential remedies, which if necessary, could include requiring statutory undertakings from the acquirer or, if other measures are not sufficient to protect UK national security interests, the potential to block a transaction.

I trust this provides you with a measure of reassurance.

Yours ever



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