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Thank you for your letter of 29 October regarding a more detailed study of the benefits to the UK from TTIP, broken down region by region.

I agree with you that a study of the kind you suggest could be an important tool in our efforts to engage businesses in the UK. As you note, the analogous study we have produced in the US has been very well-received, including by the US government and other EU partners, and we hope it will support our efforts to engage businesses there.

I understand that since your letter, Ken Clarke has written to you confirming that he has asked officials in BIS to look at the various options for producing this sort of study. Foreign and Commonwealth Office officials will do whatever they can to help complete the work, although naturally most of the expertise on the UK economy lies elsewhere in Whitehall.

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