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Dear Paul,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 15 August, and its kind message of congratulation, following my appointment as Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation. I am delighted to be back in a post I greatly enjoyed.

I am excited to be working with the Secretaries of State in both the Department for Education and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to support our world-class universities, researchers, innovators and scientists. I am glad for your support as I begin to drive forward my ministerial priorities.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

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