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Dear Sir Andrew,

I am writing to you following an article appearing in *The Times* on 19th January quoting correspondence between the deputy director of the Department of BIS, European reform directorate, Peter Stephens, and Business for New Europe, a pro-European lobby group. Mr. Stephens advised the group, "I think we should continue with the 3.5 million jobs linked with trade ... until we have something better to go on."

I am profoundly concerned that the Civil Service and BIS are, from what is stated, seeking to distort the arguments and figures relating the relationship between the UK's employment and EU membership, particularly in the light of the comment by Dr Martin Weale, on whose research this statistic was originally based, that the use of this figure in this way was "pure Goebbels."

Given your own reply to Matthew Elliott on 2nd September of last year, will you make it publically clear that the use of the figure of 3.5 million jobs lost in the event of Brexit is misleading in the extreme?

Yours sincerely,
Bill Cash