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Dear Karl,

Now that we have had some space to reflect on last Friday's Innovation event, top of my list of things to do is to thank you and the other three speakers personally for your magnificent contributions. I choose my words carefully, and magnificent is by no means over the top. You may remember that on Friday, in the heat of the moment, I told the audience that the four presentations taken together constituted the best learning seminar on Innovation that I had ever heard or was ever likely to hear, and now after some time for cool reflection, I would not change one word of that.

It was the best possible start for the Wales 2030 Innovation drive where we are setting off to bring about over time a culture change in Wales on innovation, just as we did with quality more than twenty years ago. So it was good that General Dynamics was with us at the start and I hope that you and your company will stay with us along the way. We are pressing the universities to undertake a six months study project - for which they can be funded under the Knowledge Transfer scheme - to put together an innovation policy and programme for Wales; we would have input in that process and I would most certainly look to you and General Dynamics for your experience and expertise in that exercise.

Once more, my grateful thanks,

Vincent Kane

