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Subject: AI R&D Strategy

Dear Ethan, Tom and Alex,

I've attached a draft of the AI R&D strategy that my team has been developing. We believe strongly in taking a collaborative approach between government, academia and industry to advance AI in an ethical and socially responsible manner.

Please review the strategy and provide any feedback ahead of our meeting next week to finalise. I'm particularly keen to get your thoughts on the proposed incentives for commercialisation of AI research, as well as the recommendations around skills development.

Best regards,
Sarah

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Subject: Re: AI R&D Strategy

Hi Sarah,

I've reviewed the strategy - it's looking very strong. The skills development proposals make good sense from what I can see.

One thought on the commercialisation incentives: should we consider allowing greater flexibility in how companies can use the tax credits? Happy to discuss next week.

Cheers,
Ethan

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Sarah,

I agree with Ethan - this is shaping up very nicely. Just a couple of minor suggestions from me:

1. Can we get some firm commitments around funding for AI PhDs and fellowships? This could really help drive growth.

2. On public sector adoption of AI, should we be more explicit about high priority use cases, e.g. healthcare?

Let me know your thoughts and see you next week.

Best,
Tom