

# Special relationship? I don't think so

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As [The Guardian reports](#) this morning:

*Donald Trump has made a trade deal with the UK a second-order priority, sources have told the Guardian, hampering British attempts to meet their mid-May deadline.*

*US officials have decided to split their negotiations with more than a dozen other countries into three phases, with the UK being placed in either phase two or three, according to people who have been briefed on the talks.*

All of Rachel Reeves' efforts in dashing to Washington did, then, go to waste.

So, too, did that invitation to a tyrant from the King.

Come to that, Starmer has been hung out to dry, after all his talk of the 'special relationship'.

The States won't even give us a clear steer on where we are in the queue for a trade deal, except that we are a long way from the front.

Special relationship? Who is kidding who?

It's time Starmer and Reeves cut the crap and talked about the reality of our relationship with the US, which is toxic. Then we might just begin to have a foreign policy that makes sense on a great many issues.