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As the [Financial Times](#) notes:

Donald Trump said he would double tariffs on steel and aluminium imports from 25 per cent to 50 per cent in a fresh escalation of his global trade war.

The US president unveiled the increased levies as he touted a \$15bn partnership between Nippon Steel and US Steel at a rally in Pennsylvania, promising to erect a tariff “fence” around domestic metals production.

“We’re going to bring it from 25 per cent to 50 per cent, the tariffs on steel into the United States of America, which will even further secure the steel industry,” he told the crowd in West Mifflin.

And so ends Starmer's pretence that Trump had done a deal with him.

The so-called UK deal with Trrumo was just a useless scrap of paper, forgotten by Trump moments after it was written, not least because there was nothing in it that was binding.

When will Starmer realise that Trump is his problem, and trying to agree anything with him is utterly pointless?