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After analyzing the situation, there are ethical arguments present; in favor of and against the actions taken by the president of the airplane manufacturing company. From the utilitarian perspective offering the bribe to the minister saved the company, protected thousands of jobs, and saved the town. From this viewpoint, the overall happiness and well-being generated by preserving the company and jobs outweighed the harm caused by the bribe. We can also argue that the president's approach was pragmatic because, in the real world of business and politics, such actions are necessary to protect the interests of companies and employees.

However, the president's actions violate ethical standards and basic principles of honesty, fairness, and integrity, as bribing a government official is generally considered corrupt. Additionally, engaging in corrupt behaviors, even with seemingly positive outcomes of heroism in the short term, actions like this can set a dangerous precedent. The president can go on to follow the course of unethical behavior if their actions go unpunished or unreported, leading to a culture of dishonesty and unfair practices that erodes the integrity of the business.

In conclusion, I do not think the president's decision was correct. Despite the dire financial situation faced by the airplane manufacturer and the loss of jobs, resorting to bribery is morally reprehensible. While the immediate results seem beneficial, the president fails to

acknowledge the long-term consequences of their actions. If people discovered the company's culture of dishonesty, no one would want to involve themselves in their business as it could damage their reputation because they are associated with a company of deceit. And again, once ethical lines are crossed, it becomes easier for individuals to justify unethical actions in the future, so it would only be a matter of time before the president likely engages in more immoral acts.