

From: Geoffrey Pattie, M.P.

Prime Minister.

House of Commons,  
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I mentioned this to you this afternoon. I should very much like to see us buy the BAe-111s: I doubt whether the BAe-1146 is going to be ready so early as is now forecast. But if the MOD have to make substantial cuts in the defence programme to help solve the problem of this year's cash limit, I see no hope of persuading them to fund the £16M for the BAe 111s (or for jet stream). In that event I am not sure that there would be much point in pursuing 24 July 1980

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Dear Clive,

Geoffrey Pattie's statement attractive idea of borrowing a 111 for your trip to Greece and Yugoslavia. To do so might be to raise Pathe's hopes unfairly.   
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I thought it might be helpful for you to have a copy of the enclosed paper on the Queen's Flight which forms part of a larger work sent by me last week to my Secretary of State. Francis Pym will, I am sure, be minuting the Prime Minister shortly on the subject but in the meantime,

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27 August 2013

Incidentally, we are having considerable difficulties with our transport fleet tasking in September because of Exercise Crusader and the extra VIP flights including my own Secretary of State who is planning a trip to the Antipodes, and I wondered if the Prime Minister would be interested in taking a BAe-11 for her visit to Yugoslavia and Greece. Please do not misunderstand me on this, if the Prime Minister wants a VC10 that is what she will have, it is just that the range requirement for her visit to Yugoslavia and Greece is tailor made for the 1-11 and if we could get one on loan from BAe, which I am sure we could, it would enable the.../

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

At Mr Whitmore's request, I told Geoffrey Pattie's office (Mr Fuller) on 11/8 that the PM did not wish to take a 1-11 to Yugoslavia and Greece, and wished to use a VC-10



the Prime Minister to see at first hand what the Queen's Flight proposal is all about.

There is the further point that presentationally and in reality, any new aircraft for the Queen's Flight would be extensively used by the Prime Minister and other Ministers and, if there was to be a chance of proceeding with re-equipment, this flight could be shown as something of a proving flight and could give the whole exercise a somewhat lower Royal profile. If you thought there was any substance in this suggestion (which I have also put in another note to my Secretary of State) then I would gladly approach British Aerospace informally.

*John Major*

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