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From the Private Secretary

5 December 1985

Dear John,

WESTLANDS

The upshot of the Ministerial meeting which the Prime Minister convened this morning to discuss Westlands is that a further paper is to be produced by this evening to enable a fuller and more informed discussion to take place between Ministers tomorrow. The paper should provide more information on the competing Sikorsky/Fiat and European offers; assess their relative merits; and examine the implications of them for HMG's interests. The paper should also analyse the implications of endorsing, rejecting or simply taking no action on the recommendations of the national armaments directors about future procurement of helicopters by European Governments.

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I suggest that this paper be produced jointly by the Department of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Defence.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Joan MacNaughton (Lord President's Office), Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Richard Broadbent (Chief Secretary's Office), Andrew Lansley (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office) and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

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