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From the Chairman,
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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP.,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
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Dear Prime Minister.

I thought you would be interested to know that we have just completed a contract with Zimbabwe for eight Hawk aircraft. The contract package included the supply of two Canberras and four Hunters which were provided by the Royal Air Force at some considerable inconvenience to the Air Staff and the Air Force Department who have shown us very great assistance and consideration over the long period of negotiation.

I also wanted you to know how very grateful we are for all the help we have received both from the Royal Air Force and Defence Sales in bringing about this contract which is so important to us and which we hope to extend in due course to twenty aircraft.

Yours sincerely,

Austin Pearce