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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 September 1983

Mr. Foot

Thank you for your letter of 21 September about the contractor's purchases of plant and equipment for the new Falkland Islands Strategic Airfield project.

I attach a copy of the letter I sent to Ted Rowlands last Friday. I am afraid there is very little I can add to it. Like you, we are anxious that the contractor makes as much use of British resources as possible. But we did not feel there were sufficient reasons to intervene in this case. As my letter explains, there will be a significant British content in the contract for dump trucks, and the contractor had particular reasons for awarding Caterpillar the contract for the earth moving equipment.

*Yours sincerely
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The Right Honourable Michael Foot, M.P.

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