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PRIME MINISTER

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I think you know that I shall not be able to be present on Monday for the further discussion on Westlands. But I thought it might be helpful if I were to record that I cannot envisage any points being made in the discussion which would sway me from my present view. As I made clear, this is that if the Westlands Board think they should accept the Sikorsky/Fiat offer, I am in favour of them doing so and of the Government making all the arrangements necessary to facilitate this, including, if necessary, disavowing the NAD's recommendations.

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