

PRIME MINISTER

WESTLAND

Sir J. Cuckney telephoned at 1630 to say:

(a) the Westland Board had received the European offer at approximately 1500;

(b) most of the particulars of it were familiar. The Board had decided that the offer was not acceptable;

(c) their understanding was that in the circumstances, HMG would not be bound by the National Armaments Directors' recommendation. He asked me to confirm that this was my understanding also. I did so.

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(C. D. POWELL)

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