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Dear Geoff

Thank you for sending Nicholas Ridley a copy of your minute of 26 October to the Prime Minister on the subject of anti-kerosene and the forthcoming crash trial in the United States. *missing?*

Of course, as you appreciate, and is thoroughly brought out in paragraph 6 of the background note to your letter, before we could introduce AMK into airline service we would need to establish that the advantages gained don't cause other operational performance or airworthiness problems. A great deal of further testing work will be required, and I am glad this was made clear in your suggested "line to take".

I am most grateful for the information you provided and would appreciate it if you will keep me informed on further developments.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Geoffrey Howe, Michael Heseltine and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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