



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

30 December 1985

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Alan Bristow about Westlands.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

(Charles Powell)

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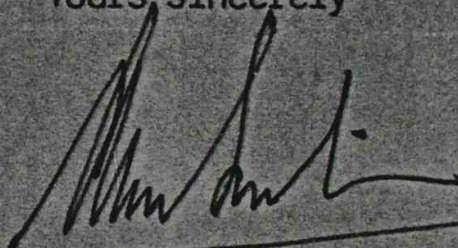
Mr C Powell
Private Secretary to The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear *Mr. Powell,*

Please thank the Prime Minister for the message contained in your letter dated 17 December 1985.

I would be most grateful if you could let her know that since sending my telex on 16 December I have come to share her view that it is the responsibility of the Westland Board and its shareholders to resolve the situation now that there are two serious bidders. Consequently, I have decided not to pursue the matter any further with the Government.

Yours sincerely



ALAN E BRISTOW

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