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YOUR TELNO 10 (NOT TO UKREP BRUSSELS): WESTLAND  
1. PLEASE TELL THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE THAT HMG'S  
POSITION ON WESTLAND'S PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN COLLABORATION  
IS SET OUT IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER OF 1 JANUARY TO SIR  
J CUCKNEY. THIS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BUT A COPY IS IN MIFT FOR  
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HOLDERS TO DECIDE ON HE RELATIVE MERITS OF THE PROPOSALS MADE  
BY SIKORSKY/FIAT AND BY THE EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM. IT IS NOT  
HELPFUL FOR GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT MATTERS OF  
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