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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service

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Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

Ref. A086/476

11 February 1986

Dear Sir Brian

Meeting with Sir Humphrey Atkins and Dr Gilbert

I understand that the Chief Whip discussed this matter further with Sir Humphrey Atkins this afternoon. They agreed that you should give Sir Humphrey the extracts from the two documents specified in the second paragraph of your letter of 10 February, less any further parts which Westland might object to the committees being shown. Those extracts could be provided without any proviso.

I suggest that you should make sure that your Secretary of State is content that you should proceed on this basis.

The Chief Whip also told Sir Humphrey Atkins that we should use our best endeavours to get the extracts to him by lunchtime tomorrow (12 February).

When I mentioned this to you on the telephone, you told me that you might not be able to meet this deadline, because you were waiting for clearance from Westland, and it may be that, because of their preoccupation with tomorrow's EGM, the Board of Westland might be unable to clear the matter by lunchtime tomorrow. You would, however, hope to have the necessary clearance and to send the extracts over to Sir Humphrey during the course of Thursday 13 February.

I am sending copies of this letter to Nigel Wicks and Murdo MacLean.

Yours sincerely
Michael Sturt
for Sir Robert Armstrong

Sir Brian Hayes KCB

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