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THE PRIME MINISTER

16 September 1981

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I send my very best wishes to you and all your colleagues.

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9th September, 1981

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher M.P., Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London.

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the staff of Marconi Defence Systems Neston, may we take this opportunity of formally thanking you for the decision made on Tuesday, 8th September, which resulted in the contract for the new heavyweight torpedo being awarded to our company, albeit with certain conditions yet to be met.

As the elected representatives of the present workforce, we regard this as an act of faith on the part of H.M. Government, coming at a crucial time for us and the country in general.

You have created, we believe, the climate and the future for this area and the help to restore the dignity and confidence which the world recession has done so much to damage in the last twelve months.

Yours sincerely,

R.A. French

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On behalf of the Marconi Neston Staff Councillors



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