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From the Private Secretary

23 December 1985

Dear Jewis

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I mentioned to you the Prime Minister's concern that GEC are proving so difficult over the Nimrod project, after the much more hopeful indications earlier in the Autumn. You told me that there have been further exchanges with GEC since the meeting mentioned in the Chief Secretary's letter of 19 December. You also said that a paper on the options now open to the Government is in preparation, and that it should be available early in January. The Prime Minister may well then wish to call a meeting.

I am copying this letter to Richard Broadbent (Chief Secretary's Office) and John Mogg (Department of Trade and Industry).

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