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THE PRIME MINISTER

7 March 1988

Near R. Raichmann.

Thank you for your letter of 16 February following our earlier meeting when you explained your exciting plans for Canary Wharf. I need hardly add that I share your confidence in the potential for further growth in the UK economy in general and the London Docklands in particular.

I recognise that access for construction traffic and those working there will be crucial to the success of the Canary Wharf project. And the London Docklands Development Corporation and the Government Departments concerned fully appreciate that the Limehouse Link road must be designed and built with all the stops pulled out.

I believe one important step would be to strengthen the project management of the road scheme. So we are planning to reinforce the LDDC with civil engineering expertise of its own to provide project management skills. The alternative schedule you provided has been sent to LDDC and can be developed in further discussion. The fact that the utility services criss-cross the road line and will each have to be relocated will complicate the programme of work. But I can

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OF to file 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA From the Private Secretary 2 March 1988 I am writing in the absence of the Prime Minister in Brussels to thank you for your letter of 29 February. (P. A. BEARPARK)

Mr. Paul Reichmann.

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