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Prime Minister

*The former agree to the sale of  
Tornado to India.*

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Dear Mr. Whitmore,

During his last visit to Bonn on 13 December 1982, Lord Trenchard has already been informed by Herr Jung, Parliamentary State Secretary, that the Federal Security Council has agreed to the exportation of the trilaterally developed Tornado engine RB 199 by Great Britain to India under the same conditions as in the case of Yugoslavia.

I would like to confirm this advance information in writing and refer to the conditions which were the basis for the agreement to supply the engines from British production and for the advance information of the Indian Forces.

- Supply of engines with the technical standard of 1980, excluding the further developments for the cooperating partners,
- Successive transmission of engine data at the latest possible date in each case,
- Supply of prototype engines with a development standard of 1980 only after 1987 and only in such small numbers as are

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absolutely necessary for the flight trials; in particular supply of replacement engines only against the return of the damaged engine,

- Supply of serial engines with a development standard of 1980 only after the beginning of the nineties,
- The handing over of information and hardware requires in each case the approval of the trilateral MRCA Security Classification Working Group,
- India has to give Great Britain the guarantee that the engines will remain in India.

In its resolution the Federal Security Council expressly mentioned the generally valid "clausula rebus sic stantibus".

I hope that by this decision another step has been made towards the continuation of the successful Anglo-German co-operation on the armaments sector.

sgnd. L. Ruehl

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