



PRIME MINISTER  
INDIA

New Delhi  
June 24, 1983

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Prime Minister,

I have your message regarding Westland Sea King helicopters. You will be glad to know that we have decided to buy the Sea King and the Sea Eagle. I am told that the contracts will soon be signed.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely

Indira Gandhi

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher,  
Prime Minister of United Kingdom,  
London.



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

4 July 1983

Thank you for your letter of 30 June conveying a message from Mrs. Gandhi to the Prime Minister about the Sea King and Sea Eagle contracts.

The Prime Minister was delighted to receive the excellent news that India has decided to buy Sea King and Sea Eagle.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,  
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*Handwritten initials*

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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30 June, 1983

Wonderful

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Prime Minister

The Indians have decided to buy  
Sea King and Sea Eagle.

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Dear John,

/ The Indian High Commission sent over today the enclosed message from Mrs Gandhi to the Prime Minister about the Sea King and Sea Eagle contracts.

This excellent news has already been conveyed to Westlands.

The Ministry of Defence will provide a draft reply as soon as the current negotiations over the associated government to government memorandum of understanding (over which the Indians have raised last minute objections) have been concluded.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (MOD).

Yours ever

John Holmes

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