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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 July 1983

Subject
My dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter of 24 June 1983 and the excellent news that you have made a decision in favour of the Sea King helicopter and Sea Eagle missile.

I am delighted to hear that the contracts have now been signed. You can be certain that the British Government will do all that it can to ensure the successful completion of this most important programme. This will further strengthen the growing relationship between us in the defence field and the close ties which already exist between our two countries.

I am grateful for the confidence you have shown in our industry.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Her Excellency Shrimati Indira Gandhi

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Dear John,

SEA KING AND SEA EAGLE FOR INDIA

In his letter to you of 30th June, John Holmes said that we would be providing a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mrs Gandhi in answer to her letter of 24th June.

Now that the contracts and the associated Memorandum of Understanding for the sale of Sea King and Sea Eagle have been signed, the way is now clear for a reply to be sent and I attach a suitable draft.

I am copying this to John Holmes (FCO).

*Yours ever,
Jane Ridley*

(J E RIDLEY) (MISS)
Private Secretary

DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
TO MRS INDIRA GANDHI

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