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*From the Private Secretary*

2 February 1985

*Dear Sir,*

INDO-BRITISH RELATIONS: WESTLANDS HELICOPTERS CONTRACT

Thank you for your letter of 1 February enclosing draft instructions to Sir Robert Wade-Gery to seek confirmation from the Indian Government of the assurances given by Dr. Alexander on 16 January that the postponement of Ministerial visits and of commercial negotiations with British firms was not connected with Indian Government concern about Sikh extremists in the UK.

The Prime Minister agreed the instructions over the weekend and I so informed the Resident Clerk.

I am copying this letter to Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry), Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Mike McCulloch (Overseas Development Administration) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Charles Powell*

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