

FCS/82/124SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

1. In your minute of 26 August you sought my views on a request from the Chilean Air Force for assistance

2. The provision of any kind of help in the field of counter-terrorism to a country like Chile is naturally a politically sensitive issue. There is always a danger that the skills we provide may be put to uses of which we would not approve. Even the interest in improving airline security would not necessarily be overriding.

We assume of course that this proposal is acceptable to the Chilean Government as a whole.

3. I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister and Sir R Armstrong.

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