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Dear John

Thank you for your letter of 10 January.

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As my Secretary of State made clear in his statement to the House of Commons on 16 December, the Government are not bound by the recommendation of the National Armaments Directors of the UK, France, Germany and Italy, that certain helicopter requirements should in future be met solely from aircraft designed and built in Europe. That remains the position. The policy of the Government towards Westland was fully set out in the Prime Minister's letter to you of 1 January.

I am sending copies of this letter to Robert Armstrong, Clive Whitmore, Charles Powell and John Wiggins.

Cours wes.

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