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Dear John

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I am enclosing a copy of a "diary of events" which Sir John Cuckney I understand provided to the Defence Select Committee yesterday, and which the Committee, with his agreement, released to the press.

I have told Westland that I consider it most unfortunate that this document should have been released without this Department and the Ministry of Defence being consulted, since it refers to confidential meetings and correspondence with those Departments, which have not previously been mentioned in public. It also happens to contain material omissions.

The only documents the Committee have so far requested from Westland are the exchange of letters of 13 and 17 December between the company and the Prime Minister. Westland have asked No 10 for permission to release them. Westland have of course undertaken to consult the relevant Department if they are asked for the release of any other document originated by Government.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Marsh MoD

WESTLAND PLC

Diary of events, meetings and conversations
relating to Westland's crisis and capital reconstruction

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM/TO</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
25.6.85		Westland letter to shareholders advising need for association with international company
26.6.85		Appointment of new Chairman
17.7.85		Meeting between Sir John Cuckney and Mr. Heseltine
8.8.85		Westland meeting with Mr. Tebbit, S. of S. DTI
15.8.85		Price Waterhouse letter summarising seriousness of impending financial problem
15.8.85		Sir Brian Hayes informed
16.8.85		Sir Clive Whitmore informed
3.9.85		Dr. Teti, meeting with Sir John Cuckney
6.9.85		Lazards meets UTC
18.9.85	Sir John Cuckney Sir Brian Hayes	Lazard's memo showing seriousness of Westland's financial position
18.9.85	Sir John Cuckney Sir Clive Whitmore	Lazard's memo showing seriousness of Westland's financial position
21.9.85		UTC meeting with Mr. Heseltine, S. of S. MoD
8.10.85		Sir John Cuckney and Sir John Treacher meeting with MBB/AG/AS
10.10.85		Discussions between Sir John Cuckney, Sir Brian Hayes and Sir Clive Whitmore
17.10.85		Sir John Cuckney meets Leon Brittan re India and European partners

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18.10.85		Telexes to Aerospatiale, Agusta, MBB asking if still interested
21.10.85		Replies to telexes, confirming interest
23.10.85		Sir John Cuckney to Aerospatiale advising urgency of situation
1.11.85		Letter from DTI on Aerospatiale threat to withdraw work
5.11.85		Meeting between Sir John Cuckney, N. Lamont, P. Levene
15.11.85		Westland meeting with Agusta
19.11.85		Westland Board minutes indicating need for Agusta, Aerospatiale and MBB to make firm, clear proposals: also noting preliminary discussions with DTI re Launch Aid
20.11.85		A/MBB/AG meeting at Lazards - with Westland Board
22.11.85	Sir John Treacher Aerospatiale	Requesting commercial proposal Aerospatiale/MBB
26.11.85		Letter from Mr. Heseltine to Sir John Cuckney re European opportunity
29.11.85		Mr. Heseltine gives Sir John Cuckney NADs recommendation following their all-day meeting
2.12.85	Sir John Cuckney Rt. Hon. Leon Brittan	Seeking confirmation that HMG will not be bound by NADs
2.12.85	Lloyds Westland Board	First European proposals to Westland from LMB
4.12.85	Sir John Cuckney Dr. Teti	Agusta invited to take shares in Westland
5.12.85		Westland meeting with Aerospatiale, Agusta, MBB etc
9.12.85	Lloyds Westland	Amplification of Consortium offer
9.12.85		Meetings involving Prime Minister, Westland, Mr. Heseltine, Mr. Brittan etc
10.12.85	Sir John Cuckney Dr. Teti	Offer to include Agusta in UTC/Fiat/ Westland
10.12.85		Meeting involving Mr. Heseltine, Mr. Lamont, Mr. Bourn, Sir John Cuckney, Sir John Treacher, Lazards and Mr. MacDonald

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12.12.85	Leon Brittan Sir John Cuckney	Mr. Heseltine to explore viable European package. If not in place and to satisfaction of Westland Board by 13.12.85 HMG not bound by NADs
13.12.85	Mr. Heseltine Sir John Cuckney	1. Westland to receive 6 Sea Kings order if 4 nation battlefield helicopter agreed 2. French, German, Italian and UK helicopter requirement to be met from within Europe
13.12.85	D.R. Marsh (MoD) Westland Board	Westland's direct labour resulting from potential MoD and Consortium orders
13.12.85	Sir John Cuckney Prime Minister	Westland wish to complete UTC/Fiat negotiations
13.12.85	Sir John Cuckney Dr. Teti	Westland wish speedily to agree link with UTC/Fiat
13.12.85	D. Horne Westland	Agusta sub-contract work for Westland. BAe joins Consortium. Details of Consortium offer
16.12.85	Sir John Cuckney offered to give evidence to the Select Committee on Defence	
17.12.85	Prime Minister Sir John Cuckney	Acknowledgement of letter of 13.12.85. Confirm no MoD requirement for Black Hawk
18.12.85	Agreement signed between UTC and Fiat	
19.12.85	Preliminary announcement of Westland figures and financial reconstruction	
20.12.85	D. Horne Westland Board	Notification of Consortium offer
21.12.85	Westland circular sent to shareholders	
24.12.85	Westland letter to shareholders indicating that clarification sought from consortium	
24.12.85	D.R. Marsh Westland Board	The 6 Sea Kings order is conditional on approval of 4 nation battlefield helicopter/acceptance of Consortium proposals

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27.12.85	D. Horne Westland Board	Consortium work proposals
30.12.85	Sir John Cuckney Prime Minister	Will UTC/Fiat link prevent Westland being regarded as European?
30.12.85	Westland press release requesting clarification of proposals from Lloyds Merchant Bank	
1.1.86	Prime Minister Sir John Cuckney	UTC/Fiat link will not prevent Government regarding Westland as British
2.1.86	Westland circulates to shareholders text of Consortium letter, consolidating their various proposals	
2.1.86	D. Horne M.C. Baughan	Consortium shareholding to be split four ways with GEC and BAe treated as one party
3.1.86	D. Horne Mr. Heseltine	Is there MoD requirement for Black Hawk?
3.1.86	Mr. Heseltine D. Horne	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No MoD requirement or funding for Black Hawk 2. Westland has never exported a helicopter not sold to MoD 3. UTC/Fiat deal excludes Westland from NH90, LAH/129 and possibly EH101
5.1.86	D. Horne Sir John Cuckney	Request adjournment of Extraordinary General Meeting
6.1.86	Improved proposals from UTC/Fiat recommended to Westland shareholders	
7.1.86	Press release re revised Consortium proposal	
8.1.86	Sir John Cuckney Sir Austen Pearce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westland preference for UTC/Fiat 2. Invitation to Consortium for discussions
8.1.86	Press release from Westland indicating preference for commercial logic of UTC/Fiat despite marginal improvement in Consortium proposal	

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10.1.86		Mr. Heseltine/Euro Consortium press conference: Consortium proposals alleged to be better for employees and shareholders
10.1.86	Sir John Cuckney Sir Clive Whitmore	6 Sea Kings and relations between MoD and Consortium
10.1.86	Sir John Cuckney Sir Brian Hayes	Is Government bound NADs recommendation?
13.1.86	Sir Brian Hayes Sir John Cuckney	Government not bound by NADs recommendation
13.1.86		Extradordinary General Meeting adjourned
13.1.86	Sir Clive Whitmore Sir John Cuckney	Three queries re relationship of MoD to Consortium
13.1.86	Sir John Treacher Sir Brian Hayes	The need to avoid dominance by GEC of Westland's sub-contractors
17.1. 86		Extraordinary General Meeting
20.1.86	D. Horne Sir John Cuckney	Consortium requests meeting
21.1.86	D. Horne Sir John Cuckney	Consortium wants speedy progress

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