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From the Private Secretary

23 November 1989

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY
(AND ELSEWHERE): BAe 146

Thank you for your letter of 23 November setting out comparative flying times for the visit to Turkey (and Malta and Cyprus) for the VC10 and the BAe 146. I think it is clear that we shall need a VC10 on this trip.

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Turkey: BAe 146

I am sorry it has taken so long to obtain the information you asked for in your letter of 10 November.

The comparative flying times for the visit to Turkey (and Malta and Cyprus) are as follows:

<u>VC10</u>		<u>BAe 146</u>	
LHR-Istanbul (Ataturk)	4hrs 5 mins	LHR-Rome	2 hrs 30 mins
			$\frac{1}{2}$ hr refuel
		Rome-Istanbul	2hrs 30 mins
		TOTAL	5 hrs 30 mins
Istanbul-Cyprus (Larnaca)	1 hr 40 mins		1 hr 35 mins
Cyprus-Malta	3 hrs		3 hrs 15 mins
Malta-LHR	3 hrs 20 mins		3 hrs 50 mins

As you know, the BAe 146 does not have any plugs for typewriters nor facilities for secure communications. The seating capacity on this aircraft is 6 in the VIP compartment and 12 in the officials' compartment.

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PM TOURS : Strasbourg, 1 Sep 89.

