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From the Private Secretary

23 December 1984

Type 22 Frigates

The Prime Minister has noted the Defence Secretary's minute of 18 December about the tendering exercise for the Type 22 Frigates, as well as the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry's comment in his minute of 21 December.

Subject to the views of other colleagues, the Prime Minister thinks that this question will probably have to come back to Cabinet in January. However, she agrees with the Defence Secretary in believing that the courage shown by Cammell-Laird workers in going through picket lines and continuing to work must be recognised.

I am copying this letter to Private Secretaries to members of the Cabinet and to Richard Hatfield in the Cabinet Office.

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