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From the Private Secretary

21 April 1988

Dear David,

SHIPBUILDING

Thank you for your letter of 14 April concerning the record of the meeting on 31 March.

I have looked carefully at my notes, and consulted the members of the Cabinet Office Economic Secretariat who have done likewise. Our agreed conclusion is that the minutes of the meeting were accurate; we have no record of the point in the first sentence of the second paragraph of your letter, or of any reference to Mauritius.

I suggest the best way forward is for your Secretary of State to raise the points of concern to him when the further paper the Department of Trade and Industry are now preparing is discussed. This paper will need to address the outstanding issues on all the UK shipyards, and we are planning that the paper should be taken at an early meeting of E(A).

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland, and Trade and Industry, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, MOD, and to Sir Robin Butler, Mr. Richard Wilson and Mr. George Monger (Cabinet Office).

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