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*From the Private Secretary*

30 June 1988

*Dear David,*

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SALE OF HARLAND & WOLFF TO MR. RAVI TIKKOO

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's letter of 29 June to the Chief Secretary concerning the Harland & Wolff negotiations. The form of the parliamentary reply has been agreed following further discussions between private offices as recorded in your letter of 30 June to Jill Rutter. The Prime Minister has commented, however, that the parameters for the initial negotiations with Mr. Tikkoo involve a big decision which it would be unusual to take through correspondence. She would therefore be grateful if your Secretary of State could prepare a paper on this subject for consideration by E(A).

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of E(A) and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

*Yours,  
Paul*

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