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From the Private Secretary

19 July 1988

Dear Peter,

BRITISH SHIPBUILDERS

The Prime Minister was grateful for the Chancellor of the Duchy's minute of 18 July. She has noted the position reached in relation to the smaller yards and agrees that it would be appropriate for the Chancellor of the Duchy to take the opportunity of the debate on 21 July to announce a final date for all further bids to be submitted for NESL.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Northern Ireland, Employment, Environment, the Chief Secretary and to Sir Robin Butler.

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