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19th July 1988

J. Powell
I am taking no
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Mr. [unclear]
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Dear Charles

TYPE 23 FRIGATES

Thank you for your letter of 12th July about the open letter to the Prime Minister in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle on the recent Type 23 frigate order.

We agree that it would not be appropriate for the Prime Minister to reply. Furthermore, my Secretary of State believes that the question posed in the letter should be treated as entirely rhetorical and not as one which requires a response, which would set a most unwelcome precedent.

Yours ever
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TYPE A LETTERS

I thank you for your letter of 15th July 1961 and for the information in the enclosure regarding the status of the letter. The letter is being dealt with as a normal letter.

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