1 PM Alison to see 11/2.
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PRIME MINISTER

In his minute below, Michael Alison passes on a request from Lord Fanshawe to come to see you about Westland and the Appointments Unit at Central Office.

I really wonder, good friend as he is, whether you ought to see Lord Fanshawe about Westland. You do not normally see Board members of companies which are after important orders from HMG (Arnold Weinstock and Nimrod was an exception). You made it a rule not to see Lord Fanshawe during the Westland affair a year ago, lest wires got crossed, but asked Michael to relay any information to you. The Westland discussion (on which there is to be a meeting on Wednesday) will be a tricky one and we can be sure that Sir John Cuckney will have fully informed both George Younger and Paul Channon of Westland's case.

Shall I ask Michael to see Lord Fanshawe so that he can give you a full report of his views before the Wednesday meeting?

The Appointments Unit is a Party matter. Would you like to see Lord Fanshawe about that after the Westland's decision is made?

Yes - but I cannot see him before the Westlands decision

N.L.W.

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9 February 1987

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