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Dear John,

FUTURE DEFENCE REQUIREMENT FOR SUPPORT HELICOPTERS

Thank you for your letter of 19 March. *at flap*

The understanding you set out accords with that of the Chief Secretary, with the exception of your sub-paragraph (c). In the Chief Secretary's view, the provision you have made in LTC 87 for helicopters is not relevant. In his view, it would be appropriate to reduce the total assumed LTC provision by £63 million in 1994 (if that is the year in which the impact of reducing the offer from 30 to 25 EH101s will be felt). This would mirror the fact that a corresponding addition has been made to the totality of the defence budget in the early years.

I am copying this letter to David Norgrove(No. 10).

Yours sincerely,

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