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From the Private Secretary

14 January 1988

Dear Sir,

BRITISH AIRWAYS AND BRITISH CALEDONIAN:
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The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 13 January amplifying your Secretary of State's letter of 11 January. She is content for your Secretary of State to proceed on the basis described.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Alex Allan (HM Treasury), Lyn Parker (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Alison Brimelow (Department of Trade and Industry), Michael Saunders (Attorney General's Office) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours,
Paul.

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Prime Minister

Does this need your concern?

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Dear Paul

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You mentioned to me that the Prime Minister had seen my Secretary of State's letter to Lord Young of 11 January, and that she had questioned whether we should be providing information to the European Commission, which had been supplied in confidence to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. *with PG?*

The Prime Minister can be assured on this point. In the letter which we are proposing to send to Brussels tomorrow, we shall not be including any of the material which BA or BCal submitted in confidence to the MMC, unless BA are content for us to do so and furnish some or all of the information to us explicitly for onward transmission to the Commission.

DGIV have also requested factual and statistical material which is available to us and was not part of the information supplied in confidence to the MMC. We propose to send that material to Brussels tomorrow.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Attorney General and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours ever
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Private Secretary

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