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From the Private Secretary

14 April 1988

Dear Pete

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The Prime Minister was grateful for the Chancellor of the Duchy's minute of 11 April. She has also seen the comments by other colleagues and the Chief Scientific Adviser.

The Prime Minister is content with the conclusions in paragraph 13 of the Chancellor of the Duchy's minute. But she agrees with the Foreign Secretary that it would be desirable to give the Canadians advance warning of the decisions on Radarsat and Columbus. She has also noted the Chief Scientific Adviser's comments about the structure and management of BNSC, and would be grateful if your Department would put in hand consideration of the implications of these latest decisions on ESA involvement for the BNSC, along the lines indicated in my earlier letter of 5 February.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Secretaries of State for Foreign Affairs, Defence, Education and Science, the Chief Secretary, the Chief Scientific Adviser and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours,
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