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Dear Peter,

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster sent the Defence Secretary a copy of his minute of 8th June to the Prime Minister on launch aid for Dowty in connection with their work on the A330/340.

As you know, MOD officials generally negotiate launch aid contracts on behalf of the Department of Trade and Industry. Although Mr Younger is not necessarily convinced that this is a satisfactory permanent arrangement, and quite without prejudice to the decision on whether or not to grant aid to Dowty, he would be grateful if the MOD officials concerned could be briefed fully by yours upon what you have in mind as soon as possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Paul Grey (No 10), Tony Galsworthy (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) Alex Allan and Jill Rutter (HM Treasury) and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

(I C F ANDREWS)
Private Secretary

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