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Mr Barry Potter
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Dear Mr Potter,

British Aerospace : Farnborough Aerospace Centre

I enclose a copy of a press release issued today, which describes new investment and the re-organisation of a number of our facilities. You may care to draw it to the Prime Minister's attention.

If you would like any additional information about the move, please let me know.

Sincerely

Dick Evans

DICK EVANS
Chief Executive

NEWS RELEASE



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BRITISH AEROSPACE ANNOUNCE A MAJOR NEW CENTRE AT FARNBOROUGH

British Aerospace has announced plans for the establishment of a major new Centre adjacent to the Royal Aerospace Establishment (RAE), Farnborough, Hants. A presentation, given to Rushmoor Borough Council this evening, gave details of British Aerospace plans for the setting up of a new Engineering Technology Centre and relocation of Headquarters staff to Farnborough. The Board of British Aerospace plc will maintain a reduced Headquarters facility at a new location in London.

To create this centre of excellence in aerospace technology, several areas of engineering expertise are being consolidated. The new Military Aircraft Limited Engineering Technology Centre will be established by the relocation of the technical engineering team from Kingston/Dunsfold sites. This team will be part of the overall Military Aircraft Company engineering resource with particular responsibility for Harrier and involvement in other aircraft and related projects. The other activities at Kingston/Dunsfold remain unaffected by this announcement.

The Defence Marketing Organisation will co-locate with three areas of business which are already operating from temporary accommodation on the Farnborough site. They are the central British Aerospace Computing and Telecommunications Unit (CTU), responsible for major computing applications and telecommunications networks, British Aerospace Enterprises Limited and British Aerospace Simulation Limited.

Commenting on the plans, Dick Evans, British Aerospace Chief Executive, said: "The move enables us to create a superb working environment of modern premises in a very attractive landscaped setting. As the leading edge of Britain's aerospace commitment, we will be centred at Farnborough with the fine aeronautical traditions that this evokes."

The 33 acre site will be developed by Arlington Securities, British Aerospace's property development company, and leading developer of modern business parks. Plans for the business park site include up to nine low rise office buildings which will be fully air conditioned with services to support all the latest office technology.

British Aerospace will be accommodating about 2,000 employees on the site. Construction will be in three phases over a two year period and occupation will be completed by the end of 1992.

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From The Secretary of State for Wales

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Thank you for your letter of 9 May about the offer of Regional Selective Assistance to British Airways.

Insofar as the current RSA baseline provision is concerned, I am happy to confirm Peter's offer, in his letter of 23 April, for a discussion between officials on the RSA expenditure position arising from the offer made to British Airways. This can sensibly be done when we have a clear picture of our likely overall expenditure on regional incentives and industrial programmes in general. I suggest, therefore, that your officials contact mine once I have considered my PES position and submitted to you my needs for the coming years. In assessing these I will of course take full account of any scope for offsets which can be identified within my industry programmes.

/ I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister

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The Rt Hon Norman Lamont
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