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My Ref:

Your Ref:

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Dear Chris,

Following our correspondence last month I announced on 17 July that I would be establishing a working group to consider the wider implications of airport development at the locations identified by the Civil Aviation Authority, in CAP 570, as likely to be able, in air traffic control terms, to take additional air traffic. That announcement seems to have been generally well received.

We have been giving thought to the membership of the working group. It will be important to ensure the group is able to examine all the relevant issues, yet at the same time is not so large as to become unwieldy. That is a nice balance to find, and there are inevitably going to be hard cases: it is not difficult to identify reasonable additions, but we have had to look carefully at how candidates, especially those with broader than simply airport interests, might in practice usefully advance the work of the group.

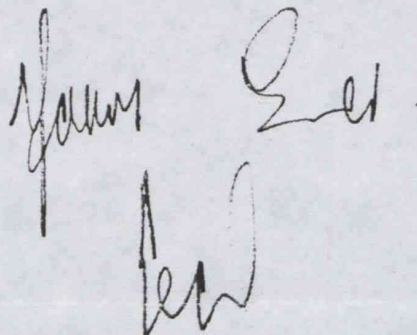
Officials here have had some initial discussions about outside bodies with their opposite numbers in other Departments, and I am attaching a note of those which we are inclined to invite to join the group. I would welcome your thoughts, and the thoughts of those to whom I am copying this letter. You will see that we envisage drawing a distinction between full membership of the group and participation at sub-group level, where I expect most of the detailed work will be done.

The group will clearly need to include representatives from your own and certain other Departments, as I anticipated in my statement. It is also likely to need to seek assistance on particular matters, on a more ad hoc basis, from Departments not mentioned in the attached note. I would propose to keep all Departments with an interest in touch with the group's deliberations.

I should like to issue invitations to join the group by around the end of September, so would welcome views before then. I also have it in mind later this year to consult more generally on the contents of CAP 570, seeking written representations from interested parties. This will allow those necessarily excluded from the working group an opportunity to comment, and should prove a useful input to the group's consideration.

/ I am attaching a copy of the draft terms of reference I propose to give to the group: again, you and copyees may have comments.

/ Given the breadth of Departmental involvement, I am copying this letter to Cabinet colleagues, as well as to Tim Renton, Bertie Denham and Sir Robin Butler.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Cecil Parkinson', with a stylized flourish below it.

CECIL PARKINSON

RUNWAY CAPACITY TO SERVE THE SOUTH EAST (RUCATSSE) WORKING GROUP: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP

IATA

British Air Transport Association

(Sub Group: * Business Aircraft Users Association
* General Aviation Manufacturers and Traders Association)

Airport Operators Association

Joint Airports Committee of Local Authorities

British Tourist Authority

Air Transport Users Committee

Association of British Travel Agents Ltd

SERPLAN

Dorset County Council

Avon County Council

Federation of Heathrow Anti-Noise Groups

Gatwick Airport Conservation Campaign

North West Essex and East Hertfordshire Preservation Association

Airfield Environment Federation

(Sub Group: * Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee
* Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee
* Stansted Airport Consultative Committee
* Bristol Airport Consultative Committee
* Luton Airport Consultative Committee
* Lydd Airport Consultative Committee
* Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee
* Bristol Airport Consultative Committee
* Southampton Airport Consultative Committee
* A representative for Manston Airport*)

Department of Transport

Department of the Environment

Ministry of Defence

Employment Department Group

Department of Trade & Industry

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

(Sub group: * National Air Traffic Services
* CAA
* British Rail
* London Regional Transport)

* No consultative committee exists for Manston. The local authority might be asked to take its place.

**RUNWAY CAPACITY TO SERVE THE SOUTH EAST (RUCATSSE) WORKING GROUP:
DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

To evaluate the wider implications of developing additional runway capacity at the sites identified by the Civil Aviation Authority in CAP 570 as likely to be feasible for such development in air traffic control and airspace terms;

To have regard to the considerations, including the environmental considerations, which led the Government in 1985 to the view that second runways should not be built at either Gatwick or Stansted; and to the relevance of those considerations at Heathrow;

To test the Authority's conclusions in CAP 570 on the contribution of regional airports, and to gauge the extent to which these airports can play a part in meeting the overall growth in demand into the next century;

And in the light of these considerations to advise the Secretary of State on the possible choices.

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