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FM NEW DELHI
TO DESKBY 141100Z ODA
TELNO MODEV 181
OF 140940Z MARCH 86
INFO IMMEDIATE DESKBY 141100Z FCO, DTI

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DTI FOR PEP AND AIR DIVISION.

YOUR TELNO 186 : WESTLANDS

1. GRATEFUL FOR FURTHER FLEXIBILITY ON TIMING AUTHORISED IN TUR.
2. MINISTER WAS ASKED TO CALL AT SHORT NOTICE BY PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY. GHAREKHAN SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD PERSONALLY INSTRUCTED HIM TO INFORM US THAT GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAD THIS MORNING CLEARED THE WESTLANDS CONTRACT. MR GANDHI HAD ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS THATCHER. HE WISHED HER TO KNOW THAT THIS HAD BEEN DONE 'FOR HER SAKE'. BROOMFIELD THANKED GHAREKHAN AND UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE. THE NEWS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION IT EMERGED THAT GHAREKHAN WAS UNWARE OF THE DETAILS OF THE CONTRACT OR THE TIMING OF ITS SIGNATURE.
3. BROOMFIELD SPOKE SUBSEQUENTLY TO SECRETARY CIVIL AVIATION WHO ALSO REFERRED TO CABINET CLEARANCE THIS MORNING AND SAID THAT HIS INTENTION WAS TO SIGN THE WESTLANDS CONTRACT ON 15 MARCH. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED ON 17 MARCH. WE WILL BE CHECKING THESE TIMINGS WITH WESTLANDS, WHO ARE MEETING THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION THIS AFTERNOON TO CLEAR UP THE LAST OUTSTANDING POINT ON THEIR CONTRACT. THE FINANCE MINISTRY HAVE JUST TOLD US THAT THEY WISH TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT ON 15 (NOT 17) MARCH.
4. PLEASE ADVANCE PS/NO 10, PS/S OF S, PS/MR RAISON AND VEREKER ODA.

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WESTLANDS HELICOPTERS FOR INDIA LIMITED

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- ODA
- MAED
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- MR WILSON

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