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PRIME MINISTER

No reply needed to Sir John
Cuckney's letter, but you
might like to write very
briefly as below.

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3 October 1986

FROM SIR JOHN CUCKNEY

Prime Minister

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2 October 1986

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
London, SW1.

Dear Prime Minister,

I have for some time wished to write to you to thank you for your support for the decision to let Westland sort out its own problems at no cost to the taxpayer. I write not only as Chairman of Westland but also as a member of the Conservative Party and of Central Office's City and Industrial Liaison Council, and generally as an industrialist and banker. My board colleagues at Westland and many of my City and industrial friends greatly respected your stand over allowing a board freedom of choice to decide its own fate solely in the light of what it thought was best for its shareholders and employees.

I believe we all owe you a debt of gratitude and I for my part wish to express my personal thanks.

Yours sincerely,
John Cuckney