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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Tam,

Thank you for your letters of 25 and 30 July about the reports in the Sunday Times on cooperation between Dassault and Aerospatiale and the Argentine Navy. You have also put down two Written Questions to me on this subject and there is little that I can add to the Answers I have given you.

You will no doubt have seen the statement issued by the French Government on 27 July after their inquiry, in which they rebut the allegations made by the Sunday Times, making clear that they have totally fulfilled the obligations imposed on them by their "complete solidarity" with their British allies. Their embargo of course applies not only to military exports to Argentina, but also to associated military technical assistance.

In view of these unequivocal statements by the French Government, I see no need at this stage to pursue the matter further.

Yours sincerely
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