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From the Private Secretary

5 August 1980

cc. M. McE...

Dear Sir,

The Prime Minister has read the minutes of the meeting of E(EA) on 31 July, and has made the following comment on your Secretary of State's summing up of the discussion on the De Lorean sports car project. In regard to the further assistance of £14 million, she has indicated that - in her view - an understanding that no further assistance will be available is not enough. She would like the further £14 million to be made available on condition that further assistance is ruled out, and she has said that this condition should be put in writing.

I understand that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and his officials are seeing Mr. De Lorean this morning, and we have already spoken to Roy Harrington.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of E(EA), Roy Harrington (Northern Ireland Office), David Edmonds (Department of the Environment), Bill Beckett (Law Officers' Department), Carth Waters (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Godfrey Robson (Scottish Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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