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26th June 1995

Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP
Leader
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Dear Paddy

I am sure that you are very familiar with the Westland interest in the current U.K. Attack Helicopter Requirement discussion and that you have probably been pressing for the adoption of the Westland Apache. I just wanted to remind you that Shorts also has a major interest in Apache and obviously a positive decision would have a very valuable knock-on effect for the company. I enclose some information on the Westland Apache and the Shorts interest in it.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Dr John T Alderdice
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Dear John,

First of all, my apologies for not having sent you a congratulations note on your success in the North Downs elections.

Many congratulations to you all. It was a great success, I hope this is the base for even better things in the future.

Thanks for your note on the attack helicopter. You are absolutely right, I am right up close to Westland on this one, for reasons you can well imagine. I am delighted to know that we have a common interest in this.

Thank you for the documents attached to your letter. These are very useful. If there are any questions you would like me to ask, please do not hesitate to prompt me to do so. Incidentally, I have got the Party lined up on this one as well, so you should be able to use Ming as well, if you wish.

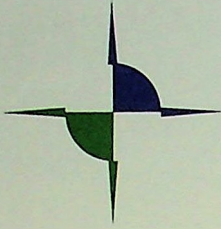
Best wishes to you all. It has been far too long since we've met!

Yours
Paddy

Rt. Hon. Paddy Ashdown MP



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Dear John

We spoke at the Washington Conference reference the UK Attack Helicopter competition and Shorts interest in it, particularly relating to the Apache. As promised, here is some material you may find interesting and may wish to discuss with Paddy Ashdown.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Jim

Thank you very much for sending me information on Shorts interest in Apache. As you probably know Westland is based in Paddy Ashdown's own constituency and indeed Paddy worked for Westland between 1976 and 1978. Banking on this, I have forwarded the information to him and very much hope that we can get him on board to lobby for us.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Dr John T Alderdice
PARTY LEADER

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