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Dear Mr Powell,

This is to confirm that at the urgent request of the MARATHON team, I last evening telephoned you - on the eve of my departure this morning for nearly three weeks in America - to ask you to put before the Prime Minister the request for an urgent meeting of Ministers to consider the necessary permit if MARATHON is put in the running.

As I told you, the MARATHON team passed on to me the information that the National Security Council in Washington is considering this afternoon the relevant submission of US West.

I am asking my secretary to sign this for me.

Yours sincerely
Keith Joseph
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