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18th July 1983

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Dear John,

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DEFENCE SALES TO GUYANA - VEHICLES AND AMMUNITION

On Friday MOD and FCO officials met the Guyanese High Commissioner to follow up the two defence sales points raised by President Burnham during his meeting with the Prime Minister of Tuesday.

Roger Bone reported to you on 12th July that we could not see any real problems over payment in local currency for the surplus MOD vehicles. In the event the High Commissioner seemed content with the proposal that the Guyanese should make a down-payment on handover with the balance spread in 6 equal monthly instalments. These sums will be paid in local currency through BHC Georgetown and delivery of the vehicles is likely to take place sometime next month.

The President also raised the question of provision of 9 mm ammunition. In fact the only UK manufacturer of this ammunition is the Royal Ordnance Factories and they are not aware of any request to supply rounds to Guyana. We have therefore put the High Commissioner in touch with the appropriate ROF official to discuss their requirements. Again, he seemed to be content with our response.

I am copying this letter to Roger Bone (FCO).

Yours ever,
Jane Ridley

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From the Private Secretary

15 July 1983

DEFENCE SALES TO GUYANA

Thank you for your letter of 12 July. The Prime Minister has noted that you have been able to accommodate President Burnham's request for special payment arrangements for surplus Landrovers and Bedford Trucks.

I am copying this letter to Jane Ridley (Ministry of Defence).

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Prime Minister



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We have agreed to
Forbes Burnham's request
that he should be allowed
to pay for these vehicles in
local currency.

12 July 1983

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Defence Sales to Guyana: Surplus Landrovers and Bedford Trucks

In order to accommodate President Burnham's request for special payment arrangements for these vehicles made during his call on the Prime Minister this morning, I can confirm that there would be no objection to the British High Commission in Georgetown accepting funds in local currency over six months as proposed. The precise accounting arrangements will be worked out between the Ministry of Defence, our High Commission in Georgetown and the FCO Finance Department, but we foresee no difficulties. Defence Sales of the Ministry of Defence have said that they would prefer the first instalment of one-sixth of the total to be paid before the Guyanese authorities take delivery of the vehicles. The MOD will discuss timing of delivery with them.

We propose to let the Guyanese High Commissioner know of this decision tomorrow.

I am copying this letter to Jane Ridley (Ministry of Defence).

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

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