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Michael ~~Alson~~

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I suggest that you

reply to Sir David Price

on the lines below.

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When you have replied

please can we have a

copy of the exchange for

our file on future visits to

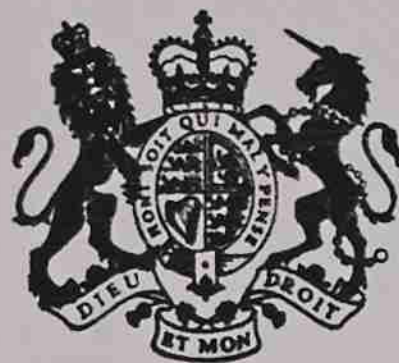
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30 April 1985

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 3 April asking whether the Prime Minister would be interested in sponsoring one of the final pair of Blue Star vessels being built by Harland and Wolff in Belfast.

I cannot commit the Prime Minister to accepting your suggestion but it is a very attractive one and I can say that, if she is able to visit Northern Ireland in the autumn she would be glad to consider including such a ceremony as one of her engagements. I take it that the timing of the naming ceremonies for the final two vessels is flexible and perhaps we could have a further word about this. Because of the security which attaches to the Prime Minister's visits to Northern Ireland, I know that I can rely on you to restrict knowledge of even this tentative response to the smallest necessary number.

Yours ever  
Michael

(Michael Alison)

Sir David Price, DL, MP.

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