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Sean Facem,

I write to you as Colonel Commandant The British Army Air Corps to ask if you would do us the honour of being our Principal Guest at our International Helicopter Air Show on Saturday 12 July 1986.

We hold this event at our Army Air Corps Centre at Middle Wallop near Salisbury in Wiltshire every two years and it has become a major international event. Indeed I know of no other air show devoted entirely to helicopters. All the major NATO countries take part and world wide helicopter industry attends. The whole event is designed to raise money for service charities.

The event lasts a week and I attach some literature about it. This year the programme includes on Tuesday 8 July an international helicopter flying competition, then on Wednesday 9 July an international helicopter symposium where the military and industry discuss major issues. Friday 11 July is a Trade day to which we invite The Prime Minister or a senior member of Government. Saturday the 12th is the first public day to which we would be honoured if you could be our guest.

If you can come it would be nice if you could arrive by about 1100 hours, look round the stands, have lunch in my Pavilion, watch the Air Display and then depart about 1700 hours. You can land and take off at the Event. We would be particularly delighted if you could join us for a special dinner in the evening which we run for the Heads of the Helicopter Industry but would quite understand if this was not possible. On Sunday 13th a member of The Royal Family will attend.

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We would, of course, be delighted if Anne could be with you. I do, however, understand that your programme is very busy and that this may not be possible. Nevertheless, it would give us much pleasure if you both were able to be with us.

Yours as

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