

Dear Ron,

I am absolutely delighted with your decision not to bring any indictments on the Laker issue. Allan Wallis was the bearer of the good news. I know that it must have been very difficult for you and as always I admire your courage in acting as you have. I am most grateful and my colleagues - when they know - will be equally pleased. I am sure that it is the best decision that could have been taken, both from the point of view of passengers on both sides of the Atlantic and in the wider interest of U.S.-U.K. relations. I agree that we must now do all we can to complete the negotiations to settle this whole problem in a way which is satisfactory to both of us.

Charlie Price also told me of your and Nancy's kind invitation to spend some hours with you at Camp David on 22 December. I should love to do this and accept with pleasure.

With best wishes and many thanks.

Yours
Margaret

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