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From the Private Secretary

25 July, 1983

Defence Procurement

When your Secretary of State called on the Prime Minister today to discuss another matter, the Prime Minister raised the general question of future defence procurement. She expressed some concern in respect both of the rising cost of defence equipment and the fact that Ministers from time to time have to take major decisions on defence procurement without being fully aware of other decisions which might arise in the foreseeable future.

bx || It was agreed that the Defence Secretary would let the Prime Minister have a paper which would take a preliminary view of this problem. The Prime Minister would then consider how to proceed.

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