

CONFIDENTIAL

JH

OPS

Subject filed: Defence,
May 79, The Modernisation
of Theatre Nuclear
Forces (TNF) in
Europe.



FILE PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T51/79T

10 DOWNING STREET

cc FCO
MOD
CO

THE PRIME MINISTER

28 July 1979

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your message of 11 July about theatre nuclear forces. I share your view of the importance for the Alliance of reaching a firm decision this year to modernise long range theatre nuclear systems in Europe. You can count on our support in trying to achieve the necessary Alliance consensus, both on modernisation and on the arms control aspects.

We were grateful to you for sending David Aaron to explain your specific proposals. We shall be considering the options carefully. Francis Pym also had some useful discussions with Harold Brown, as a result of which a team of experts will be visiting Washington within the next few days to explore the technical and financial issues in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Redman

The President of the United States of America.

CONFIDENTIAL

VLB