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Dear Michael

South West Asia

The Prime Minister is to discuss the situation in South West Asia with her colleagues most closely concerned at 4.00 pm tomorrow, 16th January, at 10 Downing Street.

I attach for consideration at this meeting the report commissioned at Cabinet last week on the extent of Britain's and the European Community's economic interests vis-a-vis the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

I am copying this letter and its attachment to the Private Secretaries to those attending tomorrow's meeting, namely the Home Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Defence, the Secretary of State for Industry, the Lord Privy Seal, the Minister of Agriculture, the Secretaries of State for Trade and for Energy, the Attorney General, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of the Environment (Mr. Monro) and the Governor of the Bank of England.

Since the report fulfils a remit from Cabinet, copies go additionally to all members of the Cabinet not specified above, to the Minister of Transport and the Chief Whip.

Yours ever

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