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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

20 FEB 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Discussions with Prime Minister Thatcher (8)

(S) We should thank the Prime Minister for her personal assistance in stopping the loss of highly sensitive carbon-carbon technology to the Soviet Union. Her personal intervention prevented the shipment of equipment which could have been used in the production of Soviet missile nose tips and rocket nozzles. The equipment was about to be exported from the United Kingdom when she personally stopped it.

Background: (S) Carbon-carbon technology involves the creation of an artificial material of tremendous strength and heat resistance. We believe that loss of some of this technology has already greatly increased Soviet missile accuracy. If the material that Mrs. Thatcher stopped had been exported, Soviet production capability of carbon-carbon material would have been greatly increased. Splendid cooperation between U.S. and U.K. intelligence and Department of Defense experts led to the U.K. actions.

(S) We still need her help in setting up a defense experts group in COCOM. France has agreed to sponsor a four-power meeting (West Germany, United Kingdom, United States and France) to discuss this in the near future. We need strong U.K. support for such a group which is necessary to bring military expertise to bear on the COCOM process. Up until now, COCOM has been dominated by trade types with little knowledge of strategic affairs.

In our one on one I did thank her. She brought this up and said the company trying to make the sale, was Am.-owned.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Bob,

"Carbon - carbon
Technology" issue was
brought up today by
PM W/ RR RR was
not briefed on it.
Gen Powell is sending
over some material
for RR review or for
RCM to brief RR w/ at
the dinner - Powell
believes RR should
raise issue or thank
PM for raising issue

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Mr President

Mrs Thatcher raised
"Carbon-Carbon" technology
today. The attached note
from Cap provides backup.

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