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THE PRIME MINISTER

Personal Minute

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SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Nuclear Release Exercise

I wanted to let you know that I found yesterday's exercise very valuable in exposing me and my colleagues to the sort of problems we might have to consider if we were ever faced in reality with the possibility of authorising the use of nuclear weapons. I am sure that my Ministerial colleagues found it as worth while as I did.

I should be grateful if you would pass on my thanks to all who helped prepare the exercise and who took part in it. I know that a great deal of work must have gone on beforehand to make the exercise so successful.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Home Secretary, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Defence Secretary.

*Raymond Storer*

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20 March 1980

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