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From the Private Secretary

28 December 1979

by 18/1/80

Dear Brian,

Military uses of laser technology in space

The Prime Minister has seen one or two references recently to the possible military use of lasers in space, specifically in an ABM role. I would be grateful if you could let me have an assessment of the likelihood that lasers can be used in this way and of the present state of Soviet research into the question.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

Richard Alexander

Brian Norbury, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.

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