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BRITISH UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST

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2. The test objectives were all successfully met. The yield switching mechanism was shown to be satisfactory, the test data acquisition systems worked well, and we obtained some new information to widen our technology base. The test was important because the device incorporated some new warhead features which are beyond our present powers to evaluate quantitatively. Investigation into the behaviour of such features is still possible only by underground testing.

3. I am copying this minute to the Home Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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Ministry of Defence

11th December 1981

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