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Defence

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

23 February, 1982

Trident: Procedure

Robert Wade-Gery sent me a minute about this on 22 February.

The Prime Minister considers that the best procedure would be for a decision at a normal Thursday Cabinet meeting to be followed by an announcement the next Monday. Then, if there were a leak over the weekend, Parliament would be informed at the first opportunity.

I should be grateful if you could inform the Defence Secretary of the Prime Minister's decision and also pass this information to Mr Wade-Gery in Washington.

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