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From the Private Secretary

2 July, 1984.

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Re speak re X and Y.

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Anti-Satellite Systems and Arms Control

The Prime Minister has considered the joint minute dated 19 June from your Secretary of State and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary on this subject, together with the accompanying paper. The Prime Minister is not convinced by some of the judgements reached, notably that an arms control regime on ASATs which hampered the development of BMD on both sides would be in our national interest; or that the ideal solution would be one in which ASATs were eliminated by the effective banning of both orbital ASATs and the US MHV. She would therefore like an early discussion with Mr. Heseltine and Sir Geoffrey Howe. But before this, she would like to have the restricted briefing mentioned in paragraph 14 of the accompanying paper. I should be grateful if you could make arrangements for this.

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I am sending copies of this letter to Roger Bone (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Charles Powell

Richard Mottram, Esq.,  
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Y → 11.00. TUE 10 July  
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