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From the Private Secretary

The US Strategic Defence Initiative

Thank you for your letter of 10 December summarising the recent article in "Foreign Affairs" magazine about the strategic defence initiative.

The Prime Minister has noted this but does not agree with some of its central propositions, particularly the idea that it is impossible to pursue successfully both ballistic missile defence and agreement on strategic arms control. She takes the view that, on the contrary, the two interact closely.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

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