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At this evening's meeting of my Ministerial Group on nuclear weapons and public opinion, we reviewed the handling of the media over the next week and agreed that it would be very helpful if the INF issue could be given prominence at your joint press conference with Chancellor Kohl on Friday. You might take the line that we are in close touch with the German Government on this issue, that both countries are anxious to achieve a satisfactory arms control agreement, but that this will come about only if the Russians believe that NATO countries are committed to deployment of cruise and Pershing missiles.

2. I mention this in writing because I shall unfortunately miss your briefing meeting as I shall be away visiting Royal Air Force units.

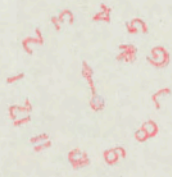
3. I am copying this minute to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, to the other members of my group and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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