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MIPT: BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN SDI RESEARCH:  
MR WEINBERGER'S LETTER  
OCTOBER 22 1985  
DEAR MICHAEL

YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN MY LETTER OF 29 JULY, I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO ALLIED PARTICIPATION IN THE SDI RESEARCH PROGRAM AND, IN PARTICULAR, OUR INTEREST IN DEVELOPING AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE BASIS FOR THE FULLEST POSSIBLE BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN SDI RESEARCH. HAVING JUST REVIEWED THE REPORT OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP THAT YOU AND I COMMISSIONED TO EXAMINE THE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH UK SDI PARTICIPATION, I BELIEVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) DEVELOPED BY THE GROUP PROVIDES THE FOUNDATION FOR THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY HMG IN THE SDI RESEARCH PROGRAM.

I HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IN BRUSSELS TO ENDORSE THE REPORT TO MINISTERS AND THE MOU TEXT, AND AGREE ON THE NEXT STEPS RECOMMENDED BY THE WORKING GROUP.  
I SHOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE MEMORANDUM OF

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UNDERSTANDING PREPARED BY THE GROUP REPRESENTS THE BEST EFFORTS ON THE U.S. SIDE TO MEET THE CONCERNS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED BY HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS ON THE MARGINS OF THE NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING.

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