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PRIME MINISTER

**UK PARTICIPATION IN SDI**

I have seen Michael Heseltine's minute of 31 October to you, and Leon Brittan's and Geoffrey Howe's of 4 November.

I share the anxieties expressed by Leon over the two key issues of the scale of our participation and intellectual property rights which we discussed in OD. I therefore support his proposal that MISC 117 should consider in detail the outcome of Michael's discussion with Mr Weinberger (on the basis of a paper from MOD setting out the details) and report back to OD before any announcement is made on our participation in SDI.

I am copying this minute to members of OD, Sir Keith Joseph and Sir Robert Armstrong.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'N.L.'.

N.L.

5 November 1985



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