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MR. JACKLING

Nuclear weapons and public information

Thank you for your minute of 18 February.

I attach a copy of a recent minute by Mr. Butler which sets out the arrangements for major speeches by the Prime Minister in the period until the end of June. You will see that we have put down a marker that the Prime Minister may wish to make another speech on nuclear issues. But she is in fact most reluctant to take on any other major speaking engagements in this period. She has specifically turned down an earlier idea of an address at Chatham House on this matter.

I should be grateful if any ideas for a Prime Ministerial speech on this subject could be discussed with me before they are brought up in Mr. Heseltine's Committee - since that might avoid a good deal of time being wasted.

As to international meetings, none are envisaged between now and the end of June which would be an appropriate platform for comment on nuclear issues. We have two European Councils, on 21/22 March and on 6/7 June, but on past form it is most unlikely that our EC colleagues will want to discuss these questions. I would expect there to be some discussion in the margins of the Economic Summit from 28-30 May - and depending on the state of the debate at that time there may even be a reference in the Communiqué. But again the occasion is really inappropriate.

The Summit will be preceded by a short visit to Washington which will occasion a good deal of publicity. It may be that the speech which I am preparing for 27 May could include something on nuclear matters but that obviously should not be decided now. It is most unlikely to be an occasion for a major, heavy speech.

Finally there are two or three bilateral meetings which will end with the usual press conferences e.g. the Anglo/Italian Summit next week, the visit of the Netherlands Prime Minister



on 2 March and the Anglo/German Summit on 22 April. I shall be working out with the Foreign Office the policy issues which we shall aim to include in the press statements on each occasion. But I doubt if any of them will provide the scope for more than two or three sentences on nuclear matters.

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18 February 1983



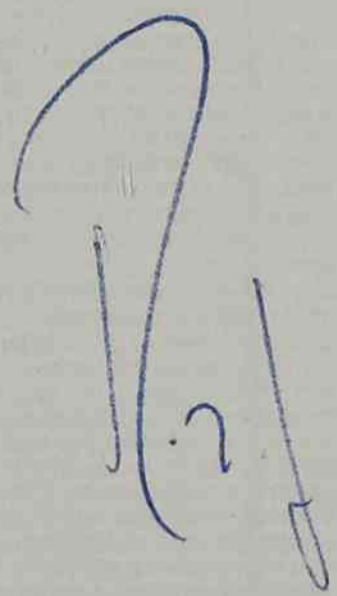
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cc Mr. Ingham  
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MR. COLES

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND PUBLIC OPINION

The new arrangements for coordinating the Government's presentation of the case for NATO's approach to nuclear strategy and multilateral disarmament are now in place and operational. As part of these arrangements, it is intended to maintain a comprehensive calendar looking six months ahead of known future events, important speaking engagements, etc, which would be appropriate for the purpose of putting over the Government's message. The Prime Minister's activities will obviously be important in this context. I should be most grateful, therefore, if you could furnish me with a list of those international meetings, and speaking engagements, which are in the PM's diary for the next six months, and which could be relevant to this effort. Thereafter, I could update this calendar at periodic intervals in consultation with you and Miss Stephens. I should like to make No 10's input to the first calendar of events by noon on Tuesday, 22 February.



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27 January 1983

*Dear John,*

SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT

You wrote to me on December 20 regarding a suitable platform for a major speech by the Prime Minister on arms control and disarmament.

You will now have seen Stephen Lamport's letter suggesting that the Prime Minister might speak at Chatham House towards the end of February. Mr Heseltine and Mr Blaker support this suggestion. If the Prime Minister is content we will prepare a draft speech for her consideration.

*Yours ever*

*Peter Craine*

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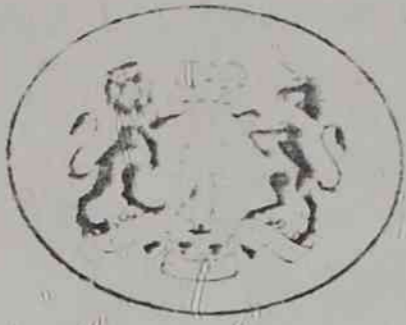
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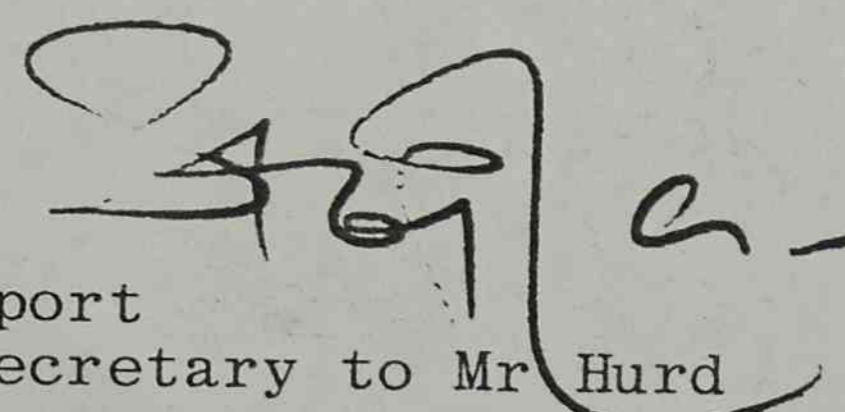
Dear Peter,

SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT

Our officials have discussed John Coles's letter of 20 December and the request for advice on a suitable platform for a major speech by the Prime Minister in the near future on arms control and disarmament.

One possibility that arises is that the Prime Minister might speak at Chatham House where Mr Jenkins (8 February) and Mr Foot (15 February) will respectively have spoken about defence and disarmament. The Chatham House programme for February and March is attached. If the Prime Minister took up this opportunity, she would enjoy the advantage of speaking after the leaders of the Social Democratic and Labour Parties.

Mr Hurd has discussed the Chatham House possibility with Mr Pym who agrees that it should be considered. Those concerned with the running of the Chatham House programme would welcome an early decision if the Prime Minister chose to speak there towards the end of February.

Yours ever,  
  
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Private Secretary to Mr Hurd

cc: A J Coles Esq ←  
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**GENERAL MEETINGS FEBRUARY/MARCH 1983**

All the following meetings will be on the record

**SPECIAL  
BRIEFING ON  
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Date	Day	Time	Subject	Speaker	Notes
1 Feb.	TUE.	1.30	The international steel market as a reflection of world economic trends	IAN MACGREGOR	Mr MacGregor has been Chairman and Chief Executive, British Steel Corporation, since 1980.
3 Feb.	THU.	1.30	The Iranian revolution and the Arab world	EDWARD MORTIMER	Mr Mortimer, a leader writer on <i>The Times</i> , is author of <i>Faith and Power, the Politics of Islam</i> (1982).
* 8 Feb.	TUE.	1.30	Defence and Britain's role in the world	THE RT HON ROY JENKINS, MP	Mr Jenkins is leader of the Social Democratic Party. He was President of the European Commission, 1977-81.
* 15 Feb.	TUE.	6.00	Is disarmament a dream? <i>Lecture in memory of the late Lord Noel-Baker, who was an Honorary President of Chatham House, 1968-82.</i>	THE RT HON MICHAEL FOOT, MP	Mr Foot has been leader of the Labour Party since 1980.
* 24 Feb.	THU.	5.00	The UN and international security in the 1980s <i>Thirty-first Stevenson Memorial Lecture held in conjunction with the LSE. This lecture will be given at the LSE, Houghton Street, Aldwych, London WC2.</i>	SIR ANTONY PARSONS, KCMG, MVO, MC	From 1 January 1983 Sir Anthony Parsons has been Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs at 10 Downing Street. He was UK Permanent Representative to the UN, 1979-82.
* 1 Mar.	TUE.	1.30	The need for nuclear trade	IAN SMART	A consultant on international energy affairs, Mr Smart is editor of <i>World Nuclear Energy: Toward a Bargain of Confidence</i> to be published in February.
22 Mar.	TUE.	1.30	Trade policy in a time of recession	ARTHUR DUNKEL	Mr Dunkel has been Director-General of GATT since May 1980.
30 Mar.	WED.	1.30	East-West trade and technology transfer: the balance of economic power	JOHN PINDER, OBE	Mr Pinder is Director of the Policy Studies Institute.

A limited number of lunches will be available in the staff canteen up to 12.45 pm at £2.10 to members who order from the Meetings Department by 10.30 am on the previous working day.

In the event of cancellation of a General Meeting, an advertisement will be inserted in the personal columns of *The Times* under the heading "Announcements" on the previous working day.



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1 Feb	TUE	1.30	The International Law Commission as a permanent body of experts	Mr. McNair
2 Feb	TUE	1.30	The International Law Commission and the League of Nations	Mr. McNair
3 Feb	TUE	1.30	International Law and the League of Nations	Mr. McNair
4 Feb	TUE	1.30	International Law and the League of Nations	Mr. McNair
5 Feb	TUE	1.30	International Law and the League of Nations	Mr. McNair
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10 Feb	TUE	1.30	International Law and the League of Nations	Mr. McNair
11 Feb	TUE	1.30	International Law and the League of Nations	Mr. McNair
12 Feb	TUE	1.30	International Law and the League of Nations	Mr. McNair

A copy of the report of the Commission will be sent to all members of the Institute. The report will be published in the Journal of the Institute of International Law.