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cc Sir P Craddock

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From the Private Secretary

27 March 1984

Ministerial Group on Nuclear
Defence Policy

Thank you for your minute of 26 March.

In the light of your paragraph 2, the Prime Minister has decided that she does not wish Mr Brittan to join this group.

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Prime Minister ✓ 11

I incline to think that it might be better if Mr. Brittan were not a member. His department has little interest - and he could not, without further circulation of papers, receive briefing. Agree?

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MR COLES ✓

Yes Mr

Ministerial Group on Nuclear Defence Policy

(MISC 7)

A.J.C. 24/3

Thank you for your minute of 22 March in response to mine of 21 March.

2. I am afraid that my minute did not make clear that before the Election the then Mr Whitelaw was a member of MISC 7 in a personal rather than a departmental capacity: the Home Office does not have a direct interest in the matters considered by the Group and special arrangements had to be made for the circulation of papers to Mr Whitelaw. In view of this I would be grateful if you would confirm whether the Prime Minister wishes to add Mr Brittan to the Group as well as retaining Lord Whitelaw.

No. Mr

R.P.

R P HATFIELD

26 March 1984

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