

PRIME MINISTER

Briefing on Arms Control for your Washington Visit

You agreed this morning to have this briefing meeting on Saturday 2 February at Chequers. In the light of what you have recently said about briefing meetings, you will doubtless want to keep this one small. I suggest:

- (a) Foreign Secretary
Defence Secretary
(but exclude Mr Luce and Mr Stanley)
- (b) Mr Cartledge
- (c) Mr Weston (FCO)
He is the main FCO official dealing with these matters and knows more than either Mr Goodall or Mr Pakenham. He was at the same meeting at the Pentagon on 17 July.
- (d) ^{Davis} Mr Nicholls - Deputy Secretary, MOD
- (e) Professor Norman - Chief Scientist, MOD
- (f) Sir Michael Quinlan
- (g) Sir Percy Cradock

This would mean excluding quite a lot of people who will want to be invited. But if we are to keep these meetings small, that is essential.

Agree?

C.D.P.

Yes - but I shd Stanley know more in detail than most others. Could he do some work.

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Department of the Air Force

Overlays.

- ① Techn. advances in intelligence on satellite systems. Sets no defend sets. Centric command - how do you counter Sov.
 analyzing assets.

AVIATION WEEK

- ② Airs abt advanced control system.
 Means for small attack
- ③ SLBT.
- ④ NO notion of terminal defense.
- ⑤ Areas for techn. help w. Weapons effect tests
- ⑥ Cruise

① Chequers
② Quaker
Nicholls (new)

CF
~~FCS~~
~~DS~~
~~Mr. Girtledge~~
~~Sir P Crook~~
~~Chief Scientist MOD~~
~~Sir A. Acland~~
~~CDS~~
? John Weston (fco) + CDP

? ~~Keate~~

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BRIEFING MEETING FOR THE WASHINGTON SEMINAR ON ARMS CONTROL

You agreed this afternoon that we should aim to hold a briefing meeting well in advance of your visit to Washington to allow plenty of time for any necessary revision of the papers which are prepared. I think that we shall need to set a substantial amount of time for this, some 2-3 hours.

We probably can find time on a weekday for this but it occurs to me that you might prefer to have the meeting at Chequers, for instance on the morning or afternoon of Saturday 2 February.

Agree to pursue Chequers option? Or prefer a mid-week office meeting?

Yes mt

CDP

CF
Arranged for 2 Feb at Chequers.
Miss Thomas informed.
CDP considering further invitation.

3 January 1985

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