COMMENTS BY MR NEIL KINNOCK ON HIS VISIT TO NATO
ON 6TH MARCH 1985

He described America as "a cherished ally - a permanent
ally, I hope," (Daily Telegraph 7th March 1985).
According to The Times, Mr Kinnock did not think there
would ever be an alliance with the Soviet Union.

Mr Kinnock said that a Labour Government would meet any
defence obligations that arose "for for our defence and
for NATO obligations", but promised that cruise missiles
would "go back". (Daily Telegraph 7th March 1985)

He warned against any retaliation by the United States
for a future British Government did enforce such a
withdrawal. It would be "fool-hardy to jeopardise the
alliance" simply because one member took an action of
which others disapproved. (Financial Times 7th March 1985)

Prepared for the Soviets

— Our nuclear deterrent
ut return for 31.9.85
Soviets

*Alliance — honour
all our obligations.*

Labour opposition to SDI spelt out by Kinnock

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BY QUENTIN PEEL IN BRUSSELS

MR NEIL KINNOCK, leader of
the British Labour Party,
yesterday spelt out his strong
opposition to the U.S. Star Wars
initiative, and repeated his
determination to remove cruise
missiles from Britain if his
party wins the next election.

He put over this firm line in
talks with Lord Carrington,
Nato's secretary-general, and
other senior officials at the
alliance headquarters in
Brussels.

Mr Kinnock described the
U.S. move to start research into
the so-called Strategic Defence
Initiative as "itself an embar-
kation on the arms race."

"The U.S. is starting on a
road whose end is not given
sufficient attention," he
declared. "No one has given
any indication as to when
research turns to production

and production turns to deploy-
ment. There is a quantum leap
from research to deployment."

He criticised Mrs Margaret
Thatcher, the British Prime
Minister, for "being prepared
simply to follow in the wake of
the U.S." on the question of
the research into nuclear
weapons in space.

The SDI had been the main
topic of his discussions, he said.
Labour Party policy to remove
cruise missiles from Britain and
close U.S. nuclear bases had not
been criticised specifically.

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