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Additional material on defence. Will try and think of more about Gorbachev in the morning.

DEFENCE

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They also promise to get rid of American nuclear weapons and bases from British soil. Just think for a moment of one or two of the countries which have expelled American bases in the last 25 years. Cuba. Libya. Is that the sort of company which Labour wants Britain to keep?

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Mr. President, if you want peace you've got to work for it, not just wish for it. That means strong defences and loyal membership of the NATO Alliance.

[More to come in the morning].



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From GDP

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Mr. President, if you seriously want peace you have to work for it, not just wish for it. The people of this country do not want governments who just wring their hands and opt out. They look for leadership, and with a Conservative Government they will continue to get it.

It would have been easy to spend less on defence. But we



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knew that Britain's security has to be the number one priority. So we built up our defences, modernised our nuclear deterrent and made Britain once again a strong and respected member of the Alliance.

Does anyone who has witnessed Mr. Gorbachev's performance think that he respects weakness? No, Mr. President, it was recognition of the West's Strength and cohesion that has brought the Soviet Union back to the negotiating table.

You have to admire the <sup>new</sup> ~~face~~ of the new Soviet leaders. They hold out the prospect of peace just around the corner if only the West <sup>meets a few simple criteria</sup> ~~meets a few simple criteria~~. The United States just need to give up the Strategic Defence Initiative. Britain and France only have to abandon their nuclear deterrents, even though they are only a tiny proportion of the Soviet Union's. We all just need to accept Soviet proposals which preserve and guarantee Soviet superiority in numbers!

Mr. President, proposals such as these owe more to the requirements of propaganda than of peace. But our wish to see substantial reductions in nuclear weapons is sincere, provided they are balanced and do not give either side an unfair advantage. I know that will be President Reagan's objective at his meeting with Mr. Gorbachev, and he has our full support and good wishes as he goes to Geneva. The West could not have a better or a braver champion.

SPIADS.  
from Col.  
(2/10/75)

PASSAGE FOR SPEECH

In the past few months I have visited Commonwealth War

Cemeteries in Singapore and Cairo.

They were green, peaceful and lovingly

tended: corners of England far from home.

What struck me as I walked among the graves and read

the simple inscriptions was: how young they

were, those who fought and gave their lives

~~far from home.~~ *in foreign fields.*

Mr. Chairman, our task is to see that this generation

of young people are not called upon to make

that sacrifice.



We want peace.

We have learned the lesson that peace comes from strong defences and from loyalty to our allies: to the Commonwealth, to NATO and to the United States.

It will never come through Labour's policy of giving up.

They would give up our nuclear weapons.

They would give up the protection which American nuclear bases provide.

We even see the Labour and Liberal leaders falling over each other in their haste to give up the Falkland Islanders, whose only

sin is that they want to be British.

Who would respect a Britain which laid down  
its arms and welshed on its commitments!

No, Mr. Chairman, that is weakness, that is appeasement  
and we shall have no part of it.

Let the Labour Party dance their hokey-cokey  
with the Alliance with their right foot in  
and their left foot out.

People in this country do not want  
politicians who opt out.

They look for <sup>pure defence</sup> ~~leadership~~ and with us they  
will find it.

In a few weeks time President Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev



will meet in Geneva.

Great hopes will be pinned on their talks.

We have been working closely with President Reagan to make sure that the West has firm, clear and constructive proposals to put forward at that meeting.

Proposals:

- to convince the Soviet Union of our sincerity in wanting peace.

As I told Mr. Gorbachev when we met: "we don't see your system through rose-tinted spectacles.

But we know that we have to live together

in a single world."

- to make deep cuts in the numbers of nuclear weapons, which do not leave either side with an unfair advantage.
  
- to allow research into President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative to continue, while giving a guarantee that neither side will introduce new defence systems in space without negotiation.
  
- to abolish the spectre of chemical weapons.
  
- to increase genuine two-way contacts



between East and West, the sort for example  
which will allow the leaders of the  
democratic countries to have the same  
access to the Soviet people as  
Mr. Gorbachev has to ours.

In all this, we must show that our commitment to  
negotiation, our commitment to peace is more  
honest and more credible than theirs.

In this task which concerns us all the West  
could not have a better or braver champion  
than President Reagan.