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DEFENCE COMMITTEE

4 February 1986

Dean Sir Lobert,

Thank you for your letter of today's date, which the Defence Committee considered at their meeting this morning.

The Committee have asked me to invite you to give evidence to them tomorrow morning, Wednesday 5 February, beginning at 1015 in Committee Room 15.

The Committee have noted what you say about the basis on which you have offered to give evidence. As the Chairman made clear at the outset of this inquiry, one of the aspects the Committee wish to examine is the decision-making process in this case. The Committee will therefore consider their course of further proceeding in the light of the answers that you give.

I am instructed that the Committee's request for named officials to attend at some stage stands. I will of course write again after tomorrow's meeting.

Conv. Suncerely

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