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Per Nigel

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The Defence Secretary has seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 3rd October and is content with the terms of the draft response which was circulated with it. I am afraid, though, that he did not have an opportunity to consider the further draft circulated with Sir Robert's minute of 6th October within the timescale necessary if publication on 13th October is to be achieved. I note, however, that the changes in this latest draft do not affect that section of the response which deals with the Defence Committee's Third Report.

The Defence Secretary has noted the arrangements being made for publication of the Government response.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Lord President, the Lord Privy Seal, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Attorney General, the Chief Whip, the Minister of State, Privy Council Office and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely
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