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DEFENCE SECRETARY

Arms Control and Disarmament

At the direction of the Prime Minister, we are about to establish a new Ministerial Sub-Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament. The new Sub-Committee will report as necessary to the Defence and Oversea Policy Committee. Its terms of reference are:-

"To keep under review policy on arms control and disarmament questions; and to report as necessary to the Defence and Oversea Policy Committee".

2. The Prime Minister, who will chair the Sub-Committee, has instructed me to invite you to be a member of the Sub-Committee. A similar invitation is being sent to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. The Prime Minister has asked me to invite you to be accompanied by the Minister of State with responsibilities in this area when you so wish, and also to be accompanied by officials where this would be useful.
3. Other Ministers will be invited to attend meetings of the Sub-Committee when matters affecting their Departments are under discussion.
4. I am sending a copy of this minute to the Prime Minister.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

7 October 1983

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