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- 1. Thank you for your letter of 11 April about implementing COCOM changes. I have also seen John Coles's letter of 12 April.
- 2. I strongly support your proposal, which seems to me to be both in our security interest and a timely initiative, demonstrating our willingness to respond to American concern about technology transfer, as we approach the Williamsburg Summit, which is bound to touch on COCOM activities.
- 3. If colleagues can all agree to what you propose, I will arrange to consult COCOM partners informally before COCOM's High Level Meeting late this month. If, as I hope, our partners respond positively, we could make the proposal formally during the course of that meeting.
- 4. I am copying this minute to other members of OD, to the Secretary of State for Industry, and to Robert Armstrong.

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