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FOREIGN SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO THE FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION

You asked for ^{at Har} comments on the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's draft speech to the Foreign Press Association on Defence, Deterrence and Arms Control.

The Defence Secretary is generally content with the draft which he thought made an interesting and valuable set of points. The section on SDI will no doubt be carefully scrutinised by the Americans but he is content to be guided by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary on the tone and content here. He does however have one major comment on Paragraph 46 of the draft which states that a zero/zero outcome would be a real achievement in improving our security. As you know, we do not believe this to be the case and the Defence Secretary would prefer this paragraph to read after line 12:

"... progress. Agreement here would be a real achievement and would start the ball rolling"

I also enclose a number of other suggested amendments which are I hope self-explanatory.

I am copying this letter and the attachment to Charles Powell (No 10) and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office)

Yours etc,

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT SPEECH TO THE FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION

- Para 3, Lines 1-2 Amend to read: "Defence-in terms of the size and shape of our Armed Forces and the strategy for their use - are part of what we need to do the job. But, if that was the whole picture, ..."
- Para 7, Line 5 Amend to read: "... under direct Soviet rule. Many million others in Eastern Europe were brought forcibly under Communist regimes. It is ..."
- Para 10, Last Line Amend to read: "... American contribution: on US forces based in Europe and the massive reinforcements planned in a period of tension and, ultimately, on the American strategic guarantee."
- Para 13, Line 11 Amend to read: "... political judgement as well as a military one."
- Para 16, Line 3 Insert: "Most of" before "the might"
- Para 18, Lines 15-19 Amend to read: "... can never achieve this. Even if we too spent 15% of our national incomes on arming ourselves, A purely conventional defence would still not pose the same risk of unacceptable as does NATO's present mix of forces. The nuclear ..."
- Para 32, Line 4 Amend to read: "... their security need for such compensation was by abandoning ..."
- Para 37, Line 3 After "on" insert "banning nuclear".
- Para 39, Line 8 Replace "But ... confident" with "Below that level we lack the confidence necessary for effective verification".
- Para 39, Line 9 After "detect" add "all".
- Para 41, Line 8 After "detect" add "and identify high yield".
- Line 9 Delete "openly".
- Para 42, Line 2 Replace "And we ... we may" with "However to".
- Line 4 After "leakage" add "would require much more information than is currently available".



- Para 42 cont. Line 4 Replace "But" with "Furthermore"
- Line 5 Replace "this" with "any particular".
- Line 12 Add "The Ad Hoc Group of Experts in Geneva have been doing useful technical work to study the exchange of seismic data. We strongly support the extension of their mandate and the Russian refusal to accept this does not fit well with their claims to be serious about pursuing a CTBT."
- Para 44 Discussion of on-site inspection was discussed previously only during tripartite negotiations. It may be better to delete the last two sentences since the amendment to Para 42 refers now to the discussion of seismic data at the Conference on Disarmament.
- Para 48, Line 5 Amend to read: "... a way of getting round that problem".
- Para 49, Line 8 Add: "And the approach of the second Biological Warfare Review Conference will focus attention once again on verification issues no less severe than those presented by chemical weapons."

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