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Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS)

The commercial arrangement with the Raytheon Corporation, described in the Defence Secretary's minute of 12 March, looks very satisfactory. One could have wished that the Ministry of Defence had given more than a day or so for members of OD to react. The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in particular, has a direct interest. I understand from his office that he is unlikely to object but his officials are still reflecting. If the Prime Minister has not already reacted, I suggest that she should say that she agrees with what is proposed, assuming that it is also acceptable to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

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