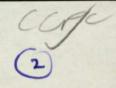
## FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY





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## Arms Control and the UK Contribution

The Lord Chancellor has seen the Foreign Secretary's minute to the Prime Minister of 16 May 1986 and has commented as follows:

"While agreeing with all the Foreign Secretary says I would like to stress,

- (1) Competitive Armaments are the product of distrust mutually held, and whether justified or otherwise,
- (2) There has been too much rhetoric in high places and this does not foster mutual trust. I do not regard Reagan as completely innocent of this. I distance myself wholly from the current anti-americanism but we should do all we can to foster mutual trust where it is at all possible in every conceivable way,
  - (3) If we do not succeed in (2) let us at least follow the great Teddy Roosevelt in speaking softly even when carrying a big stick."

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of members of OD and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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