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8 October 1986

Dear Charles,

Arms Control In Europe: The Way Forwrd

Thank you for your letter of 2 October. The Foreign Secretary agrees that it would be best to pursue this by means of a discussion between Ministers. He believes that a smaller group would be preferable to OD. As you know, he will not himself be available for a meeting until after his return from the Far East.

I am copying this letter to Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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Private Secretary

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Prime Minister

Agree to discussion by a group consisting of:

- ✓ Lord President
- Foreign Secretary
- ✓ Defence Secretary

- ✓ Chancellor of the Exchequer
- ✓ Chancellor of the Duchy

+ CDS

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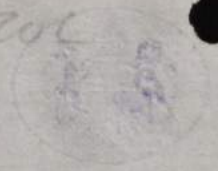
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From the Private Secretary

13 October 1986

Dear Colin,

ARMS CONTROL - THE WAY FORWARD

Thank you for your letter of 8 October about the Foreign Secretary's minute on arms control in Europe. We shall be arranging a meeting of Ministers as soon as possible to discuss this, to be attended by the Lord President, the Foreign Secretary, the Defence Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and CDS. I should be grateful if you could arrange for all of them to receive copies of the Foreign Secretary's minute once a time for the meeting has been set.

I am copying this letter to Michael Stark in the Cabinet Office.

Yours sincerely,
C. D. Powell

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