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Dear Bill

ARMS CONTROL

We spoke earlier today about Charles Powell's letter to you of 16th October. You told me that you hoped to be able to show an initial draft of the paper commissioned by the Prime Minister to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary when he returns from the Far East on Wednesday.

Given the implications of many of these issues for Defence policy, I am sure that my Secretary of State, who is currently hosting the meeting of the NPG in Gleneagles, would wish officials here to be involved in the preparation of this paper and to see it himself before it is forwarded to the Prime Minister.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Charles Powell (No 10) and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

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