

PRIME MINISTER

ARMS CONTROL

We have only limited time for this meeting. But there is another session next week to prepare for the Camp David meeting.

I suggest you deal first with the conventional arms control in Europe issue. This is operational in the sense that the Foreign Secretary leaves for Vienna later this afternoon, and needs some instructions. _____

On the preparations for Camp David you commented this morning that we hadn't yet thought things through enough. I think the line proposed in my minute takes matters some way forward. An outcome from today's meeting might be:

(i) to let FCO/MOD have what I have done, to work up into a fuller speaking note;

(ii) at the same time ask them to produce material to deal with the important points which their present paper does not cover e.g. the proposal made by Reagan to Kohl for a high level discussion with key allies, the idea that non-ballistic systems offer sufficient deterrence, the idea of SDI as a sufficient insurance policy.

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