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FM WASHINGTON 130055Z
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 967 OF 12 APRIL 1983
INFO PRIORITY MODUK

MR JULIAN CRITCHLEY MP

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MR JULIAN CRITCHLEY MP, WHO IS IN WASHINGTON WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE, IS BEING QUOTED BY REUTER AS HAVING SAID THAT WHEN SHE COMES HERE FOR THE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT THE PRIME MINISTER MAY ASK THE PRESIDENT FOR DUAL KEY ARRANGEMENTS OR QUOTE A POWER OF VETO UNQUOTE FOR CONTROL OVER CRUISE MISSILES AT UK BASES.

2. WE CONTACTED MR CRITCHLEY TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION TO THE TERMS IN WHICH HE WAS BEING QUOTED BY REUTER. MR CRITCHLEY SAID THAT HE WAS SIMPLY TRYING TO DESCRIBE THE PRESSURES THE GOVERNMENT WAS UNDER ON THIS ISSUE IN BRITAIN AND THAT SUCH PRESSURES MIGHT INCREASE. HE SEEMED TO FEEL THAT REUTER HAD QUOTED HIM OUT OF CONTEXT. WE TOLD HIM OF THE LINE NO.10 WERE TAKING IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ABOUT HIS REMARKS.

3. FCO PLEASE PASS TO PRESS OFFICER AT NO.10 DOWNING ST.

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