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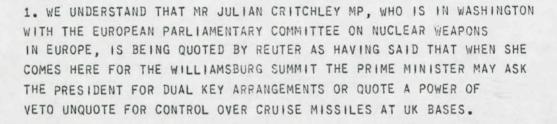
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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 967 OF 12 APRIL 1983

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MR JULIAN CRITCHLEY MP



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.

WRIGHT

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