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From the Private Secretary

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Visit of Vice-President Bush

The Prime Minister has directed that no record should be circulated of her talk with Vice-President Bush on Friday, 24 June. Mr. Bush particularly requested this, stating that some of the information which he wished to pass to the Prime Minister was very sensitive.

The subjects covered were the Middle East, Hong Kong and China, East/West Relations and the INF negotiations.

You will wish to know that the question of Hong Kong was raised by Mr. Bush. The Prime Minister explained the present situation regarding our talks with the Chinese.

With regard to East/West Relations, you should be aware of two points:

- a) The Prime Minister told Mr. Bush that she was fully behind President Reagan in his wish to strengthen COCOM.
- b) Mr. Bush said that the previous American Ambassador in Prague was now a member of the National Security Council and that his views on East/West Relations were worth having. The Prime Minister thought that it might be useful for Sir Oliver Wright to talk to him in the next few weeks (I regret that I cannot supply his name, since Mr. Bush was unable to recall it!).

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

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