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From the Private Secretary

21 November, 1983.

Syria's Regional Role

The Prime Minister saw over the weekend JIC(83)(N) 193 of 18 November.

With regard to paragraph 8, she has commented as follows:-

"I wonder if this is a correct assessment. It is certainly standard. But there may come a time when some of the Arab countries will have cause to be thankful for Israel's strength against Syria."

I am sending a copy of this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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