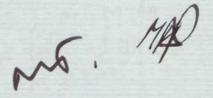
PRIME MINISTER

You should be aware of Mr. Benn's attached letter, asking whether HMS Sheffield was carrying nuclear weapons. The subject could be raised at Question Time, where you will no doubt wish to follow the standard policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence of nuclear weapons in any given location at any particular time.

We will let you have a draft letter in reply.



CC: I'M Sogrie 10.5.82

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