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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

20 June 1983

TORNADO

The briefing for the European Council recommended that the Prime Minister should take the occasion of the meeting to press upon the Prime Minister of Greece the merits of Tornado.

Mrs. Thatcher had this matter firmly in mind but decided that, in the light of the atmosphere and progress of the meeting, it would be counter-productive to take that opportunity to raise the matter with Mr. Papandreou.

B/K.

You may wish to consider whether there is any alternative way of bringing pressure to bear.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Roger Bone (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

A. J. COLES

Richard Mottram, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.

ATC
You wrote to Richard Mottram
on 20 June about Tornado
(at Map).

Jane Ridley has said that
unless you specifically would
like details of the ways in
which the MOD propose to press upon
the PM of Greece the merits of
Tornado she was not considering
~~for~~ replying to your letter.

Agree?

Yes.

or 1/2.

Mal
6/7/83