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From the Private Secretary

28 July, 1983

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE STRATEGY

Thank you for your letter of 25 July enclosing drafts of the discussion papers for the Prime Minister's strategy meetings on 8 and 9 September.

The Prime Minister has not been able to study the papers in detail at this stage but has asked me to say that she is most grateful for all the work that has been done and that she would like the papers to be updated as necessary and then be available for her to read in final form by 24 August. (I hope that this deadline will not cause difficulty - the Prime Minister particularly wants to have the opportunity to read the papers before she goes to Scotland at the end of the month).

I should be grateful if four sets of papers could reach No.10 by that date and if you could also circulate copies as appropriate to the other official participants in the strategy meetings.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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