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From the Private Secretary

27 July 1984

SECURITY OF SMALL STATES

When this subject was discussed by Ministers on Wednesday, it was agreed that a further and fuller paper would be prepared by the FCO and the Ministry of Defence.

As you know, the Prime Minister is intending to hold a Seminar on 1 October which will deal with some aspects of this same problem. It will be helpful if the revised paper could be available in good time before that Seminar since it will provide useful background for it. But further formal consideration by Ministers is better deferred until after the Seminar so that the results of it can be taken into account in the decisions reached by Ministers.

Given the Prime Minister's absence from the country from 14 to 27 September, this points to the revised paper being available by 13 September if possible.

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

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Dear Charles,

Security of Small States

Thank you for your letter of 27 July. We agree that it would make sense for the new FCO/MOD paper to be available to Ministers before the 1 October Seminar and we shall aim to forward it to you by 13 September as you suggest. MOD agree, and we are already in touch with them about the drafting.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (MOD) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

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