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FOREIGN POLICY: POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF PRINCIPLES

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office have provided a paper for the Seminar on this. It is - deliberately and I think rightly - a rather academic paper which examines the legal and moral arguments and quotes copiously from various sources. It will be a good document to circulate to participants and to have on the table at the Seminar. You might like to read it on holiday.

Geoffrey Howe suggests that you might commission a further paper, for official participants only, on:

- (a) examples of British intervention since 1945; ✓
- (b) HMG's attitudes towards intervention by others since 1945; ✓
- and
- (c) the implications for our policy in future hypothetical situations. ✓

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It seems to me that a paper on (a) and (b) would be useful.
But it is better to draft a paper on (c) after the Seminar.

Agree?

I think we need to consider
(c) at the Seminar in order
to apply the principles effectively.
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