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Dear Tim

FOREIGN POLICY SEMINAR: NATO STRATEGY: PARTICIPATION BY OFFICIALS

1. Charles Powell's letter of 6 August to Richard Mottram gave a list of the official participants the Prime Minister has in mind to invite to her seminar on 1 October.
2. We recognise (Charles Powell's letter of 2 August to Colin Budd) that the Prime Minister is keen to keep official participation in the seminar to a minimum. We would very much hope however that Sir John Graham, the UK Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council, could be present in addition to those listed. Not only would he be able to make a valuable contribution to the discussion by bringing a Brussels perspective to it; but participation would give him a better feel for ministerial thinking on the issues which will be considered there for which he has, to a large extent, operational responsibility, and make him better placed to take account of Ministers' views in his dealings with the Allies and with Lord Carrington.
3. It is in any case quite likely that Mr Luce will be away in the Far East at that time. This may not therefore mean any overall increase in numbers.

Yours ever  
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