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From the Private Secretary

29 August, 1984

EUROPE AND DEFENCE

The Prime Minister has read the Defence Secretary's minute of 10 August and the Chancellor's of 21 August commenting on the Foreign Secretary's note on Europe and Defence of 25 July.

The Prime Minister has commented that she doubts the need for so many "general point" papers since they get nowhere. If there is something new and significant to be said, let it be expressed in concrete and specific terms. The FCO are, I hope, considering with your Department whether a worthwhile paper meeting this criterion can be put together, as requested in my letter of 27 July to Colin Budd.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to other members of OD and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

(C.D. Powell)

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