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Antony Acland has suggested that, for the NATO Strategy seminar, you might like to have a two-man secretariat at a separate small table, to make a record of the proceedings. One would be from the MOD, the other from the FCO. They would not participate in the discussion or attend the lunch - which would anyway be difficult since we are already 23.

The alternative is to proceed as planned i.e. for Bryan Cartledge and me to do the record, which helps keep total numbers in the room down.

I am bound to say that I think this proposal is a way to smuggle more officials into the seminar.

Agree to stick to original plan?

CDD

Yes ✓.

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