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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH SIR PERCY CRADOCK, 29 OCTOBER

Points which you might like to raise with him are:-

(i) His move to become Chairman of the JIC.

This is planned for January. He intends to maintain his office here as well.

(ii) Ballistic Missile Defence. There is to be a Ministerial meeting on Thursday to discuss our attitude to the Strategic Defence Initiative. You might like to try out your views on Percy.

(iii) Mr. Gorbachev's visit. It might be helpful to discuss how to get the most out of this.

(iv) Your visit to Peking. You will want to have some ideas to take with you on the future development of our relations with China.

(v) Middle East. We need to consider carefully how best to influence the Americans to come forward with a sensible initiative on the Middle East after the Elections. The prospects don't look very good.

C.D.P.

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