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I have written separately to the various Heads of Post in the countries and cities which I visited to thank them also for their admirable help and support.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Chancellor, the Defence Secretary and the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

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12 August, 1988.

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