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From the Secretary of the Cabinet: Sir John Hunt GCB

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Dear Bryan

24th May 1979 Shul Point Minister

Two very wifel and informative rapers.

I enclose, for the Prime Minister's information, copies of two Reports which the JIC have produced (JIC(79) 5 and JIC(79) 4) dealing respectively with Soviet External Policies and Soviet Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa.

I am also taking this opportunity to enclose copies of two other JIC Reports (JIC(79) 2 and JIC(79) 3) dealing with the Increasing Capability of the Soviet General Purpose Maritime Forces and Soviet Military Expen diture which were completed earlier in the year but which new Ministers may wish to see.

I am sending copies of this letter, with copies of these four Reports, to the Private Secretaries of the other members of OD.

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House of Lords, SW1A OPW

30 May 1979

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Dear Martin.

The Lord Chancellor has seen your minute of 24 May and the copies you enclosed of the JIC Reports nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5. He has commented that this melancholy document greatly depresses him and confirms the view that he formed in 1956 that Russians rather than the West have learned the true lesson of British History which is the immense importance of sea power where it is thoughtfully used.

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