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Subject on USA, Nov 79. Visit to  
US Policy

China

Extract from Record of Meeting between PM  
and American Secretary for Defense, Dr Brown,  
Washington 17.12.79

(The Prime Minister) wondered whether the

Russians really felt threatened by the Chinese. She had found Chairman Hua a trifle naive when he had assured her that the Russians no longer knew where China's nuclear weapons were, since they had been moved. Dr Brown said that the Russians were convinced that both China and NATO posed a military threat to them. They were paranoid about China. The Prime Minister said that they realised that the Chinese would not hesitate to press the button. They had an oriental attitude towards human life and felt that they could absorb any losses in their own population. Pakistan, Thailand, Afghanistan and Iran were all areas of crucial importance to the West.

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