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Yes *not* A.S.C. $\frac{6}{9}$

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PRIME MINISTER

The Soviet Global Perception

I attach your copy of JIC(83) 5, a Report on the above subject, approved by the JIC on 1 September. The Report follows up an earlier, historical, JIC Note entitled "The Extension of Soviet Influence Outside Europe: 1953-83" (JIC(83)N 105 dated 25 July 1983). It examines Soviet aims, current preoccupations and commitments, the resources available to the Soviet Union in pursuit of its objectives, and the constraints on their successful use.

2. The paper is summarised in Part I of the Report; this summary was carried in the Weekly Survey of Intelligence of 2 September.

3. In view of its general importance, I think that the full text of the Report (and its several appendices) should be circulated to all members of the Defence and Oversea Committee (including the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Privy Seal, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, as well as those who regularly receive intelligence assessments) and to the Home Secretary. I think that it would also be useful for other members of the Cabinet to see the Report in summary form. I should be grateful to know whether you are content for me to arrange accordingly.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

5 September 1983

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THE SOVIET GLOBAL PERCEPTION

With the agreement of the Prime Minister this summary of a recent Joint Intelligence Committee Report on the Soviet Global Perception is circulated for the information of members of the Cabinet.

Bill Savage

T W SAVAGE
Secretary
Joint Intelligence Committee

13 September 1983

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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

THE SOVIET GLOBAL PERCEPTION

The Prime Minister has seen your minute of 5 September and JIC(83)5 which you attached.

She agrees that the full text of the report and its appendices should be circulated to all members of the Defence Overseas Committee (including the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Privy Seal, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, as well as those who regularly receive intelligence assessments) and to the Home Secretary. She further agrees that it would be useful for other members of the Cabinet to see the report in summary form.

A. J. COLES

12 September 1983

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