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From the Private Secretary

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 6 - Sir P. Craddock.
 26 March 1984

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Dear Roger,

Soviet Union: Concern about a Surprise
NATO Attack

The Prime Minister saw over the weekend JIC(84)(N)45 about this subject.

She finds the report disturbing and wishes to hold an early discussion with the Ministers concerned with a view to a possible approach to the United States to establish what steps they intend to take to set at rest Soviet fears of a pre-emptive strike.

We shall be taking steps separately to arrange a meeting attended by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Defence Secretary, the Lord President, the Home Secretary and suitable officials.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of the Ministers concerned and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever
 Sir Robert

Roger Bone Esq
 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MRS RYDER

The Prime Minister wishes to hold an early meeting to discuss JIC(84)(N)45. For programme purposes the subject can be described as "Soviet Union".

Would you please invite the Foreign Secretary, the Defence Secretary, the Home Secretary and the Lord President. The Foreign Secretary and Defence Secretary may be accompanied by an official.

Sir Robert Armstrong should also be invited and should be asked, provided he sees no objection, to bring Dr. Nicolson.

A. J. Cole.

26 March 1984

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MUR 27/3. Mark.
Yes.



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You have discussed with
Cabinet Office the attendance
for the meeting on the
Soviet Union scheduled
for 17.00 hrs on 4/4.

Sir Antony Duff will
be in New Zealand
on that day and
suggests that Patrick
Wright should attend
in his place.

Agree?

Mark
27/3.