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From the Private Secretary

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Prime Minister's Visit to the United States

In my letter of 10 December, I said that the Prime Minister would reach a final decision whether to go through with her proposed visit to the United States in February only when she had discussed the matter with President Reagan on 22 December.

At the end of Mr. Volcker's call on the Prime Minister yesterday evening, the American Ambassador said that he knew for sure that the President was keen for the Prime Minister to go. The Prime Minister's response will certainly have led the Ambassador to conclude that the matter is settled and he will no doubt be reporting to Washington in that sense. You will wish to inform our Embassy. I am sure that the Prime Minister will still, none the less, have a word with the President about it.

This means that the work on speeches and the preparation of the seminar proposed in my earlier letter should now be pursued with all speed.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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