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TOP SECRET AND PERSONAL

Mr. Wright

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I took the opportunity of speaking to the PUS this morning after the meeting which you had to leave to go to the Chiefs of Staff. I thought he ought to have the information which you gleaned overnight from Admiral Halifax before his meeting with Sir R. Armstrong.

2. I made the point that this was extremely sensitive information, and indeed that you had acquired it from a source which we would not want to compromise. I added that in your conversation with Mr. Omand in the night you had been told that No. 10 had decreed that no information of any kind should be released.

3. Sir A. Acland said he would keep this entirely to himself but was grateful to be informed. He said that as far as the FCO was concerned, only he, you and I should be in the picture. I said that nothing had been recorded on paper.

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for (D.H. Gillmore)
23 April, 1982.