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19 October 1983

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DEMONSTRATIONS ABOUT NUCLEAR DEFENCE POLICY: LONDON 22 OCTOBER

The Home Secretary believes that the Prime Minister may wish to have the current assessment from the Metropolitan Police of demonstrations about nuclear defence policy to take place in London on Saturday 22 October, and an indication of the policing arrangements which have been planned.

By far the largest events will be two marches and a rally against the deployment of cruise missiles organised by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. The CND claim to be expecting altogether between 150,000 and 200,000 supporters if not more. The police's current estimate is that the number may be between 50,000 and 70,000 although that may alter nearer the time and even numbers of that order will require a major policing operation.

CND supporters are to gather at Victoria Embankment, to move off at 11.30 am by two routes to the rally, in Hyde Park. Speakers expected there include the Leader of the Opposition, Monsignor Bruce Kent and Ms Joan Ruddock of the CND and Bishop Trevor Huddleston. The rally is planned to end at about 5.00 pm.

One route to the rally will take marchers initially in almost a circle, ie up Northumberland Avenue to the east of Trafalgar Square, along the Strand, south across Waterloo Bridge, past the Royal Festival Hall and County Hall, north across Westminster Bridge and turning right along Victoria Embankment; the route will then be up Horseguards Avenue, left down Whitehall to Parliament Square, along Broad Sanctuary to Victoria Street, Bressenden and Grosvenor Places to eastern Hyde Park Corner and the Park. The other, shorter route will not cross the Thames, but go by the side of Victoria Embankment Gardens, up Horseguards Avenue to turn right up Whitehall, past the west of Trafalgar Square and along Cockspur Street and Pall Mall, right up St James's Street and left down Piccadilly to western Hyde Park Corner and the Park.

The routes have been agreed only after protracted negotiations between the police and the CND. Press reports that the police have "climbed down" are wrong. The arrangements are a considerable modification of CND's initial plan, which was to encircle the centre of London and close it to traffic. As a variant, CND wanted Westminster Bridge closed, to enable both marches to converge in Bridge Street; the Bridge will not be closed, and the one point of convergence will be in Horseguards Avenue. Traffic management will still be difficult, but at all but a few points traffic will be able to pass alongside the marchers, and there will be crossing points for pedestrians and vehicles.

/The police

David Barclay, Esq

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The police accept CND's claim that their intention is to hold a peaceful event, not least because of the association with the speakers at the rally. CND are hoping to create a carnival atmosphere, with marching bands and other entertainments. There can, however, be no guarantee that there may not be some disorder, or the need to make arrests for 'peaceful' offences. The events may attract an extremist fringe; and the 'Stop the City' campaign on 29 September, when 200 people had to be arrested, mainly for obstruction, is a recent example of the willingness of some members of the 'peace movement' to resort to non-violent direct action. One influence may be the nature of other demonstrations elsewhere in Western Europe, particularly in Western Germany, this week; with the exception of that in Bremerharven last weekend, those appear so far to have been peaceful.

Two other groups are arranging pro defence policy events in London on Saturday. Women for Families and Defence, organised by Lady Olga Maitland, are to hold a rally and vigil in Trafalgar Square from 2.00 pm to 9.00 pm, with the theme "Peace and Freedom". Lady Olga estimates that between 2,000 and 3,000 people will attend; the police certainly doubt that there will be more, and have no reason to expect disorder.

In addition, the Coalition for Peace through Security (CPS) are hoping to organise a small rally at Speakers' Corner at some time during the day. The CPS have refused to discuss their plans in any more detail with the police because they consider the police have co-operated too closely with the CND. The CPS rally is not expected to be disorderly, although the organisation may seek to use their offices in Whitehall, just opposite the Whitehall Theatre, to express their opposition to the marchers as they pass by.

The police plan to deploy some 4,000 officers to police the demonstration, with significant numbers in reserve ready to respond either because of developments at the demonstrations or as needed at the five football grounds in London where teams are playing at home on 22 October. The police are in close liaison with those responsible for premises on the routes of the CND marches, including the security officers of Government buildings; and they have made contingency arrangements to deal with large scale attempts at obstruction or other forms of non-violent direct action.

The police will up-date their assessment nearer to 22 October and I shall, of course, let you know if they report any significant developments.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Defence and to the Private Secretary to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours faithfully,

Hugh Taylor

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

21 October, 1983

Demonstration about Nuclear Defence Policy

Thank you for your letter of 19 October about tomorrow's CND demonstration.

The Prime Minister was grateful for and has noted the assessment of the Metropolitan Police.

DAVID BARCLAY

Hugh Taylor, Esq.,
Home Office

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OFFICE NOTICE

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament Demonstration
Saturday 22 October 1983

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) plans to mount a large scale march on Saturday 22 October the theme of which will be "Together we can stop the bomb".

The organisers are hoping that some 500,000 persons will attend. The march will consist of two columns both starting on the Embankment at 1100 hours in the area of Somerset House and is not expected to clear the Whitehall area before 1600 hours. One column will follow the route Embankment - Horse Guards Avenue - Whitehall - Pall Mall - Piccadilly - Hyde Park. The other will follow the route Embankment - Northumberland Avenue - Strand - Waterloo Bridge - County Hall - Westminster Bridge - Embankment - Horse Guards Avenue - Whitehall - Parliament Square - Victoria Street - Grosvenor Place - Hyde Park.

The marchers will occupy only one side of the road so that the police may use the other side for essential traffic. A number of roads will however be closed to all vehicular traffic. Extensive use will be made of barriers which will make it impossible to cross a number of roads.

During the march, access to Downing Street and King Charles Street from Whitehall will not be possible. Staff wishing to enter Nos. 10, 11 and 12 should use one of the following pedestrian and vehicular crossing points to gain access to St. James's Park and then to Downing Street via King Charles Steps (parking will be allowed on Horse Guards Parade for permit holders).

- a) Junction of Victoria Street and Storey's Gate
- b) Junction of Victoria Street and Buckingham Gate
- c) Junction of Buckingham Palace Road and Bressenden Place

Additionally there will be pedestrian crossing points at

- a) Junction of Victoria Street and Bressenden Place
- b) Junction of Grosvenor Place and Lower Grosvenor Place
- c) Junction of Lower Regent Street (Waterloo Place) and Pall Mall

Essential vehicular traffic that needs to gain access to Downing Street will do so via the FCO quadrangle from Great George Street (having entered the area via one of the above vehicular crossing points).

Before the head of the column reaches Parliament Street, the subway at the junction of Parliament Street and Parliament Square may also be used by pedestrians.

The Metropolitan Police anticipate that there will be severe traffic congestion in the area and it seems likely that London Transport bus services will terminate some distance from the two routes. Underground services will operate but will be very congested. Extra services are being run to bring the marchers to the stations along the Embankment.

Staff who have to visit Nos. 10, 11 or 12 should allow plenty of time for their journey.

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19 October 1983

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My ref:
Your ref:
19 October 1983

Dear Tim

As you will know, CND are holding a demonstration in Central London next Saturday 27 October. They plan to assemble on Victoria Embankment and to march to Hyde Park by routes agreed with the Metropolitan Police.

One of the routes includes Whitehall, and CND have asked the Department for permission to lay a wreath on the Cenotaph, pausing for a couple of minutes as they pass in order to do so. This would be at about 12.15-12.30pm. My Secretary of State has considered the matter carefully and has concluded that on balance to refuse permission would give CND more propaganda than the act of laying the wreath itself. You will wish to be aware that he has therefore given permission for the wreath-laying.

The Metropolitan Police have been consulted and have no objection. They would prefer the marchers not to halt but are prepared for them to do so.

Finally, you will wish to note that the wreath will carry the CND symbol and possibly an inscription attached by card on the lines of "In memory of the victims of all wars". CND have yet finally to make up their minds on an inscription, but we have made it clear that a form of words more in accord with the purpose of the Cenotaph would be preferred. They have undertaken to clear the wording of the inscription with the Department when they have reached a final view.

I am copying this for information to Richard Mottram in the Secretary of State for Defence's Office.

*Yours sincerely
Roger Bright.*

ROGER BRIGHT
Private Secretary

Tim Flesher Esq



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

21 October, 1983

Thank you for your letter of 19 October to Tim Flesher.

The Prime Minister has noted that CND will be laying a wreath on the Cenotaph tomorrow, and that the wording of any inscription will be cleared with your Secretary of State.

DAVID BARCLAY

Roger Bright, Esq.,
Department of the Environment

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INSTRUCTION TO CUSTODY GUARDS

CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (CND) DEMONSTRATION

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 1983

1. The CND are to mount a large scale demonstration in London on the above date when it is anticipated that some 150,000 people will take part in marches from Victoria Embankment to Hyde Park where a rally will be held.
2. Whilst the organisers intend that this should be a peaceful protest the presence of small groups who may seek to gain publicity in a more positive way cannot be ruled out and it is possible that there may be attempts to gain entry to Government buildings, both on the route of the march and in the central area generally. Whilst the Whitehall area may be the focal point for any trouble it cannot be ruled out elsewhere.
3. The marchers will assemble on Victoria Embankment where they will be split into two groups which will then proceed by separate routes to Hyde Park - RED and GREEN - details of which are attached. The marchers will start to leave Victoria Embankment at about 1100 hours and whilst there are no firm estimates of the times of arrival at Hyde Park the shorter (GREEN) route is expected to take some three and a half hours with the longer (RED) route considerably in excess of this. It is not possible to give times at which the marchers will pass any particular buildings and a very high standard of alertness will be required throughout the day.
4. Vehicle traffic will be excluded from area from about 1045 until mid-afternoon although considerable congestion is expected to continue for some time afterwards. Custody Guards reporting for duty should bear this in mind.
N.B. The Day Car will not be able to operate in this area during this period.

WHATEVER THE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS NO CHANGE OVER OF DUTIES WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE 1800 HOURS.

5. Special attention will be given to the security of buildings with particular regard to access points at ground floor and basement levels and the admission of visitors, from Friday evening, 21st October, onwards throughout the week-end. Departments will be seeking to limit the need for access by members of their staff during Saturday.
6. The following additional precautions will be taken on Saturday.
 - (1) Additional Guards will be allocated to single posts on the routes.
 - (2) Patrols will be concentrated on the lower floor levels where intruders might seek to force entry.
 - (3) Blinds, Curtains, Shutters etc on Ground Floor level should be drawn wherever possible.
 - (4) Whilst observing what is going on outside Guards should not draw attention to their presence.

- (5) In the event of an intrusion into a building or any other problem, real or suspected, the Police should be contacted immediately by dialling 999 and giving the location and nature of the problem.
- (6) Should an intrusion occur and the Police are contacted wherever possible they should be given any information that will help them to gain access to resolve the problem.
7. Occupying Departments may issue their own instructions at individual buildings in relation to staff requiring admission, facilities to be afforded the Police, etc. These will be read and implemented in conjunction with this instruction.
8. Custody Service HQ and the Group Supervisor should be kept advised of all developments at the earliest possible opportunity.

F. J. Farmer

F J FARMER
Head of Custody Service

19th October 1983

Room P2/010A
2 Marsham Street
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Distribution:- All buildings on the route of the marches and those in the general area, (see attached list)
Group Supervisors
Occupying Departments
Ceremonial Office, Cannon Row.

RED ROUTE

| | Dept | Number of Guards | Special Requirements/Comments |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|--|
| Audit House | E&A | 1 | Reinforce with 1 Guard from Fleetbank from 09.00 - 13.00 hrs |
| Somerset House | IR | 5 | Special attention to Embankment entrance |
| Savoy Hill House | MOD | 1 | Off main route. Extra Guard not necessary |
| Northumberland House | MOD | 2 | |
| Cornwall House | FCO/ HMSO | 2 | Annexe only adjacent to route |
| Waterloo Bridge House | DTI | 1 | |
| Elizabeth House | DEd | 3 | |
| 1 Bridge Street | PSA | 1 | Police presence should be adequate. No second Guard |
| Palace Chambers | FCO | 1 | Off immediate route? Guard from Central Buildings |
| Old War Office | MOD | 4 | |
| MOD Main | MOD | 17 | |
| Welsh Office | WO | 1 | Allocate 1 extra Guard |
| Scottish Office | SO | 1 | Allocate 1 extra Guard |
| 10 Downing Street | MPO | 3 | |
| Parliament Square House | DTpr | 1 | Allocate 1 extra Guard from 2 Marsham Street |

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| Broad Sanctuary | Treas | 2 | Ensure outer doors are secured |
| 1/19 Victoria Street | DTI | 4 | |
| Dacre House | DPP | 1 | Off main route. Adjacent to New Scotland Yard. No extra Guard |
| Ashdown House | DTI | 3 | |
| Eland House | ODM | 2 | |
| Bressenden Place | DTI | 1 | Not directly vulnerable ? 1 Guard from 1/19 Victoria Street |

GREEN ROUTE

| | Dept | Number of Guards | Special Requirements/Comments |
|--------------------------|------|------------------|--|
| Audit House | E&A | 1 | Reinforce with 1 Guard from Fleetbank from 09.00 - 13.00 hrs |
| Somerset House | IR | 5 | Special attention to Embankment entrance |
| Savoy Hill House | MOD | 1 | Off main route. Extra guard not necessary |
| Old War Office | MOD | 4 | |
| MOD Main | MOD | 17 | |
| 3 and 10 Whitehall Place | MAFF | 3 | Off main route. Buildings are linked. No extra guard required |
| 36 Whitehall | MPO | 1 | Allocate 1 extra Guard |
| Admiralty House | PSA | 1 | Outer gates to Whitehall to be secured. No extra guard required |
| Ripley House | MOD | 2 | |
| Archway South/Mall House | MOD | 3 | Off main route |
| Marlborough House | FCO | 2 | Outer main gates to be secured |
| Press and TV Centre | PSA | 1 | Off main route. Ground floor windows have gridles. No extra guard required |



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METROPOLITAN POLICE

11th OCTOBER 1983

CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT - MARCH AND RALLY - SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 1983

INFORMATION SHEET

INFORMATION

1. On Saturday 22nd October 1983 at about 10.30 am supporters of the 'Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)' will assemble at Victoria Embankment, WC1, east of Northumberland Avenue. At 11.30 am they propose to march to Reformers Tree, Hyde Park for a rally, via either of the two routes shown in Red and Green on the map overleaf.
2. The theme of this year's march will be 'Together We Can Stop The Bomb'. The organisers anticipate support for the event will be very large.

INTENTION

3. It is the intention of police that all events should be policed to a peaceful conclusion in accord with the organisers' stated intention. To this end, all officers must be vigilant, tactful, cheerful yet firm when necessary and be prepared to give advice to the public. Police will take such action as may be necessary to prevent disorder, protect property and control the movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic to minimise congestion. Stewards will be appointed and briefed by organisers to assist in this same task.

ENTERTAINMENT

4. The following additional events have been arranged by the CND Organisation :
 - a. 10.30 am Christian CND Service in Victoria Embankment Gardens.
 - b. 10.30 am to about Midday, The American Bread and Puppet Theatre Company with musicians and giant puppets performing in Jubilee Gardens. From 1.30 pm they will be performing in Hyde Park.
 - c. 11.00 am - 3.00 pm The Greater London Council are organising music platforms, entertainments and exhibitions in Jubilee Gardens, the South Bank and in County Hall Car Park.
 - d. 11.00 am - 2.00 pm Music platforms/floats will entertain at the assembly area and along the route.
 - e. 11.00 am - 3.00 pm Children's Entertainment area at Jubilee Gardens.
 - f. 12.30 pm - 5.00 pm Children's Entertainment area at Hyde Park.
 - g. 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm Entertainment and speeches from the platform at Hyde Park.

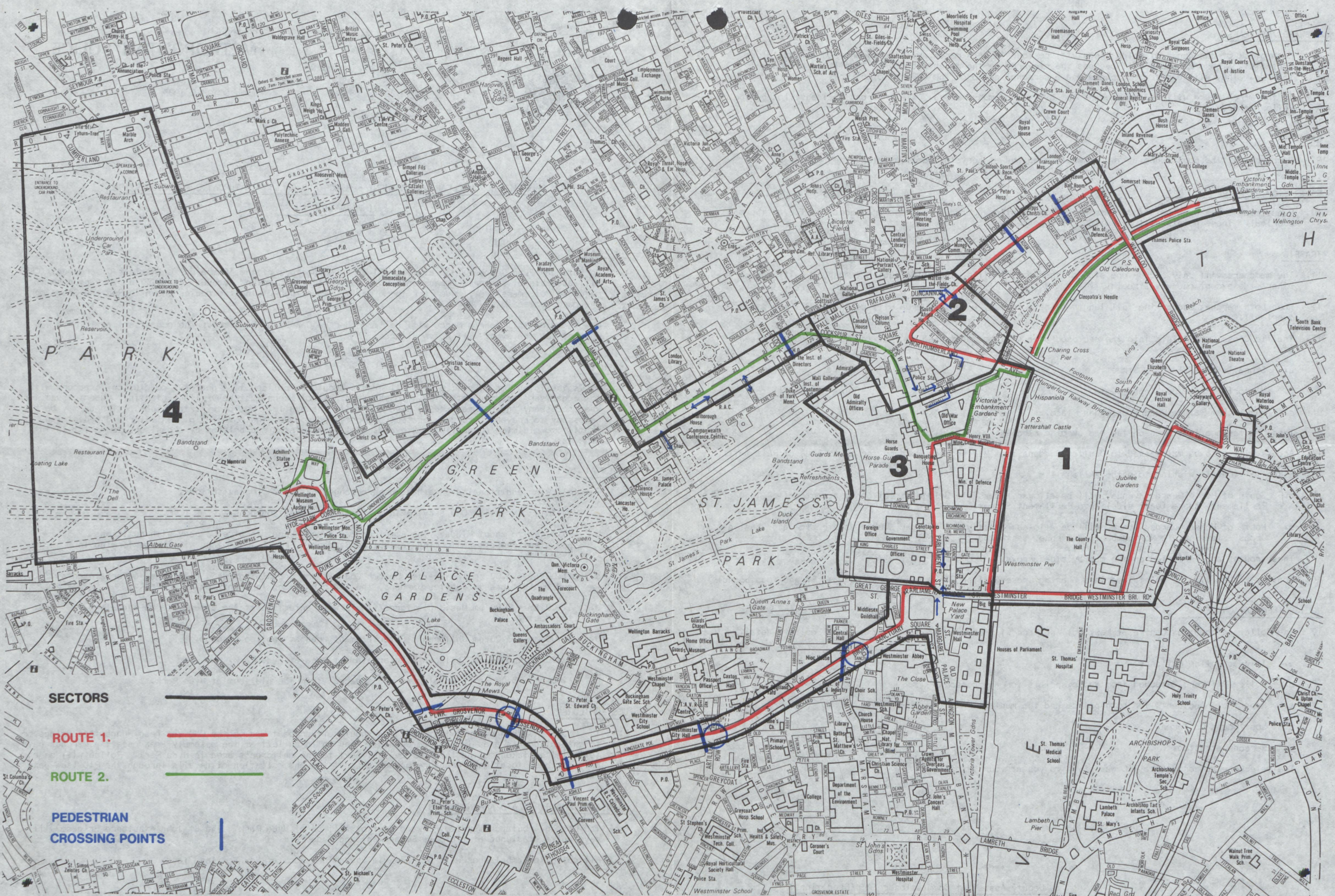
LOST CHILDREN

5. The CND have arranged that lost children should either be taken to the CND van near Hungerford Bridge or to the children's area in Jubilee Gardens. Any children left at the assembly area once the marches have left will be taken to the Information Tent next to the children's area in Hyde Park. Police will be on duty at these locations to ensure proper supervision and collation of details through the PIC (see para 17).

AMBULANCE AND FIRST AID ARRANGEMENTS

6. The London Ambulance Service Forward Control will be at Hyde Park. The St John Ambulance Brigade will have units stationed at Victoria Embankment and Hyde Park.

All calls for ambulances will be made via Operations Room at New Scotland Yard.



- SECTORS**
- ROUTE 1.**
- ROUTE 2.**
- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING POINTS**

STEWARDS/MARSHALS

7. Each block of marchers, of which there will be four in each march, will be supervised by two 'Block Marshals'. These Marshals will oversee the stewards on the march and can be identified by orange tabards. They will carry a megaphone and a personal radio on the CND radio network.
8. In the march there will be one steward for every 25 demonstrators. Stewards can be identified by their yellow tabards.

BARRIERS

9. Barriers will be positioned at the assembly area and at certain locations along the routes.

PEDESTRIAN CROSS-OVER POINTS

10. Pedestrian Cross Over points for members of the public who require access are shown in Blue on the map overleaf. These points will be suitably signposted.

TRAFFIC

11. The marchers will only occupy one side of the road; traffic, including public transport, will run on the other side except one-way streets.
12. When both marches occupy the full length of both routes, a central area will be enclosed (see map overleaf).
13. Traffic Cross Over Points into the enclosed area will be maintained by traffic and foot duty officers at :
 - a. Storey's Gate/Victoria Street.
 - b. Victoria Street/Buckingham Gate.
 - c. Buckingham Palace Road/Bressenden Place.These routes are indicated on the map by blue circles.
14. Access will also be maintained to Carlton Gardens from Marlborough Road on the south side of Pall Mall.
15. Essential traffic wishing to enter Whitehall -
 - a. South of Horse Guards Avenue, will be allowed access via Bridge Street or in a contra-flow lane at Parliament Square (east side) into Parliament Street.
 - b. North of Horse Guards Avenue, will be allowed access via Trafalgar Square, south side and Charing Cross - leaving via Northumberland Avenue, westbound.

These routes are indicated on the map by blue arrows.

16. Traffic access will be maintained into Charing Cross Station via Duncannon Street and Strand (eastbound).

POLICE INFORMATION CENTRE

17. The Police Information Centre at New Scotland Yard will be open from 9.00 am and will collate details of :
 - a. Injured Police Officers.
 - b. Police Officers detached from their serials for any reason.
 - c. Reportable incidents for both police and the media.
 - d. Lost/Found Children.
 - e. Persons arrested.

The telephone number of the PIC was given to you at your briefing.

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Air Vice-Marshal B G Lock CB CBE AFC

MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL OFFICE

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For Distribution see List A and
List B attached

5 October 1983

Dear Departmental Security Officer

CND DEMONSTRATION ON SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 1983

As you may be aware the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) plan to mount a large scale demonstration in the Whitehall and Parliament Street areas on Saturday 22 October 1983 from 11 am onwards.

2. The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to the need to ensure that all Government buildings in the threatened vicinity are properly secured against intrusion by CND members or supporters or any other group taking advantage of the situation.

3. The main responsibility for guarding during the silent hours falls to the PSA Custody Service but individual Departments will no doubt wish to consider increased manning levels during the period in question and the issue of special instructions regarding the entry/exit of authorised personnel in such a manner as to prevent unauthorised personnel simultaneously gaining access. It will also be necessary to advise staff concerning traffic /transport problems and the need to arrive on duty well before the demonstrations begin.

4. The Metropolitan Police are to hold a briefing meeting at 10 am on Wednesday 12 October in the 5th Floor Conference Room of New Scotland Yard and they will be contacting you (or a member of your staff) by telephone within the next few days inviting you to send a representative.

5. Copies of this letter go to J Farmer Esq, Head of the Custody Service, Superintendent Rowe, New Scotland Yard, Sergeant B Peardon, Cannon Row, Colonel J Dixon, London District.

Yours sincerely,
Gaul Holt

cc. PS/Lord Gowrie
PS/2nd Permanent Secretary
Mr Davie

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LIST A: DEPARTMENTS WITH BUILDINGS IN WHITEHALL

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|---|-----------------|
| J W Stevens Esq Cabinet Office and Management and Personnel Office 70 Whitehall SW1A 2AS | 233 8238 |
| M Holton Esq Director of MOD Security Metropole Building Northumberland Avenue WC2N 5BL | 218 7075 |
| Dr A Howe Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food 10 Whitehall Place London SW1A 2HH | 405 4310 ex 519 |
| B M Fox Esq HM Treasury Parliament Street SW1P 3AG | 233 5742 |
| E L Perkins Esq Northern Ireland Office Government Buildings Great George Street SW1P 3AJ | 233 8223 |
| J K E Broadley Esq Foreign and Commonwealth Office 4 Central Buildings Matthew Parker Street SW1H 9NL | 273 5627 |
| Mrs M Evans Welsh Office Gwydyr House Whitehall SW1A 2ER | 233 8504 |
| G A D Philip Esq Scottish Office Dover House Whitehall SW1A 2AU | 233 8670 |
| B A Shillito Esq Parliamentary Counsel Office 36 Whitehall SW1A 2AY | 273 4468 |
| C E S Horsford Esq Privy Council Office Whitehall SW1A 2AT | 273 3084 |

MAP B: MAJOR DEPARTMENTS IN WHITEHALL/PARLIAMENT STREET VICINITY

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|---|-----------------|
| K C Hall Esq Department of Trade and Industry Sanctuary Buildings 16/20 Great Smith Street SW1P 3DB | 215 5045 |
| D G Stratton Esq Department of Employment Caxton House Tothill Street SW1H 9NA | 213 4259 |
| P G Spurgeon Esq Home Office Whittington House 19-30 Alfred Place WC1E 7EA | 637 2355 ex 110 |
| R M C Venables Esq Treasury Solicitor's Department Matthew Parker Street SW1H 9NN | 273 4181 |
| P Joce Esq No 10 Downing Street London | 930 4433 |



