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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

**"AN AFFAIR OF STATE" BY PHILIP KNIGHTLEY
AND CAROLINE KENNEDY (OD(DIS)(87)24)**

The Prime Minister has seen this paper about the response of the publishers of this book to the letter from the Secretary of the Defence, Press and Broadcasting Committee.

The Prime Minister agrees, subject to the views of other Ministers, that no further action should be taken provided that there is no doubt that the reply from the publishers referred to in paragraph 3 of the officials' paper is in sufficiently reassuring tones.

I am sending a copy of this minute to the Private Secretaries to members of OD(DIS) and Mr. Mallaby.

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