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PRIME MINISTER

Sir Anthony Blunt

Some of my comments on Sir Robert Armstrong's minute below, which you were unable to deal with last night, have been overtaken by events. As I mentioned to you this evening, following the publication of Mr. Leadbitter's Question in today's Order Paper, I have seen Sir Harold Wilson and Mr. Callaghan to let them know that you will be answering the Question with a substantive reply which will make it clear that Sir Anthony Blunt was the Fourth Man. They have both gone along with your intention to make your initial statement in the form of a reply to a Written Question, rather than by making an oral statement or by waiting for a supplementary to come up on an Oral Question.

The Queen has now agreed that Sir Anthony Blunt's KCVO should be annulled and that this should be announced on Thursday evening, immediately after you have answered Mr. Leadbitter's Question.

It will be necessary to make one or two small changes to the draft Answer attached to Sir Robert Armstrong's minute to take account of the wording of Mr. Leadbitter's Question, but, that apart, are you content with it?

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- 191 **Mr Albert Roberts** (Normanton): To ask the Secretary of State for Social Services, if, in view of the severity and persistent disease of cystic fibrosis, he will give consideration to allowing free prescriptions to sufferers from the disease.
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- 192 **Mr Ted Leadbitter** (Hartlepool): To ask the Prime Minister, if she will make a statement on recent evidence concerning the actions of an individual, whose name has been supplied to her, in relation to the security of the United Kingdom.
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- 193 **Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson** (New Forest): To ask the Minister of Transport, if he is satisfied with the safety aspects of the carriage of chemicals, petroleum and other dangerous substances by rail; and if he will make a statement.
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- 194 **Mr Dafydd Thomas** (Merioneth): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, if he will insure that future major statements emanating from his department will henceforward be made to the House rather than be given to the Press in the form of a Press release as was done on 1st November with regard to the question of public expenditure in Wales.
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- 195 **Mr Peter Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, how much each Opposition Party has received, so far in the current year, from the fund for Opposition Parties.
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- 196 **Mr Bob Cryer** (Keighley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what further measures are proposed to prevent nuclear war taking place by accident.
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- 197 **Mr Bob Cryer** (Keighley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he has received any confirmation of the effectiveness of safeguards against the United Kingdom becoming involved in nuclear war following the incident at Colorado Springs.
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- 198 **Mr David Ginsberg** (Dewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Environment, if he will ensure that those authorities like Kirklees, who could be adversely affected by changes in the rate support grant distribution formula, will have the benefit as in the past of damping and safety net arrangements.
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- 199 **Mr Ken Woolmer** (Batley and Morley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Environment, whether those authorities like Kirklees, who could be adversely affected by changes in the rate support grant distribution formula, will have the benefit as in the past of damping and safety net arrangements.
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- 200 **Mr Bob Cryer** (Keighley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make a statement on the part played by the early warning system at Fylingdales in the checking of the false alarm of hostilities emanating from Colorado Springs, USA.
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- 201 **Mr Gwilym Roberts** (Cannock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Environment, if he will now make a statement on the rate support grant for 1980-81.
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- 202 **Mr Robert Litherland** (Manchester Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Social Services, how much was spent per thousand of population on services provided under section 2 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons' Act 1970 by the city of Manchester, Trafford, and the counties of Lancashire and Cheshire.
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- 203 **Mr Gwilym Roberts** (Cannock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Environment, what plans he has for changing the methods of calculating the rate support grant to make allowance for population transfer between counties and the consequent pressure on local authority services.
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- 204 **Mr Gwilym Roberts** (Cannock): To ask the Secretary of State for the Environment, what plans he has to change the methods of calculating the rate support grant to encourage the provision of adequate minimum standards of services in line with the recommendations of the Green Paper Command Paper No. 6813; and if he will make a statement.
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