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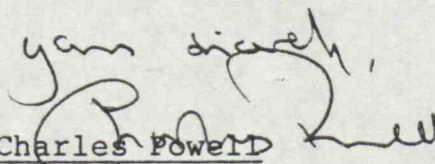
From the Private Secretary

Dear Tony,

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The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had some discussion this afternoon of the problems which have arisen with the Germans over the handling of SRINF in the INF negotiations. It was agreed that we should continue to do everything possible, at every level, with the German Government to encourage them to reach a decision within a reasonable time scale. In that connection, it was agreed that I should visit Bonn on Friday 15 May for a further discussion with Herr Teltschik, based on the speaking note enclosed with Lyn Parker's letter of 11 May (which you are having translated into German).

It was also agreed that we needed to work out a statement of our own position which could be used publicly to refute allegations that the United Kingdom was responsible for delay in these negotiations. The Foreign Secretary said that he would let the Prime Minister see a text as soon as possible. The Prime Minister suggested that the Foreign Secretary might like to include a suitable passage in a speech, which could then be circulated more widely.

Yours sincerely,

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