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Dear Paul,

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The Defence Secretary has seen the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's minute to the Prime Minister of 11th April.

Mr Younger is content with Mr Clarke's proposals, including that regarding participation in the Columbus Polar Platform, on the understanding that no financial contribution will be sought from the defence budget at any stage of the programme.

I am sending copies of this letter to Lyn Parker (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Tom Jeffery (Department of Education and Science), Peter Smith (Department of Trade and Industry) and Jill Rutter (HM Treasury) and to Trevor Woolley and Mr Fairclough in the Cabinet Office.

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