

PRIME MINISTER

cc Mr. Ingham
Mr. Powell

WESTLAND

The Defence Select Committee decided to follow the course of asking Sir Leon if he stood by his remarks to see if there is a basis for reopening the inquiry. I will brief Press Office to correct any suggestions that the inquiry has been reopened. I have no details yet of who took what line. Though it seems that Barney Hayhoe and John Wilkinson favoured pursuing the issue, I am told that John Cartwright (SDP) and Bruce George are unenthusiastic.

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