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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

POLARIS SUCCESSOR

I have considered your memorandum of 10 June on the Polaris successor.

I am naturally not in a position to question any of the details. They seem to me to be set out very cogently. My only question is whether in these circumstances we are wise to expose as many of the details as you do. You may feel it is essential. I do, however, have the feeling that in this field it is wise to give as little information as is possible.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Prime Minister, the Foreign & Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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