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MINUTES of a Meeting held at 10 Downing Street on TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 1981 at 10.25 am

PRESENT

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP Prime Minister

The Rt Hon William Whitelaw MP Secretary of State for the Home Department

The Rt Hon Lord Carrington Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP Chancellor of the Exchequer

The Rt Hon Francis Pym MP Lord President of the Council

The Rt Hon John Nott MP Secretary of State for Defence

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Sir Robert Armstrong Mr R L Wade-Gery Mr R L L Facer

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THE UNITED KINGDOM STRATEGIC DETERRENT

Ministers considered a memorandum by the Secretary of State for Defence (MISC 7(81) 1) on the future form of the United Kingdom strategic deterrent.

The Meeting -

Agreed to resume their discussion on a subsequent occasion.

Cabinet Office

27 November 1981