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THE PRIME MINISTER

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I have read your letter of 23 September with great interest and will bear your suggestion in mind.

I am inclined to doubt at present whether there would be advantage in attempting to persuade the Saudis to go for Nimrod now. The U.S. Administration are bound to press Congress very hard to allow the AWACS deal to go through. Nor would I wish it to appear that we were trying to benefit from the difficulties the Administration are at present encountering.

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