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Visit of George Schultz



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From the Private Secretary

7 May, 1982

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has just received from President Reagan. This contains some ideas about possible decisions to be taken at the Versailles and Bonn Summits and also states that on 9 May the President will be announcing a proposal to open START talks with the Soviet Union.

Some of the subject matter is relevant to the talks which the Prime Minister will be having with Mr George Schultz at Chequers this Sunday. I shall take it, unless I hear to the contrary, that the briefs which you are preparing adequately cover President Reagan's references to the Versailles Summit.

Perhaps you would let me know in due course whether you wish to advise that the Prime Minister should send a substantive reply to President Reagan's message.

I am copying this letter and its enclosure to John Kerr (HM Treasury), David Omand (Ministry of Defence) and John Rhodes (Department of Trade).

Yours ever
John Kerr

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