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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

LEAK OF MOD PAPERS ON CRUISE DEPLOYMENT TO THE GUARDIAN

Richard Mottram (MOD) asked me if I would obtain the Prime Minister's view on whether, in advance of the perpetrator of the leak to the Guardian being discovered, the Attorney General should be asked to consider instituting prosecution against the Guardian under the Official Secrets Act for publishing material which they knew to be SECRET. After discussion with Sir Robert Armstrong, the Prime Minister concluded that she was not inclined to ask the Attorney General to consider such action, and I informed Richard Mottram accordingly.

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