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B/C: Mr Redwood
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From the Private Secretary

12 April, 1984

Your Secretary of State had a brief discussion with the Prime Minister this morning about general issues of defence procurement and on competitiveness in our defence industry.

There are two points for further action:-

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- (a) Mr. Heseltine said that he would let the Prime Minister have a brief paper on the present state of his efforts to promote competitiveness. This would essentially update and summarise the paper enclosed with Nick Evans' letter of 27 January.
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- (b) The Prime Minister asked whether it was the case that despite the fact that France was not militarily integrated in NATO it was able to tender for certain NATO contracts, e.g. in the field of infra-structure. I should be grateful if you could let me have a short note on this in due course.

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