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 Dear Chive,

UNITED KINGDOM TRIDENT PROGRAMME

My Secretary of State felt that even at this early stage you might like to see the work already in hand here on a Trident memorandum contingent upon a future Trident D5 decision and announcement.

/ I attach the first draft of the text of this document, which
 / of course will need amendment and amplification once we know the
 outcome of negotiations with the US. I also attach a mock-up
 of how the document will be laid out. This follows the pattern
 of the July 1980 open Government document on Trident, but with
 the addition of coloured diagrams which my Secretary of State
 feels significantly improves the presentation.

I am copying this letter and enclosures to Brian Fall (FCO), John Kerr (HM Treasury) and David Wright (Cabinet Office). I have marked this letter Secret and Personal and would be grateful if they could ensure that their copies are given appropriate protection.

Yours ever,
David Omand
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Prime Minister.

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not a subject which lends itself to
treatment in clear and simple English.

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