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*CONCLUSIONS of a Meeting of the Cabinet held at Admiralty House, S.W. 1, on Saturday, 7th April, 1962, at 10.30 a.m.*

Present :

The Right Hon. HAROLD MACMILLAN, M.P., Prime Minister

The Right Hon. R. A. BUTLER, M.P., Secretary of State for the Home Department	The Right Hon. SELWYN LLOYD, Q.C., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer
The Right Hon. VISCOUNT HAILSHAM, Q.C., Lord President of the Council and Minister for Science	The Right Hon. HENRY BROOKE, M.P., Chief Secretary to the Treasury and Paymaster-General
The Right Hon. DUNCAN SANDYS, M.P., Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations	The Right Hon. IAIN MACLEOD, M.P., Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
The Right Hon. HAROLD WATKINSON, M.P., Minister of Defence	The Right Hon. Sir DAVID ECCLES, M.P., Minister of Education
The Right Hon. PETER THORNEYCROFT, M.P., Minister of Aviation	The Right Hon. LORD MILLS, Minister without Portfolio
The Right Hon. REGINALD MAUDLING, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies	The Right Hon. JOHN HARE, M.P., Minister of Labour
The Right Hon. EDWARD HEATH, M.P., Lord Privy Seal	Dr. The Right Hon. CHARLES HILL, M.P., Minister of Housing and Local Government and Minister for Welsh Affairs
The Right Hon. ERNEST MARPLES, M.P., Minister of Transport	The Right Hon. CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, M.P., Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

The Right Hon. FREDERICK ERROLL,  
M.P., President of the Board of Trade

*Secretary :*

The Right Hon. Sir NORMAN BROOK

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**Disarmament**

Nuclear  
Tests  
(Previous  
Reference:  
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\*1. *The Prime Minister* said that, in the light of the Cabinet's discussion on 5th April, he had asked President Kennedy for a further expression of opinion on the suggestion that he should address a final personal request to Mr. Khrushchev before the issue of the public statement which was to be made on behalf of the United States and United Kingdom Governments about the failure of the Geneva Conference to make any progress towards an international agreement for the cessation of nuclear tests. As a result of these further consultations it had now been agreed that a shortened version of the Prime Minister's letter should be sent to Mr. Khrushchev but that it should not be despatched until after the delivery of the Anglo-American statement. That statement would be delivered to the Soviet Government on 9th April and made public on 10th April. The Prime Minister's personal letter to Mr. Khrushchev would be delivered on 10th April. This procedure, and the terms of the two documents, had been agreed with the United States Government.

The Cabinet—

Took note of the Prime Minister's statement.

**The  
Budget**

2. *The Chancellor of the Exchequer* communicated to the Cabinet particulars of the proposals in the forthcoming Budget.

In accordance with precedent details are not recorded in the Cabinet Conclusions.

*Cabinet Office, S.W. 1,  
9th April, 1962.*

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\*Not previously recorded.

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