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NOTE FOR SECRETARY COHEN

Attached is your Day Book for  
Wednesday, 8 October.

*J. N. Mattis*  
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Colonel, USMC  
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

FROM: ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR  
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Visit by the Right Honorable The Lord Gilbert, 8 Oct 97

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- Solicit Lord Gilbert's consideration to lend support to JSTARS
- Express U.S. appreciation for British interest and participation in Joint Strike Fighter
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**SECDEF COHEN COURTESY CALL WITH LORD GILBERT  
8 OCTOBER 1997**

**TALKING POINTS**

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- As for the two-way street, while the UK does buy much from the U.S., we will continue to buy big-ticket British systems such as the Harrier, T-45 trainer aircraft, and soon the Light Weight Towed Howitzer for the Marines.
- I believe we are taking the initiative for transatlantic cooperation. We strongly support international cooperation to improve interoperability for coalition warfare. I would encourage British and other Allies' to continue to keep pace technologically so that interoperability is not degraded.
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