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From the Private Secretary

23 April, 1982

OPERATION PARAQUET

Thank you for your letter of 23 April.

The Prime Minister agrees that a telegram should be sent to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary informing him, for his strictly personal information, that there has been bad weather causing some delay, but that reconnaissance is proceeding.

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23 April, 1982.

A.J. Coles, Esq.,
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Dear John.

OPERATION PARAQUET

As I told you on the telephone this morning, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary asked before his departure for Washington yesterday if I would ensure that he was kept informed of any developments over Operation Paraquet.

I understand that the Prime Minister has instructed that information on this operation should be kept very close indeed, but I would be most grateful if you were able to authorise the despatch of a telegram on the lines of the enclosed draft. In the circumstances, I am showing this letter and its enclosure to the Permanent Under-Secretary, but to no one else here.

Yours trv.

(P.R.H. Wright)

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Following/personal for Private Secretary to
Secretary of State from Wright: Parquet.

The Prime Minister has agreed that the Secretary
of State should be told, for his strictly personal
information, that ~~there have been some initial~~
problems, mainly caused by bad weather,
over the first reconnaissance, and that this
will have led to some delay. Further parties have now
been landed, but it is unlikely that the operation
~~itself will now take place before 25 or 26 April.~~

*There has been bad weather causing some
delay but reconnaissance is proceeding.*

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