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SECOND BATTALION AND THIRD BATTALION PARACHUTE REGIMENTS,  
ALDERSHOT

1. Sometime ago, the Chief Whip told the Prime Minister that the Commanding Officer of these two Battalions would be thrilled by a visit from the Prime Minister to their Headquarters at Aldershot.
2. The Prime Minister responded warmly to this suggestion.
3. Deliberately, I did not report this to you because of the fearful burdens on the Prime Minister, and not least because this means travelling out of London and would involve spending longer than a short time at Aldershot.
4. However, Murdo McLean, who had mentioned this to Michael Jopling in the first place, raised the matter with me again yesterday.
5. I pass the message on to you for action or in-action as you judge best.

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