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Middle East (2)

Prime Minister

To note.

The proposal is for the supply of 180,000 Barmine anti-personnel mines. The Foreign Secretary and Defence Secretary are in agreement.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

Barmine for Iraq

1. In your minute of 29 January you suggested that we should now agree to the release of Barmine to the Iraqis, along with 60 minelayers and 14 Ranger mine launchers. I can agree to this, but I believe that we should be careful not to give the impression to the Iraqis that the flood gates are now open. We have already agreed to the refurbishment of the captured Chieftain tanks (though they have not yet accepted our offer). We shall supply Barmine, and of course Hawk.

2. This is far beyond what we are supplying to Iran, and I think we should take the opportunity to point this out to the Iraqis. No doubt they will expect more, and no doubt we shall have to consider supplying more, but we should, I think, try to hold the line for the time being.

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