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From the Private Secretary

24 May 1982

IRAN/ IRAQ WAR

The Prime Minister was grateful for your letter of 21 May. With regard to your paragraph 9, she commented that she would expect the Soviet Union to opt for Iran rather than Iraq, working through Syrian influence which Mrs. Thatcher understands is becoming greater in Iran.

The Prime Minister has also said that she would like to see a fresh JIC assessment of the Iraq/Iran situation. I should be grateful if David Wright (to whom I am copying this letter together with a copy of your own) could kindly set this in hand.

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At a later stage the Prime Minister may wish to hold a meeting to discuss the Iraq/Iran situation.

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