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Right Honourable The Secretary
of State for Defence,
Ministry of Defence,
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Prime Minister

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Dear David,

Defence Sales to Iran

TPM The Lord Chancellor has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 13th July to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. He has commented that if, as seems likely, the reports in the press about an Iranian build up of troops for incursions into Iraq are true, and the Iranians embark on aggression against Basra or some other part of Iraq, we should refrain from negotiating with them on the subject of arms sales. The sale of arms to any aggressors would shed a bad light on our own arms sanctions against Argentina.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister, other members of OD, the Secretary of State for Industry and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Collon
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