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*From the Private Secretary**cc DEFENCE: future UK
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During the Prime Minister's visit to Canada last week she had some discussion with Mr. Trudeau of the Korean airliner incident. At one point, Mr. Trudeau said that he would not expect to be consulted if a hostile aircraft penetrated Canadian air space and the military judged it necessary to shoot it down. The Prime Minister took the view that our own procedures would require Ministers to be consulted before such action was taken.

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I should be most grateful if you could arrange for me to receive a note of the procedures that would apply in such an event.

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