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Dear Stephen,

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ARMED FORCES BILL 1986

As you know, Legislation Committee agreed yesterday to the introduction of the Armed Forces Bill in the Commons.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for notice of presentation to be tabled today for introduction of the Bill at the commencement of public business on Thursday 7th November and publication the following day.

The Bill should be presented by Mr Secretary Heseltine, supported by:

Mr Secretary Hurd
Mr Secretary Fowler
Mr Solicitor General
Mr John Stanley

I am copying this letter to Tim Flesher (Prime Minister's office), Joan MacNaughton (Lord President's Office), Alison Smith (Lord Privy Seal's Office), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office, Commons), David Beamish (Chief Whip's Office, Lords), Mike Eland (Cabinet Office) and Brian Shillito.

Yours sincerely,

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