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13 August 1990

Dear Charles,

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ON 13/8.*

**A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MUBARAK**

You agreed over the weekend that it would be right to propose to the Prime Minister that she send a message of gratitude and encouragement to President Mubarak in the wake of his spirited performance in rallying Arab support against Iraq, particularly in pushing through at the Cairo Summit on 10 August the resolution calling for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and military assistance to Saudi Arabia.

/ The enclosed draft is a more fullsome version of that suggested in Cairo telno 518.

*Yours sincerely*

*Dominic Asquith*

Dominic Asquith  
Private Secretary to  
The Rt Hon William Waldegrave

Charles Powell Esq  
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9 YOUR TELNO 518: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MUBARAK

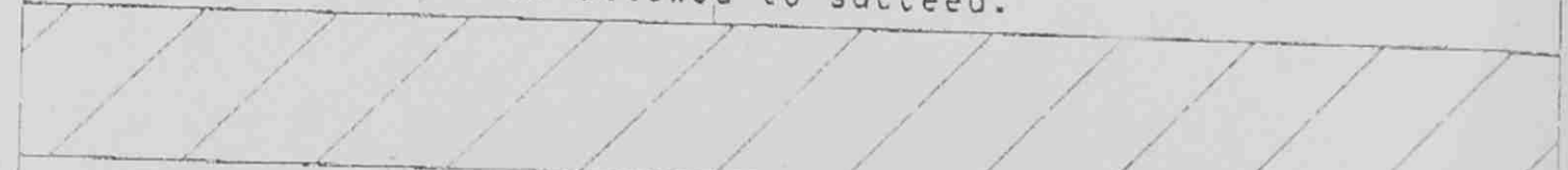
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11 1. Please pass the following message from the Prime Minister to  
12 President Mubarak:

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14 I wanted to say how much I have admired your strength and  
15 diplomatic skills in dealing with the enormous problems that  
16 have been created by the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. The rallying  
17 of Arab support for Kuwait and for the measures taken by the  
18 United Nations is of the greatest importance. I know how much  
19 you personally have done to achieve this. Your decision to send  
20 attachments of Egyptian forces to assist our friends in Saudi  
21 Arabia and the Gulf is of great significance and very welcome to  
22 us in Britain.

23 Thank you too for Egypt's ready cooperation in granting  
24 over-flying rights for Royal Air Force aircraft on their way to  
25 the Gulf.

26 I know how difficult decisions are at this moment for our  
27 friends in the Arab world. If I may say so you have set a great  
28 example in firm action in support of the principle that  
29 aggression must not be allowed to succeed.



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*From the Private Secretary*

14 August 1990

MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MUBARAK

BF // This is to confirm that the proposed message from the Prime Minister to President Mubarak can issue, as we informed the Emergency Unit last night.

CHARLES POWELL

The Hon. Dominic Asquith  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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