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From the Private Secretary

14 August 1990

Dear Jane,

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Thank you for your letter of 14 August about the problems which have arisen over the Rules of Engagement for our Tornado aircraft in Saudi Arabia. I have shown this to the Prime Minister who is seized of the problem. She understands that every effort will be made to resolve it tomorrow, so that our aircraft can start combat air patrols. If the fact of the present disagreement were to become public, it would be damaging both to us and to the multinational force. I hope you will be able to let us have some recommendations by tomorrow evening.

I am copying this letter to Dominic Asquith (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Elizabeth Wilmshurst (Law Officers' Department) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,
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C. D. POWELL

Miss Jane Binstead,
Ministry of Defence.