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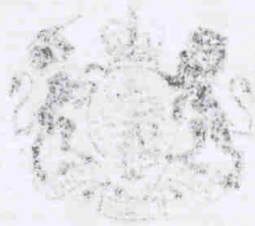
From the Private Secretary

Prime Minister

The Gulf Crisis

I attach the main overnight
Telegramms.

I understand that the UN
Security Council ~~broke~~ broke at
0230 without result. The Americans
are particularly fidgety about an
Iraqi tanker in the Gulf of
Oman, which is due in Aden at
1500 today. Apparently the Yemenis said



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in the Security Council that

they would observe sanctions &
impound the tanker. It is not

clear yet whether the Americans

regard this as sufficient assurance

to delay using force to

halt it.

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