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I thought you would wish to be aware that in the interests of security and sanctions enforcement, and for obvious humanitarian reasons, my officials have agreed with BT International and Mercury Communications that telecommunications lines should be maintained with Iraq and Kuwait and that where interference problems arise, these links should be re-routed as they would in normal circumstances.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and to Sir Robin Butler.

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