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From the Private Secretary

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IRAQ/KUWAIT

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary discussed one or two points about the Gulf at their bilateral this evening. They agreed that our Ambassador in Kuwait should remain for the time being and we should look at the position again in about three weeks' time.

The Foreign Secretary mentioned the Archbishop of Canterbury's intention to send representatives to try to visit the hostages in Iraq. The Prime Minister said she thought the Foreign Secretary ought tactfully to discourage this and suggest it would be better to use the ICRC.

In discussion of next steps in the Security Council, the Foreign Secretary mentioned the idea of a presentation of exactly what is happening in Kuwait. The Prime Minister thought this a good idea.

I am copying this letter to Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence) and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely,

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