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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Stephen.

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The Foreign Secretary suggested to the Prime Minister this afternoon that it would be very important, as the likelihood of war in the Gulf grew, to maintain the high degree of national unity which the Government had so far achieved. This would include such steps as a Prime Ministerial broadcast, meetings with church leaders, briefing the Leader of the Opposition, with the basic purpose of preparing people for the eventuality of war. While agreeing with the objective, the Prime Minister was inclined to think that many of these steps could not actually be taken until after a formal decision to resort to the military option had been taken, and therefore at the very last minute. But she agreed it would be useful if the Foreign Secretary were to draw together some of the steps he thought would be necessary in this situation. They might then discuss them with close colleagues.

*Yours sincerely,
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