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From the Private Secretary

17 December 1990

Dear Simon,

MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR BRITISH FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Prime Minister has seen the Defence Secretary's minute of 14 December proposing calling out some 1,000 reservists to provide medical support - principally in this country - for our forces in the Gulf: and the call out of 4626 Sqn RAuxAF under section 10 of the Reserve Forces Act. Subject to the views of colleagues, the Prime Minister agrees these are necessary steps and that Parliament should be informed as soon as possible this week.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of OPD(G), to Tim Sutton (Lord President's Office), Stephen Alcock (Department of Health), Jim Gallagher (Scottish Office), Jeremy Heywood (Chief Secretary's Office) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

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