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*From the Private Secretary*

23 December 1990

*Dear Sir,*

**THE THREAT TO BRITISH CIVIL AVIATION  
IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICT IN THE GULF**

The Prime Minister has seen the Transport Secretary's minute of 20 December outlining steps to deal with the increased threat to British civil aviation in the event there is a conflict in the Gulf. Subject to the views of colleagues he is content with what is proposed.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of OPD(T), Jeremy Heywood (Chief Secretary's office) and to Sir Robin Butler.

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