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TAM DALYELL, MP: REQUEST FOR RECALL OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. Dalyell rang this Office on Thursday 27 December to put on record his request that the immediate recall of Parliament be considered, to allow for debate on the compulsory call-up of Reservists to serve in the Gulf. (The media had given quite extensive coverage to the possibility that MOD's request for volunteers from the Reserves would not produce sufficient and that compulsory call-up might therefore be necessary).

He was told that his request would certainly be passed on to you promptly, and that you would no doubt consider it alongside any other representations that you received.

I recommend no further action for now. As with requests for the recall of Parliament in early August, in the immediate aftermath of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, you would need a formal request from the official Opposition to start thinking seriously about a recall. But you and copy recipients should be aware of Mr. Dalyell's request.

  
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