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From the Private Secretary

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BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE IN LEBANON

When the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary called on the Prime Minister today for a general discussion about various foreign policy issues, reference was made to Mr. Pym's minute of 16 November about the British contribution to a multinational force in the Lebanon.

The Prime Minister confirmed her earlier view that there should be no British participation in the force.

Mr. Pym informed the Prime Minister that, in consultation with the Secretary of State for Defence, he would be putting forward a proposal for the provision of training facilities for the Lebanese forces.

The Prime Minister does not think it necessary for this and the other issues referred to in Mr. Pym's minute of 16 November to be discussed in OD at present.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the members of OD and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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