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From the Private Secretary

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When the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary called on the Prime Minister this morning he gave Mrs. Thatcher a brief account of the outcome of Mr. Egerton's visit to Beirut last week and the current position of the British contingent in the multi-national force. Mr. Pym explained that he had asked Mr. Egerton to undertake this visit because he was concerned about some of the signals we were receiving from the area.

Mr. Pym described the position on the ground, illustrating this with a map. He told the Prime Minister that Mr. Egerton had expressed confidence in the British officers commanding the force.

The Prime Minister said that she was somewhat reassured by the proximity to the British contingent of the US troops and of the new Israeli command post which had been established.

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