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*From the Private Secretary*

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Multi-national Force in the Lebanon

You will no doubt be letting me have in due course advice for consideration by the Prime Minister on the future of the British contingent in the multi-national force. In this connection, you should know that when the Prime Minister saw Washington Telegram No. 657 she commented that she was opposed to an expansion of the role of the MNF in assisting the Lebanese army in areas from which the Israelis and Syrians might withdraw.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

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