FRANCIS PYM LEAVING NO. 10 ON SATURDAY 22 MAY AT 1250 HOURS

Pym: I would just like to say that our forces have performed extremely well - the Royal Navy, the Marines, the Army and the Royal Air Force performed extremely well.

Further particulars will be given by John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, and on the diplomatic side the issues are of course under consideration in the Security Council and further discussions will be taking place there today. I think that is all I have to say at the moment but on the military side Mr. Nott will be giving further information later on today.

Q: Does it still look like a long a bloody conflict?

Pym: I think we'll leave it there for the moment. Thank you.