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1. THE PRESS LINE QUOTED IN MY MESSAGE TO MR HAIG WAS FIRMLY INTENDED TO BE OFF THE RECORD GUIDANCE. HOWEVER IT WAS ISSUED IN ERROR AS A STATEMENT FROM NO 10 AND IS APPEARING AS SUCH IN THE MEDIA. THIS IS REGRETTABLE. PARTICULARLY SINCE MR HAIG HIMSELF WAS ANXIOUS THAT WE SHOULD NOT GO TOO PUBLIC TOO SOON. IF THE AMERICANS COMPLAIN TO YOU ABOUT THIS YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE HAD CERTAINLY NOT INTENDED THAT A STATEMENT BE ISSUED. A GENUINE MISTAKE WAS MADE WHICH WE REGRET.

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