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Dear Simon,

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Medical Support for British Forces Middle East

At a brief meeting of OPD(G) ^{attached} this morning Ministers discussed and approved the Defence Secretary's minute MO 6/17/15/18 of 14 December to the Prime Minister. Ministers concluded that the call-out of certain essential reservists under Section 10 of the Reserve Forces Act 1980 would be necessary. The Attorney General confirmed that the conditions for the exercise of this section of the Act had been met.

2. In addition to all OPD(G) Ministers, the offices of the Lord President, the Health Secretary, the Scottish Secretary and the Chief Secretary, Treasury had been consulted and had confirmed that their Ministers were content with what was proposed, though in some cases they might have comments of detail on the implementation.

3. I am sending copies of this letter to Charles Powell (No 10), Stephen Wall (FCO), John Neilson (Energy), Juliet Wheldon (Law Officers), the Chief of the Defence Staff, Sir Percy Cradock and Sonia Phippard.

Yours ever,

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