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From the Private Secretary

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## GULF CRISIS: CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

The Prime Minister has considered the Home Secretary's minute of 18 December and agrees that a draft Bill and Regulations should be prepared to provide necessary emergency powers in the event of a conflict in the Gulf. It should be ready by 14 January.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of Cabinet, to Juliet Wheldon (Law Officers' Department), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Sonia Phippard (Sir Robin Butler's Office).

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