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From the Private Secretary

2 January 1991

Dear Simon,

TIMING OF MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ

The Prime Minister has seen the Defence Secretary's minute of 31 December about the implications for our forces of the timing of military action against Iraq. He has asked what action can be taken to speed up deliveries of the items mentioned in paragraph 4 to ensure that our forces reach maximum readiness at an earlier date. He would like a very early report on this.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign Secretary and to Sir Robin Butler.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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