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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

PRIME MINISTER'S CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BUSH: THE GULF

At the end of his telephone conversation with the Prime Minister this morning on the Gulf, President Bush confirmed specifically that his views on the timing of military operations against Iraq remained as he had explained them to the Prime Minister at Camp David. One or two people thought that he might be 24 hours or so too precipitate. That was possible. But his firm view remained that action must be taken sooner rather than later.

This note should be seen only by the Foreign Secretary, the Defence Secretary, CDS, Sir Robin Butler and Sir Percy Cradock.

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