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From the Private Secretary

4 January 1991

Dear Colonel Durance,

THE GULF: RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Thank you for your letter D/MIN(AF)/AH/5/30A of 3 January, proposing amendments to the Rules of Engagement for British Forces in the Gulf to give UK commanders delegated authority to respond to Iraqi pre-emptive attacks. I have consulted the Prime Minister who is content with the revised ROE, provided that colleagues, and particularly the Attorney-General, are satisfied.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of OPD(G) and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. POWELL

Lieutenant Colonel J.R. Durance,
Ministry of Defence.