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*From the Private Secretary*

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**GULF BRIEFINGS**

Thank you for your letter of 3 January to Charles Powell which the Prime Minister has seen.

The Prime Minister welcomes the briefings which your Secretary of State has given to Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Campbell who have been helpful and provided good support. He believes these briefings should continue, as should the briefings to Sir David Steel and Mr. Ashdown. The Prime Minister would prefer to stick to the practice of individual briefings for Mr. Kinnock, though he would be content for the Defence Secretary to join him as and when necessary.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if the Defence Secretary would brief Mr. Howell, Mr. Mates and Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith.

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