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YOUR TELNO 467: RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

1. UK/US RULES OF ENGAGEMENT CURRENTLY IN FORCE PERMIT OUR FORCES TO ATTACK POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED IRAQI AIRCRAFT UNDER SPECIFICALLY DEFINED CIRCUMSTANCES. THE AIR COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES IS CONCERNED THAT THE IRAQIS MIGHT MOUNT AN ATTACK BY THEIR PILOTS FLYING KUWAITI AIRCRAFT AND HAS THEREFORE ASKED MOD FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE RULES TO INCLUDE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT CARRYING KUWAITI MARKINGS. I SEE MERIT IN THIS APPROACH.

2. REGARDING THE NEED FOR KUWAITI AGREEMENT, THE PRECISE CONDITIONS WE CHOOSE FOR OUR RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IS A MATTER FOR HMG TO DECIDE. WE MAY CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE TO ISSUE A WARNING, ESPECIALLY TO THIRD PARTIES, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT NEED THEIR AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO INSTITUTE THEM. I COULD TAKE THIS UP WITH THE KUWAITIS WHEN I SEE THEM IN TAIF ON 25 AUGUST BUT AM RELUCTANT TO DO SO. SURELY THIS IS A MATTER FOR HMG ALONE? IF YOU STILL WISH ME TO CONSULT KUWAITIS PLEASE CONFIRM BY DESKBY 250500Z

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