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Following for General Scowcroft from Charles Powell.

Dear Brent,

As Antony Acland will have told you, Percy Cradock is planning to be in Washington next week at the Prime Minister's suggestion and is looking forward to his meeting with you on 23 October. It will inevitably centre on the Gulf. He will not want to get into sensitive areas of military strategy and planning, but would welcome a good exchange of views on the crisis in its various aspects and the options open to us (and to the Iraqis) in the coming months. He will of course treat the substance of the discussions with the greatest discretion and will report only to the Prime Minister.

Warm regards,

CHARLES

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WARM REGARDS,

CHARLES

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