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*From the Private Secretary*

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*Der Steph.*

IRAQ/KUWAIT: BBC

When Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia saw the Prime Minister this morning, he complained about the BBC Arabic Service's broadcasts to the Gulf about the Iraq/Kuwait crisis. Many people in the area listened to the BBC and it was shocking that the content of some of the broadcasts was hard to distinguish from Radio Baghdad. The BBC Arabic Service seemed to be contaminated by Palestinians and Sudanese. At the least it ought to take a neutral line rather than a positively hostile one. He hoped the Prime Minister would have some enquiries made. The Prime Minister said that she would ask the Foreign Secretary to let her have a report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Powell'.

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