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Prime Minister

This is a lot better than the resolution which Jim Baker was proposing. Agree that we should discuss it privately with the Americans? CDH

Dear Mr Powell,

**GULF CRISIS: POLITICAL PRELIMINARIES TO MILITARY ACTION**

Following discussions with Mr Baker on 9 November, the Foreign Secretary asked that urgent work should be put in hand on the text of a draft UN Secretary Council Resolution authorising the use of force.

The Foreign Secretary, who has approved the enclosed draft prepared by our Legal Advisers, does not think it would be right to include wording authorising the use of force after a given date if Iraq had not withdrawn from Kuwait, as Mr Baker suggested. The draft therefore contains no date and is indeed just about as simple and straightforward as can be described. It will not be possible in his view to avoid a reporting provision as contained in para 3.

If the Prime Minister is content Sir D Hannay will be authorised to discuss at once with the Americans in New York. There is much to be said for basing Anglo-American discussion on a British draft if we can.

Yours sincerely,  
Dennis Keefe

Resident Clerk  
for Private Secretary

The Security Council

Noting that, despite all efforts by the United Nations, Iraq refuses to comply with its obligation to implement Resolution 660 (1990) and related resolutions, in flagrant contempt of the Council,

Mindful of its duties and responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance and preservation of international peace and security,

Determined to secure full compliance with its decisions.

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Decides that Member States shall take such action, in cooperation with Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other States of the Gulf, as is necessary to procure the liberation of Kuwait and the restoration of the authority of its legitimate Government, and to restore international peace and security in the area.
2. Requests all States to provide appropriate support for the actions undertaken in pursuance of paragraph 1 of this Resolution.
3. Requests the States concerned to keep the Council regularly informed on the progress of actions undertaken pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Resolution.



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*From the Private Secretary*

12 November 1990

**GULF CRISIS: POLITICAL PRELIMINARIES  
TO MILITARY ACTION**

Thank you for your letter of 10 November covering the text of a draft UN Security Council Resolution authorising the use of force. I have shown this to the Prime Minister who would be content for us to use it as a basis for discussion with the Americans in Washington and New York.

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