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Mr P Hine  
 Admiral  
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Dear Charles,

THE GULF: STRATEGIC AND MILITARY OBJECTIVES

Following the OD(G) discussion yesterday, the Defence Secretary spoke to Secretary Cheney to chase up a response to his letter of 7th November with the UK position paper on Iraq/Kuwait. Mr Cheney said that they were now ready to have discussions with us about ideas in the paper which they had found helpful though they did not agree with all of it. He emphasised the meeting should be kept to a very small circle.

Subsequently we have been making arrangements with Mr Cheney's office. The conclusion was that the meeting should be on an "Defense-led inter-agency" basis. The teams are likely to be:

US

Wolfowitz  
 (Deputy Secretary for Defense)

Admiral Jeremiah  
 (4 Star Vice Chairman of the  
 Joint Chiefs of Staff)

Kimmit  
 (State Department)

Haas  
 (National Security Council)

UK

Air Chief Marshal Sir P Hine  
 (4 Star Joint Commander)

Broomfield  
 (Foreign & Commonwealth Office)

Bevan  
 AUS (Commitments), MOD

The meeting is being arranged for Monday or Tuesday of next week, to allow a report ahead of the OD(G) meeting.

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The Agenda for the meeting was set by the Defence Secretary's letter to Mr Cheney of 7th November. The aim of the team is to work towards a joint political directive on the lines approved by UK Ministers. While I do not think it would be sensible for the UK team to be over constrained, the discussions will clearly have to be ad referendum to Ministers.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Stephen Wall (FCO) and Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours sincerely  
John Webb.*

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Private Secretary