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From the Private Secretary

9 September 1983

LEBANON: RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR BUCCANEER AIRCRAFT

There was a brief meeting at Chequers this afternoon to consider the Rules of Engagement for the Buccaneer aircraft which have been despatched to Cyprus to provide support for the British contingent in the Multi National Force. The meeting was chaired by the Prime Minister and attended by the Defence Secretary, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, Mr. Pattie, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Luce and officials.

Draft Rules of Engagement, circulated by the Ministry of Defence, were considered and amended in the light of the discussion, and approved.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for a copy of the approved version to be sent to me, Brian Fall and Richard Hatfield, to both of whom I am copying this letter.

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