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	10	FOLLOWING FOR PS TO PRIME MINISTER; FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY; AND
	11	FOR PUS
	12	Situation Report 21/22 November
	13	Gulf War
	14	1. Fighting continues in the northern sector with the Iranians
	15	on the offensive but suffering heavy casualties. Iraq claims to
	16	have destroyed seven ships and one aircraft near Bandar Khomeini
	17	at the head of the Gulf. The Iranians have admitted that two
	18	cargo ships were damaged.
	19	Lebanon
	20	2. HMS Glamorgan and HMS Brazen are due to arrive off Beirut
	21	today (22 November) to provide temporary cover until HMS Fearless
///	22	takes up station as additional logistical support for BRITFORLEB
//	23	(28 November).
/	24	3. At today's EC Foreign Minister's meeting the Ten are
	25	discussing a UK outline draft of principles of a settlement of

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2 the Lebanese crisis to issue at ^{the} end of ^{the} European Council, 4-6
3 December. This would define the Ten's position within the wider
4 Arab/Israel context. The Americans have seen our first draft in
5 confidence and expressed some reservations which have been taken
6 into account in redrafting. In introducing our draft Mr Rifkind
7 will also make orally the points important to the Americans,
8 notably the need to refrain from publicly torpedoing the unratified
9 Lebanon/Israel account of 17 May 1983. The result after the Ten's
10 deliberations is likely to be further changes, and may not please
11 Washington. But by then it will not be a purely British draft.
12 4. Arafat's loyalists have again lost access to Baddawi Camp in
13 Tripoli. The port and Zahrieh district (Arafat's HQ) are under
14 heavy bombardment from Syrian-backed rebels, who have apparently
15 entered the town. The local Lebanese Militias may be drawn in.
16 Over half the civilian population are now estimated to have fled
17 the city. Arafat remains adamant that he will not leave without
18 guarantees of safety for his men. Diplomatic attempts to arrange a
19 ceasefire continue. A non-aligned delegation composed of the
20 Foreign Ministers of India, Cuba, Senegal and Yugoslavia is due
21 in Damascus by the weekend, ostensibly to mediate between the
22 Palestinian factions but actually to plead with Khaddam to allow
23 for a ceasefire at Tripoli. By then Arafat's position may be
24 desperate.
25 Grenada
26 5. The Governor-General has asked Montgomery for assistance with
27 the prison service. He said that there was an immediate need for
28 an experienced prison administrator plus two or three prison
29 officers in a supervisory grade.
30 Cyprus
31 6. Apart from the messages which the Secretary of State is
32 sending his Greek and Turkish colleagues, main developments are
33 (i) the Turkish Defence Minister is touring certain Islamic
34 countries to drum up support for the Turkish position on UDI; and

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(ii) Perez de Cuellar has told Sir J Thomson that he does not intend to appoint a successor to Gobbi. We are urging him to do so to prevent the appearance of lack of interest in Cyprus by the UN at this crucial time.

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