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Sherard Cowper-Coles
Principal Private Secretary to the
Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary
Room 52
Downing Street West SW1

Dear Sherard,
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Following yesterday's meeting between the Defence Secretary, the Attorney General and Mr Wilson, officials met this morning to finalise a text on the humanitarian justification for the No Fly Zones. I enclose with this letter a copy of the latest draft and I should be grateful for the approval of your Secretary of State and of the Defence Secretary to forward the text to the Attorney's Legal Advisers tomorrow morning, stating that it has the endorsement of the Foreign and Defence Secretaries.

2. As you may know, the Attorney has also asked to see copies of the earlier drafts and covering letters - that is my two letters of 2 February and my letter of 5 February. These are also enclosed for information.

3. I am copying this to John Sawers (No 10), Julian Miller (MOD), Alan Goulty, William Patey, Michael Wood and Iain MacLeod (FCO), Simon Webb and Martin Hemming (MOD), Richard Abel, Robert Cooper, Peter Ricketts and Jon Day (Cabinet Office) and to Sir John Kerr (FCO).

Yours,
Tom

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