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From the Private Secretary

23 July 2002

Dear Simon,

**IRAQ: PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING, 23 JULY: FOLLOW UP**

The Foreign and Defence Secretaries and others discussed Iraq with the Prime Minister on 23 July. I have recorded, for those present only, the discussion. The action points for the FCO, MOD and Cabinet Office were:

- (a) The Foreign Secretary will send advice to the Prime Minister on the positions of countries in the region, particularly Turkey, and of the main EU members. He will also set out for the Prime Minister the background on the UN inspectors, and work up discreetly the ultimatum to Saddam. Please could we have these by close on 30 July.
- (b) CDS will tell the US military that we are considering a range of options for any UK involvement in any military operation. He will also send the Prime Minister full details of the proposed military campaign and options for a UK contribution. Please could we have these by close on 30 July (or, if they are already available, on 26 July in time for the Prime Minister's weekend box).
- (c) John Scarlett will provide updated intelligence. We suggest that this is weekly, on Friday mornings for the Prime Minister's weekend box.

I am copying this to Peter Watkins (MOD) and Ian Fletcher and John Scarlett (Cabinet Office).

Yours,

MATTHEW RYCROFT

Simon McDonald, FCO

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