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Many thanks for his. In light  
of the further meeting planned for this week (your para 3 below), I  
agree with para 4. Can I ask that we are informed of the outcome  
of this meeting, even if no substantive changes result?  
PS/PUS

**IRAQ: PROPOSED CHANGES TO TRAVEL IN SOUTHERN IRAQ FOR  
HMG CIVILIAN STAFF**

MK 13/3  
PS/AJS

1. I discussed your manuscript minute of 28 February (attached below) with
2. Your understanding of the arrangements for reviewing the travel rules for HMG civilian staff in southern Iraq are the same as our's: ie, the arrangements as set out in paragraph 4 of my submission of 17 January, with a monthly review/scrutiny in London (as described in paragraph 5).
3. However, as you are aware, this plan has been somewhat overtaken following the recent rocket attacks on our compounds in Basra and Baghdad and the oral briefing and (Overseas Security Adviser, SMD) gave to the PUS on 23 February. Both Posts have been instructed to review their staffing levels and I understand that representatives from HR and the Iraq Directorate are due to meet next week to discuss this review. The outcome of this meeting will be reported to the PUS and to Ministers if appropriate.
4. I note that my submission of 17 January did not reach APS/Dr Howells or the Private Secretary. Unless you disagree, I do not intend to recirculate it given the staffing review currently underway.

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