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**IRAQ: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MEETING AT NO. 10  
ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2003**

1. The Attorney General telephoned to report on the meeting he had had at No. 10 with Jonathan Powell, Baroness Morgan and Sir David Manning. The Attorney confirmed that he had deployed in full the lines to take of 27 February prepared by Cathy Adams for this purpose (attached at **flag A**), with the exception of the square-bracketed sentence on page 3 of the lines to take (referring to the fact that on previous occasions the Government had engaged in military action on a no more than reasonably arguable legal basis).
2. Jonathan Powell said that he understood the Attorney's advice in summary to mean that by far the safest way forward is to obtain a second Resolution, but that, if we are unable to obtain one, it might be arguable that we do not need one, although we could not be confident that a court would agree with this.
3. The No. 10 representatives confirmed that the US and UK Governments were continuing with their intensive efforts to secure the passage of a second Resolution, if at all possible.
4. Jonathan Powell confirmed that No. 10 did not wish the Attorney's advice to become public.

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