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Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister,  
and Head of the Defence and Overseas Secretariat

14 March 2003

Dear Peter,

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### IRAQ: THE MILITARY PLAN

Thank you for your letter of 11 March.

The Prime Minister is content with the military plan as you set it out, and as it was amplified by the Defence Secretary and the Chief of the Defence Staff at the meeting here yesterday. I have written to you separately asking whether the recent JIC paper on Baghdad raises any further issues.

I am copying this letter to Simon McDonald (FCO), Mark Bowman (HMT) and to Desmond Bowen (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely  
David Manning

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Peter Watkins  
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