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1. Thank you for your minute (DG Op Pol/4/6/1/1) of 2 April.
2. The Secretary of State agrees that:
  - UK Forces' linkage with the Iraqis should reflect their system of governance and should thus be arranged on a provincial basis.
  - UK Forces should use the Joint Commission model.
  - UK Forces should be deployed on an intelligence-led rather than a framework basis, with emphasis on indicators and warning as well as mobility.
3. Mr Hoon notes that the COS will provide advice in due course on the geographical area that UK Forces should cover.

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4. Mr Hoon spoke to Donald Rumsfeld at 1500 today as planned. I have circulated a record of the discussion separately.

Signed on Original  
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PS/Secretary of State

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