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IRAQ: POLICE TRAINING: UPDATE: 18 SEPTEMBER

1. Police training in Jordan

CPA plan

- Iraqrep reports that Bremer has agreed to the proposal for police training based in Jordan and the concept is being worked up by DCC Brand and McManaway (Bremer's deputy).
- Implementation is the responsibility of the US Department of Justice International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Programme (ICITAP). The ICITAP programme needs to be led by an American. A possible candidate would be the head of the Kosovo Police Academy (Bennett).
- Iraqrep and Washington report that there is, as yet, no wider CPA policing framework. DCC Brand is confident that training can, for now, be carried forward without this.
- The CPA plan is for the first police course in Jordan to begin around 12 December, drawn from police trainees already under training at the start of the conflict. We have suggested that this should be brought forward to allow training to begin immediately after the end of Ramadan (27 October to 26 November). We do not believe effective an effective training course could be provided during Ramadan. Iraqrep has highlighted the importance of keeping the project under the CPA umbrella.

Support for DCC Brand

- We have agreed with MoD Police that six officers (a Chief Inspector, an Inspector and four junior ranks) can be deployed quickly to provide the support requested by Brand to implement the Jordan police training programme. We expect these officers to arrive in Baghdad around 29 September. A UK Superintendent is already in place in Baghdad. Further staff can be made available if requested by Brand.
- A pressing challenge will be the establishment of an effective recruitment process to identify, process and transport 35,000 trainees. CPA estimate that this will initially require 25 police advisers to work alongside Iraqi police officers in carrying out recruitment. We think the bulk of these will need to come from a US contractor (eg DynCorp).

Project office in Jordan

- Brand and McManaway will return to Amman during the week beginning 22 September to agree an MoU with the Jordanians to allow contractors to begin work on developing the training facilities. The FCO police adviser and a Metropolitan Police training expert will also be in Amman to support the negotiations.
- We have agreed with ACPO that a team of police training experts will deploy to Amman in early October to help CPA manage the Jordan end of the project and provide the nucleus of the UK contribution to the training school.

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Trainers

- We are selecting 80 UK police trainers to deploy to Jordan in time to contribute to the first course.
- Once the training requirements for the Jordan course have been agreed we will lobby potential international contributors. Schroeder's staff have told the Embassy in Berlin that the German government wishes to contribute. The Danes are already providing trainers in Basra.

2. Police Training in Basra

- The first three week course for serving Iraqi police officers at the UK-led Regional Police Training Academy (RPTA) in Basra will begin on 15 October.
- The RPTA is being expanded to accommodate larger courses. This work will be completed by early December. We have agreed with ACPO that an extra UK 20 police trainers will be sent to Basra once the facility is ready to use them.

3. Police leadership training

- We are in discussion with CENTREX (Police staff college at Bramshill) on the provision of a four week leadership course for around 40 senior Iraqi police. Provisional planning is for a course in November.

4. Other police issues

- Brand has requested four additional officers to work with the US military in a Joint Command Cell being set up in Baghdad to avoid 'friendly fire' incidents. We are approaching the Police Service of Northern Ireland, as a potential source of officers with the right civ-mil experience.
- Brand has also suggested that UK should provide advisers to the regional police training academies in Kirkuk and Mosul. We think that Jordan and Basra are more urgent priorities for now (but would not rule out the possibility for the longer term).
- The US State Department estimate the potential cost of establishing the Iraqi police at \$1 billion. Initial State Department allocations of \$25 million have already been spent. State are concerned that insufficient US resources will be available and will be lobbying other donors. We will need to consider whether to offer financial as well as human resources.

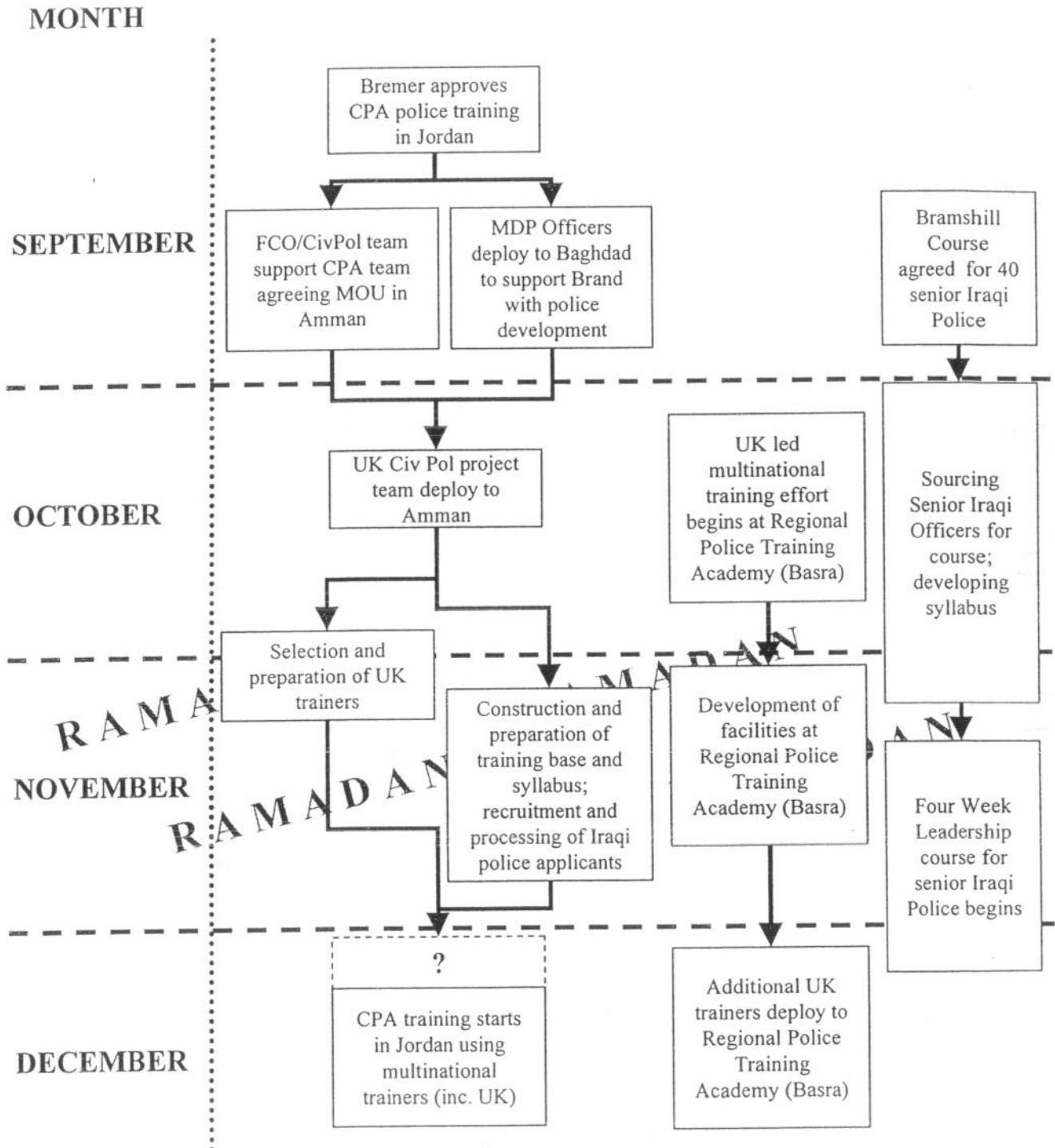
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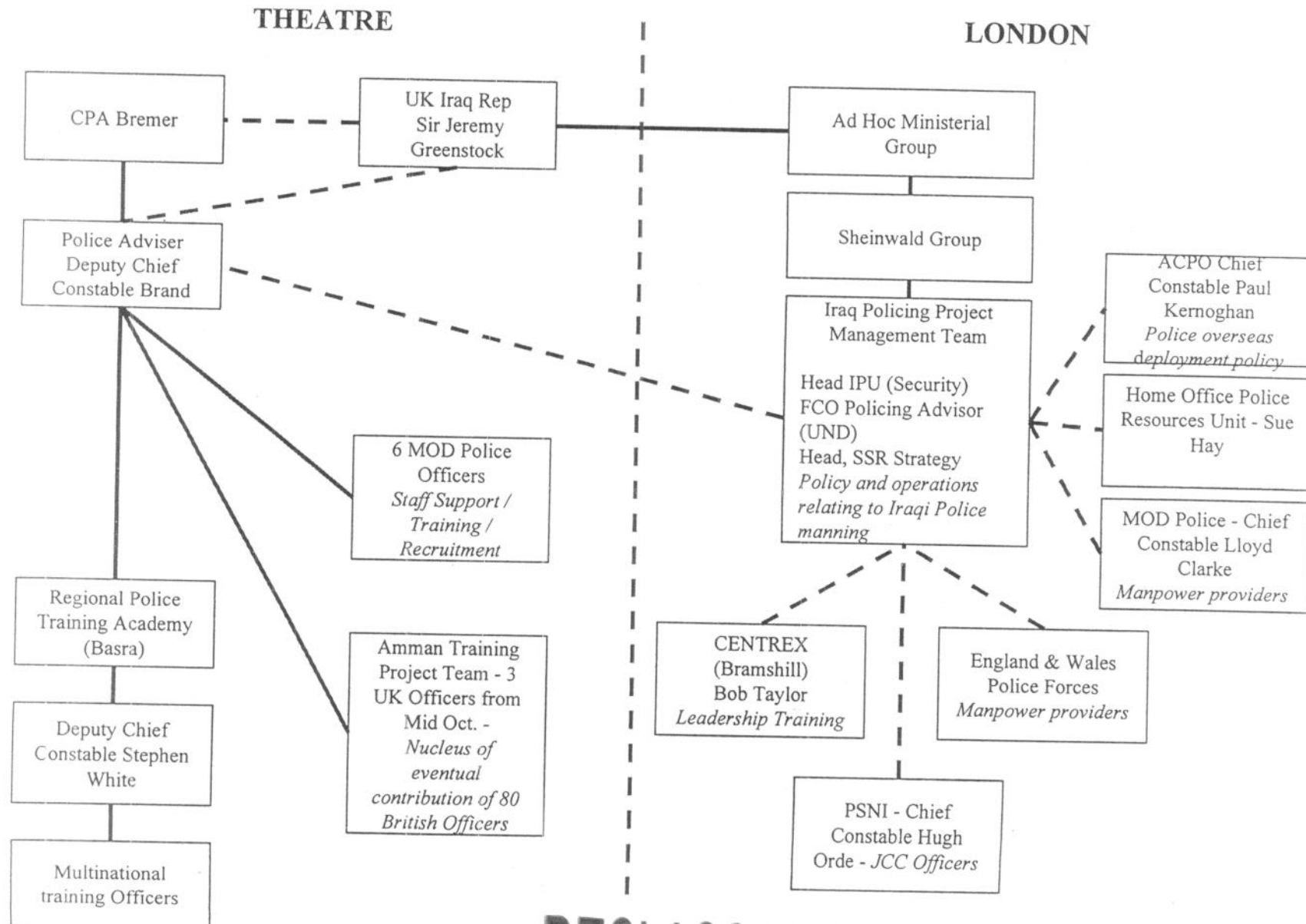
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