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IRAQ: US VISIT

You will be receiving lots of briefing from FCO and MOD. These are few OD Sec points, just in case they slip through the briefing.

- Agree on need for joint military campaign objectives, to be published shortly before any conflict starts. Offer to provide a draft.
- Agree on the importance of coordinated public messages at the outset of action, avoiding triumphalism in victory and especially offering a clear public vision for the future of Iraq.
- Conducting the campaign to minimise damage to economic infrastructure and to ensure that humanitarian assistance quickly follows the military. The US are developing good plans on this latter.
- Agree on response to Iraqi use of CBW. We assume that talk of catastrophic consequences for Iraq if it uses CBW does not mean responding in kind.
- Offer our help on handling Iran (and the hope that the US will soon be able to talk direct to them),
- Aftermath. Press for agreement on a UN role, both to provide cover/legitimacy for coalition action and to help govern Iraq while a political process is established. Agree on the importance of integrated coalition planning on aftermath issues (happening reasonably well on military and humanitarian issues, beginning on political processes and the economy and war crimes). Needs top political impetus.

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- Agree on the importance of transparency in the use of oil revenues. Argue for a level playing field for UK companies on new exploration contracts.
 - A lesser priority, but agree on UNMOVIC/IAEA role in finding and destroying WMD post Saddam.
2. Copies to David Manning, Desmond Bowen and Tom Dodd.



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