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**A REVIEW OF INTELLIGENCE ON POSSIBLE LINKS BETWEEN AL QAIDA AND SADDAM'S
REGIME**

Key Judgements

- I. Nothing we have learnt since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime has invalidated previous JIC judgements on the possible links between the regime and Al Qaida.
- II. There were some contacts between Saddam's regime and Al Qaida during the 1990s, but they did not progress beyond the exploratory stage and the degree of practical co-operation, if any, was limited.
- III. [...] Al Qaida did not receive chemical and biological material from Iraq.
- IV. Saddam Hussein's regime was not involved with the 9/11 attacks.
- V. Al Qaida associates such as al-Zarqawi and members of Ansar al-Islam were known by the regime to be operating in Iraq and the Kurdish Autonomous Zone (KAZ) before Coalition action in 2003. But the exact relationship between the regime and Al Qaida-linked terrorists remains unclear.
- VI. [...]