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CABINET MEETING, THURSDAY 16 JANUARY: IRAQ

1. I attach briefing for the Cabinet discussion of Iraq on Thursday. The meeting starts at 10.30am. The Cabinet seating plan is beneath this minute.
2. The briefing consists of:-
 - A Your draft advice on resolution 1441.
 - B Text of resolution 1441.
 - C Michael Wood's letter of 9 December analysing the effect of resolution 1441.
 - D Letter from John Grainger dated 5 November on the legal effect of a veto in the Security Council.
 - E Minute from Michael Wood on the consequences of unlawful military action.
3. In the light of our discussion yesterday, if asked for your views on the interpretation of resolution 1441. You might say:
 - that you have not given advice
 - that you are waiting for further briefing from the FCO before finalising your views (alluding to the proposed Greenstock discussion)
 - it is therefore premature to express a view
 - in any event, interpretation of resolution may be influenced by subsequent Council discussion following further Iraqi non-compliance

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: Enclosed to each view we will get a ^{lead} ~~substantive~~

CATHY ADAMS
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