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ATTORNEY GENERAL

cc: DAVID BRUMMELL

IRAQ: MEETING AT NO 10, 27 FEBRUARY

1. No. 10 have requested a meeting with you to discuss Iraq at 1:30pm on Thursday 27 February. Jonathan Powell, Sally Morgan and David Manning will be present (but no LSLO officials).
2. No. 10 have indicated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss "the French veto", by which they presumably mean the scope for action in the absence of a second resolution. I imagine they will be interested in hearing your views of the legal position in light of your visit to Washington.
3. I don't think there is anything to add, by way of briefing, to the papers which you already have, including the black Iraq/resolution 1441 file. Of particular relevance to the discussion will be:
 - (a) my note of 14 February recording the US answers to the questions of resolution 1441 (No 10 have a copy of an edited version of this note omitting the "comment" sections.);
 - (b) the draft advice I submitted following the visit to Washington under cover of my submission of 14 February; and
 - (c) John Grainger's letter on the legal effect of a veto (at Tab Q of the black file).
4. Please let me know if you would like to discuss further before the meeting.

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CATHY ADAMS

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