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NOTE

1. **Iraq**

We need to go back to the basic principle: the UN has made a decision; that decision has to be upheld. The Inspectors inspect; if they find a breach, then the UN should pass a new Resolution. If it does, how can anyone dispute the case for war? If the UN doesn't, despite a breach, then we are in the same position we were at the time of Kosovo. But the integrity of the UN process has to be upheld.

We have two immediate weaknesses in our case:

- (a) people think we will go to war even if no breach is found.
That is not correct.
- (b) people don't really believe WMD or Saddam are real threats.

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In respect of the latter, the work I asked to be done on WMD is urgent. I wonder if we can wait until my meeting with GB before issuing what we know on this subject.

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