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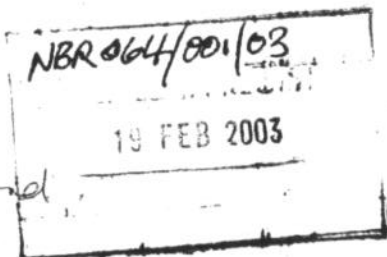
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IRAQ: MILITARY CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

Please find below our immediate comments on the latest draft of the objectives for a military campaign. We have not yet the opportunity to show these to the Secretary of State but will do so overnight and let you have any additional comments tomorrow morning.

- Paragraph 3 – Would you intend to change the reference to the British Government to “UNSC” in the second sentence after a second resolution? We may also have to come back to you on other aspects of this paragraph following consultation with the Secretary of State.
- Paragraph 4 – Redraft third sentence of chapeau paragraph to read “...In aiming to achieve this objective as swiftly as possible, every effort will be made to minimise civilian casualties **and** damage to essential economic infrastructure **and to minimise and address any** adverse humanitarian consequences...”
- Paragraph 5 a – redraft to read “**demonstrate to** the Iraqi people that their security and well being is our concern”
- Paragraph 5 – add additional bullet to read “work with the UNSC to ensure that sanctions affecting humanitarian and recovery/reconstruction goods are lifted immediately and that OFF programme and resources are available to meet the needs of the Iraqi people.”



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- Paragraph 6 – Redraft introductory sentence to read “ **In the wake of offensive military action**, the immediate military priorities for the coalition are to:”
- Paragraph 6 d – delete “bodies”, insert “civilian humanitarian capacity”
- Paragraph 6 – re-order priorities as follows:
 - current c becomes f
 - current d becomes c
 - current e becomes d
 - current f becomes e

I am copying this letter to William Ehrman, Edward Chaplin and Ian Lee.

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