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Dear Martin,

Iraq: Phase IV

You commissioned a number of pieces of work from the Iraq Planning Unit after the Prime Minister's meeting on Thursday, 7 March.

I now enclose:

- (a) elements for a UNSCR authorising Phase IV activity. I understand that Principals in Washington are supposedly meeting today to discuss these issues further. Although there will be certain differences, the draft is broadly in line with emerging US thinking. It is important for us to get our ideas into the US at a high level soon.
- (b) a commentary on our UNSCR, which could form the basis of a letter from you to Condi Rice, if you wished, or could be sent as is.
- (c) An overall plan for Phase IV, setting out the main outstanding decisions for Ministers. This is work in progress. A full plan could say quite a lot more about the shape of civilian government, the treatment of war criminals and other matters, most of which we are working on.
- (d) A short draft letter for the Prime Minister to send to President Bush covering our UNSCR, should you wish to send it that way.

I am copying this to Private Secretaries in HMT, MOD and DFID.

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