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*This is a clear note on a general view.
If the Secretary of State could see it (I showed
him a slightly earlier draft this morning) it can
go to No 10 tonight, for discussion CC: PS/Mr O'Brien
at the PM's mtg at 5.30 on 20 March PS/Baroness Symons
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Iraq Policy Distribution*

TO:

Peter Ricketts
Private Secretary

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SUBJECT: IRAQ: THE UK'S MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO POST-CONFLICT IRAQ

1. I submit a draft minute, to be sent to the Prime Minister jointly by the Foreign and Defence Secretaries, on the subject of the UK's military contribution to post-conflict Iraq.
2. The minute speaks for itself. It has been the subject of intensive consultations at official level in the MoD (where it has been cleared personally by the Chief of Defence Staff and the PUS) and FCO. The MoD are submitting the text in parallel to Mr Hoon.
3. Ideally, this minute should form the basis of discussion at tomorrow morning's meeting on Iraq, chaired by the Prime Minister. It raises a number of important post-conflict issues, which ministers should take a view on before the conflict starts.

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• *By fax please to Martin Williams ✓
PS/Defence Secretary*

*We spoke. Should I make this and send a
copy with the Foreign Secretary to the
1830 meeting?*

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