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Dear Mr President,

Following this afternoon's telephone conversation, the Prime Minister has asked me to send you the attached Note setting out five tests that would establish whether Saddam Hussein intends to disarm fully, immediately and unconditionally, as stipulated by UNSCR 1441.

The tests are arranged under five headings. The first deals with interviews, as provided for in Operative Paragraph 5 of UNSCR 1441. So far, out of a list of some 3,500 potential witnesses, UNMOVIC has asked to question just 38, of whom it has succeeded in interviewing only 10. In all cases we believe the interviews were in controlled circumstances and subject to intimidation. It is therefore essential that UNMOVIC insists on interviewing witnesses outside Iraq, as provided for by UNSCR 1441.

The four other tests are all based on Dr Blix's "clusters" document, which he has just made available in New York. This covers the many issues that are still outstanding concerning Iraq's weapons programme. The tests covered in the Note deal with:

- Chemical weapons – specifically VX
- Biological weapons – specifically anthrax
- Missiles – specifically SCUDS
- Remotely piloted vehicles – specifically their possible adaptation to deliver CW

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In each of these four cases Saddam Hussein is required to provide either the material that is unaccounted for, or to produce full documentation proving its destruction. This lack of satisfactory documentation is something that Dr Blix has highlighted.

The Prime Minister believes that if Saddam Hussein intends to disarm voluntarily, and comply with successive UN Resolutions, he should be ready to co-operate fully in each of these categories. The Prime Minister also believes that public opinion would see these five demands as clear and fair tests of Saddam Hussein's intentions, and ones that can be very quickly met.

Yours sincerely
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*P.S. Thank you very much, Mr President,
for giving up time to see me when I
visited Santiago last Sunday.*

HE Senor Ricardo Lagos Escobar

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FIVE TESTS OF IRAQ'S COMPLIANCE

1. Interviews. 150 named scientists must be made available for interview outside Iraq by 17 March. UNMOVIC have a list of some 3,500 potential witnesses. So far they have called just 38 (1%) to interview and succeeded in interviewing just 10 – all with intimidation and bugging, none of them outside Iraq despite specific provision in UNSCR 1441 (OP5) for interviews outside Iraq. IAEA have a separate list, and in the last ten days have interviewed just two scientists. The Cyprus government has made available facilities for these interviews, as UNMOVIC know. UNMOVIC and IAEA should now select 150 of the key individuals covering each of the programmes. They will be accompanied by spouses, children and parents, and any additional family members they designate. If any family members choose not to travel they may ask the UN authorities or an NGO to monitor their safety and well-being during the absence of the interviewee.
2. Chemical weapons - VX. 1.5 tonnes of bulk agent and large quantities of precursors are unaccounted for. By 17 March Iraq must provide all this material or full documentation proving its destruction.
3. Biological weapons - Anthrax. 10,000 litres are unaccounted for. By 17 March Iraq must provide it all or full documentation proving its destruction.
4. Missiles. At least 14 SCUDs are unaccounted for. Iraq claims to have destroyed them, but has not provided the documentation. By 17 March Iraq must provide them all or full proof of their destruction.
5. Remotely Piloted Vehicles. Iraq denies that it has designed a spray tank capable of being used to spray CW. This is contradicted by Iraq's own documentation. By 17 March Iraq must provide full documentation to resolve the contradictions.

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