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From:

Desmond Bowen

Could you (or)

Tel:

coordinate written comment,
as requested, by this tight
deadline, please. We shall

Date:

28 January 2003

need to consult the SFS, ideally
in tonight's box

No of pages (excluding
leader):

4

The three main points I made
at yesterday evening's meeting

Precedence:

IMMEDIATE (that the humanitarian consequences
needed to be highlighted earlier; that

Subject:

Iraq: Military Campaign Objectives the 'stabilisation'

Comments:

objectives needed to be factored in
from the beginning not only during the
'aftermath'; and that the references to
essential infrastructure had to be taken to
cover utilities (especially electricity),
transport infrastructure & key buildings as
well as oil) are reflected in the revised
version. (They were also acknowledged by
the MOD, Ian Lee, at the meeting.) But
they probably bear repeating in our written
comments.

Worst about how these 'higher' military campaign objectives are being
translated into targeting points in the MOD on this (at PJHQ
& tomorrow, then here during Ian Lee's visit on 28/1.

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