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CC AW  
MR

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cc Alastair Campbell  
Danny Puce  
John Scarlett  
Jim Drummond (without attachment)

### IRAQ

I attach, as promised, the latest versions of the WMD and Humanitarian Abuses papers.

2. The WMD paper is in a finished condition, though John Scarlett continues to keep it under review. The Humanitarian Abuses paper needs some further work, principally to insert boxes and photographs and to remove the references. This should be completed by the end of next week, but the current draft gives you a flavour of what the final product will look like.
3. The FCO are working up material to use in association with the announcement of the new UNSCR on the Goods Review List. This will be deployed, we expect, next week.
4. A paper covering the history of weapons inspections in Iraq is in preparation and a draft will be available by the end of next week.
5. I have two questions:
  - a. At some point we will need to show the WMD, Humanitarian Abuses and History of Weapons Inspections papers to the US Government. Our proposal is that you should pass copies to Condi Rice and in parallel we should the embassy in Washington to show the papers to contacts in State Department and the Pentagon. If we are to be in a position to publish the papers by the end of May, we should be starting the process of showing the papers to the Americans fairly soon. This could be done sequentially or as a package. Do you have any views?
  - b. At a meeting this morning we discussed whether the trio of papers – on WMD, Humanitarian Abuses and the History of Weapons Inspections – should be launched under the name

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of the Foreign Secretary or a group of Ministers, who might include the Prime Minister, the Defence Secretary and the International Development Secretary (or any combination). Before we consult DFID, it would be helpful to know the Prime Minister's views.

  
**TOM MCKANE**

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