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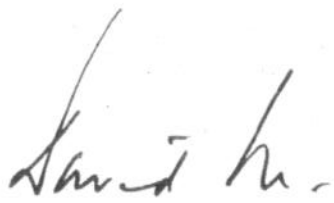
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# IRAQ: PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

Thank you for your minute of 21 June, which we discussed today with Jonathan Powell and Alastair Campbell.

We agreed that now was not the time to publish any of the three Iraq public documents or the wider WMD programmes of concern paper. We should, however, be ready to move quickly in the light of changing circumstances. We should not show the draft documents to the United States Government at this stage, but would do so closer to the date of publication. We should keep an open mind on whether to publish the Iraq WMD paper separately from the other two Iraqi papers. We should aim for a Forward signed by either the Foreign and Defence Secretaries, or possibly the Prime Minister.



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