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SUBJECT: IRAQ INSPECTIONS PAPER

1. Thank you for your letter of 22 May. I enclose a copy of the latest version of the Inspections Paper, revised in light of comments received at the Cabinet Office meeting on 21 May. The text on Iraqi concealment methods has been placed in a separate box as requested and the earlier section detailing the quantities and effects of chemical and biological weapons has been dropped as this is already comprehensively covered in the existing JIC paper.
2. The separate annex setting out more detailed examples of harassment by the Iraqi authorities of UNSCOM inspections has been removed but the material will be held back for use in briefing after the eventual launch of the papers. It was also agreed that the maps showing chemical, biological, missile and nuclear facilities in Iraq would be incorporated into the main text rather than used as annexes to the Paper.
3. I have already sent the latest draft, together with the harassment details and maps to CIC electronically so that they may arrange the text as required. DIS has agreed to produce a single map showing chemical and biological sites and is negotiating with JARIC for provision of a photograph showing the true scale of the "Presidential sites" or "palaces".
4. Please therefore find separately for ease of reference; the Iraq Inspections paper; the text on harassment of UNSCOM; the four existing maps showing WMD sites in Iraq.

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