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*Dear Mr. Manning*

Iraq: Phase IV

At the meeting in No 10 on Tuesday about the aftermath of military action in Iraq (Phase IV), David Manning asked for a number of pieces of work to reach him before the Prime Minister's party flew to Madrid.

... I now therefore enclose:

- (a) a draft letter from David to Condi Rice setting out our arguments for a UN-  
authorised transitional administration;
- (b) a two-page background note on the overall shape of Phase IV;
- (c) a one page note of key points, which would be suitable for the Prime  
Minister to draw on in talking to President Bush; and
- (d) a list of eleven benefits of having UNSC authorisation.

You will see that the key point to make to the Americans remains the need to have UN Security Council authorisation for the civil transitional administration. There are signs that General Franks and Jay Garner, the head of the US Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, understands this. But convincing Mr Rumsfeld will be much more difficult.

... I also enclose the outline schema for the interim civil administration which we have sent to Jay Garner. It is not mentioned in the letter in case David Manning thought it was a bridge too far, at this stage, to put to Condi Rice.

I am copying this letter to Private Secretaries to the Chancellor and the Development and Defence Secretaries.

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