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DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS TO JEREMY GREENSTOCK FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY

1. On Sunday evening you (and JN and the Spanish PR) will have held consultations with other SC PRs. If these indicate that there is no traction on the ultimatum proposals made by the three Heads of Government at the Azores today (and encapsulated by the UK/US/Sp resolution in blue and side statement) then tomorrow at around 10.30 EST (15.30z) you should go to the press microphone and announce: "We have worked very hard on this draft resolution. Whilst there appeared growing support for it this process was foreclosed, because one member of the P5 – France – had made it clear last week that 'whatever the circumstances it would veto'."
2. You have told me that it is not necessary formally to withdraw the draft resolution; it can simply be left in blue. If so I agree.
3. You also told me that it is not planned – nor would it be desirable for the SC to met before 15.00 EST (20.00z). I accept this. This is however too late for our Parliamentary timescale. We will need a Business Statement ideally at (15.30z (10.30 EST), but in any event no later than 19.00z (14.00 EST) Monday to announce the Tuesday Commons debate, and the terms of the Commons motion.
4. It is essential that no debate on proceedings on Iraq is held in the SC on Tuesday. You assured me this would be so, as Guinea had allocated this as "Africa Day".
5. As for Wednesday, if Villepin and Fischer go ahead and make it a Ministerial I will consider attendance in NY, but make a decision on Monday or Tuesday. My aim in attending would be to highlight French duplicity over UNSCR 1284. Powell is reluctant to attend but told me "if you (JS) go, I go". I will talk to Ana Palacio on Monday.

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Jack Straw

Text read out at midnight on
16th June, on return from Azores.
Now 1st 17th 17/1

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