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Dear Nick,

BOWEN GROUP: IRAQ WMD/DELIVERY SYSTEMS - EXPANDED ROLE FOR ROCKINGHAM

1. DCDI asked that I inform colleagues of the expanded role of ROCKINGHAM (DI AC R) in respect of Iraqi WMD and delivery systems.
2. You will be aware that ROCKINGHAM was established in 1991 to provide the focus for intelligence support to UN disarmament activities in Iraq. Initially, ROCKINGHAM provided support to UNSCOM/IAEA, and, following the withdrawal of the inspectors, the branch was maintained at cadre strength, before expanding again in 2002 to support UNMOVIC/IAEA. ROCKINGHAM, as a result of its work in support of UN inspection activity, and UK policy in this area, has established a considerable body of expertise on Iraqi WMD/delivery system programmes, including associated personalities. I should emphasise however that, as you would expect, ROCKINGHAM relies heavily on support from other DIS analytical branches.
3. DCDI has decided that the ROCKINGHAM database should be expanded to include the results of in-country monitoring from Sensitive Site Exploitation (SSE); WMD/delivery related information from the DIS in-theatre Battlefield Intelligence Recovery Team, plus other relevant information, e.g. the audit of Iraqi WMD. This will enable us to meet the remit from the Bowen Group to maintain a database recording all WMD/delivery systems found in Iraq, to be available for rapid use for diplomatic and media purposes. It will ensure also that the DIS is in a position to

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provide the maximum possible support to future UN operations in Iraq. In the meantime, we will remain available to provide advice, as required.

4. It will be important that ROCKINGHAM receives all relevant information. DCDI is concerned in particular that information from areas that have not previously had contact with ROCKINGHAM, for example the Special Forces, is captured.
5. There is no change to the management structure. ROCKINGHAM can be contacted on either _____ and I am available to provide assistance, as required.

Yours aye,

Cc.

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