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**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**cc: SOLICITOR GENERAL  
DAVID BRUMMELL**

**IRAQ: MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, 22 OCTOBER**

1. You are seeing the Prime minister at 4pm today to discuss Iraq. I attach by way of background:

A: the latest version of the draft resolution. This differs slightly from the version you saw on Friday (the changes are described in the covering fax) but the FCO view (with which I agree) is that the changes do not affect the analysis that the resolution does not provide a legal basis for the use of force either expressly or via the revival argument.

B: John Grainger minute (11/10) and Michael Wood letter (18/10) commenting on earlier versions of the resolution. Their analysis holds good for the latest text.

C: Your advice of 30 July

D: Record of your conversation with the Foreign Secretary of 18 October

E: PS/Foreign Secretary letter to David Manning dated 21 October with draft press lines. You will wish to note the passage at X which apparently the Foreign Secretary added personally.

F: Set of previous resolutions.

G: Note on meaning of "imminence" in the law of self-defence

H: Legal background notes.

2. I attach some suggested lines to take (including on Kosovo). In my view, the Foreign Secretary's comments in the letter to David Manning at flag E make it all the more important for you to place your views clearly on the record in writing.

*CA*

**CATHY ADAMS  
22 OCTOBER 2002**

① *has anyone known my legal advice*

② *Answer to Mr. Stammers -*

*political reports.*

③ *As it stands - will need a 2nd  
Resolution - (says de - 09/10)*

④ *Need to express my view in writing?*

⑤ *Graham Allen idea*