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GOC MND(SE) HAULDOWN REPORT

CDS may be interested to read Jim Dutton's hauldown report from his time as GOC MND(SE), which is attached. The report contains no great surprises but usefully summaries in a single document the key issues facing MND(SE) and his assessment of progress. I would highlight the following (in no particular order):

- Pressure on rotary-wing assets
- UK's lack of ability to train police forces in an environment such as Iraq
- Iraq's economic reliance on oil revenue but the Coalition's seeming lack of emphasis on regenerating the capability (aside from providing infrastructure security)
- Unbalanced UK media reporting
- For future operations, better physical collocation of OGD and military C2 in order to improve coordination
- Progress on SSR should allow transition on planned timelines

<Signed on Dll>

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Attachment:

1. GOC MND(SE) Hauldown Report dated 12 Dec 05.