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From The Political Director

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Dear Sir,

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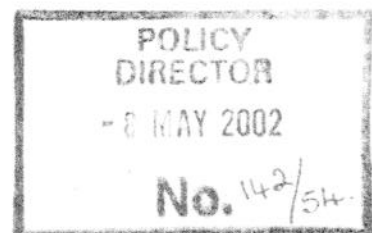
1. When we met, I took a remit to rework the proposed "end state" in the light of our discussion.
2. I have now done so, and checked the result with the Foreign Secretary. He made one minor change. The result of our labours is as follows:

"A stable and law-abiding Iraq, within its present borders, cooperating with the international community, no longer posing a threat to its neighbours or to international security, and abiding by its international obligations on ~~control of its~~ WMD."
3. If we were to use this as a public justification for military action, it would also be necessary to add (whatever legal base was approved by the Attorney-General) (i.e. either self-defence or Security Council authorisation).
4. For the record, the Foreign Secretary was strongly against any specific reference to "regime change".

Yours etc

for Peter Ricketts

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