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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 DII>

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Attachment:

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