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From the Private Secretary

3 April 2003

Dear Kara

POST-CONFLICT IRAQ: UK/U.S.

The Prime Minister was interested to read Alastair King-Smith's submission of 2 April and its helpful attachments.

In addition to the work which the FCO already has in hand in advance of his meeting with Bush, the Prime Minister would be grateful to have:

- (a) Our best estimate of the duration of each of the post-conflict phases, ie military, ORHA, IIA, Iraqi government.
- (b) A summary of the different tribes, regions, governates of Iraq.
- (c) A summary of the various Iraqi exile groups and leaders, and their credibility.
- (d) Our vision of how the UN Special Co-ordinator might work with the coalition forces.
- (e) Our assessment of how ORHA and then the IIA will actually run the Iraqi ministries.
- (f) Our assessment of the state of the Iraqi civil service and bureaucracy.

Please could I receive these by close on Friday 4 April.

I am copying this letter to Peter Watkins (MOD), John Scarlett and Desmond Bowen (Cabinet Office), PS/C, Tony Brenton (Washington) and Sir Jeremy Greenstock (UKMis New York).

Yours

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