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Subject: Another dossier memo!

I asked someone in my office, whose judgement I trust, who has nothing to do with this area, to read the dossier "cold", as it were, and give me impressions, which I want to pass on.

Overall, she found it convincing CW/BW, in particular. "By the time I got to human rights, I was in no doubt he has to be dealt with". Indeed she felt she could have read a lot more on human rights.

However, she found the nuclear section confusing and unconvincing. "It left me thinking there's nothing much to worry about". She felt the whole section lacked the clarity of the rest of the document. "It needs a section that sets out what you need to make a nuclear weapon, set alongside to what he has already". She also felt it could benefit from an explanation of sanctions, how they work, what they do.

Sorry to bombard on this point, but I do worry that the nuclear section will become the main focus and as currently drafted, is not in great shape. Do you have a new version yet?

A few minor points she made (Page numbers refer to the one you gave me yesterday am)

- different spelling of Qusay/Qusai
- Edinburgh spelled wrong in the box on page 10
- an "S" missing on the end of "delivery mean", par 11 and page 12
- par 10, page 19 can we have more details on "illegal foreign assistance"
- page 21, par 12 first block, UK - US has as aberrant question mark in the middle
- page 30, par 33 we say nobody can't be used for military procurement, yet elsewhere we say it has been so used for growth agents.
- top line, page 36, aberrant apostrophe in "Iraqi's" should be deleted
- page 43, par 4, the words "there are" should be inserted between "that" and "no" in the first line of that paragraph

Finally she felt that the conclusion box on CW/BW should include a list of agents in possession and production. I agree with that.

Sorry about the earlier mix up re foreword. You should have the correct one now.