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**Cc:** Clare Sumner, Matthew Rycroft, David Manning, Jonathan Powell  
**Subject:** FW Re final points for your 5pm meeting

**Importance:** High

1) Re nuclear timelines. If we're saying that it would take between one and 2 years for them to build a nuclear weapon by illegal means, why would it take 5 years with no sanctions? A lay reader may assume that no sanctions would mean he could do what he wanted and therefore, presumably, what he needed between 1 and 2 years

If the answer is that it would take 5 years to go from planning to reality, whereas he could purchase ready-made materials from overseas, and so cut the timelines, I think that should be made explicitly clear

Sorry not to have spotted this earlier but it now seems an obvious point.

2) Do we really need the 2 sentences on radiological dispersal device? They add little.

3) Further up that page, on the 2 blob points, could we say "is required to" rather than "could be used to"