

Loftus, Paul (L&DR-LON)**From:** David Kelly / [REDACTED]**Sent:** 23 June 2003 10:59**To:** [REDACTED]**Subject:** RE: Iraq [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks for the message. We are still in the start up for [REDACTED] and issues remain difficult. It is probably best to delay any interaction with [REDACTED] until later.

Not sure quite when I will be in Iraq

Best wishes,

David

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]**Sent:** 22 June 2003 08:43**To:** [REDACTED]**Subject:** Iraq: [REDACTED]

David,

Hi. It's good to reconnect with you.

I'm writing because I've heard that you were on your way to Iraq soon.

I'm working on a special documentary TV project on the Iraq War (for PBS Frontline and Channel 4 UK) -- to air next March on the first anniversary. The same team worked together in 1996 to produce the highly acclaimed 4-hour BBC-PBS series, "The Gulf War" (Tom was/is not involved in either project).

The new program already has Pentagon approval, with MoD approval pending. We will be covering the US and UK ground/air war, the battles, the key strategies, etc, with interviews with the senior military commanders and troops, Marines, and pilots. We will also be filming senior civilian officials in DC/London and a variety of people in Iraq -- starting in August thru October.

Of course, the hunt for WMD and the related intelligence controversies have become an important component that we will also be covering.

I'm writing to see if you would speak briefly, on background, to [REDACTED]. He's a very knowledgeable, experienced, and discrete guy. He wants to talk mainly about process, so we can possibly make some plans -- i.e., how long you think your team will be there, when/if you, or other senior team members, would be able to talk about the experience, if you are making provisions for video recordings that would be available to the media, whether we might be able to tape anything while your team is in action.

[REDACTED] just wants to introduce himself and open a dialogue. We realize there may not be firm answers yet to these questions.

Would it be okay for me to give him your phone #? Please advise.

Best of luck on your new mission.

Regards,

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