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Charles,

The Foreign Secretary has now had a chance to go through the draft dossier. He has endorsed the comments I made earlier on it (see below) and has the following additional points:

- General:**
- more graphics, photos, diagrams, textboxes (like the one on p 26)
  - incidents etc should have dates - one or two don't

**Foreword**

- should be in narrative form by the Prime Minister
- needs a killer para on Saddam's defiance of the UN, only annexation of another member state and unprecedented use of WMD

**Executive Summary.** V good. No additional changes

**Section 1** Put up front the section on the nature of the regime with more details on the means of oppression and control (aggression and violent oppression are intrinsic to the regime's projection of itself)

**Section 3** Draw more on external sources eg, detailed reports from Liverpool University on Halabja or the ICRC on human rights. More credibility

**Annex A** needs better intro to make clear that human rights violations are of a sort different to anywhere else (CW against his own population). There is good material from UN Special Rapporteur in a preliminary report from his visit in Feb 2002

Mark

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