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To: Alastair Campbell, David Manning
Subject: RE: Revised dossier foreword

Three comments

- I think it is worth explicitly stating what TB keeps saying. This is the advice to him from the JIC. On the basis of this advice, what other action could he as PM take? Something like "I am today taking the exceptional step of publishing the JIC's advice to me because I want MPs and the British public to see the advice on which I am acting. When you have read this I ask you to consider what else a responsible PM could do than follow the course we have in the face of this advice?"

- We need to do more to back up the assertions. "We cannot of course publish the detailed raw intelligence on which this report is based without endangering the lives of agents. But all of the statements in this report are backed up by detailed intelligence reports, the veracity and the sources of which have been verified by the intelligence agencies." Is there any independent verification we can cite?

- In the penultimate para you need to make it clear Saddam could not attack us at the moment. The thesis is would be a threat to the UK in the future if we do not check him.

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

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