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IRAQ: WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

1. Thank you for your minute of 17 September.
2. The Prime Minister suggested that Chapter 3 should be re-ordered. We have looked at this, but found that the restructured text has less impact than the original. Nonetheless, I attach for you only a version amended along the lines proposed.
3. On the nuclear timings, I explained yesterday the decision to drop earlier references to an improvised nuclear device, on which there is no intelligence. I have retained paragraph 18, which factually summaries the JIC position. But I have amended the latest sections (now paragraph 24) to bring out more clearly the current judgements. I hope you will find this makes the position clearer.
4. We are continuing to look for more pictures, but as yet have nothing that adds usefully to the text.
5. On the civil nuclear point, we have brought out the position on the Iraqi programme article clearly in a box. Dual use products are also now listed separately in bullet point form. The impact here is much improved. Finally, the Prime Minister had asked for more on human rights. We have added to the text in part 3, and also given this a little more prominence in executive summary.
6. Turning to your details points, we have been able to amend the text in most cases as you proposed. Taking your points in sequence:
 1. we have strengthened language on current concerns and plans, including in the executive summary. The summary also bring out the point on sanctions and containment, as you proposed.
 2. on the position of Saddam's sons, the intelligence supports only 'may have'.

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