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cc Sir David Omand

IRAQ WMD: LEAKS TO THE MEDIA

1. I have spoken with David Omand about the two recent reports of concern in the media:

- Andrew Gilligan's (inaccurate) report on the *Today Programme* on 29 May about the "45 minute" report on CW in Iraq.
- The references in this week's *Sunday Times* to a note from me to Alastair Campbell about the dossier.

2. It is not clear that that it would be useful, or wise, to institute a full inquiry into these leaks. Nevertheless, they are both serious. If they continue, they will cause significant problems and undermine the atmosphere of trust which underlies our work. David and I would be grateful if you could look into how this matter be managed short of a full inquiry. For example, what essential first steps could be taken (eg to register the distribution of the document) quoted in the *Sunday Times*, and how you would set about it?

3. Please submit your proposals as soon as possible to both David and me.

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