

~~PRIME MINISTER~~

Ref 3.1
From: ~~Alastair Campbell~~
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cc: ~~Jack Straw~~
~~David Manning~~
~~Jonathan Powell~~
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RE: FAC

I understand from Jack that you and he have spoken and agreed that I should give evidence to the FAC. Jack intends to speak to Donald this evening. He will then write to him explaining this decision and will attach to his letter a supplementary memorandum from me to the Committee, which is attached. We should then make it public at 1100 tomorrow that this is the plan. We should brief then, provided Donald is happy with this, that I have asked to do this for the reasons set out in my note to you of earlier - in particular the fact that it is unfair to expect Jack to have to deal with a lot of process questions about this, but also to explain the huge difference between the two dossiers, rebut the most serious allegations concerning the first, and deal with some of the continuing myths (which is what was meant by "miffs"! in earlier notes) that arise from the second. Tom and Godric should work up a script for the morning.

Memorandum to FAC

I am grateful to the FAC for the opportunity to be able to explain how the Government has sought to handle communications issues concerning Iraq.