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Dear all

We have now received comments back from No 10 on the first draft of the dossier. Unsurprisingly they have further questions and areas they would like expanded.

The main comments are

1. They liked the use of a specific personality, Haidar Taha, in the paras on CW. Can we add any more personalities, related to BW, nuclear, BM, who are doing jobs now that are suspicious because of their previous role. (Can we say anything about Dr Rihab Taha for instance?)
2. Is there any intelligence that Iraq has actively sought to employ foreign experts, in particular in the nuclear field?
3. They want more details on the items procured for their nuclear programme - how many did they buy, what does this equate to in terms of significance to a nuclear weapons programme?
4. Can we say how many chemical and biological weapons Iraq currently has by type? If we can't give weapons numbers can we give any idea on the quantity of agent available?

I appreciate everyone, us included, has been around at least some of these buoys before, particularly item 4. But No 10 through the Chairman want the document to be as strong as possible within the bounds of available intelligence. This is therefore a last (!) call for any items of intelligence that agencies think can and should be included.

Responses needed by 1200 tomorrow

Thanks

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[REDACTED] we have already discussed the continuing need to say something about Iraq's capability to make INDs (as per March JIC paper).