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Dear Martin,

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

When I wrote to you on 5 September about your letter of 3 September, I promised that we would look to see if we could track down the various items from the BBC's list which had not at that stage come to light. You amplified the request in your letter of 9 September, which pointed out that part of item 3 1 (in the BBC's numbering) was missing

We have been partially successful in finding the outstanding documents though not all are available. It seems that some references in different places to the various drafts of documents may have given the impression that there were more drafts of some documents than was in fact the case.

As before, this letter uses the BBC's numbering of the items sought.

1 5. I am sending you this again as it looks as though one page may have been missing with the batch of 5 September.

1.6: "John Williams' draft" - a copy of this draft is now attached. This text was prepared by John Williams on 7 and 8 September 2002 on his own initiative.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This draft was rapidly overtaken by the decision recorded in Alastair Campbell's minute of 9 September 2002 (your reference appears to be CAB/6/0002-0004). Instead it was decided to make a fresh start on preparing a dossier for publication, under John Scarlett's direction. John Williams's 'draft' was therefore not taken forward. John Williams then left the country on 10 September for a week to attend the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

1.8 (a) The final version is now attached. The version you already have was a first draft. No other versions can be found.

1.8(b) Here is the email which you already have, together with the attachment which was originally missed out in error. This piece of text was not used further.

1.9 So far as we can tell, these letters do not exist.

1.10 No separate version exists. The reference must be to a draft you already have.

1.12: No attachment can be found. This may be because it was too ephemeral to keep, or because it is actually a version you already have.

3.1: The document described in the memo of 22 June is now attached.

Finally, a document which you may not already have has come to light - a record of a meeting at the Cabinet Office on 17 September 2002. A redacted copy is enclosed.

Yans,

Paula

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