

PRIME MINISTER

IRAQ/KUWAIT: MEETING OF MINISTERS, 23 AUGUST

The points you will want to cover are:

1. Situation at the UN. Are we now confident of getting a resolution ready?
2. Breaches of Sanctions. We still do not seem to be getting accurate information quickly enough, or making the most effective use of the information we do have.
3. Despatch of additional forces. We should announce the despatch of the additional Tornados and RAF Regiment this morning (it is beginning to leak). Are we doing any contingency planning about possible despatch of ground forces?
4. Rules of Engagement. Is the Attorney satisfied with the latest MOD minute on how we would deal with ships which fail to stop? There are differences between our RoE and those of the Americans: do these matter?
Apparent charge sailing by U.S.?
5. British Citizens. Are we persuading the Jordanians to open the frontier to let our convoy of Embassy dependents across? What further news do we have of those British citizens taken from their homes in Kuwait? Is the Attorney happy with the argument that individual Iraqis will be held responsible for any maltreatment of British citizens?
6. Embassies in Kuwait. How solid is the front of those determined to stay (the US are firm)? What do we expect the Iraqis to do? How will we react?
7. King Hussein's Peace mission. Do we know what he will propose?

8. US/Iraq: Rules of Engagement. Is it really the case that the Americans have given the Iraqis their rules of engagement in the interest of 'deconfliction'? Or is it a garbled report?

9. Oil situation. You will want to ask the Energy Secretary to report.

10. Press Conference. Should there be one today? Who will take it? Who will announce despatch of Tornados?

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Known
Archie's Fuel

Building
up stocks

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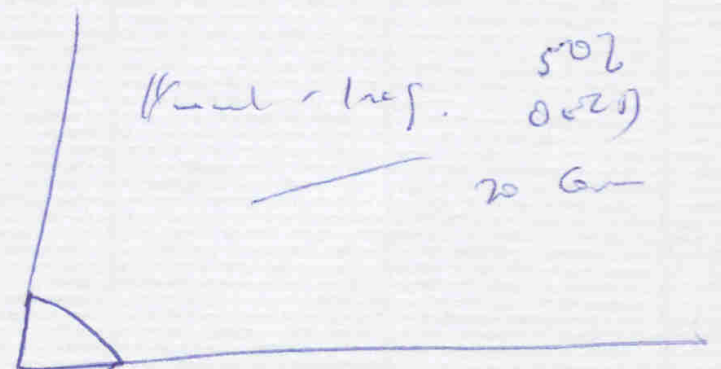
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Petrol / Gasoline

Just in time

IEA - replenish

Info - how
entirely wrong.



North Sea - increasing