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President Bush sent you a message about his proposal to establish contacts with the Iraqis. It followed his telephone conversation with you: and I suspect it was basically a round-robin to several Heads of Government. Nonetheless, it would be right to send a brief reply, even though the Foreign Secretary has already had some communication with Jim Baker. I attach a draft reply for your approval.

C.D.P.

CHARLES POWELL

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