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FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY
SECRETARY OF STATE'S CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER
SUMMARY

1. NO SIGN OF A FRENCH INITIATIVE BEFORE THE FAC ON 4 JANUARY
ON CONTACTS WITH IRAQ.

DETAIL

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SPOKE TO DUMAS THIS EVENING ABOUT
THE MEETING OF THE FAC ON 4 JANUARY. HE SAID THAT THE TWELVE
WOULD NEED TO DISCUSS WHETHER THEY COULD MAKE A USEFUL CONTACT
WITH THE IRAQIS. BAKER STILL HOPED FOR MOVEMENT ON THE PROPOSED
US/IRAQ MEETINGS BUT HAD NO CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THIS. BUSH WAS
UNLIKELY TO CHANGE HIS POSITION ON DATES FOR THOSE MEETINGS.
ALTHOUGH THERE APPEARED TO BE SOME INDIRECT CONTACTS WHICH MIGHT
LEAD TO DEVELOPMENTS TOWARDS THE END OF THIS WEEK. BAKER WAS
STILL INTERESTED IN A MEETING OF THE PERMANENT FIVE BUT WAS NOT
SURE HOW THE RUSSIANS WOULD BEHAVE. HE

WONDERED WHETHER DUMAS HAD HAD ANY CONTACTS WITH SHEVARDNADZE?
DUMAS SAID THAT HIS ONLY CONTACT WITH SHEVARDNADZE
SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS RESIGNATION HAD BEEN A MESSAGE ON
A DIFFERENT POINT. HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE RUSSIANS HAD CHANGED
THEIR MINDS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A PERMANENT FIVE MEETING.

3. THE SECRETARY OF STATE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO POOS
BECAUSE OF HIS INTERVIEW ON THE BBC IN WHICH HE SAID THAT HE
EXPECTED TO BE MANDATED BY THE FAC TO VISIT BAGHDAD. WHEN THE
SECRETARY OF STATE TELEPHONED HIM, POOS HAD VOLUNTEERED THAT
HE WAS NOT IN FAVOUR OF GOING TO BAGHDAD - THERE APPEARED TO BE SOME
CONFUSION. DUMAS SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED TO HEAR POOS
SAY WHAT HE HAD - INDEED HE HAD SAID IT TWICE. HE HAD CLEARLY
GONE FURTHER THAN HAD BEEN AGREED AT THE LAST FAC.

4. IN CONCLUSION, DUMAS CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD NO SPECIFIC
IDEAS FOR CONTACTS WITH IRAQ - HE WAS WAITING FOR FRIDAY'S
MEETING AND FOR 3 JANUARY. BEFORE WHICH BAKER HAD NOT WANTED THE
EC TO TAKE ACTION. HE AGREED WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE
PROPOSED THAT THEY SHOULD TELEPHONE EACH OTHER AGAIN ON 2 OR
3 JANUARY TO COMPARE NOTES.

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