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PRIME MINISTER

Iraq

1. I'd be grateful if you could flag up very forcefully these points with President Bush:
2. **UK must be fully involved in all decisions since the US has forced us to be jointly responsible for the effect of all Coalition decisions across Iraq.** (We wanted an MoU with the US to agree that the UK was solely responsible for our southern area; the US for the rest of Iraq. The US refused. The result, as Peter Goldsmith advises (undoubtedly correctly) - we are jointly liable for all decisions - but many complaints that we are being sidelined in CPA, below Sawers' level.



6. Thanks.

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