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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: POTUS Meeting, 5 Feb 2003 - 0920-0950 (U)

1. (C) This memorandum summarizes discussion at a White House meeting with President Bush on Wednesday, 5 February 2003, 0920-0950. Attendees at the meeting included: the President, the Vice President, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Richard Myers.

2. (U) The following issues were discussed:

• (S) **Belgium:**

- SecDef mentioned that Belgium is coming around on support for NATO defense measures in case of conflict in Iraq but they have not said so publicly yet.

• (U) **Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC):**

- The President asked about the article (Washington Times, 5 Feb) that said that the CAOC was not functioning well. Chairman, JCS explained that the report was an internal Air Force look at the operation of the CAOC and that all the recommendations from the report have been implemented. *Purple [Signature] for Bus*

• (S) **Iraq Timeline:**

- The President said we were absolutely going to send teams to Congress and world capitals to make the case. Condi said we have a plan to do it.
- The President said he agreed with the SecDef paper on a second UN resolution strategy. He said we need to get something, but we probably won't get a full war resolution. POTUS said he would ask for a resolution, probably on 6 February. POTUS went on to say that his speech on 6 February would not be the major one, but to simply state that this is the United Nation's chance to do it right and if the UN doesn't act, we will be prepared to act.
- SecDef said there is a possibility that Saddam Hussein will offer to disarm at the last minute and that people must know that disarmament means no more Saddam. The President agreed.
- SecDef said we need to start announcing the coalition we have with us. POTUS said the momentum is building and that a UN resolution will help.
- SecDef discussed U2 flights over Iraq. POTUS agreed we should do it. Condi mentioned that Senator Levin thought we should go to the UN for a U2 resolution. POTUS said we don't need a UN resolution and asked Condi to talk to Blix and say that we will fly the U2 and that the US will take responsibility if Iraq fires upon it.

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- SecDef said that it looks like we would send the 4th ID to Kuwait because we won't get a decision from Turkey in time but that General Franks could use Marines or perhaps parts of the 101st Infantry Division as a force in Northern Iraq.

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- SecDef explained the date when the TPFDD would start, but said that we will most likely not flow all of the forces to the region, probably taking one of the off ramps previously briefed to the President.
- VPOTUS said that a decision to use force in Iraq could be earlier than anticipated if Saddam makes a move.
- POTUS agreed with the ultimatum strategy as outlined in the time line paper.

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- Regarding the time line, SecDef said we would keep working and tweaking the time line.

- ~~(S)~~ **Readiness for Iraq:**

- POTUS made it clear that he wanted to be in the best military posture so if a decision to attack were made, we could complete the mission as quickly as possible. He said he needed to know right away if any problems come up that will keep us from having the best military posture.

- ~~(T)~~ **A.Q. Khan:**

- POTUS said we would deal with this issue after Iraq and we will enlarge the issue to show the problem to the world. He went on to say that we would need to ensure Pakistan is protected.

- ~~(S)~~ **Taiwan:**

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According to Rice's EA, POTUS plans to "go around the table," asking Principals if there is any issue they would like to discuss.

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