

PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH HMA BAGHDAD

Hooky Walker, our Ambassador in Baghdad, is coming in tomorrow morning. There are four points:

- thank him for the tremendous performance which he and his staff have put up since August coping with the hostages, having to deal with the Iraqis and constantly appearing on television and radio;
- try to get some feel from him of the mood of the Iraqi population and how they are likely to react to the risk of war;
- sound out his views on what Saddam Hussain is likely to do. He will tell you that he thinks Saddam Hussain is likely to make a move before 15 January;
- ask him frankly whether he thinks it will be wiser to close down the Embassy in early January rather than leave them at risk with only limited functions.

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