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MY TELNO 13: BAKER'S CONSULTATIONS WITH COALITION PARTNERS

1. BURNS (PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANNING STAFF, STATE) TOLD US TODAY (3 JANUARY) THAT BAKER'S CONSULTATIONS WERE LIKELY TO INCLUDE VISITS TO LONDON, PARIS, BONN, GENEVA (IF IRAQ ACCEPTS THE BAKER/TARIQ AZIZ MEETING), ANKARA, RIYADH, CAIRO AND TAIF. OTHER VENUES, INCLUDING ABU DHABI, MIGHT BE INCLUDED IF TIME ALLOWED.

2. BURNS SAID THAT US EMBASSIES HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE DATES, BUT NO ITINERARY COULD BE DRAWN UP UNTIL THE ADMINISTRATION HAD RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM THE IRAQIS ON THE MEETING WITH TARIQ AZIZ. SINCE THEY HAD ASKED FOR A REPLY FROM THE IRAQIS BY 5 JANUARY, BAKER'S ITINERARY WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE FINALISED UNTIL THE WEEKEND.

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2. HURDS SAID THAT HE EMPHATICALLY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH
THEIR MOST GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE DATES, BUT NO
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RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM THE IRAQIS ON THE MATTER WITH TABLE
ALL. SINCE THEY HAD ASKED FOR A REPLY FROM THE IRAQIS BY 2
JANUARY, BAKER'S ATTORNEY WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE FINISHED UNTIL
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