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Subject: UK COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR US/UK POL-MIL TALKS, 13-16 MAY 2002

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1. Embassy London grants country clearance to the below listed individuals involved in the us/uk pol-mil talks on 14-15 May 2002:

-- Stuart Belt; Ross Camardella; Benjamin Clancy; Al Conord; Steve DiNobile; Billy Doolittle; Martin Hardy; Daniel Hartwell; Carol King; Rebecca King; Michael Lawrence; Michael Lucarelli; Patrick McCarthy; William Phillips; Joseph Skinner; Robert Soto; Charles Stitt; William Storz; Michael Walsh; and, Charles Wilson.

2. Control Officer will be Poloff Damian Leader who can be reached at work 44-20-7894-0114 fax 44-20-7894-0117; secure fax/phone: 44-20-7629-2295; home [redacted] mobile phone [redacted] If calling from within the UK replace 44 with 0. If contacting control officer by e-mail, please cc OMS Mary K. Clark.

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3. If you would like us to hire a cellphone please advise fiscal data.

4. Ambassador's Conference Room has been scheduled for delegation use on May 13, 2002 from 1300-1600.

5. A classified and unclassified computer will be made available for the use of Charles Wilson, leader of delegation.

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6. Embassy requests DOS visitors bring unclassified slides/materials and brief at higher level. Military visitors should contact DAO for storage of classified materials. Contact is DATT Capt. Stewart Barnett -- email address: dibarsr@notes.dawn.dia.smil.mil.

7. Embassy has reserved rooms for the following individuals:

-- Col Charles Wilson; arr May 11 - depart May 18;
confirmation 615373

-- Cdr Steven DiNobile; arr May 11; depart May 16;
confirmation 615374

-- LCdr Martin Hardy; arr May 11; depart May 19; confirmation
615375

at the Churchill Inter-Continental Hotel, Portman Square,
London W1A 4ZX; Phone: 44-20-7486-5800; Fax:
44-20-7486-1255. Cost is BPS 135 per night including VAT but
no breakfast. Late arrival guarantee has been requested for
all three.

-- Rebecca King, arrival May 13; departure May 16
at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1A 3AA,
Phone: 020 7499-6363. Cost is 134 BPS per night including
VAT but no breakfast. Confirmation Number is 530847.

all other hotel reservations have been arranged with USDAO or
assistance was not required.

8. Please note that the hotel will require a credit card on
check-in. Travelers may, of course, pay on departure with
cash. Travelers should NOT exchange money at the hotel, as
the much less favorable rate of exchange may push the room
rate over London's per diem.

9. Any changes to hotel reservations MUST be made 48 hours
in advance of arrival. Changes made after that time may
incur a night's lodging charge.

10. As the fastest way into London, we suggest taking the
Heathrow Express Train into Paddington Station which costs
BPS 12 one way/22 round trip, runs four times an hour, and
takes about 13-14 minutes, or taking the Gatwick Express
Train into London Victoria Station for 10.20 BPS. Tickets
may be purchased on board using any major credit card,
however at a 2 BPS premium. Then take a taxi from the
Station. Or we can arrange an airport pickup provided fiscal
data has been sent.

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11. Security Information for the United Kingdom. Our current threat assessment indicates there are no known direct immediate security problems that would affect travel to mainland UK. For additional threat assessment information regarding the United Kingdom and/or Europe, you may contact DS/ITA in the State Department at (202) 663-0787.

-- Terrorism. There have been successful terrorist operations conducted within this country in the past several years; and, while Americans have not been specifically targeted, collateral injury remains a risk. While in the UK, if visitors notice any suspicious activity or have any security concerns, the embassy Regional Security Officer (RSO) should be notified as soon as possible.

-- Street Crime. London, like other urban centers, has a certain amount of street crime. Although on the increase, violent criminal confrontations and the use of firearms are relatively rare in the UK. Burglars and pickpockets are very active and visitors are encouraged to safeguard their valuables and not carry large amounts of cash or unneeded credit cards. Visitors should be particularly careful on crowded streets, in entertainment areas, in department stores, restaurants, or on crowded public transportation. Travelers are specifically warned not to leave valuables in hotel rooms, regardless of the stature of the hotel. Recently there has been a measurable increase in street crimes involving the theft of cell phones. Visitors should avoid as much as possible using cell phones on the streets or in other public places. The police and other emergency services in the UK are excellent. The nationwide telephone number to summon emergency assistance is 999.

12. Helpful website links on visiting the UK are now available to anyone with access to the internet. The links can easily be reached through the Embassy internet home page at <http://www.usembassy.org.uk>.

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Additional Addressees:

None

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