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 SUBJECT: A/S BLOOMFIELD'S DISCUSSIONS WITH UK OFFICIALS

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires David T. Johnson, reason 1.4, b/d.

1. (U) Summary: During his December 6-8 visit to London, PM A/S Bloomfield focused on reinforcing the Transatlantic relationship but warned of significant ramifications to defense trade if the EU lifted its arms embargo against China. A/S Bloomfield also briefed his British interlocutors on the current status of a proposed ITAR exemption for the UK and raised land mine issues and common concerns about Diego Garcia. During his three-day visit, A/S Bloomfield met with FCO DG for Political Affairs John Sawers, Director General for Defense and Intelligence David Richmond, Director for Americas and Overseas Territories Robert Culshaw, and Deputy Chief Executive of the Defense Procurement Agency David Gould. He also delivered the keynote address at a Chatham House conference on European Capabilities, spoke with "Economist" journalist Edwina Moreton, gave two BBC radio interviews (BBC World and the Today Programme) and addressed the Parliament's Foreign Affairs Select Committee and the All-Party Group on Global Security and Non-Proliferation. A/S Bloomfield also briefed an embassy working group on the

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status of the ITAR exemption. In all of his meetings, Bloomfield emphasized the Administration's desire to reach out to friends and allies in President Bush's second term and deepen transatlantic relations, referring to the President's December 1 speech in Halifax as evidence of this intent. The British warmly welcomed this message. End Summary.

China Arms Embargo

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13. (U) A/S Bloomfield pointed out for Richmond, and later for the All-Party Group on Global Security and Non-Proliferation, that the Administration has increased funding 50 percent for demining in FY05 and hoped to focus on the most mine-affected countries.

International Criminal Court (ICC)

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15. (U) At his briefing for the All-Party Group on Global Security and Non-Proliferation, one MP noted that he completely agreed with the U.S. position on ICC and that the UK was likely to find itself in trouble due to its agreement to the Rome Statute.

Defense Capabilities

16. (U) [REDACTED] a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee pointed out the disparity in capability between the U.S. and the rest of the world, a disparity laid bare by OIF, and asked what the U.S. intended to do about it. A/S Bloomfield replied that ideally the U.S. would like to decrease the number of crises in the world. But to assist other countries in dealing with some of the smaller ones, the U.S. planned to train 75 battalions over five years, mostly in Africa, as peacekeeping troops. In addition, the G-8 launched a constabulary initiative at Sea Island that would train gendarme recruits for post-conflict situations. A/S Bloomfield said the forthcoming "National Military Strategy" and "National Defense Strategy" would highlight U.S. interest in engaging willing and able partners to handle these situations.

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