

PRESIDENT JONATHAN

*1-3 paragraphs REDACTED Out of Scope*

4. Jonathan [REDACTED] met us alone and listened carefully to Gen. Chiswell's account of what we could offer, and my reinforcement of the Prime Minister's personal engagement, and UK commitment to Nigeria's security and stability. Jonathan thanked the Prime Minister [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] he not only welcomed our training, but showed appreciation of its effect in the field. Properly trained troops were not only more militarily effective, but showed more restraint and human rights awareness. His view of the possible future was also more coherent: no easy victory, but increasing military pressure, to force BH into a negotiating channel, at the end of which lay rehabilitation and reintegration. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
6. Jonathan was still focussed on "platforms". Gen. Chiswell said again we could offer advice on what equipment might make sense and how weapon systems might be best deployed<sup>1</sup>. We concluded by hoping, over time, that the combination of training, strategic advice, support for uplift in the North and a better Nigerian relationship with regional neighbours could provide a way to pressure BH into serious dialogue. In this process, UK support for Nigeria was long haul. We would report back to him at intervals. Jonathan was grateful and asked that Gen. Chiswell follow up through the NSA and CCAS.

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<sup>1</sup> This is not a reference to any UK gifted or procured lethal equipment. This footnote was not part of the original document.

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EXTRACT FROM DIPTTEL 1407046 - ON THE BRINK AGAIN? MINISTERIAL VISIT TO ABUJA SECURITY  
CONFERENCE  
14/09/2014

*Bilaterals: National Security Adviser (NSA)*

*1-7 paragraphs REDACTED Out of Scope*

8. *Mr Duddridge met the NSA before the Conference and established a good early rapport.*

[REDACTED]

*On the Chibok girls, while Defence HQ led on rescue options [REDACTED], they were using "every other avenue" in parallel. They would like "closure" before the election, but his body language suggested no optimism.* [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Summary

Paragraphs 4-5, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 REDACTED Out of Scope

Timely visit. Minister delivers UK package to President and invites him to PSVI Summit. Nigerians grateful for help and support [REDACTED]

DETAIL

1. Mark Simmonds spent a day in Abuja on 14 May. He saw the President, his Defence Minister, the Governor of Borno State, the leader of the US advisory team, the President's appointee on gender equality and women's education in the North, and the media in droves.
2. [REDACTED] The Minister set out the UK package announced by the Prime Minister: a surveillance aircraft, [REDACTED], an implant in Army HQ and the educational and development inputs. There would be no UK combat troops. This remained a Nigerian lead and responsibility.
3. Jonathan welcomed the package and thanked the Prime Minister. The UK was helping Nigeria not just with terrorism, but on trade, the economy and development. Nigeria faced both an emergency and a long term threat. The emergency was the abductions. The girls had not been located. There was conflicting information. "Remote sensing" from the surveillance aircraft would help. But "Nigeria's intelligence and military services must solve the ultimate problem".
6. The Minister raised regional diplomacy. He was in Cameroon next week and would urge greater cross-border coordination. Would Jonathan be in Paris this weekend? The President welcomed UK help with the region. He would go to Paris with his Foreign Minister and NSA.  
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7. The Minister gave Jonathan the Foreign Secretary's invitation to the June PSVI summit in London. Nigeria was a signatory to the Initiative, and in the light of Chibok Jonathan's presence would be particularly important. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

9. *Borno needed a comprehensive approach* [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. *He was already in touch with his counterpart in Cameroon, and welcomed help with regional diplomacy. But the situation needed gripping as "a national issue".* [REDACTED]

11. *On the girls, he merely confirmed the conflicting reports on location: Lake Chad, the Sombisa, the Cameroon border. On rescue, it would depend on where they were. The Nigerians didn't want to mount an operation that killed them.* [REDACTED]

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EMAIL FROM BHC ABUJA – date unknown

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LONDON MINISTERIAL

*Simon and I met an MFA team this afternoon to run through our draft “deliverables” list and hear what they wanted to get out of the London ministerial meeting on 12 June. We saw Under Secretary for Africa Gordon Bristol (a heavy weight in every sense), the Minister’s Chief of Staff Sola Enikanolaiye (referred to by the U/S as the Minister’s alter ego), and a team of directors.*

*We handed over Andrew’s letter which gave an overview of our plans to host the meeting next week. Bristol thanked the UK for taking the initiative to organise the follow up meeting, saying that he appreciated all that we were doing for Nigeria, they had been astounded by the level of support they were receiving at a very high level.*

[REDACTED]

*The Nigerians wanted to get two things from the London meeting; firstly to assess progress since the Paris meeting, and secondly for the meeting to focus on implementation, in particular on implementing the Paris commitments. They had seen increased cooperation in the sub-region since the Paris meeting, but they were after a more robust, concrete implementation plan. London did not need to reinvent the wheel and they wanted to avoid any attempts at quick-fixes or for the outputs to be driven by the media wanting to know what was being done to release the Chibok girls. The approach had to address the wider problem, and BH in particular.*

*The team liked the look of our draft list of ideas (slightly edited, and excluding option g). They undertook to review the ideas and come back with any substantive comments. We mentioned that we planned to discuss with Hassan Tukur on Wednesday, they were happy with this.*

*We discussed a few points in a bit more depth.*

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*PSVI SUMMIT*

*One of the UN Directors gave us a quick overview on Nigeria's position on the PSVI Summit. Either he had read all of the Summit material or else Nigeria is right on message. The Minister was leading a delegation of Nigerians which included representatives from the Ministry for Women and the Nigerian Human Rights Commission. The Summit was timely [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The African Human Rights Commission had condemned the process and made a statement recognising that the use of rape as a weapon of war was a crime against humanity. Nigeria wanted to look at how international instruments could be strengthened, the provision of rehabilitation for victims and ways to strengthen the legal process to ensure that perpetrators were brought to justice. Civil Society organisations had a key role to play.*

*He had some practical questions on the agenda, whether the minister should make a statement before or during the summit about Nigeria's signature of the declaration and commitment to the issue. I'll follow up with the PSVI team tomorrow.*

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First Secretary ECOWAS & Regional Affairs

BHC Abuja

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