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HUMBLE ADDRESS: APPOINTMENT OF LORD MANDELSON AS HM AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON

That an Humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions to require the Government to lay before this House all papers relating to Lord Mandelson's appointment as His Majesty's Ambassador to the United States of America, including but not confined to the Cabinet Office due diligence which was passed to Number 10, the Conflict of Interest Form Lord Mandelson provided to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), material the FCDO and the Cabinet Office provided to UK Security Vetting about Lord Mandelson's interests in relation to Global Counsel, including his work in relation to Russia and China, and his links to Jeffrey Epstein, papers for, and minutes of, meetings relating to the decision to appoint Lord Mandelson, electronic communications between the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff and Lord Mandelson, and between ministers and Lord Mandelson, in the six months prior to his appointment, minutes of meetings between Lord Mandelson and ministers in the six months prior to his appointment, all information on Lord Mandelson provided to the Prime Minister prior to his assurance to this House on 10 September 2025 that 'full due process was followed during this appointment', electronic communications and minutes of all meetings between Lord Mandelson and ministers, Government officials and special advisers during his time as Ambassador, and the details of any payments made to Lord Mandelson on his departure as Ambassador and from the Civil Service except papers prejudicial to UK national security or international relations which shall instead be referred to the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament.

GOVERNMENT METHODOLOGY IN COMPLYING WITH THE HUMBLE ADDRESS

Summary

1. In order to provide transparency to Parliament and the public, below is set out the process by which the Government gathered, processed and published material in relation to the Humble Address of 4 February 2026. This includes the publication of Volume I on 11 March and this publication of Volume II.

2. The scope of the motion is very broad and has required the discovery, assessment, analysis and preparation of thousands of individual documents and messages. This is a task that has involved every Government department and goes far beyond the scope of any Freedom of Information Act request or Parliamentary Question. From the beginning it was recognised that the Government's response would be more similar in scale to a public inquiry. In addition, it has been necessary for the Government to navigate the added complexity of an ongoing police investigation, which it has been consistently clear it will not prejudice in its response to the Humble Address.

3. The Government's guiding principle in responding to the Humble Address has been to comply as fully and transparently as possible with the motion and Parliament's will, as swiftly as possible. Other than the redaction of individual email addresses and contact details, the majority of redactions are those which the Government has agreed with the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament (ISC). The only other redactions made outside the ISC process have been where there is a clear rationale, informed by the FOI Act or other legal frameworks, and in line with the clear precedent set by previous administrations. The application of such redactions has been deliberately limited, targeted, and the subject of detailed consideration on a line-by-line basis. The reasons for redaction have been clearly marked.

4. The Government has invited and received comprehensive assurance at every stage of this process, from making the initial decisions on scope, to the minutiae of specific redactions. This includes advice from leading Counsel on the principles followed and the detailed underpinning methodology, and the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee reviewing the information which has been withheld in order not to prejudice the ongoing Metropolitan Police Service investigation.

5. The result is the largest ever Government response to a Humble Address. It represents thousands of hours of work from officials across the Government to deliver an unprecedented piece of Government transparency.

Commissioning

6. A disclosure exercise of this size required multiple commissions to every government department, in order that the Government could be assured that it was discharging Parliament's will. These are explained below.

7. To prepare the first volume of published material, an initial set of documents relevant to the appointment and withdrawal of Peter Mandelson was provided to the Cabinet Office Humble Address team by the Prime Minister's Office, following which the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) was commissioned to provide further specific documents relating to Peter Mandelson's appointment and withdrawal. These documents were subject to the same series of checks as outlined below.

8. In addition, all Government departments (including the Prime Minister's Office) received an instruction to retain all potentially relevant information shortly after the Humble Address motion was passed, to ensure that nothing in scope of the motion would be lost before departments were formally commissioned.

9. On 23 February, the the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO - the Permanent Secretary to the Cabinet Office) commissioned all departments to search for and return all electronic communications and minutes of meetings in scope of the Humble Address, in order to return information mainly within scope of the limbs of the motion concerned with messages and meetings during Peter Mandelson's tenure as Ambassador and the six preceding months. This focused on obtaining electronic communications directly between Peter Mandelson and Ministers, Pay Band 3/4 Special Advisers, Permanent Secretaries and Directors General, and minutes of meetings between those same individuals, where they were the principal attendees, rather than where they were one member among wider cast lists (for example not including formal committee meetings such as COBR or the NSC). This did not include wider groups or distribution lists, therefore excluding FCDO Diplomatic Telegrams, regional updates, thematic notes and briefing materials, press lines, corporate updates and newsletters.

10. In addition to this request, a further specific commission was made to the FCDO on 24 February, in order to target information in scope of the limbs of the motion most relevant to the FCDO. This included information relating to Peter Mandelson's withdrawal and severance.

11. Departments were asked to provide assurance on their returns on 6 March, in order that the central Humble Address team could be sure that all relevant information had been collected and to understand where further commissions may be required.

12. Departments were asked to undertake a search for any further non-corporate communications on 13 March, given the significant interest in this limb of the motion. This commission specified that all relevant non-corporate communications, except where they were purely personal in nature (for example relating to family matters or medical information), were required to be shared with the Cabinet Office. This included group messages.

13. A commission was sent to departments on 27 March which provided a further opportunity to share any additional material that departments believed should be considered in scope of the Humble Address motion. The commission also requested confirmation from departments that their initial return had captured all minutes of

meetings in scope. Such confirmation would be taken to mean that departments had cross-referred to specific individuals' calendars as well as their inboxes.

14. There were two specific commissions to relevant departments to check that all material relating to Peter Mandelson's National Security Vetting had been returned, on 21 April and 8 May.

15. Departmental Permanent Secretaries were responsible for assuring the Cabinet Office that they had taken reasonable steps to comply with the commissions and provide all relevant information. Departments were responsible for contacting all relevant current and former Ministers, Special Advisers and officials in their departments in scope of the request. Throughout the process there was an ongoing dialogue between the central team and departments, with specific sessions held with relevant private office officials to answer any questions.

16. Where individuals in scope had subsequently left the Government, the department which last employed them was responsible for contacting them and assuring their return. Where Ministers had occupied other Ministerial posts in the period between the six months prior to Peter Mandelson's appointment as HMA Washington and the date of the Humble Address motion, the Minister's current department was responsible for contacting the departments where that Minister had previously served.

17. The Cabinet Office Humble Address team used a secure portal to process returns from departments. These returns were instructed to be unredacted and undoctored.

<u>Scope of searches</u>

18. In order that the Government could respond swiftly and transparently to discharge the spirit and letter of the Humble Address, search parameters were included based on the limbs of the Humble Address motion. These were as follows:

    a. Individuals in scope of the limbs of the motion seeking direct correspondence with Peter Mandelson (via email and other electronic messages) were specified as all Ministers, Pay Band 3/4 Special Advisers, Permanent Secretaries and Directors General. This was on the basis that these were the individuals most likely to have come into contact with Peter Mandelson.
    b. These individuals were instructed to search their work devices and personal devices for any relevant information.
    c. Minutes of meetings between those same individuals and Peter Mandelson where they were the principal attendees were requested, not where they were one member among wider cast lists (for example not including formal committee meetings such as the National Security Council).
    d. Electronic messages involving Peter Mandelson that were exchanged as part of a group were requested, as well as those directly between an in-scope individual and Peter Mandelson.

19. While commissions to departments did not specifically request invitations to meetings or schedulers from individuals' calendars, where these have been provided to the

Cabinet Office Humble Address team and where relevant, they have been included in the publication.

20. Some material has been included in the publication where it does not meet the above criteria but includes content relevant to areas where Parliament has expressed a significant interest, such as Peter Mandelson's campaign to become Chancellor of Oxford University. Material of a party political nature is included in the publication, contrary to usual practice and precedent for information 'held' by the Government, in order to demonstrate the maximum possible transparency.

21. Some information was deemed out of scope via the commissioning process so as to keep the returns focused on the most relevant information:
    a. Obvious ephemera - for example press cuttings, out of office replies, FCDO internal corporate messaging.
    b. Anything which was clearly related to the corporate management of British Embassy Washington (e.g. FCDO personnel decisions and discussions, individual performance reporting, embassy staffing and management plans, estate issues).
    c. Routine Embassy business (such as consular work and copylists containing FCDO Diplomatic Telegrams, regional updates, thematic notes and briefing materials, press lines, corporate updates and newsletters).
    d. Purely personal information that would not usually be considered 'held' by the Government (for example relating to family matters or medical information).

22. On 31 March the SRO wrote to Peter Mandelson - via his solicitors - to request any information held on his personal phone. Peter Mandelson declined to comply with this request. The Government has no further recourse to search the personal devices of Peter Mandelson.

<u>Cabinet Office assessment</u>

23. All documents submitted to the Cabinet Office underwent a series of checks including:

- An assessment to determine whether the material submitted was in scope of the Humble Address motion.

- A first stage assessment to determine whether material contained information which may prejudice UK national security or international relations. Where so, it was subject to a further process as outlined below.

- A team of Civil Service reviewers conducted checks to examine whether the documents contained: junior officials' names; legally privileged information; third party information; commercially sensitive information; or, personal data (e.g. phone numbers or email addresses). Such material was flagged for potential redaction ahead of final publication.

- A review team of senior officials, overseen by the SRO, has made the final

decisions on scope, commissioning, and fine judgements on specific principles and documents.

24. As the Government has consistently set out, documents have been withheld from publication if they could potentially prejudice the ongoing Metropolitan Police Service investigation. As set out below, these are intended to be published at a later date.

National security and international relations

25. The motion required that any papers prejudicial to national security or international relations would be referred to the ISC. Consequently, a subset of the material above was subject to an additional process to comply with that aspect.

26. Although the ISC was operating under the authority of the Humble Address in fulfilling this task (as opposed to its normal statutory remit), the process largely followed the usual process for requesting and agreeing national security redactions (although in this case, the ISC was also agreeing to international relations redactions as well as those relating to national security). Departments were asked to indicate where their searches identified material that would be prejudicial to either national security or international relations (or both). Departments then prepared pro formas that specified the text which required redaction, and the rationale for requesting that redaction. The pro formas, alongside the unredacted documents, were submitted to the ISC to seek their approval. In undertaking this process departments were supported by the National Security Secretariat for national security material, and the FCDO for international relations material. Over 300 documents were submitted to the ISC to seek their approval for the Government's proposed redactions.

27. Following the initial process, the Government and the ISC were in agreement on a number of the redaction decisions. The remaining documents were subject to a contested redactions process with a hearing held between senior officials and the ISC. This hearing led to the successful resolution of redactions relating to all of the remaining documents.

28. The ISC's statement of 15 May makes clear that it has considered all redactions proposed in the documents referred to the Committee, in order not to prejudice UK national security or international relations. The decisions determined by the Committee were final following the contested redaction hearing on 14 May. The Government is extremely grateful to the Committee for their work.

Preparation for publication

29. Following these processes, the Cabinet Office Humble Address team prepared the documents for publication. The documents include a mixture of emails, submissions, hard-copy files, and electronic messages such as WhatsApps, some of which required formatting choices to be applied for intelligibility.

30. WhatsApp and other instant messages were transcribed in a standard format to ensure intelligibility. Where material such as WhatsApp messages was submitted to the Humble Address team with incomplete details (for instance regarding dates), the

Cabinet Office Humble Address team followed up with departments to request the remaining material. Material has been published with the maximum amount of available information, and some messages which are not strictly in scope of the motion have been included in order to provide context, where such context was necessary, or where they respond to particular areas of interest from Parliament.

31. Documents have been de-classified to enable publication. Where documents show a classification marking, this no longer applies.

32. The publication is structured according to each limb of the motion. Within this, documents are ordered chronologically.

Redactions

33. It is a longstanding practice across successive administrations that, when the Government responds to a Humble Address motion, it has a responsibility to consider whether it is in the public interest to place certain information into the public domain. In line with practice across successive administrations, this is done using the principles of the Freedom of Information Act, and in line with the Ministerial Code and the resolutions on ministerial accountability, passed by both Houses in 1997 which state that "*ministers should be as open as possible with Parliament, refusing to provide information only when disclosure would not be in the public interest, which should be decided in accordance with relevant statute*."

34. As set out above, the Government's overriding priority in responding to the Humble Address has been to respond fully, transparently and swiftly in order to meet the will of the House. Clearly, the scale of the Humble Address disclosure goes far beyond any usual Freedom of Information Act or other transparency request. However, the principles the Freedom of Information Act sets out have been used by previous administrations when responding to such motions - for example when responding to Humble Addresses relating to Randox and the Westferry Printworks. That means that, outside the process for managing papers prejudicial to UK national security or international relations, a number of targeted, specific redactions have been made in order to prevent real-world harms.

35. Specifically, these targeted redactions are in order to protect:
    a. Individuals' email addresses and phone numbers;
    b. The identities of junior civil servants;
    c. Third party data - including the personal or commercially sensitive data of third parties not relevant to the motion; and
    d. Legal professional privilege.

36. A small amount of Peter Mandelson's personal data has also been redacted: his signature and the location of his home.

37. In the interests of transparency, third party individuals who are considered to be public figures have been named. Third parties who have a reasonable expectation of privacy, because they are not public figures, have not been named. No references to current or former UK politicians have been redacted on the basis of their being third

parties. Publication of the names of political figures from countries other than the USA has been limited to world leaders.

38. There has been particular public interest in information involving Global Counsel and Palantir. No redactions have been made to references to Global Counsel, other than to protect the privacy of individuals who are not public figures - their connection to Global Counsel has been made clear in those emails. References to Palantir and Anduril have only been redacted in cases where the redaction has been agreed with the ISC, i.e. on the grounds of being information that is prejudicial to UK national security or international relations.

39. Some company names other than Global Counsel and Palantir have been redacted where this is not relevant to the motion. The Government does not consider it to be in the interests of the taxpayer to damage the Government's relationship with companies, to damage ongoing Government commercial negotiations, or to potentially damage those companies' commercial prospects, if they are not relevant to the motion.

40. Where material that has been submitted to the Cabinet Office Humble Address team is already in the public domain, no redactions have been applied to that material.

41. The redaction process has been overseen by the Cabinet Office and, where relevant, in conjunction with the ISC. No Government Minister or Special Adviser has determined any of the redactions.

42. The following labels have been used for redactions in Volume II:
    a. Redactions made with the agreement of the ISC have been labelled with asterisks '(***)'
    b. All email addresses and phone numbers have been redacted with the label 'PERSONAL'
    c. A small amount of personal data contained in the body of documents has also been redacted with the label 'PERSONAL'
    d. All junior civil servants' names have been redacted with the label 'JCS'
    e. Third party material not relevant to the motion and relating to individuals who are not public figures have been redacted with the label 'THIRD PARTY'
    f. Information relating to companies, where disclosure of the information would be commercially damaging, has been redacted with the label 'THIRD PARTY'
    g. Material attracting legal professional privilege has been redacted with the label 'LPP'

<u>Acronyms</u>

43. Below is an explanation of common acronyms used in document titles:
    a. CO - Cabinet Office
    b. DBT - Department for Business and Trade
    c. DEFRA - Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
    d. DSIT - Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
    e. FCDO - Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
    f. HMT - HM Treasury

g. HO - Home Office
h. MoD - Ministry of Defence
i. NCSC - National Cyber Security Centre
j. No.10 - Prime Minister's Office

Independent assurance

44. The Government has taken several measures to ensure independent, external assurance of the process it has followed.

45. The Senior Responsible Owner has taken advice from leading Counsel, senior Government lawyers, and other Government experts throughout this process.

46. As confirmed by Ministers to Parliament, the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Simon Hoare MP, has reviewed information that has been withheld from publication on the basis of not wishing to prejudice the ongoing Metropolitan Police Service investigation, in order to provide as much transparency to Parliament as possible, albeit in a closed setting.

47. Finally, the Cabinet Office Humble Address team has taken advice from an independent Kings Counsel - including reviewing the methodological approach followed by officials - and acted on that to inform their approach. This has helped ensure that the Government is confident that its approach is compliant with the Humble Address and the Government's legal obligations.

Police process and third publication

48. The Government has now discharged its duties under the Humble Address when it comes to identifying relevant material within scope of the motion and preparing it for publication. With the exception of the material being withheld in order not to prejudice the ongoing Metropolitan Police Service investigation, all these documents have now been published in either Volume I or II. There will be a final publication by the Government at the conclusion of the Metropolitan Police Service investigation, or before, if the Metropolitan Police Service confirms that doing so will not prejudice their investigation.

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Thanks Ailsa. I would just emphasise I think it is preferable all round for us to conclude a US deal ***

I think we need to accelerate the process this week if at all possible.

Thanks

Peter

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All,

At this end a few of us have had a few conversations just now on progress towards a trade deal.

@Black, Jonathan - CO (OFF-SEN) you agreed to do a short cover note for the PM tonight, with the updated Heads of Terms doc. It will also be important to have this ahead of the Europe Committee discussion tomorrow. **Grateful if we can have this by 1945.**

We will consider on the back of that if we need a Ministerial meeting this week and take a view tomorrow.

Ailsa

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To note: I've spoken to Third Party is very supportive of the potential work-round - and has given me confidence about the industry as a whole. Am with JB and KJ and will discuss - and brief BEW on landing.
Best,
Varun

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All,

We had a discussion with the PM on US trade yesterday.

Reminding all recipients this subject remains in a compartment with named members and should not be forwarded without explicit permission to do so.

@kate joseph Personal you can brief SoS/Kal. For completeness, the key steers from the PM were as follows:

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Ailsa

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From the Ambassador

The Rt Hon Lord Mandelson PC
His Majesty's Ambassador
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29 April 2025

The Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Dear Chancellor,

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Lord Mandelson
British Ambassador to the United States

200 - 29-04-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Madelaine McTernan (Chief of Defence Nuclear, MoD)

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Thanks Maddy. I am very keen to go to Barrow.

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Dear Peter
I am very much looking forward to seeing you in May – thank you for hosting the nuclear dinner. It looks like some great guests for that.
I am not sure how often you are back in the UK, but I'd love to take you to Barrow so you can see our submarine building if you are ever able.
Also, I think we will be hosting a VVIP visit towards the end of the summer which we will be sure to invite you to.
Kind regards
Maddy

Madelaine McTernan CB
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Thanks Oliver. Please keep me updated. Peter

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Gareth, Varun, Peter,

I had a call with Third Party last week on an upcoming Third party board decision regarding procurement of Third Party

Third Party asked whether it was possible to have a call with Third Party and potentially Third Party to give a bit of colour on Tariffs, US/UK relationship and some on the ground insights from HMG. That call is being set up with Mungo and I. We'll also take the opportunity to get further Third Party which may be helpful to our wider engagement with US administration.

No action required, for context and in case you speak to Third Party .

Regards,
OC

Oliver Christian
His Majesty's Consul General in New York & His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for North America
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- President Trump sat down with ABC News anchor Terry Moran for an exclusive interview on the 100th day of his second term.
- The interview was combative at times, covering tariffs, immigration and deportations.
- The UK was not mentioned.
- Asked whether the US would cut off military aid if there is no Ukraine peace deal, **President Trump responded:** *"I don't want to tell you that. I'm not going to tell you whether or not. I want to leave that as a big fat secret, because I don't want to ruin a negotiation, but I do worry. I will tell you I was not happy when I saw Putin shooting missiles into a few towns and cities, and that was not something that I like seeing, and I thought it was inappropriate."*
- The President concluded the interview describing ABC as one of 'the worst for fake news'.

The clip can be found HERE.

Please find the rough transcript below:

Terry Moran
We begin tonight with a look inside the Oval Office, Donald Trump has transformed.

President Trump
This is the Oval Office. This is the resolute desk, which is really something very spectacular. There's nothing quite like it and it they give you a choice of about seven different desks, but this is the one I chose. Ronald Reagan had it. FDR had it. Few people had it, but I found it to be the most beautiful. It is amazing. This is an amazing space and amazing, maybe architecturally wonderful, but amazing for what it represents. It represents the US, and if properly used, a lot of good things could happen.

Terry Moran
What does this say about how you feel about the country and the office?

President Trump
Well, I think it says I love the country. I mean, I'm putting pictures of presidents up that have never been up, pictures that were largely used in many cases. You know, great men, in this case, men, but great men of great achievement. I'm a very detailed person. I'm a very clean person. I like cleanliness. I like to see this space be treated properly. I've added a lot to the space in terms of beautification, in terms of modernization. That's a gallery of President. It really is. It really is so and it's an honor to have you people with us.

Terry Moran
Mr. President, thank you for doing this. Thank you very much. Here in the Oval Office, it's it's special 100 days into your second term. So what's the one thing, just one thing that you think is the most significant thing you've done so far in these 100 days?

President Trump
Well, I think maybe the border is the most significant, because our country was really going bad. They were allowing people to come in from prisons, as you know, and you've heard me say it, but you've heard a lot of people say it, prisons, mental institutions, gang members, murderers. We had many murders, 11,888 they think some murdered more than one person. So you had murderers coming in, you had everybody coming in, and not just South America, from all over the world. They were emptying their prisons into our country, and now it's totally closed down. We've seen just yesterday they announced 99.9% nobody thought that could happen. And it happened quickly, very quickly, and I think that's very significant, but we're doing other things that are very significant. Results will take a little bit longer, because it's one of those. You know, it's complicated. Many years of trading abuse. We've been abused by other countries for years and years. They laughed at us. They thought we were stupid people, and we're fixing it, and I think that's going to be very, very important, but I have a lot of ground to cover. Yeah, I would really say that the border is so important.

Terry Moran
We'll get there. Immigration huge, and we're going to get there. But I want to start sure with the economy the number one issue for so many people, just about everybody. It's one of the main reasons that you're back in this office and now we have this trade war with China that that Moody's and other analysts say is going to cost American families 1000s of more dollars per year. And there is a lot of concern out there. People are worried, and some people who voted for you saying, I didn't sign up for this. So how do you answer those concerns?

President Trump
Well, they did sign up for it, actually, and this is what I campaigned on. I said that we've been abused by other countries at levels that nobody's ever seen before. We were losing three to $5 billion a day on trade. We were losing a trillion and a half to$2 trillion a year, not sustainable. They were taken advantage of us like they've never I could have left it that way, and at some point there would have been an implosion like nobody's ever seen. But I said, No, we have to fix it. I've wanted to do this for many years. You know, I had the best economy during my first time, we had a tremendous economy, tremendous success, and we did tremendous numbers of tariffs on we took in a lot of money from tariffs, China, in particular, hundreds of billions of dollars in tariffs. We had no inflation. As you know, we had an incredible economy, given credit for a great economy. But I said, we have to fix this. Otherwise, it's just not self sustaining.

Terry Moran
One of the things you ran on was you said you bring prices down on day one, and that and it would happen fast, and that it would happen fast, I have many, most economists, will tell you that tariffs will raise prices. Don't your tariffs cut against that promise you made to bring prices down?

President Trump
No, because I had massive tariffs on China, if you remember, in my first term, and we had essentially no inflation, like around 1% inflation, which is like a perfect number the and then when Biden took over, it went through the roof to the probably the worst inflation we've ever had. I mean, we had an inflation nightmare. Now, if you look at what's happening now, we're only there for 100 days, as you say, and in 100 days we took over that we had bad inflation for four years, for two years of especially two years of his, his administration, I would say record setting like we've never seen. They say 48 years. The worst in 48 years. I say it was much worse than that, right? So, so now, if you look at what's happened, energy is down. Gasoline hit $1.98 in a few states during the last couple of days. It was $3.50 and $4 and $4.50 but gasoline is way down. When I took over, you remember the big thing with eggs? They hit me the first week, eggs, eggs, eggs, like it was my fault. I said I didn't cause this problem. This problem was caused by Biden. What's the problem with eggs? And they said they've doubled. Well, eggs are down 87% since I got involved, a lot of that. And by the way, and there were plenty of eggs for Easter, which we just went through, there were plenty of eggs for Easter. They were saying you won't have enough eggs for Easter. We ended our sec, my secretary did a fantastic job on eggs. Groceries are down. Everything's down. Interest rates are the same. Interest rates should be down, but we have the Federal Reserve that wants to be stubborn.

Terry Moran
We'll get to that. You said something a couple weeks ago that struck me. You said, concerning the tariffs, which economists say are going to raise prices, you said, quote, hang tough. It won't be easy.

President Trump
I've said that during my campaign. We won all seven swing states. We won the popular vote by a lot. You know, we had a tremendous campaign. I said all these things during my campaign. I said, you're going to have a transition period. We've been ripped off by every country all over the world. They're laughing at us. They thought we were stupid people, and we were and I said, that's not going to happen when the hard times, hard times are ahead. I don't think so. I think tight times are ahead. Look, since I came in, gasoline is down, groceries are down, egg prices are down. Many things are down, just about everything, you know, you don't have the drop in and fuel and energy and oil like we did. I took it from maybe $3.20 maybe more than that, down into a low of much lower number. When you have that kind of a drop, you're not gonna have inflation, not now, but it's the tariffs, right? We still have 145% tariffs on China.

Terry Moran
You know any business you want to ask, will say that 145% tariffs on China, and that is basically an embargo. They deserve it. It'll raise prices on electronics to clothing to building housing.

President Trump
You don't know that. You don't know whether or not China's mathematics. China probably will eat those tariffs. But at 145 they basically can't do much business with the United States. And they were making from us a trillion dollars a year. They were ripping us off like nobody's ever ripped us off. And by the way, we have other countries that were just as bad. If you look at the European Union, was terrible. What they've done to us, every country, almost every country in the world, was ripping us off. They're not doing that anymore. I want you to think about the boom that this country has had in small businesses, mom and pop, Etsy stores, small businesses because of inflation. Well, inflationary boom. The people were wiped out with inflation. I mean, you read the news, you do the business now. Now a lot of them built those businesses on the trading model, yeah, and they can make more money. They source their products overseas, and now they're looking at an extinction. There's disaster for it.

I've been here for three months. I've taken a trade deficit down to a number that's very, very starting to get really good. I only just got here. We had a country that it was not sustainable. What Biden did to this country between the open borders, where criminals poured into our country, between every country in the world ripping us off on trade, it was not sustainable.

Terry Moran
So your message to those small businesses who are saying we can't live a month, two months with these tariffs, Apple got a big deal. Is there something for them?

President Trump
No, not only Apple, we've got seven to $8 trillion being invested in our country in two months. Biden didn't have that over a year. I mean, if you look at Biden, nobody was really investing in this country. Everybody was ripping off our country. Apple is putting up $500 billion but that's only one of many companies, companies are flooding into our country right now.

Terry Moran
So your answer to the concern about the tariffs is everything's going to be hunky dory. Everything's going to be just fine.

President Trump
It wouldn't have been if I didn't do this. I had a choice. I could leave it to have a nice, easy time, but I think ultimately you would have had an implosion. Our country had inflation that was worse than they've ever had it before. You don't mention that, why don't you mention that we had the worst inflation, probably in the history of our country. People say 48 years, probably in the history of our country, we had the worst inflation, and people were dying over the inflation. You know that now, the grocery prices are coming down, the energy prices are coming down, gasoline is coming down. It's all heading in the right direction.

Terry Moran
Okay, let's move on to immigration. And as you said, it is an undeniable fact that illegal crossings at the southern border have plummeted, a staggering decline. But there are questions about your methods, and so I want to ask my message methods, about your methods, how you're accomplishing the work. Do you acknowledge that under our law, every single person who gets deported gets a hearing first to make the case?

President Trump
Well, are we talking about people that are citizens of our country or not? No, you're deporting citizens at this point. Well, let me ask you, did they get hearings when? By when Biden allowed 21 million? Because I think the numbers 21 20 million people to flow into our country, you had 21 million people that came into our country through a stupid, open border, and there were prisoners, and they were people that you don't want in many cases in our country, right? They came from all over the world. They came from the Congo. They came from south they came from all over the world. We're talking about some of the roughest countries in the world. They had, they had here, including terrorists, by the way, now, but can we give them a hearing when they came in?

Terry Moran
Well, the law requires that every single person who is going to be deported gets a hearing first.

President Trump
I'll have to ask the lawyers about that. All I can say is this, if you're going to have 21 million people, and we have to get a lot of them out because they're criminals. We're going to have to act fast. We can't. Do you think we can give 21 million trials? Let's say each trial takes two weeks. Is that what you want us to know? The laws? The law doesn't sound about trials. No, not trials, hearings. These people came in. They're not citizens. They came in illegally. They came into a country illegally. We have to get them out. There's a legal process. I can't Sure, and we follow the legal process. I can't I can't have a trial, a major trial, every person that came in illegally. We have 1000s of murderers that came in. They're going to murder people. They already have murdered people. In our country, we have to get them out there.

We have to get them out fast, really bad guys. But in our country, even bad guys get due process, right? If people come into our country illegally, there's a different standard. These are illegal, they came in illegal. They get due process. Well, they get a process where we have to get them out.

Terry Moran
Yeah, okay, let's talk about the Venezuelans. They get whatever my lawyers say, right, all right. Let's talk about the Venezuelans. You deported more than 200 Venezuelans to that prison in El Salvador. You say they're they're violent, they're gang members, they're terrorists. Many of them don't have a criminal record at all.

President Trump
I'm not so sure about that. If you take a look, I want to read you some. Excuse me. When you look at those, those people, they were violent people, they were violent, but many of them don't have criminal recognized based on their lawyer. What their lawyers have said,

Terry Moran
Okay, Joe Rogan, said this. Joe Rogan, one of the leading podcasters, Trump supporter, about the deportation of Venezuelans. He said, quote, rounding up gang members and shipping them to El Salvador with no due process. He said it was dangerous. And added, quote, we got to be careful that we don't become monsters while we're fighting monsters.

President Trump
Joe Rogan, right? Oh, I agree with that 100% Yeah, we want to be careful, and we are careful. We're doing something that has to be done. We have a country that's very sick. Joe Biden, and it's not him, because I don't even think he knew what the hell was happening. But the people around him are vicious people, and what they've done to the country is unbelievable. They've allowed 21 million people to pour into our country. Many of these people are criminals. They've allowed the you mentioned, Venezuela, the jails of Venezuela, to be emptied into the United States. Do you know Venezuela crime is way down, way way down. You know why? Because they're criminals. Are now living happily in the United States of America, and we're getting them out, and I was elected to get them out, and we're getting under the law, and I'm getting them out fast, and we're getting them out illegally. Now, in some cases, we have judges. In some cases, they're radical left judges. What happened the other day where a judge was protecting a criminal was horrible, and I think she's got big problems, a couple of them, like they want to talk about one way we have to be treated fairly by judges, and we're not being treated fairly by all judges.

Terry Moran
So you're saying that you don't like some of the rulings?

President Trump
Well, I think the rulings will be overturned.

Terry Moran
Yeah, I only asked about one man in one court order, kilmar Abrego Garcia. He's the Salvadoran man who crossed into this country illegally, but who is under a protective order that he not be sent back to El Salvador. Your government sent him back to El Salvador and acknowledged in court that was a mistake, and now the Supreme Court has upheld an order that you must return him to the facilitate his return to the United States. What are you doing to comply?

President Trump
Well, the lawyer that said it was a mistake. He was here a long time, was not appointed by us. Should not have said that. Should not have said that. And the person that you're talking about, you know you're making this person said, this is a MS 13 gang member, a tough cookie, been in lots of skirmishes, beat the hell out of his wife, and the wife was petrified to even talk about him. Okay, this is not an innocent, wonderful gentleman from saying he's a good guy. It's about the rule of law. The order from the Supreme Court stands into our country illegally. You could get him back. There's a phone on this desk. I could, you could pick it up and I all the power the presidency. You could call up the president of El Salvador and say, send him back.

But now,
and if he were the gentleman that you say he is, I would do that, but the court to facilitate that. I'm not the one making this decision. We have lawyers. I don't want to do this, but the buck stops. Follow the law. You want me to follow the law? If I were the president that just wanted to do anything, I probably keep him says what the law is. Listen, I was elected to take care of a problem that was it was a unforced error that was made by a very incompetent man, a man that turned out to be incompetent that you always said was wonderful, great genius, right? And now you find out all of the media now, they're saying, What a mistake they made. A man who was grossly incompetent allowed us to have open borders where millions of people flowed in. I campaigned on that issue. I wouldn't say it was my number one issue, but it was pretty close. I campaigned in that issue. I've done an amazing job. I have closed borders. He said you couldn't do it. You wouldn't be able to do it. It would never happen. Well, it happened, and it happened very quickly. Wait a minute, when we have criminals, murderers, criminals in this country, we have to get them out, and we're doing it. And you'll pick out one man, but even the man that you picked out, he's got a piece said he wasn't a member of a gang. And then they looked and on his knuckles, he had MS, there's, there's a display.

Terry Moran
Wait a minute. He had MS, 13. He had some tattoos that are interpreted that way, but let's move on. That was Photoshop.

President Trump
Terry, hey, they're giving you the big break of a lifetime. You know you're doing the interview. I picked you because, frankly, I never heard of you, but that's okay when I picked you. Terry, but you're not being very nice. He had MS 13 tattoo.

Terry Moran
Agree to disagree. I'll carry on to something.

President Trump
Terry, do you want me to show you the picture I saw the picture. Here we go. Don't Photoshop it. Look at his hand. Here.

Terry Moran
I'm not an expert on them. I want to turn to Ukraine.

President Trump
No, no. He had M S as clear as you can be not interpreted. This is why people no longer believe well, the news, because in El Salvador, they aren't there, but let's just go they aren't there when he's there. Now, right? No. Terry.

Terry Moran
Ukraine, sir,

President Trump
He's got MS 13 on his knuckles.

Terry Moran
Okay, we'll take a look. We'll take a look.

Terry Moran
I want to turn to Rome, and to that moving image of you and President Zelensky sitting in St Peter's Basilica, talking to peace. It went around the world. Take us into that moment.

President Trump
Well, look the Ukraine is a very serious, very tough situation, and this is Biden's war. This is not my war, but I want to see if I can solve it, because probably close to 5000 young soldiers a week are being killed, Russian and Ukrainian. We also spend a tremendous amount of money in

Ukraine and Europe. Should be spending much more than us, than odds are spending much less. It's been badly handled by the Biden administration. It's been badly handled all the way around, all the way around that moment, the moment was a moment of solace, in a sense, because tremendous numbers of people are dying. A lot of his people are dying. They're being killed. And I feel very badly about it. I feel very badly about that's a war that would have never happened if I were president, and it didn't happen for four years. It was never even a thought of it happening.

Terry Moran
It does feel like something's happening after that meeting with Zelensky in St Peter's. You posted this on social media. There was no reason for Putin to be shooting missiles into civilian areas and cities and towns over the last few days.

President Trump
It makes me think that, well, that was part of my post, but you're right. That was, that was a part of a post, and it says, it makes me think that maybe he doesn't want to stop the war. He's just tapping me along. Yeah, that's possible. He might be, he could be tapping me along a little bit. I would say that he would like to stop the war. I think that if it weren't for me, I think he'd want to take over the whole country. Personally, I always felt so when I left, there wasn't even a chance that this would happen when Biden got involved. I won't say whether or not he handled it properly. But obviously it wasn't good, because the war started. Putin went in. The war started. I believe that Putin wanted to get all of Ukraine once he went in. And I think part of the reason he went and he saw what happened in Afghanistan, how incompetent, how incompetently Millie and all these guys handled that. It was one of the greatest embarrassments of our lifetimes, but maybe in the history of our country. Okay, so Putin went in. I think Putin wanted all of Ukraine. I think if I didn't win the election, he would have gotten all of Ukraine. I think he would have taken all of Ukraine. I think his first choice never with me. He would have never gone in with this group of losers. He went in, he saw what happened in Afghanistan. He said, Well, this is my chance, because it was always the apple of his eye. I talked to him, Ukraine was the apple of his eye. I think he wanted the whole country. You said me, I do believe that he's willing to stop the fighting.

Terry Moran
Do you think Vladimir Putin wants peace?

President Trump
I think he does. Yes. I think, yes. His dream was to take over the whole country. I think because of me, he's not going to do that.

Terry Moran
Do you trust him?

President Trump
I don't trust you. I don't trust a lot of people. I don't trust you. Look at you. You come in all shooting for Bear. You're so happy to do the interview, and you start hitting me with fake questions. You start telling me that a guy whose hand is covered the tattoo doesn't have the tattoo. You know? I mean, you're being dishonest. No, not, let me not sue. I trust I don't trust a lot of people, but I do think this. I think that he, let's say he respects me, and I believe because of me, he's not going to take over the whole but his decision, his choice, would be to take over all of Ukraine. It's a war that never should have happened. It did happen because of incompetent people.

Terry Moran
If there is no peace deal, will the US cut off military aid?

President Trump
I don't want to tell you that. I'm not going to tell you whether or not. I want to leave that as a big fat secret, because I don't want to ruin a negotiation, but I do worry. I will tell you I was not

happy when I saw Putin shooting missiles into a few towns and cities, and that was not something that I like seeing, and I thought it was inappropriate. But I think the whole war is inappropriate, again, it's a war that shouldn't have happened. This war is a war that if the election weren't rigged, and it was totally rigged, the 2020 election, if it weren't rigged, you wouldn't have that. You wouldn't have had the embarrassment of Afghanistan. You wouldn't have October 7 with Israel. You wouldn't have any of the problems. Wouldn't have had inflation either.

Terry Moran
All right, I want to ask one question about Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. There's a lot of turmoil at the at the Pentagon right now. There's the signal chat with his wife on it, where he's discussing that attack in Yemen. There's another signal chat discussing the attack on Yemen. There's a reporter accidentally involved. You said the other day that you had a talk with the secretary. Did you take him to the woodshed?

President Trump
had a talk with him. And whatever I said, I probably wouldn't be inclined to tell you, but we had a good talk. He's a talented guy. He's young, smart, highly educated, and I think he's going to be a very good defense hopefully, a great defense secretary, but he'll be very good defense secretary.

Terry Moran
You have 100% confidence in him?

President Trump
I don’t have 100% confidence in anything, okay, anything do I have 100% it's a stupid question. Look, it's pretty important. No, you don't have 100% only a liar would say I have 100% confidence. I don't have 100% confidence we're gonna finish this interview.

Terry Moran
Elon Musk and Doge. Everyone knows that there's wasteful government spending. It's really important, but the cuts have had some serious consequences. There have been cuts to foreign aid programs that save lives and keep people alive overseas. There's been research at the National Institutes of Health on cancer, on Alzheimer's that has had to be stopped. And the question, I think people have is, did Doge go too far, too fast, too reckless.

President Trump
No, I think those just been, look saved $150 billion billion we saved. That's a lot of money. There's also a lot of things right now under investigation, which is going to increase that amount by a lot. And that's a tremendous amount of money. There are some things where, when I heard about them, I put them back. As you know, there are things that I'm considering right now putting back, but overall, we've saved hundreds of billions of dollars.

Terry Moran
The original promise was 2 trillion, went to 1 trillion, not 250 million. And how do you know what it's going to be?

President Trump
Because we have things that are very at a very high level that are being looked at right now. We also found tremendous waste, fraud and abuse. As you know, we found a lot of fraud. There was a lot of fraud. Fraudulent things were taking place, and we ended that, and those people are going to be suffering.

Terry Moran
Just a legal note, fraud is a crime. There have been no referrals to the Justice Department.

President Trump
Well, you don't know that. Do you how do you know that?

Terry Moran
Have there been referrals to that? Are there?

President Trump
How would you know that that there were no referrals?

Terry Moran
There's been no investigation from it. I'm asking you, sir.

President Trump
You're not asking me, you made a statement.

Terry Moran
You know. Now I'm asking you, have there been?

President Trump
Yes, they have.

Terry Moran
One of the biggest achievements of your first term, that is operation warp speed. You got that COVID vaccine up and going and distributed. A lot of people took it, and a lot of people that feel their lives have been saved by it. Now we have this measles outbreak, biggest in a decade in Texas, and it's because people aren't getting their children vaccinated. Do you recommend to parents that they get their children vaccinated from well?

President Trump
I recommend the governors to make the decisions. You have a very talented governor of Texas, and he's making decisions, and those decisions are going to be made rapidly. This is a very much different thing than COVID in terms of rapidity and speed and other things. Measles have been with us a long time, and I'm not saying good, bad or indifferent. I'm just saying that the governors are making the decision. It's a Federalist decision.

Terry Moran
The President is our leader in so many ways, and your voice counts so much, and you can't tell moms and dads it's a good thing to get on these.

President Trump
Do I recommend it? Yes, I do. Okay, no, I do recommend it. Yes. Do you think you and I have recommended?

Terry Moran
Do you think the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Robert F Kennedy, Jr, who has a history of at the very least, vaccine skepticism? Do you think Kennedy recommends the measles?

President Trump
He did. He recommended it. Yeah, he did. He was satisfied with his Yeah. I mean, he sponsored, recommended that they go out and get the vaccine.

Terry Moran
You've revoked a lot of people's security clearances. I guess the question out of that is the concern that people have, are you using your powers as President to get personal revenge?

President Trump
No, I'll tell you what. I tell you what you should not you're really not asking, and you should be asking. There has never been a president in this country, in the history that was persecuted like I was persecuted by really crooked people, dishonest, horrible people, and it's been proven. So when you say, I'm treating people rough, I'm not treating people rough. I was treated worse than any president in the history of our country. And you know, people figured, well, maybe that's it. Finally we got, you know, he's leaving town. There goes the helicopter, and then I came back. And I came back because I have tremendous support. You know, when you win an election like I wanted, and you will admit, I won all seven swing states, I won the popular vote. I won 700 let's say 2750 districts, compared to 500 districts. That's why the map is all read, and those people feel that I was treated unfairly. But does that give you the right to go after your political opponents with the powers I'm going after all I'm doing? Hey, Biden did something to me, and I did something to Biden. And you know why I did it? Because he's grossly incompetent. That's not a man that should be allowed to, you know, be looking at things that are very confidential. But what about because there's in 71 here's a man that used an auto pen to sign very important documents. Now, who really is just, do you think he knew what that they were using an auto pen?I mean, he used an auto pen to sign very, very important documents. And so those are really the questions you should be asking. What do you think of the auto pen? Who wielded the auto pen? Because whoever that person was, think of it, whoever the person that wielded the auto pen, he was really the President of the United States, right? I don't think that Biden know anything about it, fair enough, but you are the president. Now I'm asking the justification for going after people you don't like. No, no, people that I think are dishonest. It's not that I don't even know most of them. They're people that seem angry. It's not anger. These are people that I think are very dishonest. I don't think they're worthy of being able to go into top secret information. I think that's fine, and Biden did that with many of our people. But when you look at it, these are people that I don't think are worthy of. That's my decision. It's not a question of anger.

Terry Moran
I understand you just had a phone call with a new Canadian Premier, and they just had this election. And Canadians, many of them, are really angry, furious about your talk about, we're going to take over Canada's going to become the 51st state, and travel is down into the United States from around the world.

President Trump
Prices are down. Energy is down. A tourism is going to be way up. We're doing very well. Where do you see the real numbers come out in about in six months from now?Where do you see the numbers?

Terry Moran
Do you think, if I may, do you think the reputation the United States has gone down under your presidency?

President Trump
No, I think it's gone way up. But I think we're a respected country. Again, we were laughed at all over the world. We had a president that couldn't walk up a flight of stairs, couldn't walk down a flight of stairs, couldn't walk across the stage without falling we had a president that was grossly incompetent. You knew it, I knew it, and everybody knew it, but you guys didn't want to write it because you're fake news. All right. Thank you. By the way, ABC is one of the worst. That's okay.

Terry Moran
Thank you for the opinion, but more importantly, thank you for having us here. I have one more question. It's a big one. It's a question that you know a lot of people have out there. What do you say to people who are concerned you are taking seizing too much power and becoming an authoritarian President like we haven't had before.

President Trump
No, I would hate them to think that I'm doing one thing. I'm making America great again. We have a country that was failing. We had a leader that was grossly incompetent. He

should have never been there. The election was rigged. He should have never been there. Our country suffered greatly, and now our country is coming back like nobody can believe I have editorials just today, where they're saying they've never seen anything they like it they love it. Our country's coming back and we're respected, again.

Terry Moran
Mr. President, thank you.

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To: Gareth DAVIES (DBT) Personal
Subject: Re: Third procurement: Pls protect.

I have done two iterations of industrial strategy (1998 and 2008) so I would be very happy to contribute.
We have to build a new model AI driven economy. We cannot do this without max data, talent, capital and energy.
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Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 1:29:26 PM
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Subject: Re: Third procurement: Pls protect.

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We are aiming at late June, early July. The main issue to work through is the interaction with the Spending Review

It would be great to get your perspective on what's needed in the strategy for it to be a success. In addition to telling a story about how we will prosper over the next decade, I am pushing for significant moves on energy prices, talent and regulation. We need to have tangible, specific changes which resonate with CEOs

GD

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Gareth, hope you well. Tangentially, could I ask you when the industrial strategy will be

finalized and published ?
Thanks Peter

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From: Gareth DAVIES (DBT)
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To: Oliver Christian ; Varun Chandra ; Peter Mandelson
Cc: Mungo Woodifield ; Alan Gogbashian
Subject: Re: Third procurement: Pls protect.

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Thanks for the update. I spoke briefly with Third Party along similar lines at the weekend

Let me know what you need from here to support. I'm keen to build this into the industrial strategy - as it's a great tangible example of our strengths in advanced manufacturing

GD

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From: Oliver Christian
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Cc: Mungo Woodifield ; Alan Gogbashian
Subject: Third procurement: Pls protect.

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Gareth, Varun, Peter,
I had a call with Third Party last week on an upcoming Third board decision regarding procurement of Third Party

Third asked whether it was possible to have a call with Third Party and potentially Third Party to give a bit of colour on Tariffs, US/UK relationship and some on the ground insights from HMG. That call is being set up with Mungo and I. We'll also take the opportunity to get further Third Party which may be helpful to our wider engagement with US administration.

No action required, for context and in case you speak to Third Party
Regards,
OC

Oliver Christian
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Hi - could you arrange a slot for me to speak with Peter next week pls. Maybe Friday?

Thx

GD

From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 12:59:28 PM
To: Gareth DAVIES (DBT) Personal
Subject: Re: Third Party procurement: Pls protect.

Yes very happy to do so. In fact I am trapped in a car for next three hours driving to NY!

I was at a tech conference yesterday. Half people with whom I had bilaterals mentioned energy in the UK.

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Thank you. Whilst I know the pressures on your diary - should we arrange a time to discuss properly?

GD

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Thur 01/05/2025 10:16:14 PM (UTC)

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Peter

Thanks very much also from me.

As you say, this will be pretty consequential for our interests and looking forward to further insights as the situation becomes clearer.

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Ailsa

From: Peter Mandelson
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Subject: Re: Former NSA Waltz

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Peter

Thank you for this useful background so promptly. V interested in more as you get it.

I am due to speak to *** ***
Obv the call may not happen if there's lots of disruption.

Olly

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Oliver Robbins
FCDO

From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 10:34:50 PM
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Caroline, Ailsa,
Today President Trump announced the first major shake-up of senior personnel in his administration. Following media reports, Trump confirmed in a Truth Social post this afternoon that Mike Waltz will step down as National Security Advisor (NSA), announcing that he will nominate Waltz to be the next US Ambassador to the UN (that post, previously tapped for Rep Elise Stefanik until Trump withdrew her nomination last month, will require Senate confirmation). Trump confirmed that Secretary of State Marco Rubio would serve as NSA on an interim basis. He will be the first person to hold the roles concurrently since Henry Kissinger. Media has reported that Trump also plans to oust Deputy NSA Alex Wong, but this is yet to be formally announced.

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The search for Waltz's permanent successor has begun. ***

We will report more fully with more details in due course.

Very best,
Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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Golly

History rhymes

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From: Oliver Robbins
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 5:28:08 PM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Re: ***

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Many thanks

Hope we can speak tomorrow. Lots to discuss.

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Oliver Robbins
FCDO

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 10:27:02 PM
To: Oliver Robbins ; James Roscoe
Cc: Caroline Hurndall ; Christian Turner ; Serena Stone
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To: Peter Mandelson ; James Roscoe
Cc: Caroline Hurndall ; Christian Turner ; Serena Stone
Subject: ***

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Peter, James

You're probably bombarded but v interested in your take on what's happened / happening tonight if you can. Let me know if you've sent but it's on another system.

Olly

—

Oliver Robbins
FCDO

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207 - 03-05-2025 - Email from Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No.10) to Peter Mandelson

From: Ailsa Terry Personal

Sent: Sat 03/05/2025 12:20:09 PM (UTC)

To: PS Jonathan Black Personal ; Michael Ellam Personal ; Varun Chandra Personal ; Jonathan Powell Personal ; JCS Personal ; Peter Mandelson Personal ; Cabinet Secretary (CAB) (External) Personal

Cc: Jonathan Black (Cabinet Office) (External) Personal ; Mungo Woodifield (Sensitive) Personal ; Huw Leslie (No 10) JCS Personal ; Ninjeri Pandit Personal ; Morgan McSweeney Personal ; Kunal Patel Personal ; JCS Personal ; JCS Personal ; Stephanie Driver Personal ; JCS Personal ; JCS Personal ; JCS Personal

Subject: ***

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Jonathan, Varun cc Michael,

Many thanks for this rapid advice.

The Prime Minister has read the advice and agrees the recommendations in Jonathan's covering advice. We should:

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Thank you.

Ailsa

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From: PS Jonathan Black Mailbox
Sent: Saturday, May 3, 2025 9:04:55 AM
To: Michael Ellam ; Varun Chandra ; Jonathan Powell ; Ailsa Terry ; JCS ; mandelsonpeter Personal ; cabinet.secretary
Cc: Black, Jonathan - CO (OFF-SEN) ; Mungo Woodifield ; Huw Leslie ; JCS ; Ninjeri Pandit ; Morgan McSweeney ; Kunal Patel ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS
Subject: Re: US Trade

Good morning,

Please note not to forward beyond this list - it is LIMDIS individuals only please.

Thank you,

On Fri, 2 May 2025 at 22:44, PS Jonathan Black Mailbox < Personal > wrote:

All,

Please find attached US trade deal update and DBT's advice on US *** .

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and DG European & Global Issues Secretariat (EGIS)
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HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

The Rt Hon Lord Mandelson PC
British Ambassador to the United States
3100 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20008

4th May 2025

Dear Lord Mandelson,

UK FUNDING FOR GAVI, THE VACCINE ALLIANCE

Thank you for your letter of 29 April regarding UK support for Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance. The UK remains committed to tackling global health challenges, not only because it is the right thing to do, but also because it will help us deliver on our Plan for Change in the UK by supporting global stability and growth. We continue to work with international partners towards the collective goal of a healthier, safer and more prosperous world.

As you note, the government has taken the difficult decision to reduce Official Development Assistance (ODA) spending to the equivalent of 0.3% of GNI by 2027, to fund an increase in security and defence spending.

Specific decisions on global health spending are being considered carefully as part of the ongoing Spending Review and resource allocation processes, based on various factors including impact and value for money as highlighted in your letter.

As one of the largest donors to Gavi, we want to see a successful replenishment and we are working with partners, including other donors, to support this.

Personal

RT HON RACHEL REEVES MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer

209 - 06-05-2025 - Email between Peter Mandelson, Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO) and others

From: Oliver Robbins Personal

Sent: Tue 06/05/2025 7:52:02 AM (UTC)

To: Peter Mandelson Personal Caroline Hurndall Personal ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal

Subject: RE: Mike Waltz and after

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Very helpful Peter, thank you.
Thanks also for forwarding the twitter exchanges on Germany. ***

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Olly

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 06 May 2025 06:54
To: Caroline Hurndall ; Oliver Robbins ; Ailsa Terry (No.10)
Subject: Mike Waltz and after

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Olly, Caroline, Ailsa
An update on this as you return from the bank holiday weekend.
There has of course been much commentary – private and public – on why Waltz went. ***

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We will continue to keep you informed. My advice is that David should keep up regular engagement with Rubio as he would anyway, but most notably on ***

Very best
Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC

210 - 07-05-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Stephanie Driver (former Director of Communications, No. 10) and others

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Wed 07/05/2025 5:16:07 PM (UTC)
To: Stephanie Driver[Personal]
Cc: Morgan McSweeney[Personal]; Varun Chandra[Personal]; JCS [Personal]; Mungo Woodifield[Personal]
Subject: Fw: Framing of trade deal for UK media

Steph, just to reprise my previous outline framing ***

On the other hand we may find we are waiting longer for completion and we should just stick to the 'work in progress' line. Can you share any outline of thinking in London ?

Thanks Peter

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 6:39:57 AM
To: Stephanie Driver
Cc: Varun Chandra ; Mungo Woodifield ; JCS ; MMcSweeney Personal
Subject: Framing of trade deal for UK media

Further to our telephone conversation I would suggest a helicopter framing as follows ***

Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal | Personal

211 - 07-05-2025 - Email from Jon Garvie (former Chief of Staff to the Foreign Secretary, FCDO) to Peter Mandelson

From: Jon Garvie Personal

Sent: Wed 07/05/2025 1:54:36 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson[Personal]
Subject: Fw: BFI. UK US film trade and priorities
Attachment: BFI. UK US Film Trade Statistics. Shared 070525.pdf
Attachment: BFI. UK US Trade Deal. Why AV must be excluded. SHORT. May 2025.pdf

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From: Third Party
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 1:05:17 PM
To: Jon Garvie
Cc: Third Party ; Third Party ; Third Party
Subject: BFI. UK US film trade and priorities

Hello Jon,
I hope all's well.
I wanted to drop you a line following President Trump's comments regarding his intention to introduce 100% tariffs on films produces outside the US. As you'll be all too aware, any such move would have major negative consequences for the UK film & HETV sector given the very high proportion of US inward investment in our sector.
I'm aware that Lord Mandelson is due to speak at an LA investment summit on Thursday May 8th, and so wanted to reach out ahead of this.
We're in close contact with DCMS teams on this issue, and are paying close attention for any further detail on the President's proposal (NB, you can view the plan Jon Voight originally proposed to the President here).
We'll be convening the BFI's Screen Sector Taskforce, comprising 100+ representatives from across the sector, on Friday to gather intel and provide any updates we're able to.
In the meantime, I wanted to share two documents with you in case useful:

- The first is a briefing document providing statistical insights into UK-US trade in film and HETV, including the balance of trade
- The second is a policy paper setting out why it remains essentially that the audiovisual sector is excluded from any future UK trade agreement with the US, even in the advent of the President's announcement. We've previously shared this with No 10, DBT and DCMS

The BFI's initial press comment, issued on Monday, ran as follows: *"The BFI is working closely with the UK Government, and industry partners in the UK and US while we understand the detail of the proposal. We want to keep collaboration at the heart of our sectors, so we remain a constructive partner to our friends in the US and internationally."*

If there is anything else we can do to support you as the situation develops, including any data requests you may have, please feel free to drop us a line and we'll be happy to help.
Thanks as ever,
Third Party

Third Party

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UK/US Trade in Film and High-End Television – Some headline numbers

British Film Institute

1. Production Investment in the UK by US companies

- In 2024, UK production spend by inward investment film and HETV projects was £4.8bn, accounting for 84% of UK film and HETV production spend. The overwhelming majority (98%) of this inward investment spend was related to projects with significant involvement from US production companies and/or financing (i.e., the US is recorded as one of the two main countries of origin in our database).
- Inward investment projects with significant US involvement accounted for 89% (159 out of 178) inward investment film and HETV production starts in 2024. HETV has a marginally higher share of significant US involvement, in terms of both spend and project count (see table).
- US investment in screen production in the UK has been consistently very strong for the last two decades in particular, following the introduction of the Film Tax Relief (now the Audiovisual Expenditure Credit [AVEC]) by the Labour Government in 2007. The introduction in 2013 of the High-end Television Tax Relief [now AVEC] for productions with average core costs of more than £1m per hour further boosted investment. HETV production now accounts for the largest proportion of inward investment in the UK.
- The pattern of production investment in recent years is shown in the charts in the Annex below. The success of the UK has been driven by our tax incentives, our outstanding technical skills and creative talent, the quality of our infrastructure (film studios and post-production/VFX houses), the UK's unrivalled range of filming locations and the very positive working relations between employers and unions.

Table: UK spend and count of inward investment film and HETV projects, all projects and those with significant US involvement, 2024.

	Film		HETV		Total	
Inward investment 2024	**UK spend (£m)**	**Count**	**UK spend (£m)**	**Count**	**UK spend (£m)**	**Count**
All projects	1,905.8	68	2,945.5	110	4,851.3	178
Projects with significant US involvement	1,851.0	59	2,901.4	100	4,752.4	159
% with significant US involvement	**97.1**	**87**	**98.5**	**91**	**98.0**	**89**

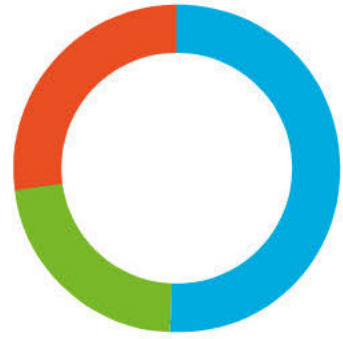
Source: BFI Research and Statistics Unit
For inward investment projects starting production in 2024.
Projects categorised as having 'significant US involvement' are those where 'US' is one of the top two countries of origin in the BFI RSU database.
UK spend figures include a mix of international and domestic funding sources.
Domestic and co-production data cannot be reported for 2024 for reasons of disclosure control. Approximately 5% of UK spend by domestic and co-production feature films are by projects with significant US involvement.

2. Exports of UK Film to the US

- The UK film industry exported £1.9 billion worth of services in 2021 of which £1.7 billion (90%) comprised royalties earned overseas from the exploitation of UK intellectual property (IP) and £0.2 billion (10%) comprised the sale of UK-based audiovisual and related services to foreign investors.
- The chart below (based on latest available data from the Office of National Statistics), shows that the primary export destination for the period was the EU with 51% of UK film exports, the highest share for the territory since records began. Conversely, the USA, which historically has been the leading destination for UK film exports, accounted for only 20%.

Destination of UK film exports as percentage of the total, 2017-2021.

	%
European Union	51
USA	20
Rest of the world	29
Total	**100.0**



Source: Office for National Statistics Annual Survey of International Trade in Services

3. Balance of Trade

- According to a Motion Picture Association (MPA) report published in January 2025, in 2023, the US earned $22.6 billion in film and television exports and its services trade surplus was $15.3 billion, or 6% of the total US trade surplus in services. “The industry generated a positive balance of trade in every major market in the world”, with exports three times the level of imports.
  N.B. The UK’s own import/export figures, as reported by the ONS, show a UK trade surplus with the US, on average, in film and TV services between the years 2013 and 2021, but there are well-documented asymmetries *between UK and US data on trade in services.*
- Based on UK data, UK film exports to the US accounted for an average 31% of the UK’s total film exports between the years 2013 and 2021, while UK TV exports to the US accounted for 26% of the UK’s total TV exports. Imports from the US to the UK accounted for 34% of total UK film imports and 36% of total UK TV imports.
- The value of UK film exports to the US was £354 million in 2021 (the latest date for which ONS data is available) and the value of UK TV exports to the US was £898 million.
- On average, for the years 2017-2021, the majority of the UK’s film trade surplus came from the European Union (60%), with the US accounting for just 1%. The trade surplus for film (positive balance of exports over imports) in 2021 was £863 million.

N.B. There is an extreme uncertainty as to whether or how, in practice, “tariffs” could be levied on a services sector, such as film and television production, as opposed to goods. For example, films are exempted from the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (which has been the legal basis for the existing tariffs): “As amended, the act currently protects the exchange of "information or informational materials, including but not limited to, publications, films, posters, phonograph records, photographs, microfilms, microfiche, tapes, compact disks, CD ROMs, artworks, and news wire feeds," provided such exchange is not otherwise controlled for national security or foreign policy reasons related to weapons proliferation or international terrorism.

4. Box office of UK and US films

UK films in the US

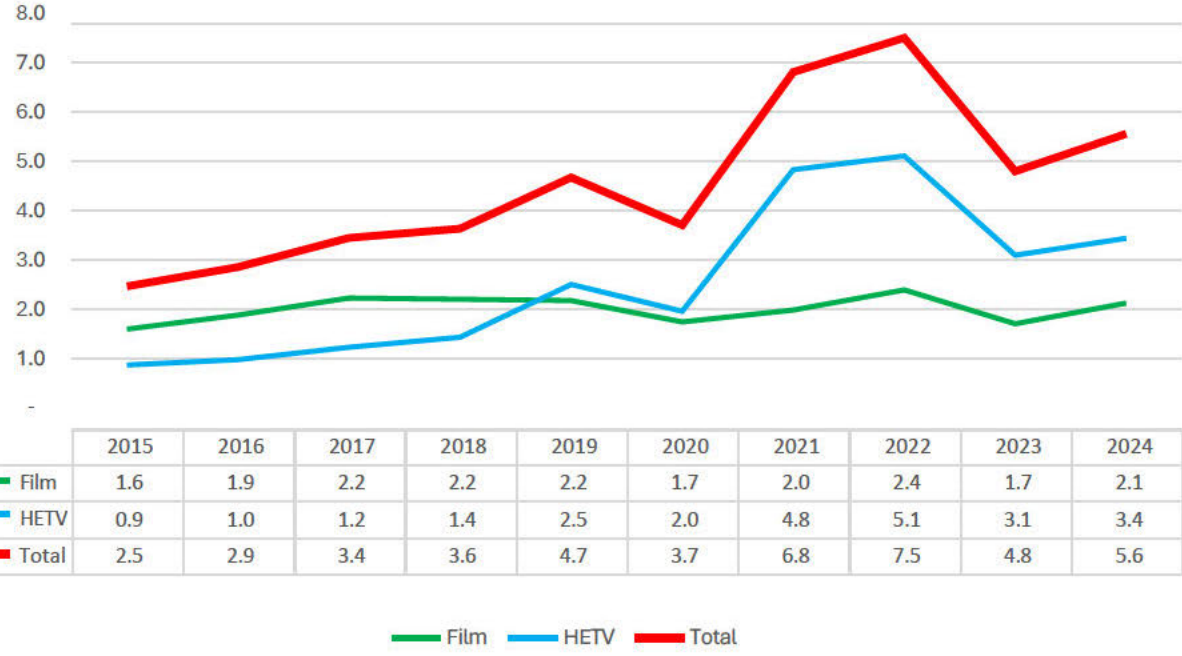
- UK qualifying films earned $2.7 billion at the US and Canadian box office in 2024. (USA and Canada are a single territory for film distribution purposes; USA accounts for approximately 90% of the combined USA and Canada box office).
    - USA and Canada accounted for 59% of the 2024 worldwide box office of UK qualifying titles (based on 23 territories, excluding UK and Republic of Ireland).
- UK qualifying independent films earned $110 million at the US and Canadian box office in 2024, accounting for 33% of the worldwide box office of UK qualifying independent titles.
- Other UK qualifying films earned $2.6 billion at the US and Canadian box office in 2024, accounting for 61% of the worldwide box office of other UK qualifying titles.

US films in the UK

- Films either from the USA or made with US involvement grossed £870 million at the UK and Republic of Ireland box office in 2024, equal to 86% of the total box office takings.
- While UK qualifying films grossed £398.5 million, removing films made with USA involvement reduces this total to just £64 million.

Annex - Charts

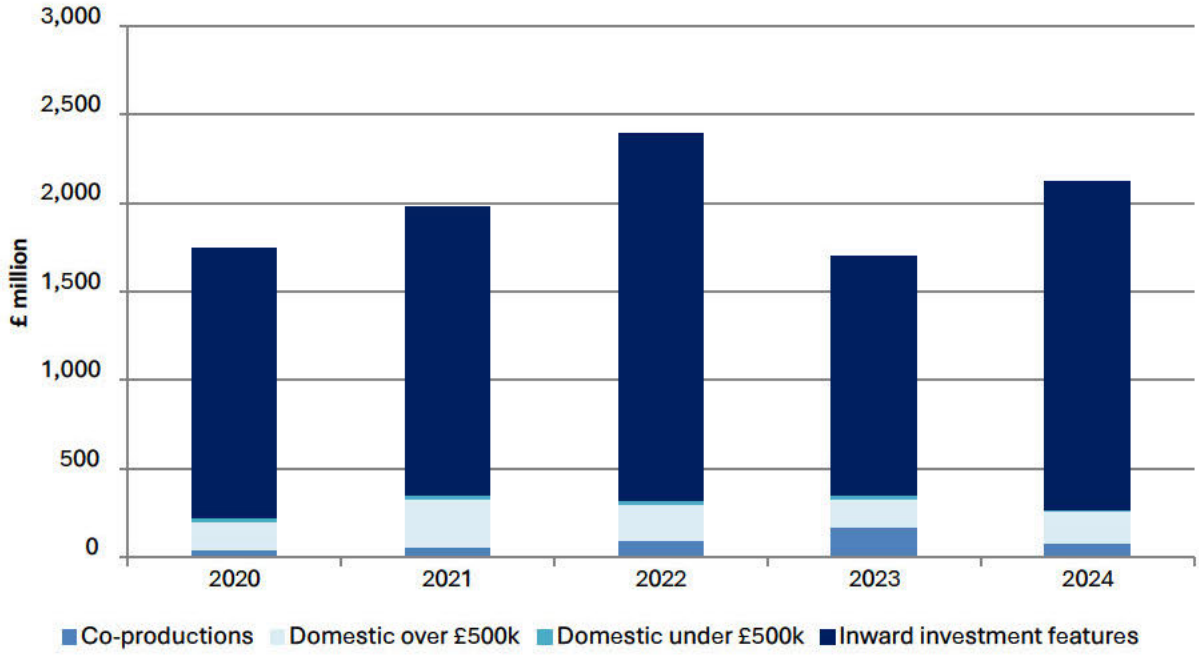
1. Summary chart: UK spend of film and HETV projects, 2015-2024 (£ billion)



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Film	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.4	1.7	2.1
HETV	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	2.5	2.0	4.8	5.1	3.1	3.4
Total	2.5	2.9	3.4	3.6	4.7	3.7	6.8	7.5	4.8	5.6

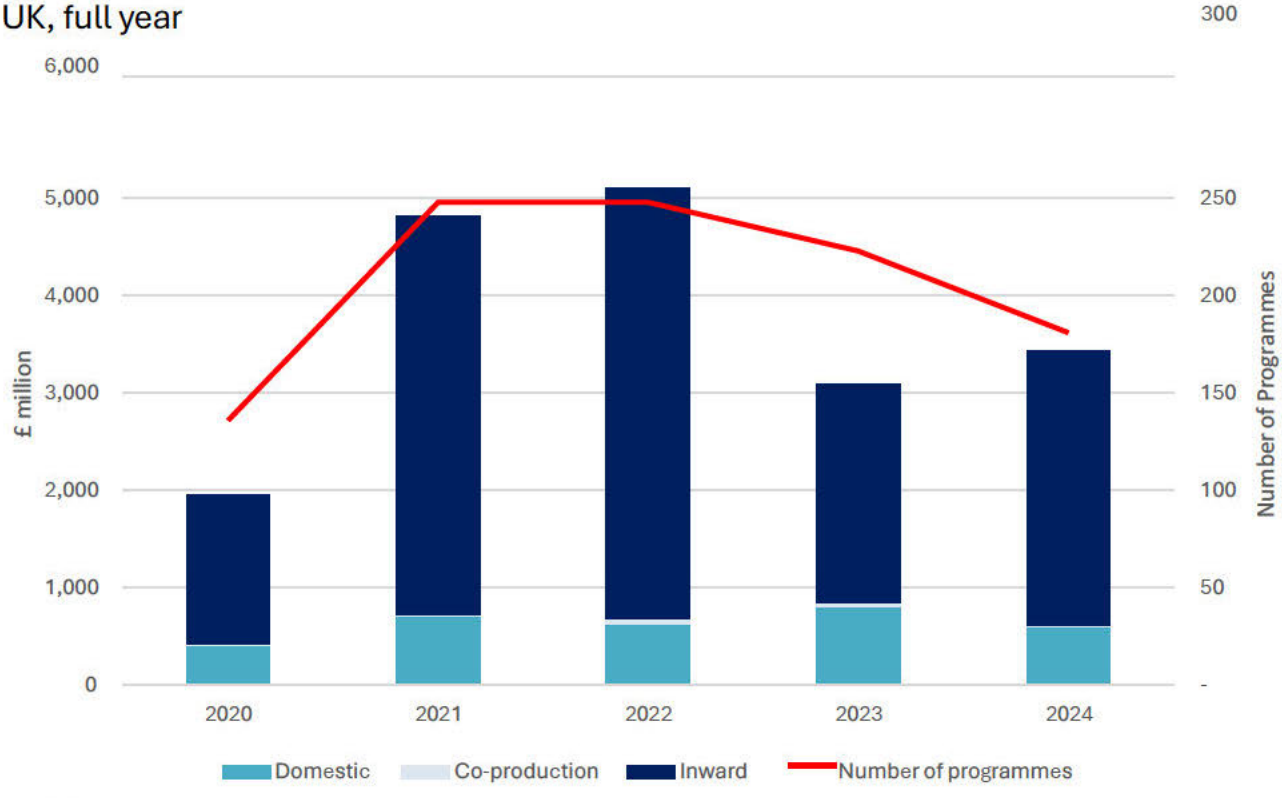
Source: BFI
This summary chart shows the combined spend for film and HETV across the last decade. It includes data adjustments on previous releases, due to intervening period production tracking updates. See Appendix A. Full analysis of the data is shown in the remainder of the statistical release.

2. UK spend of features produced in the UK, full year



Source: BFI

3. UK spend and total number of high-end television programmes produced in the UK, full year



Source: BF

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A Potential UK/US Trade Deal: Why Audiovisual Services and Subsidies must be excluded

May 2025

US companies provide substantial and invaluable investment for the UK's screen sectors across production and distribution, VFX, theatrical exhibition and streaming platforms, supporting investment in our world class studio infrastructure and in skills. In 2024 alone, inward investment in film and HETV production in the UK (the overwhelming majority from the US) was worth £4.8bn, accounting for almost 90% of UK production spend. (Source:BFI Research & Statistics Unit)

All of this has been achieved without a UK/US trade deal. It stems from a judicious combination of openness to private investment and public policies such as the Audiovisual Expenditure Credit (AVEC) - our world-class fiscal incentive.

As a part of the services sector rather than the goods sector, AV trade between the UK and the US is not subject to any tariff barriers and thus there is no rationale for including AV services and subsidies in any such trade deal. This continues to be the case with the recent announcement of US tariffs on goods.

It is essential that AV services and AV subsidies continue to be excluded from the scope of all future trade deals by the UK Government, including any UK-US deal, whatever form that may take. This position was agreed by the BFI's Board of Governors in February 2020.

The previous Government maintained this position in relation to all the Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) it negotiated with other trading partners, following our departure from the EU. This continuing exclusion of AV is essential because it enables the UK to maintain its regulatory sovereignty and freedom regarding vital public interventions in the screen sectors (all AVEC incentives, National Lottery, grant-in-aid, BBC Licence Fee, Ofcom regulation of commercial PSBs, private TV and VoD services, regulation of content on video sharing platforms etc).

Under an FTA, or indeed a more targeted trade deal, the inclusion of AV would be very likely to prevent the UK from discriminating in favour of UK companies and/or nationals/residents when amending such interventions or creating new incentive and subsidy schemes and creating regulations. Such flexibility is particularly critical at a time when the landscape of AV is changing rapidly and UK public policy makers need to be unfettered and supple to deal with challenges that may arise.

The inclusion of AV services in any UK/US trade deal would also pose very serious risks regarding the continuing eligibility of UK works for quotas in the EU, which is a significant source of economic value for the UK. Films and TV series/programmes which qualify for the EU's linear and VoD quotas attract a financial premium from EU broadcasters and streamers. Inclusion of AV in a UK/US trade deal is likely to represent a "red line" for the EU which could result in the EU retaliating by withdrawing the eligibility of UK works for these quotas. (See Appendix 1 for more detail on UK content and European quotas)

The European Union is, by far, the most valuable single export market for UK films and TV series. On average, for the years 2017-2021, the majority of the UK's film trade surplus came from the European Union (60%), with the US, for example, accounting for just 1%. The EU accounted for 51% of film exports, compared with the US which accounted for 20%. Loss of UK eligibility for EU quotas therefore risks majorly undermining the value of film and wider AV exports into our most valuable market. [BFI Research & Statistics Unit]

On the issue of copyright in any UK/US trade deal, it is again absolutely essential that the UK retains its regulatory sovereignty and does not yield to the demands of US AI companies for a more "permissive" regime for copyright. This would put at serious risk businesses and livelihoods across our creative industries right across the UK, as set out in the responses by the BFI and a multitude of others in response to the Government's recent consultation on Copyright and AI.

The inclusion of AV in the IP chapter of any trade deal should be confined to ensuring that other countries adhere to the "gold standard" IP framework which has been developed in the UK, rather than agreeing to any changes which would cause fundamental harm to the interests of individual creators and creative businesses.

APPENDIX 1. UK content, "European Works", and EU quotas

- The EU's Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) is a legal act which requires linear broadcasters and VoD services to fill their programming schedules and catalogues with a minimum percentage of "European works", which are broadly defined in the AVMSD as works originating in the EU and certain other European countries
- Linear broadcasters in the EU must show a majority of European works on their services, while the catalogues of VoD services established in the EU must contain a minimum of 30% of European works.
- Despite Brexit, UK works continue to benefit from their eligibility for these quotas in the EU. This is because the UK is a party to the Council of Europe's European Convention on Transfrontier Television (ECTT) and the AVMSD specifies that works from countries party to the ECTT are eligible for the quotas that operate in the EU.[2]
- Since Brexit, there has been increasing pressure to review the definition of European Works as some industry stakeholders in Member States, notably in France, claim that the UK is benefiting from the quotas even though it has left the EU.
- There is high demand for UK works from EU broadcasters and VoD services as they are popular with audiences – and they still qualify for the quotas. The significant presence of UK works, especially works financed by US studios and streamers such as, it is alleged, *Barbie*, *Harry Potter* and *The Crown* (so-called "Trojan Horses"), has been another catalyst for some EU stakeholders to call for a review of the definition of European works.[3] This is driven by an expectation that if such works were excluded from the quota system, this will create more demand for works originating in the EU.
- The strength of feeling among some EU stakeholders about the qualification of "Trojan Horses" for European works quotas is likely to have been significantly enhanced as a consequence of the US administration's announcement on tariffs.
- The AVMSD is now undergoing a periodic review which must be completed by December 2026. This evaluation may or may not result in proposals for changes to the AVMSD, including changes to the definition of European Works.
- As noted above, inclusion of AV in a UK-US trade deal risks significantly exacerbating calls for the removal of UK eligibility towards EU quotas. This would significantly undermine the value of UK AV exports to our most significant international market.

212 - 07-05-2025 - Emails between Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No.10) to Peter Mandelson and others

From: Ailsa Terry Personal

Sent: Wed 07/05/2025 6:07:12 AM (UTC)

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Cc: Jonathan Black (Cabinet Office) (External) Personal ; kate.joseph Personal ; Peter Mandelson Personal

Subject: Re: LIMDIS: US Deal Update, 6 May

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Dear Varun

Thank you for setting all this out. Looks very encouraging, but as you say hard work still to come. I'll put this to the PM first thing by way of a quick update.

Please let me know if you need anything from here, including with other POs. And we will stand ready for a PM-POTUS call when needed.

Ailsa

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From: Varun Chandra
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 3:39:33 AM
To: Morgan McSweeney ; Ninjeri Pandit ; Jonathan Powell ; Ailsa Terry ; Michael Ellam ; Stephanie Driver
Cc: Black, Jonathan - CO (OFF-SEN) ; kate.joseph Personal ; Peter Mandelson
Subject: LIMDIS: US Deal Update, 6 May

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Hello,

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Best,
Varun

Varun Chandra | Prime Minister's Special Adviser on Business and Investment
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From: Varun Chandra Personal

Sent: Thur 08/05/2025 11:27:09 PM (UTC)

To: Peter Mandelson Personal ; Karen Pierce Personal

Cc: Mungo Woodifield Personal ; JCS ; JCS ; Washington Private Office Personal

Subject: Re: Congratulations!

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Thank you Karen. Still much to do. But we have made progress. Standing on the shoulders of giants, etc…
Team BEW have been SPECTACULAR.
xx

Varun Chandra | Prime Minister's Special Adviser on Business and Investment
10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA | Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 7:48:22 PM
To: Karen Pierce ; Varun Chandra
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From: Karen Pierce
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 2:26:59 PM
To: Varun Chandra ; Peter Mandelson
Cc: Mungo Woodifield ; JCS ; JCS ; Washington Private Office **Subject:** Congratulations!

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Varun, Peter

Really fantastic work on the trade deal!
Congratulations!

So good to see

All best

Karen

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Subject: Thank you
From: Jonathan Black Personal
Date: 09/05/2025, 17:00
To: "Mungo Woodifield (Sensitive)" Personal , JCS

CC: Peter Mandelson Personal , "James Roscoe (Sensitive)" Personal , Michael Ellam Personal

Team DC - after what has been quite a week, I wanted to drop you a quick personal email to say an enormous thanks for all you have done to support the deal. I know I speak for Varun and Kate as well that you have all been completely brilliant - we could not have asked for a better Embassy team.

Onwards to the next phase, but for now thank you and enjoy the weekend when it comes in DC

Jonathan

Jonathan Black

Deputy National Security Adviser (Economics) and Director General for European & Global Issues

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215 - 10-05-2025 - Email from Gareth Davies (former Permanent Secretary, DBT) to Peter Mandelson

From: Gareth DAVIES (DBT) Personal

Sent on: Saturday, May 10, 2025 8:07:44 AM

To: mandelsonpeter Personal

Subject: Broken windows and pockmarked roads

Good to catch up yesterday. Jonnys office is finding a time for the Ag Sec on Monday. Separately I will arrange deep dives on the industrial strategy and the network when you are in London.

If you have time it would be great to catch up when you' re over - would breakfast work for you?

Have attached a link to the article from the economist that I mentioned below

Thx

GD

Broken windows and pockmarked roads

https://economist.com/britain/2025/05/01/broken-windows-and-pockmarked-roads

from The Economist

216 - 10-05-2025 - Email to Steve Reed (former Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)

From: JCS

Sent: 10 May 2025 15:25

To: Secretary.State (DEFRA)

Cc: Peter Mandelson; Personal Personal Varun Chandra (Guest); DL Washi Private Office; Mungo Woodifield; JCS

Subject: Message on behalf of HMA Lord Mandelson - Re: SoS Reed/Sec. Rollins Bilat

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Dear Secretary of State,

Please find below, a note from HMA Lord Mandelson ahead of your meeting with US Ag Secretary Brooke Rollins on Monday.

Steve,

Cc: Jonny

On Monday, you will be meeting US Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins in London. This comes hot on the heels of the Economic Prosperity Deal announced by the Prime Minister and the President on Thursday.*** *

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I look forward to hearing how the meeting goes. I have copied Jonny here too as I understand he may join a meeting. I would strongly encourage this for the reasons set out above.

Peter

Best regards

JC
JCS | **Agriculture, Food and Drink Attaché**
British Embassy Washington
3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008
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217 - 10-05-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Matthew Collins (Deputy National Security Adviser, CO) and others

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

To: Lucy Ferguson Personal , "Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office)" Personal

Cc: Christian Turner Personal , DNSA NC Personal , James Roscoe Personal , DL Washi FSDS All Staff Personal , Mungo Woodifield Personal , Nicholas Alton Personal , "Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive)" Personal , PUS Action Personal , Serena Stone Personal , Caroline Hurndall Personal , Iain Griffiths Personal , Nick Pickard Personal , Bridget Brind Personal , Stephen Hickey Personal , JCS Personal , Sophie Hague Personal , "Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive)" Personal , "Oliver Warren (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive)" Personal , JCS , JCS , Dan Chugg * Personal , JCS (Sensitive)" Personal , Owen Jenkins Personal , Stephen Lillie Personal , "Ailsa Terry (No.10)" Personal , Kate White Personal , Ben Mellor

Subject: Re: Friday thoughts

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I was asked about Colby remarks at the FT Weekend event I did this morning. I said (firmly) that while we are NATO first and have primary focus on EuroAtlantic, Britain sees itself as having global interests and commitment including IndoPac which is why we are in Aukus. That you cannot separate theatres of interest into neat compartments (cf China and North Korea aiding Russia in Ukraine) and that this was well expressed ***

I was pressed by the FT editor and I said that while there were a range of voices in the Pentagon, the existence of Aukus and our commitment to this regional alliance reflected the views of the three participant nations.
Peter

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From: Matthew Collins Personal
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 1:43:32 AM
To: Lucy Ferguson Personal >
Cc: Christian Turner Personal ; DNSA NC Personal ; Peter Mandelson Personal ; James Roscoe Personal ; DL Washi FSDS All Staff Personal ; Mungo Woodifield Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal ; Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) Personal ; PUS Action Personal ; Serena Stone Personal ; Caroline Hurndall Personal ; Iain Griffiths Personal ; Nick Pickard Personal ; Bridget Brind

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(Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) Personal ; JCS

Dan Chugg * Personal ; JCS

; Owen Jenkins
Personal ; Stephen Lillie Personal ; Ailsa Terry
(No.10)
Personal ; Kate White Personal ; Ben Mellor
Personal
Subject: Re: Friday thoughts

Thanks for this download Lucy. Really helpful.

***

Matt

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Matt Collins
Deputy National Security Adviser Intelligence, Defence and Security
70 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AS

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JCS Personal
Diary: JCS
Personal

On Fri, 9 May 2025 at 23:37, Lucy Ferguson
Personal wrote:

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Christian, Nick

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Lucy

Lucy Ferguson | Minister Counsellor - Foreign, Security and Development | British Embassy Washington

3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20008-7870 | Personal

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| JCS
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From: Neil Crompton Personal

Sent: Sat 10/05/2025 8:25:36 AM (UTC)

To: JCS ; Christian Turner Personal ; Edward Hobart Personal ; Peter Mandelson Personal ; Crisis Mailbox Personal

Cc: JCS JCS Lucy Ferguson Personal ; JCS ; JCS JCS Alice Burt Personal ; JCS Owen Jenkins[Personal]; Ben Mellor Personal ; Richard Lindsay Personal ; JCS JCS Personal ; Jane Marriott Personal ; Lindy Cameron Personal ; JCS

Subject: Re: Urgent: For issue Statement *** on tensions between India and Pakistan

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JCS

*** rang me just now to say he had received the draft statement. ***

We agreed to stay in touch.

Neil Crompton
HMA Riyadh
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From: Neil Crompton *
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 10:02:42 AM
To: JCS ; Christian Turner ; Edward Hobart ; Peter Mandelson ; Crisis Mailbox
Cc: JCS Lucy Ferguson ; JCS ; Alice Burt ; JCS ; Owen Jenkins ; Ben Mellor ; Richard Lindsay ; JCS ; Jane Marriott ; Lindy Cameron
Subject: Re: Urgent: For issue Statement *** on tensions between India and Pakistan

For the record, I have messaged *** We are trying to arrange.

I will try to speak to ***

It is weekend here. We are all on alert, but best if you include the foreign policy team JCS

Neil Crompton
HMA Riyadh

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From: JCS
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 7:42 PM
To: Christian Turner ; Edward Hobart ; Neil Crompton * ; Peter Mandelson ; Crisis Mailbox
Cc: JCS ; JCS ; Lucy Ferguson ; JCS ; JCS ; Alice Burt ; JCS ; Owen Jenkins ; Ben Mellor ; Richard Lindsay
Subject: Urgent: For issue Statement *** on tensions between India and Pakistan

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All,
Please see attached a draft joint statement that we are looking to issue ***

Please can you send this draft round to your counterparts with the suggested draft whatsapp message:
This has been cleared by Owen Jenkins.
Suggested whatsapp
STARTS

In the context of ***

With thanks
ENDS
Thank you,
JCS

India-Pakistan Crisis Response

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219 - 12-05-2025- Emails between Peter Mandelson and Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Mon 12/05/2025 6:43:13 PM (UTC)

To: Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal ; Caroline Hurndall Personal ; Oliver Robbins Personal

Cc: Ninjeri Pandit Personal : Morgan McSweeney Personal ; Jonathan Powell Personal Stephanie Driver Personal ; Jill Cuthbertson Personal

Subject: Re: Letter from America

So many contingency risks….

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From: Ailsa Terry
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 1:09:08 PM
To: Peter Mandelson ; Caroline Hurndall ; Oliver Robbins
Cc: Ninjeri Pandit ; Morgan McSweeney ; Jonathan Powell ; Stephanie Driver ; Jill Cuthbertson
Subject: RE: Letter from America

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Dear Peter
Thank you for this – very useful to take this step back and reflect. Ccing others. It would be good to get your take on

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We will now press ahead with our SV planning and look forward to your further thoughts on that in due course.

***

Ailsa

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 09 May 2025 23:49
To: Caroline Hurndall ; Oliver Robbins ; Ailsa Terry
Subject: Letter from America

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Very best
Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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220 - 14-05-2025 - Email to Peter Mandelson from Karen Pierce (former HM Ambassador to the United States , FCDO)

From: Karen Pierce[/ Personal

Sent: Wed 14/05/2025 7:22:18 PM (UTC)

To: Peter Mandelson[Personal

Cc: JCS Washington Private Office[Personal]; Nicholas Alton[Personal]

Subject: Sally Bedell Smith, Royal Historian

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Dear Peter

Sally Bedell Smith has asked for an introduction to you

Sally is American and is a CNN Royal Family commentator and a Royal historian who has been granted access to the Royal Archives. Her most recent book was " George and Elizabeth" about George VI and Elizabeth Bowes Lyon Third Party

Sally is a former journalist, like her husband, Third Party who used to write for the NYT Third Party

Third Party

If you are happy, I can pass her details to the social Secretaries for inclusion in Embassy events?

All best

Karen

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221 - 14-05-2025 - Email to Peter Mandelson from Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No.10)

From: Ailsa Terry[Personal]
Sent: Wed 14/05/2025 6:00:44 AM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson[Personal]; Morgan McSweeney Personal]; Ninjeri Pandit[Personal]; Jonathan Powell[Personal]
Subject: Re: BIOT

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Dear Peter

To reassure you we flagged this advice to the PM when we discussed it with him yesterday. Further advice is going to him today and we will ensure it is included or integrated into that.

Ailsa

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 3:09:29 AM
To: Morgan McSweeney ; Ninjeri Pandit ; Ailsa Terry ; Jonathan Powell **Subject:** BIOT

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I am restricted in what I can write here but I gather there has been further discussion around the BIOT deal ***
In a letter last week on a higher classification which Ailsa has, ***
I would be grateful if you could read my letter and bring it to the attention of the PM if he is considering the matter.

Very grateful

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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222- 15-05-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10) and others

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Thur 15/05/2025 1:35:19 AM (UTC)

To: Morgan McSweeney Personal ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal]; Stephanie Driver Personal ; jpowell Personal

Subject: Diego Garcia

Following our call earlier we have worked swiftly with contacts to secure US agreement to the revised public statements as suggested by No 10 comms this afternoon.

My comms team is working with ***

Very best

Peter

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From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT) Personal
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 11:55
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: RE: Lord Mandelson and Lord Vallance meeting

Hi Peter,

Thank you for letting me know, I will pass this onto Patrick.

All the best,

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

JCS

Private Secretary to the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation
Personal

100 Parliament Street, SW1A 2BQ
www.gov.uk/dsit | https://twitter.com/SciTechgovuk

From: Peter Mandelson < Personal
Sent: 15 May 2025 11:49
To: Vallance, Minister (DSIT) Personal
Subject: Re: Lord Mandelson and Lord Vallance meeting

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Quite simply, the role and competition for the appointment were ready to go but the FCDO decide they wanted to review the organization of the whole FCDO/DBT network hence the delay by a fe months.

My office will be in touch to arrange to meet last week of June.

Best Peter

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From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT) Personal
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 5:57:37 AM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: Lord Mandelson and Lord Vallance meeting

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Dear Lord Mandelson PO,

I hope this email finds you well. Lord Vallance mentioned to me in passing that he was looking forward to meeting with Lord Mandelson when he is over to the UK in June. If you did have any idea at this point of a date and time that would work well for Lord Mandelson, please do let me know and we can look to get something in our diary.

In the meantime, Lord Vallance would like to pass on this CV from Personal She has also left the following covering paragraphs:

Personal

Please do let me know if there is anything else that we can do for you and I look forward to hearing back from you.

All the best,

JCS
Private Secretary to the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation
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100 Parliament Street, SW1A 2BQ
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Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

224 -16-05-2025 - Email from Stephanie Driver (former Director of Communications, No.10) to Peter Mandelson

From: Stephanie Driver[Personal]
Sent: Fri 16/05/2025 3:18:04 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson[Personal]
Cc: JCS [Personal]
Subject: FW: LOBBY DIEGO GARCIA 20250516

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Peter, as discussed.

JCS , please can you ensure Peter receives all evolving scripts.

Thanks.

Stephanie Driver | Director of Communications - Delivery | 10 Downing Street | London SW1A 2AA | Email: Personal

DIEGO GARCIA 20250516

ISSUE: Reports that No10 has delayed plans to sign the deal with Mauritius over the Chagos Islands. The Chinese ambassador to Mauritius has said she supported "deepening full-fledged exchanges and cooperation between China and Mauritius."

RESPONSE:

The negotiations to secure the base on Diego Garcia were started by the last government and inherited by this government.

Work continues to deliver a deal that will protect the joint US-UK base, our national security and our intelligence gathering capabilities in the region.

Our role in hosting the base and the capability this provides to the UK and US is central to the UK/US intelligence and security relationship.

It is clear that this base is critical to our national security and is used to support operations which keep the British people safe.

Q&A:

True No10 has delayed deal over Diego Garcia due to backlash fears?

The negotiations to secure the base on Diego Garcia were started by the last government and inherited by this government.

Work continues to deliver a deal that will protect the joint US-UK base, our national security and our intelligence gathering capabilities in the region.

Response to fresh security fears over deal after China-Mauritius deal?

As we have made clear, this deal will ensure we have full control over the joint UK-US base on Diego Garcia.

Work continues to deliver a deal that will protect the joint US-UK base, our national security and our intelligence gathering capabilities in the region.

Make it easier for Beijing to spy on the base?

There is a clear prohibition in the treaty to prevent any other foreign security forces, civilian or military – including the Chinese – from establishing themselves on the outer islands.
As US Defence Secretary Hegseth has said *"Diego Garcia is a very important strategic position that we share with the UK in the Indian Ocean. The Chinese would love more impact over that sphere, and it gives us power projection platforms, refuelling opportunities that if we were to give that away it would be an abdication of America's ability to project power.…we want to make sure … that the Chinese are not able to leverage the moment to try to gain a foothold there.' [Fox News 09/02].*

Update on timing of deal?

No update, but on process - we are working with the Mauritian Government to finalise and sign the Treaty. Once signed, it will be laid before both Houses of Parliament for scrutiny before ratification in the usual way.

Work continues to deliver a deal that will protect the joint US-UK base, our national security and our intelligence gathering capabilities in the region.

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225 - 18-05-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: DG
Date: Sunday, 18 May 2025 at 17:46:34 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Morgan McSweeney
Attachments: Diego Garcia case.docx

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This is what I wrote yesterday, if only to be clear in my own head. It needs to be replete without being complicated. All the handling narrative etc I have seen seems pretty dense but perhaps that's just the email chain.

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Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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Subject: Fw: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action
Date: Sunday, 18 May 2025 at 20:08:17 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Morgan McSweeney
Attachments: Israel-Gaza - Draft Leaders Statement v2 (3) (2).docx, image001.jpg

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From: Rob Dixon Personal
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 2:47:20 PM
To: Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal
Cc: JCS

; Christian Turner Personal ; Rich Morris (No.10) Personal JCS ; JCS ; Speechwriters Personal ; JCS ; SOSFA ACTION Personal ; Special Advisers Office Personal ; Jon Garvie Personal ; Foreign Affairs PO team (No10) (Sensitive) Personal ; Caroline Hurndall Personal ; Pol Director (Shared) Personal ; JCS ; Nick Catsaras Personal ; Sophie Nazemi Personal ; Foreign PressTeam (No10) (External) Personal ; Morgan McSweeney Personal ; Simon Walters * Personal ; Helen Winterton Personal ; Peter Mandelson Personal ; Stephanie Driver Personal ; James Lyons Personal ; JCS Personal ; Ninjeri Pandit Personal >; Vidhya Alakeson Personal ; Claire Reynolds Personal ; Stephen Hickey Personal ; JCS ; Oliver Robbins Personal

Subject: Re: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

Ailsa, All,

Attached is the latest text 1930. ***

1930 18/5: ***

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Rob Dixon
Director, International Policy Group
National Security Secretariat
Cabinet Office – UK Government

M: Personal
T: Personal
APS: Interim Cover JCS
70 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AS

228 - 18-05-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Jonathan Powell (National Security Adviser, CO) and Matthew Collins (Deputy National Security Adviser, CO)

From: Peter Mandelson[Personal

Sent: Sun 18/05/2025 1:50:55 PM (UTC)

To: jpowell Personal Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) Personal

Cc: JCS

Subject: DG

I have done a core media/stakeholder/parliamentary narrative of my own mainly to get the argument straight in my own head which I will send you. The main difference emerging with the London script is that whoever is holding the pen in London wants ***

Copying in JCS in my team who is also holding pen here.
Peter

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229 - 18-05-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No.10) and others

From: Peter Mandelson[/ Personal

Sent: Sun 18/05/2025 12:46:20 PM (UTC)
To: JCS (No.10) Personal Ailsa Terry
Cc: Lucy Ferguson (Sensitive)[Personal Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) Powell Personal Personal Jonathan
Subject: Re: Israel/Gaza

I am not sure the *** but this may look differently in London.

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From: Ailsa Terry
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 8:37:41 AM
To: Peter Mandelson ; JCS
Cc: Lucy Ferguson ; Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) ; Jonathan Powell
Subject: RE: Israel/Gaza

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Thank you Peter – definitely agree with you on this, and taken on board for the statement. We will keep you posted. *** we want to indicate we are looking as part of *** but will be v careful on language here.

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 18 May 2025 13:25
To: Ailsa Terry ; JCS
Cc: Lucy Ferguson
Subject: Israel/Gaza

Ailsa, JCS
Thank you for sight. This is of course a difficult balancing act to get right ***

***

Adding Lucy Ferguson here. Please keep her in copy
Peter
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From: Jonathan Powell[Personal]
Sent: Sun 18/05/2025 12:47:16 PM (UTC)
To: Ailsa Terry (No.10)[Personal]; Peter Mandelson[Personal ; JCS
Cc: Lucy Ferguson (Sensitive)[Personal ; Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office)]
Subject: Re: Israel/Gaza

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Agree with Oeter's comments which overlap with mine. PM is alerting *** in a text. I am speaking to *** later. Good idea for FS to speak to ***

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Cc: Lucy Ferguson
Subject: Israel/Gaza

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Peter
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Re: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

From Peter Mandelson Personal

Date Sun 2025-05-18 12:52

To Christian Turner Personal ; JCS Personal ; Richard Morris Personal ; JCS Personal ; JCS Personal ; Speechwriters Personal ; JCS Personal ; Ailsa Terry Personal

Cc sosfa-action - FCDO (OFF-SEN) Personal ; FCDO SpAds Personal ; JCS Personal ; Jon Garvie Personal ; Foreign Affairs PO Team Personal ; Caroline Hurndall Personal ; Pol Director (Shared) Personal >; Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) Personal ; JCS Personal ; Nick Catsaras Personal ; Sophie Nazemi Personal >; Foreign Press Team Personal ; Morgan Mcsweeney Personal >; Simon Walters * Personal ; Helen Winterton Personal ; Stephanie Driver Personal ; James Lyons Personal ; JCS Personal ; Ninjeri Pandit Personal ; Vidhya Alakeson Personal

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Thank you for this. ***

Best Peter

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To: Christian Turner (No.10) Personal ; JCS Personal ; Rich Morris Personal ; JCS Personal ; JCS Personal ; Speechwriters Personal ; JCS Personal
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Subject: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

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JCS , Rob, all

Thank you for the advice on Israel/Gaza over the last few days. The Prime Minister read the advice and discussed it with the Foreign Secretary and NSA this morning. ***

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*** Please can an updated set be shared with this chain by 2pm today.

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As an immediate next step, can I ask for a draft leader statement to be shared with this chain for rapid agreement which can then be circulated to partners to see if they are willing to sign up by 1000 this morning.

Ailsa

Ailsa Terry CMGI Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs| Prime Minister's Office | 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA | **T:**
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From: JCS Personal
Sent: 17 May 2025 17:12

To: Richard Morris Personal ; Ailsa Terry Personal
Cc: sosfa-action - FCDO {OFF-SEN) Personal ; Jon Garvie Personal ; FCDO SpAds Personal ; JCS Personal ; Foreign Affairs PO Team Personal >; Caroline Hurndall Personal ; Pol Director (Shared) Personal ; Christian Turner Personal
Subject: Re: ACTION: Israe/Gaza - Stronger Language

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Dear Ailsa,

That's great, many thanks. Shout if you need anything more from us in the meantime.

JCS

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From: Ailsa Terry Personal
Sent: Saturday, May 17, 2025 5:10 pm
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Cc: SOSFA ACTION Personal ; Special Advisers Office Personal ; JCS Personal ; Jon Garvie Personal ; Foreign Affairs PO team (No10) (Sensitive) Personal ; Caroline Hurndall Personal ; Pol Director (Shared) Personal ; Christian Turner Personal
Subject: Re: ACTION: Israe/Gaza - Stronger Language OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Dear JCS

Many thanks indeed.

***

Ailsa

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From: JCS Personal
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 6:50:06 PM
To: Richard Morris Personal
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Subject: ACTION: Israe/Gaza - Stronger Language

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JCS

JCS | **Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary** | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Email: Personal | Mobile: Personal

RE: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

From Peter Mandelson <Personal
Date Sun 2025-05-18 15:16
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Thanks Simon. Reading this makes me wonder whether ***

Peter

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HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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From: Simon Walters * <Personal
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ThanksJCS

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Ailsa – apologies. A couple of additional changes form our side incoming. I will send an updated version of the statement in 5mins.

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Thanks Ailsa,

Received. We'll work up the draft leader's statement now.

JC

PS/Foreign Secretary

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JC , Rob, all

Thank you for the advice on Israel/Gaza over the last few days. The Prime Minister read the advice and discussed it with the Foreign Secretary and NSA this morning. ***

@JCS . Please can an updated set be shared with this chain by 2pm today.

- ***

As an immediate next step, can I ask for a draft leader statement to be shared with this chain for rapid agreement which can then be circulated to partners to see if they are willing to sign up by 1000 this morning.

Ailsa

Ailsa Terry CMG| Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs| Prime Minister's Office | 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA | T: Personal

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Dear Ailsa,

That's great, many thanks. Shout if you need anything more from us in the meantime.

JC

PS/Foreign Secretary

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Dear JC

Many thanks indeed.

To confirm this paper, the advice on *** and the letter from HMA Tel Aviv went to the PM earlier today. I shall readout with any steers once he has considered.

Ailsa

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233 - 18-05-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Jonathan Powell (National Security Adviser, CO) and Matthew Collins (Deputy National Security Adviser, CO)

Subject: DG
Date: Sunday, 18 May 2025 at 15:03:04 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Jonathan Powell, Collins, Matthew - CO (OFF-SEN)
CC: JCS
Attachments: Diego Garcia case.docx

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Attached is the initial argument I penned yesterday following discussion here, my other email refers. It is an attempt to be replete but succinct as if being interviewed or briefir others.

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal Personal

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1. **Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean is avital UK overseas base shared operationally with the United States whose location and *** capabilitiesare unique in combat andfor saving lives.**

2. **It is imperative to maintain this base because:**

* ***

* **Its isolation in the middle of the Indian Ocean *****

* **Its proximity to a number of potential areas of conflict in the Middle East and Asia as well as Africa means military equipment and supplies can be transferred in short time,counteringattacksand guarding importantsea lanes across a vast area.**

* ***

3. In sum, Diego Garcia is a critical military *** hub, providing the initial element of defencein many areas of potential vulnerability. The baseis central to UK-US defence co-operation and to Britain's securitypartnership with the US, along with our ***

4. ***

5. Diego Garcia has already acted as a critical logistics/staging area and forward operating base during conflicts like the first Gulf War and in Afghanistan. It has provided *** that has saved countless lives. Inevitability, the detail of what has been and is being achieved from Diego

Garcia is not declared or broadcast but what it does provides unparalleled effectiveness.

6. For all these reasons, the base must continue to be retained under UK sovereign control and this is the foundation of the agreement that has been negotiated between Britain and Mauritius following the original advisory finding of the ICJ that the base should be transferred to Mauritius sovereignty. Should Britain ignore or defy this finding Mauritius has indicated that it would return to the Court to obtain a binding judgement in its favour which could jeopardise the future operations of the base. For this reason, the British government has found an agreed solution with Mauritius allowing the current role of the base to continue.

7. ***

8. ***

9. ***

10. ***

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11. For all these reasons, both Conservative and Labour governments have sought to retain sovereign control of Diego Garcia by agreement with Mauritius following the ICJ opinion. ***

12. ***

Ends

234 - 18-05-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Sir Christian Turner (former Political Director, FCDO) and others

Re: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

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Date Sun 2025-05-18 13:48

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235 - 18-05-2025 - Email between Peter Mandelson, Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10) and others

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Do we have the final draft statement?

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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Ailsa

Many thanks. *** Grateful if Peter and BE Washington team can sight WH / NSC also.

Rob

Rob Dixon
Director, International Policy Group
National Security Secretariat Cabinet Office - UK Government

Personal

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On Sun, 18 May 2025 at 16:59, Ailsa Terry Personal wrote:

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> Rob, all

Thanks very much for the ongoing work on this statement. We spoke but to summarise next steps for the chain:

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Ailsa

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From: JCS
Sent: 18 May 2025 16:54

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Roger that, thanks Rob - and no worries at all.

Welcome any further views on the Q&A- my colleague JCS takes over on duty from 1700.

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From: Rob Dixon Personal
Sent: 18 May 2025 16:42
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JCS

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On Sun, 18 May 2025 at 16:00, JCS Personal wrote:

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Thanks Rob - see the Q&A we have so far. We can fold in the language on genocide, IHL below - thank you for sharing - and I've already started folding in the language we have in the statement as currently drafted.

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TOP LINES

- As the Prime Minister said, **the situation in Gaza is intolerable,** and we must see a **return to the ceasefire and negotiations to stop the bloodshed, free the hostages and end this conflict.**
- **The Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary recently hosted the Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority, Mohammad Mustafa in London,** reflecting our commitment to strengthening our relationship with the Palestinian Authority.
- They reaffirmed that a **two-state solution is the only viable path to a lasting peace,** with a Palestinian state and Israel living side-by-side in peace, dignity and security.
- We **strongly oppose Israel's resumption of hostilities,** which have led to terrible numbers of civilian casualties, including many children.
- Israel suffered a heinous attack on October 7, and we are clear that we want to see an end to Hamas' control of Gaza. We have always supported Israel's right to defend Israelis against terrorism - but this escalation is wholly disproportionate.
- We have been clear that **Israel must lift the blockade on aid, and humanitarian and medical workers must be protected and able to do their jobs safely.**
- It is a ceasefire and a long-term political solution that offer the best hope of ending the agony of the hostages and their families, alleviating the suffering of civilians in Gaza, ending Hamas' control of Gaza and achieving a pathway to a two-state solution.

Q&A:

Is this "Genocide"?

The situation in Gaza is intolerable and the devastation appalling.

The UK Government's long-standing policy is that any formal determination of genocide should be based on the judgement of an international court, after consideration of all the evidence available in the judicial process.

However, we are clear that we utterly condemn the abhorrent language used recently by the Israeli Government, threatening that, in their despair at the destruction of Gaza, civilians will start to relocate. Permanent forced displacement is a breach of international humanitarian law.

Response to Israel's expansion of military operations in Gaza?

We strongly oppose the expansion of Israel's military operations in Gaza. The level of human suffering in Gaza is intolerable. We call on the Israeli Government to stop its military operations in Gaza and immediately allow humanitarian aid to enter Gaza.

'~~*We* are deeply concerned by recent developments and do not support Israeli expansion into Gaza.~~ Palestinian territory must not be reduced in the conduct of this war and there must be no forced displacement of people from Gaza. Permanent forced displacement is a breach of international humanitarian law.

We urge all parties to return urgently to talks, implement the ceasefire agreement in full and work towards a permanent peace.

Response to Israel issuing sweeping evacuation orders for civilians in Gaza?

These reports are deeply distressing.

As we have said before, we strongly oppose the expansion of Israel's operations, and the continuing block on aid is appalling.

Palestinian territory must not be reduced in the conduct of this war. There must be no forced displacement of people from Gaza. Permanent forced displacement is a breach of international humanitarian law.

With our allies, we are telling the Government of Israel to lift the block on aid entering Gaza now, enable the UN and all humanitarians to save lives, and calling for an immediate ceasefire.

Response on claims Israel using food blockade as a weapon of war?

These are deeply concerning reports. Humanitarian aid must never be used as a political tool or military tactic. We urgently call on Israel to immediately re-start a rapid and unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid to Gaza in order to meet the needs of all civilians.

Do you agree with* Tom *Fletcher that genocide is taking place in Gaza?

We have always been clear, the devastation from this conflict is appalling. We are

not going to comment on whether there is a genocide in Gaza.

The UK Government's long-standing policy is that any formal determination of genocide should be based on the judgement of an international court after consideration of all the evidence available in the judicial process.

However, we are clear that we utterly condemn the abhorrent language used recently by the Israeli Government, threatening that, in their despair at the destruction of Gaza, civilians will start to relocate. Permanent forced displacement is a breach of international humanitarian law.

Response to the High Court case starting last week (WC 12 May) on whether ministers have broken the law by continuing to supply parts for the F-35 programme that may be used by Israel to attack Palestinians in Gaza?

We will not be commenting further on current litigation proceedings.

The UK operates one of the most robust export control regimes in the world. We will

continue to defend the decisions being challenged.

It is not currently possible to suspend licensing of F-35 components for use by Israel without prejudicing the entire global F-35 programme, including its strategic role in NATO and wider implications for international peace and security. Excluding F-35 licences from the suspension decision is consistent with HMG's published policy.

The government has decided to continue supplying F-35 parts knowing that Israel is likely to use F-35s to breach IHL - how can that be morally acceptable?

Facing a critical moment for European security and war on our continent, the government has a solemn responsibility to consider the full implications of our export licensing decisions for international peace and security.

Undermining the F35 programme would undermine international peace and security, NATO deterrence, European defence and reduce the resources available to support Ukraine.

These are complex and difficult decisions. The government found there to be a 'clear risk' that items exported to Israel might be used to commit or facilitate serious violations of IHL and so suspended all relevant licences.

It was necessary to exclude exports to the F-35 programme from the suspension, as previously set out to Parliament. This is due to the F-35 programme's broader strategic role in NATO and wider implications for international peace and security.

Palestinian NGOs' report on arms exports since September says you're still selling arms?

We completely reject the conclusions of the report. It misrepresents the data and makes no distinction between exports for military or civilian use, or those intended for re-export.

We have suspended all licences for the IDF that might be used to commit or facilitate serious IHL breaches in the Gaza conflict, subject to the specific measures taken for the global F-35 programme.

Any suggestion that the UK failed to implement the suspension or is licensing other weapons for use by Israel in the war in Gaza is misleading.

What is your reaction to* Tom *Fletcher's speech to the UNSC on Tuesday?

Humanitarian aid must never be used as a political tool or military tactic.

This Government urgently calls on Israel to immediately restart the flow of humanitarian

aid to Gaza to meet the needs of all civilians. The UK's position on the need for a

ceasefire, release of hostages and resumption of aid to Gaza is clear.

We urge all parties to return urgently to talks, implement the ceasefire agreement in full and work towards a permanent peace.

A long-lasting ceasefire is the only credible pathway towards a sustainable peace, a two-state solution and the reconstruction of Gaza.

What is your reaction to reported attacks on refugee camps and hospitals in* Gaza *this last week (WC 12 May):

These reports are deeply distressing.

As we have said before, we oppose the expansion of Israel's military operations in Gaza. Continued fighting is in nobody's interests.

Our position on aid is clear. Israel must immediately end the block on aid and electricity into Gaza and protect civilians, and the UK will continue pushing it to do so.

Palestinian territory must not be reduced in the conduct of this war. There must be no forced displacement of people from Gaza.

Response to letter to PM urging Government to recognise Palestine at summit in France next month?

As the Foreign Secretary said on 28 April, following his meeting with the Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa: *"We will not give up on the two-state solution, with* a *Palestinian state and Israel living side-by-side in peace, dignity and security. I reaffirm the UK's commitment to recognising* a *Palestinian state as* a *contribution to that process, at* a *time that has the greatest impact."*

Recently, Prime Minister Mustafa and the Foreign Secretary signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding enshrining their commitment to advancing Palestinian statehood as part of a two-state solution.

Any comment on the release of Edam Alexander?

We strongly welcome the release of Edan Alexander after his horrific ordeal.

As we have said, we support efforts to secure a ceasefire, release of all hostages, and a resumption of aid to Gaza, and we urge all parties to continue to engage in talks to that end.

Response to Israeli airstrikes killing 40 in Gaza? What about reports of attacks on refugee camps and hospitals in Gaza this week?

These reports are deeply distressing.

As we have said before, we oppose the expansion of Israel's military operations in Gaza. Continued fighting is in nobody's interests.

Our position on aid is clear. Israel must immediately end the block on aid and electricity into Gaza and protect civilians, and the UK will continue pushing it to do so.

Palestinian territory must not be reduced in the conduct of this war. There must be no forced displacement of people from Gaza.

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From: Rob Dixon Personal
Sent: 18 May 2025 15:55
To: Personal

Copy list as above

Subject: Re: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

Ailsa,

I understand the Q&A on the Gaza statement are in play between No10 and FCDO comms. I've not seen. LPP

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Rob Dixon
Director, International Policy Group
National Security Secretariat Cabinet Office - UK Government

Personal

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On Sun, 18 May 2025 at 13:43, JCS Personal wrote:

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JCS

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From: JCS Personal
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 12:58:56 PM

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Subject: RE: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

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Adding JCS for us

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From: JCS
Sent: 18 May 2025 12:56

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Subject: RE: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

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Ailsa,

Please see attached updated draft.

Thanks,

JCS

JCS **Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary**

Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Email: Personal

Personal Mobile: Personal

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From: JCS
Sent: 18 May 2025 12:45

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Ailsa - apologies. A couple of additional changes form our side incoming. I will send an updated version of the statement in 5mins.

JCS

JCS | **Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary** |
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From: JCS
Sent: 18 May 2025 12:39

Copy list as above

Subject: RE: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

Ailsa,

Please see attached draft leader statement, as requested.

Once we have a draft you're happy with, we'll get it out to partners.

JCS

JCS | **Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary** |

Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Email: Personal | Mobile: Personal

From: JCS
Sent: 18 May 2025 09:20
Copy list as above

Subject: Re: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

Thanks Ailsa,

Received. We'll work up the draft leader's statement now.

JCS

PS/Foreign Secretary

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From: Ailsa Terry Personal
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 9:13 am Copy list as above

Subject: Israel/Gaza - readout and immediate action

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JCS , Rob, all

Thank you for the advice on Israel/Gaza over the last few days. The Prime Minister read the advice and discussed it with the Foreign Secretary and NSA this morning. ***

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*** JCS Please can an updated set be shared with this chain by 2pm today.

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As an immediate next step, can I ask for a draft leader statement to be shared with this chain for rapid agreement which can then be circulated to partners to see if they are willing to sign up by 1000 this morning.

Ailsa

Ailsa Terry CMGI Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs! Prime Minister's Office 110 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA IT: Personal

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From: JCS Personal
Sent: 17 May 2025 17:12
To: Richard Morris Personal Ailsa Terry Personal
Cc: sosfa-action - FCDO (OFF-SEN) Personal ; FCDO SpAds Personal >; JCS Personal ; Jon Garvie Personal >; Foreign Affairs PO Team Personal Caroline Hurndall Personal ; Pol Director (Shared) Personal Christian Turner Personal

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Dear Ailsa,

That's great, many thanks. Shout if you need anything more from us in the meantime.

JCS

PS/Foreign Secretary

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From: Ailsa Terry Personal

Sent: Saturday, May 17, 2025 5:10 pm

To: JCS Personal ; Rich Morris (No.10) Personal

Cc: SOSFA ACTION Personal ; Jon Garvie Personal ; Christian Turner Personal ; Foreign Affairs PO team JCS Personal ; Special Advisers Office Personal ; Caroline Hurndall Personal ; Pol Director (Shared) Personal ; JCS (No10) (Sensitive) Personal

Subject: Re: ACTION: Israe/Gaza - Stronger Language

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Dear JCS

Many thanks indeed.

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Ailsa

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From: JCS Personal
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 6:50:06 PM
To: Richard Morris Personal
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JCS

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236 - 19-05-2025 - Email chain between Peter Mandelson, Stephanie Driver (former Director of Communications, No.10), Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO) and others

From: Peter Mandelson < Personal >

Sent: Mon 19/05/2025 11:19:03 AM (UTC)

To: Stephanie Driver < Personal >, Oliver Robbins < Personal

Cc: PUS Action < Personal >, "michael.ellam Personal " < Personal >, "Ailsa Terry (No.10)" < Personal >, Iain Griffiths < Personal >, JCS < Personal >, Morgan McSweeney < Personal >

Subject: Re: UK-EU SUMMIT | ***

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Good luck today !

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From: Stephanie Driver < Personal >

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 1:54:37 AM

To: Oliver Robbins < Personal >; Peter Mandelson Personal

Cc: PUS Action < Personal >; michael ellam Personal ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) < Personal >; Iain Griffiths Personal ; JCS < Personal >; Morgan McSweeney Personal

Subject: Re: UK-EU SUMMIT | ***

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Morning Peter,

Thank you for your letter. I can confirm I've briefed my team on the sensitivities you raise so we can play our part in monitoring and managing.

Very best,

Steph

Stephanie Driver | Director of Communications - Delivery | 10 Downing Street | London SW1A 2AA | Email: PERSONAL

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From: Oliver Robbins < PERSONAL >
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 10:24:04 AM
To: Peter Mandelson PERSONAL
Cc: PUS Action PERSONAL ; michael ellam PERSONAL ; Stephanie Driver PERSONAL ; Ailsa Terry < PERSONAL >; Iain Griffiths PERSONAL ; JCS PERSONAL
Subject: UK-EU SUMMIT | ***

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Peter

Thank you for your letter on the above dated 14 May. *** But thank you for setting out the potential issues in your letter. All manageable, I think, but need to be handled with care as you say in both substance and public presentation.

Olly

Sir Oliver Robbins KCMG CB
Permanent Under-Secretary | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | Email: Personal | ECHO: Personal

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237 - 22-05-2025 - Meeting between Peter Mandelson and Douglas Alexander (former Minister of State, DBT)

From: Minister ALEXANDER (DBT)
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 7:02:24 PM
To: JCS Personal ; PS McFadden Mailbox Personal ; JCS Personal
Cc: PSDarrenTierney Personal ; chris.flatt Personal ; tom bacon Personal ; Jessica JCS Personal ; JCS Personal
Subject: RE: Readout: Darren - Minister Alexander 1:1 20/05

Hi all,

Please see below a quick readout from the call earlier. The Ambassador was content with the approach and had no concerns.

I understand that the timings of the security call and PM's speaking part might not be 100% confirmed yet, but to note that DA proposed him speaking for 30 mins. DA asked PM to pick this up with his office to confirm what the plan was.

I would also be grateful for confirmation from Personal JCS JCS that the invitation has been formally sent to the Ambassador's office?

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DA (Douglas Alexander), Peter Mandelson (PM)
DA explained the context and history of *** .
DA outlined the format for the day, including the presence of Metro mayors, bilats and plenary sessions. He explained the trade session in the morning will cover the EU deal/reset, and India deal.
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DA explained that at the end of the session, DGs should understand what comes next with engagement with the US.
DA proposed that he breaks this down into 15 mins of speaking, and 15 mins for engagement and responses from DGs.
PM was content with the plan.

END

Thanks,
JCS

JCS | Private Secretary to Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security and Minister at the Cabinet Office | Department for Business and Trade | Personal

238 - 22-05-2025 - Email between Peter Mandelson, Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO) and others

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Thur 22/05/2025 1:48:33 PM (UTC)

To: Stephen Lillie Personal ; Oliver Robbins Personal : Caroline Hurndall Personal

Cc: Jonathan Allen Personal : PUS Action Personal : JCS Sarah MacIntosh Personal ; JCS ; Jon Garvie Personal

Subject: Re: AUKUS / STEPHEN LOVEGROVE

I think that's a very good idea for Hague. ***

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From: Stephen Lillie
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 9:22:38 AM
To: Peter Mandelson ; Oliver Robbins ; Caroline Hurndall
Cc: Jonathan Allen ; PUS Action ; JCS ; Sarah MacIntosh ; JCS ; Jon Garvie
Subject: RE: AUKUS / STEPHEN LOVEGROVE

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Stephen
Stephen Lillie CMG | Director, Defence and International Security | FCDO |
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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:46 PM
To: Oliver Robbins ; Caroline Hurndall
Cc: Jonathan Allen ; Stephen Lillie ; PUS Action ; JCS ; Sarah MacIntosh ; JCS ; Jon Garvie
Subject: Re: AUKUS / STEPHEN LOVEGROVE

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I can explain at greater length ***

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From: Oliver Robbins Personal
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 8:13:44 AM
To: Caroline Hurndall Personal
Cc: Jonathan Allen Personal ; Stephen Lillie Personal ; Peter Mandelson Personal ; PUS Action Personal ; JCS Sarah MacIntosh Personal ; JCS Personal ; Jon Garvie Personal
Subject: AUKUS / STEPHEN LOVEGROVE

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Caroline
I saw Stephen Lovegrove the evening before last. He was reflective after his recent Washington trip and clearly now v focused on his resuscitated AUKUS envoy role. I think it would be worth half an hour of the FS's time to hear from him direct and think about our strategy and how this fits into wider foreign policy. Ideally we cld even do it at a time when we could either or both of Peter and Sarah on a secure VTC.
Wdyt? If you need a stronger case in writing, do say.
Olly

Sir Oliver Robbins KCMG CB
Permanent Under-Secretary | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | Email: Personal | ECHO: Personal

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239 - 22-05-2025 - Emails between Junior Civil Servants

From: JCS

Sent: Thur 22/05/2025 8:07:13 AM (UTC)

To: JCS

Cc: JCS

; Sarah MacIntosh[Personal e)

Subject: JCS (Sensitive)Personal RE: ***

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Hi again JCS ,

Just to follow up further on the below. ***

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Again to caveat this is very much a starter for ten, but we stand ready to work with the thematic experts to develop these further if necessary.

Thanks,
JCS

JCS | Head, Foreign and Security Policy | British High Commission Canberra

British High Commission | 130 Commonwealth Avenue | Yarralumla | ACT | 2600
Tel: PHONE NUMBER | Email: JCS

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From: JCS
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 6:33 PM
To: JCS

Cc: JCS

Subject: Re: ***

Thanks JCS .

JCS , to flag Sarah just updated us on the back of a conversation she just had with JCS ***.

So to flag we'll be writing in a bit more detail - probably tomorrow now (end of working day here), building on JCS overview below.

Thanks,
JCS

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From: JCS
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 5:49 pm
To: JCS

Cc: JCS

Subject: RE: ***

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Hi JCS

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Happy to talk through if helpful

JCS

Tel: Personal | Political Counsellor | British High Commission Canberra
| Email: P

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From: JCS
Sent: 20 May 2025 23:02
To: JCS ; JCS
Cc: JCS

Subject: PM ***

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Hi JCS , JCS ,

JCS in NSS here. ***

It would be helpful to have an update from Post/Desk on:
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Grateful for any updates, views and recommendations ***
We will then look to test with No10.

Many thanks,
JCS

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240 - 26-05-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Jon Garvie (former Chief of Staff to the Foreign Secretary, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson PERSONAL

Sent: Mon 26/05/2025 7:53:46 PM (UTC)
To: Jon Garvie[PERSONAL]
Cc: JCS PERSONAL]
Subject: atlantic council remarks final
Attachment: Makins Lecture final.docx

please shout if any issue
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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241 - 27-05-2025 - Peter Mandelson speech at the Atlantic Council

Makins Lecture by Lord Mandelson HM Ambassador to the United States of America at the Atlantic Council
Tuesday 27 May 2025

Renewing the Transatlantic Alliance:
Peace Through Strength in a New Age of Big Power Rivalry

- On behalf of the United Kingdom and the entire British Embassy, let me start by expressing our **deep condolences** for the tragic killing of **two young Israeli diplomats** last week in this city, **Yaron Lischinsky** and **Sarah Milgrim**.

- This vile act of **antisemitism** and **extremism** serves as chilling reminder of the vigilance we must deploy against those who bear evil. . Our thoughts are with the **victims**, their **families** and everyone at the **Israeli Embassy**.

- Thank you to the **Atlantic Council** and to **Fred Kempe** for the opportunity to deliver the **Makins Lecture** at this critical moment for the **'Euro-Atlantic' alliance.**

- **Eighty years ago this month**, the streets of **Britain**, **America** and **Allied nations** erupted in celebration at the fall of fascism in Europe.

- For me personally, it is a source of enormous pride that my **grandfather, Herbert Morrison**, served as Home Secretary in Winston Churchill's **wartime coalition**.

- He also served as deputy Prime Minister in Clement Attlee's **transformative post-war government**. That government didn't just ***support*** the formation of NATO to counter Soviet expansionism — they were **co-architects** of it.

- Amidst **Cold War** tensions and economic upheaval, Britain and America advanced **from allies** to **integrated strategic partners** at the dawn of the **nuclear age**, our scientists having joined forces in the Manhattan Project to create the advantage we had at the beginning of this age.

- It was **western unity** which ultimately ended the Cold War peacefully and demonstrated resilience to new threats, including the **9/11 attacks**, where NATO invoked **Article 5** for the first time.

- Over eight decades, the foundations of **collective defence** have remained steadfast whilst the **transatlantic relationship** has continuously **evolved** and **adapted** to counter new challenges.

- Today, I want to talk about the **profound change** we face in a new age of **big power rivalry**, a period characterised by **political volatility**, **economic mercantilism** and **geopolitical competition**.

A New Age of Big Power Rivalry

- We are witnessing the end of an era – the twilight of **hyper-globalisation** and **interdependence** – where we assumed that economic integration had made wars almost obsolete.

- The logic seemed compelling: **mutual interests**, **integrated global supply chains** and shared **economic stakes** created too much to lose from warfare.

- That comfortable assumption is being shattered –

- We now see the rise of **modern mercantilism**, where nations prefer toprioritise **national economic strength** and **autonomy**.

- States are intervening and playing a **protectionist role** in managing trade and **directing industrial policy** to become ever more **self-sufficient** and **localised**.

- I'm not declaring **globalisation dead** but it is being **radically reconfigured** around us.

- The drivers are clear: **China's economic ascent** and its state-backed industrial policy, which has flooded the global market with exports and undercut Western industry; the **social disruption of rapid technological change, where, if you take media as an example, we have moved suddenly from decades of information flowing to people through established news organisations, to a future where you only see "news" online that is curated to what you want to know. Or what the algorithm - and those behind it - decides you want to know;** and the backlash against **globalisation's** uneven distribution of benefits.
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- You can produce many different numbers to show the widening wealth disparities in the West over the past 30 years but I would choose a simple one: GDP per capita in the US has grown about 60%- 70% in real terms but real median household income growth has been about 20% -25%. The typical American household has not done as well as the booming US economy would suggest, The gains have not been shared across society.

- And yes, I credit **President Trump's acute political instincts** in identifying the anxieties gripping millions of Americans:

- The **economic stagnation** born of **trade imbalances**, the **hollowing out of communities** through **job displacement** and growing frustrations with **regulatory overreach.**

- These concerns also resonate with **British society** and demand serious engagement, not dismissal.

Peace through Strength: A Strategic Reboot

- So, where do we go next?

- If we are serious about **rebuilding confidence in the international system** – *if we wish to maintain a set of **common rules** and **standards** –*

- We need to devote an enormous amount of energy and goodwill to **preserve** and **sustain** the alliances which exist between **like-minded countries**.

- For the UK, and the rest of Europe, we must **reboot the transatlantic alliance** to deliver **peace through strength** across three interconnected domains: **Military**, **Economic** and **Technological**.

i) Military strength

- For my **generation**, the 20th Century gains in peace and prosperity were thought of as a **European peace dividend**.

- I now recognise it as an **urgent bill** for decades of defence underinvestment – and that payment is **overdue**.

- We have lived in a fantasy created by the **US security guarantee**, complacent that a friendly **heavyweight** across the water would be there *when the going gets tough*.

- We meet in the shadow of Russia's **barbaric invasion** of **Ukraine**, now in its fourth year.

- The UK strongly supports President Trump's initiative to **bring this terrible war to an end**. And we are working together with partners to secure a **just** and **lasting peace**.

- **The Ukraine conflict has served as a brutal wake-up call.** It is crystal clear that European defence must **step up** and **rebalance** for our collective security. President Trump is doing Europe a favour by confronting us with this reality.

- **We must become less dependent** on America, while remaining **inseparably linked** to **America** – a distinction of critical importance.

- This is precisely why Britain has committed to the **biggest sustained increase** in defence spending since the Cold War – *meeting a generational challenge with a generational response.*

- We must become NATO's **fastest-innovating nation**, ensuring our military forces are battle ready with **lethal capabilities** across air, sea and land.

- Of course, this all needs to be grounded in **intelligent and effective strategic choices**, not merely **increased expenditure**. Efficiency and innovation to renew our defence manufacturing bases must drive every **pound**, **dollar** and **euro** invested.

- Arguably, the most powerful weapon the US has had is its **allies**. I am a strong supporter of military alliances and new configurations between like-minded partners.

- I see it as NATO **first**, but not NATO **only**. This is critical for the **Euro-Atlantic security system**, alongside priorities in the **Pacific** and elsewhere.

- One good example is **AUKUS**, the **trilateral security partnership** with Australia and America which will deliver **advanced submarines** and catalyse technology sharing on other advanced capabilities.

ii) Economic strength

- Turning to the theme of **economic strength**, Britain now enjoys something that has eluded us for far too long: a government with both unity of **purpose** and **longevity**.

- This government is **pro-business**, **pro-trade**, and committed to **innovation**, not as empty slogans but as practical imperatives.

- We are creating the **best investment environment** with a **regulatory reset** that makes us the most competitive in Europe.

- One of the reasons we were able to close the first trade deal of the Trump Administration is that our strong economic relationship is **fair**, **balanced** and **reciprocal**. But also because, frankly, we are a businesslike nation with pragmatic instincts. One of the great backhanded insults in British history was when Napoleon Bonaparte dismissed us as a mere “nation of shopkeepers”.
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- Well indeed we are traders and merchants to our core and very proud of that national character. Commerce has been the blood fl flowing through Britain’s veins for centuries, from selling tin to the Romans 2000 years ago through to the East India Company’s pioneering mercantilism 1600 years later.

- This current deal is one adapted to the times and, as I said in the Oval, it is just the end of the beginning. It protects vital industries in **both countries now**, while providing a springboard to deepen trade further – and work towards a truly transformative **UK-US technology partnership**, which I believe is the future for our two economies.

iii) Technological strength

- There is no prospect I fear more than **China winning the technological competition** in the coming decades.

- China represents a far more **dynamic** and **formidable** strategic rival than the Soviet Union ever was – **economically sophisticated**, **technologically advanced** and **strategically patient**.

- The United Kingdom and United States are the only two Western nations with **trillion-dollar technology eco-systems** combined with unparalleled talent and research capabilities.

- We must **combine forces** to drive the scientific breakthroughs that will define this century.

- Artificial intelligence stands as the **next great foundational technology**. Through its power we can rapidly make progress across so many frontiers of science: quantum; synthetic biology; nuclear fusion.

- Rather than **stifling** these transformative technologies through excessive regulation, our two governments must unleash their **immense potential** for human benefit and western advantage.

Conclusion: Meeting History's Challenge

- In his immortal **Iron Curtain speech**, delivered in Missouri, Churchill spoke eloquently about the primacy of American power and its **awesome responsibility to future generations**.

- Today, we face our own historical inflection point –

- The reality is, we're in another **global competition of systems and values**.

- Allied democracies must prevail in this contest – for our citizens, our interests, our deepest principles.

- And our diplomacy must reflect the urgent imperative to **deepen political and military alliances**, forge **coalitions of the willing** and establish **cutting-edge technology**

partnerships.

- As we look to the future, the stakes could not be higher, the opportunity could not be greater.

  End

242 - 27-05-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Jon Garvie (former Chief of Staff to the Foreign Secretary, FCDO)

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Subject: RE: atlantic council remarks final
Attachment: Makins Lecture final (JG).docx

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243 - 27-05-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Jonathan Powell (National Security Adviser, CO) and others

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Subject: Makins Lecture at the Atlantic Council
Date: Tuesday, 27 May 2025 at 17:15:59 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: JCS , Jonathan Powell, Ninjeri Pandit, Morgan McSweeney, Stephanie Driver, Ailsa Terry, Oliver Robbins, Caroline Hurndall, Christian Turner
Attachments: Lord Mandelson Makins Lecture as delivered_May 27_FINAL.docx

Attached is the lecture delivered this morning.

With thanks to No10 briefing unit for pre advice.

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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Makins Lecture by Lord Mandelson HM Ambassador to the United States of America at the Atlantic Council
Tuesday 27 May 2025

Renewing the Transatlantic Alliance:
Peace Through Strength in a New Age of Great Power Rivalry

* Let me start, if I may, on behalf of the United Kingdom and the entire British Embassy, by expressing our **deep condolences** for the tragic killing of **two young members of staff at the Israeli embassy** last week in this city, **Yaron Lischinsky** and **Sarah Milgrim**.

* This is a vile act of **antisemitism** and **extremism.** It serves as chilling reminder of the vigilance we must deploy against th ose who bear evil.

* It reminds us of the threats facing Israel, but also Jews worldwide. Our thoughts are with the **victims**, their **families** and everyone at the **Israeli Embassy**.

* Thank you to the **Atlantic Council** and to **Fred Kempe** for the opportunity to deliver the **Makins Lecture** at this critical moment for the **'Euro-Atlantic' alliance.**

* And Wendy, its's very nice to see you here. I remember Christopher in the 1990s, as a wry, warm individual. His father also served as British Ambassador to the US in the 1950s starting in the year I was born. I am indeed older than I look !

* **Eighty years ago this month**, the streets of **Britain**, **America** and **Allied nations** erupted in celebration at the fall of fascism in Europe.

* For me personally, it is a source of enormous pride that my **grandfather, Herbert Morrison**, served as Home Secretary in Winston Churchill's **wartime coalition**.

* He also served as deputy Prime Minister in Clement Attlee's **transformative post-war government** in Britain. That government didn't just ***support*** the formation of NATO to counter Soviet expansionism — they were **co-architects** of it.

* Amidst **Cold War** tensions and economic upheaval, Britain and America advanced **from allies** to **integrated strategic partners** at the dawn of the **nuclear age**, our scientists having joined forces in the Manhattan Project to create the advantage we had at the beginning of this age.

* It was **western unity** which ultimately ended the Cold War peacefully and demonstrated resilience to new threats, including the **9/11 attacks**, where NATO invoked **Article 5** for the first time.

* Over eight decades, the foundations of **collective defence** have remained steadfast whilst the **transatlantic relationship** has continuously **evolved** and **adapted** to counter new challenges.

* So, today, I want to talk about the **profound change** we face in a new age of **great power rivalry**, a period characterised by **political volatility**, **economic mercantilism** and **geopolitical competition**.

A New Age of Great Power Rivalry

* We are witnessing the end of an era of **hyper-globalisation** where we assumed that economic integration had made wars almost obsolete.

* The logic seemed compelling: **mutual interests**, **integrated global supply chains** and shared **economic stakes** created too much to lose from warfare. History seemed to point in only one direction.

* Those comfortable assumptions have been shattered –

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* We now see the rise of **modern mercantilism**, where nations prefer to prioritise **national economic strength** and **autonomy** in many respects.

* States are intervening and playing a more **protectionist role** in managing trade and **directing industrial policy** to become ever more **self-sufficient** and **localised**.

* I'm not declaring **globalisation dead** but it is being **radically reconfigured** around us.

* **China's** export-driven growth strategy flooded the global market with state-subsidised products and undercut Western manufacturing and hollowed out industry.

* The **social disruption of rapid technological change**, where, if you take media as an example, we have moved suddenly from decades of information flowing to people through established news organisations, to a future where you only see "news" online that is **curated to what you want to know**.

* **Or what the algorithm - and those behind it - decides you want to know.**

* **A**nd then the backlash against **globalisation's** uneven distribution of benefits.

* You can produce many different numbers to show the widening wealth disparities in the West over the past 30 years but I would choose a simple one: GDP per capita in the United States has grown about 60%-70% in real terms. But real median household income growth has been about 20%-25%.

* The typical American household has not done as well as the booming US economy would suggest. A similar story holds true across the West.

* This has posed profound challenges to **culture**, **place** and **society** – which too many of us over the past decades frankly ignored.

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* From the American mid-West to the coastal towns of England – a hands-off approach left many places adrift from the success stories of global cities such as London and New York.

* And in a world which has often felt dominated by the exponential rise of **social media**, a sense of grievance – and of difference between *us and them* – has been amplified.

* So yes, I credit **President Trump's acute political instincts** in identifying the anxieties gripping not only millions of Americans, but also far more pervasive global trends:

* Economic stagnation. A sense of irreversible decline. The lost promise of meaningful work. These are the **giants** we must confront head-on.

Peace through Strength: A Strategic Reboot

* So, where do we go next?

* It is in no one's interest – certainly not those of close allies – that each country pursues a **wholly individualized path**, which leads to accelerated economic fragmentation.

* But if we are serious about **rebuilding confidence in the international system** – *if we wish to maintain a set of* ***common rules*** *and* ***standards, an economic and security commons between us -***

* We need to devote an enormous amount of energy and goodwill to **preserve**, **sustain** and **deepen** the alliances which exist between **like-minded countries**.

* For the UK, and the rest of Europe, we must **reboot the transatlantic alliance** – indeed a boot up the proverbial backside is needed now – to deliver **peace through strength** across three interconnected domains: **Military**, **Economic** and **Technological**.

i) Military strength

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* For my **generation**, the 20th Century gains in peace and prosperity were thought of as a **European peace dividend**.

* I now recognise it as an **urgent bill**, this peace dividend, for decades of defence underinvestment – a payment that is long overdue.

* We have lived in a fantasy created by the **US security guarantee**, complacent that a friendly **heavyweight** across the water would be there *when the going gets tough*.

* We meet in the shadow of Russia's **barbaric invasion** of **Ukraine**, now in its fourth year.

* The UK strongly supports President Trump's initiative to **bring this terrible war to an end**. And we are working together with partners to secure a **just** and **lasting peace**.

* **The Ukraine conflict has served as a brutal wake -up call.** State-on-state war has returned to Europe, adversaries are using nuclear rhetoric to influence decision-making, and we are seeing regular attacks on European infrastructure beneath the threshold of warfare.

* It is crystal clear that European defence must **step up** and **rebalance** for our collective security. Actually, I think President Trump is doing Europe a favour by confronting us with this reality.

* The United States is the UK's closest defence and security ally. **We must become <u>less dependent</u>** on America, while remaining **<u>inseparably linked</u>** to **America** – a distinction that I underline of critical importance. Yes, less dependent, but inseparately linked.

* Ukraine is just one flashpoint of many amid growing global instability. Even the US does not have limitless resources.

* This is precisely why Britain must step up in providing for European security, and why we have committed to the **biggest sustained increase** in defence spending since the Cold War.

* We will become NATO's **fastest-innovating nation**, ensuring our military forces have the technological and military capabilities to secure long-term strategic advantage, not just spending more – but spending better.

* Of course, this all needs to be grounded in **intelligent and effective strategic choices**, not merely **increased expenditure**. Efficiency and innovation to renew our defence manufacturing bases must drive every **pound**, every **dollar** and every **euro** invested.

* And we will double down on our alliances. In defence, we will always be NATO first, but not NATO only – and this is particularly true of the UK's growing focus on the Indo-Pacific, as well as our new security partnership with Europe.

* One good example is **AUKUS**, the **trilateral security partnership** with Australia and America which will deliver **advanced nuclear-powered submarines** and catalyse technology sharing on other advanced capabilities.

ii) Economic strength

* Turning to the theme of **economic strength**, Britain now enjoys something that has eluded us for far too long: a government with both unity of **purpose** and **longevity**.

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* This government's mandate and President Trump's will both last for the next four years – providing huge opportunities for collaboration between us.

* We are both **pro-business**, **pro-trade**, and committed to **innovation**, not as empty slogans but as practical imperatives.

* This UK government has committed to creating the **best investment environment** with a **regulatory reset** that makes us the most competitive in Europe. That's our aim.

* One of the reasons we were able to close the first trade deal of the Trump Administration is that our strong economic relationship between our countries is **fair**, **balanced** and **reciprocal**. But also because, we are very much a businesslike nation with pragmatic instincts.

* One of the great backhanded insults in British history was when Napoleon Bonaparte dismissed us as a mere "nation of shopkeepers". He was right: commerce is the lifeblood which flows through our veins and that is one reason why we British and American cousins remain so close.

* And that is also one reason why I see the current deal as the beginning of a new chapter, as well as an end in itself. There is scope for an even more transformative stage in our long partnership. And I believe that centres on technology.

iii) Technological strength

* So let me address technological as the third. We face a clear, shared threat. There is nothing I fear more than **China winning the race for technological dominance** in the coming decades.

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* China represents a far more **dynamic** and **formidable** strategic rival than the Soviet Union ever was; **economically sophisticated**, **highly innovative** and **strategically patient**.

* The United Kingdom and United States are the only two Western nations with **trillion-dollar technology eco-systems** combined with unparalleled talent and research capabilities.

* We must **combine forces** to drive the scientific breakthroughs that will define this century, and AI should be the spearpoint of that collaboration.

* Artificial intelligence stands as the **next great foundational technology**. Through its power we can rapidly make progress across so many frontiers of science: quantum; synthetic biology; medicine; nuclear fusion.

* Rather than **stifling** these transformative technologies through excessive regulation, our two governments must unleash their **immense potential** for human benefit and western advantage.

Conclusion: Meeting History's Challenge

* Let me say this in conclusion. In his immortal **Iron Curtain speech**, delivered in Missouri, Churchill spoke eloquently about the primacy of American power and its **awesome responsibility to future generations**.

* Today, we face our own historical inflection point –

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* No one should doubt that we face accelerating **global competition** in which it is strongly in our interests to expand the perimeter of our alliances while deepening the transatlantic partnership at its core.

* So our diplomacy must be more **urgent**, more **agile** and more **creative**. We must deepen the **political** and **military** alliances which defined our past successes, but also create new partnerships – borne in and of technology – which will redefine our future.

* The stakes could not be **higher**, the opportunities, actually, could not be **greater**. I am confident our two countries will meet…will rise together to meet the challenge.

End

244 - 27-05-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Jon Garvie (former Chief of Staff to the Foreign Secretary, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Tue 27/05/2025 9:23:59 PM (UTC)
To: Jon Garvie Personal
Subject: Fw: Iran nuclear position: FCDO line and transcript

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From: JCS
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 5:05:06 PM
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: JCS
Subject: Fw: Iran nuclear position: FCDO line and transcript

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Peter - as per text. Transcript. You've trod the line with these comments. And we should knock back Iranian line robustly.

JCS and Iran team will discuss with you at prebrief this eve. I'm at an engagement for an hour. Back online at 630pm. We need to get advise back to London over night.

JCS
Director of Communications & Spokesperson
British Embassy Washington
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From: JCS
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 4:47:16 PM
To: JCS ; Lucy Ferguson ; JCS
Subject: Iran nuclear position: FCDO line and transcript

An FCDO spokesperson said: " We remain committed to taking every diplomatic step to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, including through snapback if necessary. That is the UK' s longstanding position which has not changed."
" We have urged Iran to engage with President Trump' s offer of a negotiated solution, and we continue to liaise closely with our allies and partners on this in support of regional stability and to secure peace in the Middle East."
Lord Mandelson:
Iran is vulnerable, but still retains enrichment facilities that can produce for military

purposes a nuclear bomb, and we can’ t accept that.
We in Britain strongly support the President’ s initiative in negotiating away these enrichment and related facilities in Iran, we support what Steve Witkoff has been doing in these negotiations, which are making progress. Whether they will finally bring the Iranian regime to their senses and realise they have to find a way out or face a worse alternative I don’ t know, it remains to be seen.
But we also have the snapback facility available to us in Europe as the E3. Britain France Germany working very actively alongside the US on this. Clock is ticking on snapback, which could produce a snapback to the original sanctions, they need to be mindful of that as well.
(Full answer at 1:09:00 in this link: The Rt Hon Lord Mandelson on Britain in an enduring transatlantic relationship - Atlantic Council)

From: Peter Mandelson[/ Personal

Sent: Tue 27/05/2025 8:59:44 PM (UTC)
To: Jon Garvie[Personal]
Cc: JCS
Subject: Re: atlantic council remarks final

Speech was well received except it seems by the FCDO. It doesn't take much for the knife to turn and for some to see division where none exists….

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246 - 28-05-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson, Robert Tinline (Americas Director, FCDO) and others

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Sent: Wed 28/05/2025 1:36:36 AM (UTC)

To: Robert Tinline Personal , "Ailsa Terry (No.10)" Personal Caroline Hurndall Personal

Cc: "NSA (Cabinet Office)" Personal "michael.ellam Personal >, Sophie Hague Personal "Katy Budge / (Cabinet Office)" Personal Ninjeri Pandit Personal , Oliver Robbins Personal Harriet Mathews Personal , Christian Turner Personal Scott Furssedonn-Wood Personal , Iain Griffiths Personal JCS Dave Prodger Personal , Morgan McSweeney Personal

Subject: Re: Canada: the King and the Speech from the Throne

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Thanks Rob for such a full read out. The chosen words all seem pretty political to me. I suspect they have had the desired/designed effect in Canada but fortunately seem - so far - to have passed people by here in DC. Hopefully we can move on and plan the President's state visit in a calm and successful way.
Very best
Peter

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Cc: NSA (Cabinet Office) Personal michael. Personal Sophie Hague Personal ; Katy Budge / (Cabinet Office) Personal ; Ninjeri Pandit Personal Oliver Robbins Personal ; Harriet Mathews Personal Christian Turner Personal Scott Furssedonn-Wood Personal Iain Griffiths Personal JCS Peter Mandelson Personal Dave Prodger Personal Morgan McSweeney Personal
Subject: Canada: the King and the Speech from the Throne

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Ailsa, Caroline

Latest on things here with the King on his way home. Visit prep I'll leave to other chains.

Text of Speech. Full text of throne speech: Building Canada Strong: A bold, ambitious plan for our future - Canada.ca. The line which has been picked up and got the only round of applause was at the end: "As the [national] anthem reminds us: The True North is indeed strong and free!". Other quotes:

- "The Prime Minister and the President of the United States, for example, have begun defining a new economic and security relationship between Canada and the U.S., rooted in mutual respect and founded on common interests, to deliver transformational benefits for both sovereign nations."
- "Canada is ready to build a coalition of like-minded countries that share its values, that believe in international co-operation and the free and open exchange of goods, services, and ideas."
- "A confident Canada … can seize this opportunity by recognising that all Canadians can give themselves far more than any foreign power on any continent can ever take away. And that by staying true to Canadian values, Canada can build new alliances and a new economy that serves all Canadians."

Coverage. There's not much new in terms of government programme, though they did say they "will boost Canada's defence industry by joining ReArm Europe, to invest in transatlantic security with Canada's European partners." Clearly lots of coverage of visit and speech about this sending a signal to the US. We've had some references to our State Visit invitation in media (especially from British commentators), but I've seen none from government sources, nor questions put to them on it (I wasn't asked when I went on the main Sunday politics show). Carney's just done a 30 minute sit down with CBC which was mostly usual messages, almost all domestic; he refused to set a timeline on talks with the US. We see how it plays over the next day or two, and the State Visit questions will come back when we announce a date and when the visit happens – forewarning the Canadians before a date announcement will be helpful if we can.

View of the monarchy. Wall to wall coverage, with large crowds and a very positive reception. Polls suggested two-thirds of Canadians think the monarchy has been useful in respect of the relationship with the US, and similarly that it is an important part of Canadian identity and heritage. But the Bloc Quebecois boycotted the speech, and polls also suggest most were indifferent to the visit, with close to 50% preferring not to have a monarchy ***

A few bits for the more interested:

- **Government Programme**. Carney has done a single mandate letter for all ministers with seven top government-wide objectives rather than the long detailed individual ones Trudeau issued to ministers, ***

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• **Election recounts** can take away with one hand what they give with the other … Carney's back down to 169 seats (172 majority), the Speaker being Liberal makes that effectively 168. But they can still get votes through even if the NDP seven abstain rather vote in favour.

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• **US Ambassador,** Pete Hoekstra, was out over the weekend: on 51st state "*Move on. If the Canadians want to keep talking about it — that's their business. I'm not talking about it; Donald Trump is not talking about it."* … just proven premature with the Trump tweet about 51st state and Golden Dome. (There's been some criticism here of Carney for being all "elbows up" when campaigning, but talking about joining the Golden Dome;

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• **G7 Finance Ministers**. HMT will record properly.

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The Chancellor had a sit down bilateral with Francois-Philippe Champagne and an extended walk about round Banff with him.

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• **The new Foreign Minister** invited me yesterday,

• **Carney travel** looks like including an EU-Canada Summit just before NATO Summit.

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• **Staffing**. Carney's not yet found a long-term Chief of Staff,

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Rob

Rob Tinline
British High Commissioner to Canada

Personal

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From: Sam LISTER (DBT) < Personal >
Sent on: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 2:42:43 PM
To: Personal
CC: DG Industrial Strategy < Personal >
Subject: FW: Off-sen: Industrial Strategy discussion - draft white paper
Attachments: 051525 IS WP V4.0.docx (2.23 MB)

Dear Private Office,

Please see email from Sam to the Ambassador of 24th May 2025. Password to the document is Personal

Kind regards
JCS

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From: Sam LISTER (DBT)
Sent: 24 May 2025 12:02
To: mandelsonpeter Personal
Cc: DG Industrial Strategy < Personal >; Gareth DAVIES (DBT) < Personal >
Subject: Off-sen: Industrial Strategy discussion - draft white paper

Dear Peter –

Thank you for all the engagement with DBT colleagues on many fronts since your arrival in post – much achieved already – and I look forward to catching up next week on the Industrial Strategy (further to your chat with Gareth).

Ahead of that, I thought it would be helpful to share our latest version of the White Paper – still a working draft, with a fair few SR-contingent square brackets etc, some more political

overlay to come, and obviously a lot that is commercially sensitive. If it can stay on a tight copylist please (information handling protocol is below, for your office to note). The password for the doc is: PERSON AL

If your pressed for time, the Executive Summary sets out the main policy territory. I look forward to speaking next week, and thanks again for providing the time.

Sam

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248 - 05-2025 - Meeting between Peter Mandelson, Jonathan Reynolds (former Secretary of State for Business and Trade) and others

Attendees:
Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP - Secretary of State for Business and Trade (SoS)
Lord Peter Mandelson - HMA Washington (designate) (LM)
Gareth Davies - Permanent Secretary, DBT
Amanda Brookes - DG Trade Negotiations, DBT (AB)
Kate Joseph - DG Economic Security and Trade Relations, DBT
JCS - Head of US Global Issues and Canada Team, FCDO
SpAds & PO

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- SoS and LM had a short political catch-up and then SoS brought in lead DBT US officials
- SoS talked through LM DBT priorities and introduced LM to his "top team" on US work.
- LM mused on our ambition for trade with the US. He explained he had 3 key questions he planned to look at as he started the role:
    1. What are our aims with US Trade? And how does this intersect with EU
    2. What do US want from UK?
    3. What does 21st century trade look like, and how does this intersect with what we want from US?
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- The meeting concluded with a commitment to work closely, through HQ and overseas network, including through our joint HMTC.

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From: Mian, Emran (DSIT) < PERSONAL >
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Subject: RE: Meeting with *** - tech partnership

Thanks for these notes.

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Emran

From: Varun Chandra < PERSONAL
Sent: 31 May 2025 10:01
To: Peter Mandelson < PERSONAL matthew.collins < PERSONAL ; Mungo Woodifield < PERSONAL Mian, Emran (DSIT) < PERSONAL
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JCS PERSONAL ; Kate JOSEPH (DBT)
PERSONAL **Subject:** Meeting with Michael Kratsios - tech partnership

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Dear all,

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Best,
Varun

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250 - 01-06-2025- Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10) and others

From: Peter Mandelson[/ Personal

Sent: Sun 01/06/2025 2:49:24 AM (UTC)

To: Morgan McSweeney[Personal]; Ninjeri Pandit Jonathan Powell[Personal

Subject: FW: To read: Remarks by Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth at the 2025 Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore (As Prepared)

Ahead of the SDR, you don't have to read all of this outspoken speech to get the gist.
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Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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From: JCS
Sent: 31 May 2025 07:10
To: DL Washi SLT and Deputies ; Peter Mandelson ; JCS
Subject: To read: Remarks by Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth at the 2025 Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore (As Prepared)

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Important speech. Setting out Indo-Pac approach. Heard lots of it before - but useful comprehensive articulation.
Much emphasis on Europeans stepping up and taking on Euro-Atlantic. Freeing US up to make Indo-Pac priority number one.
Long section detailing regional partnerships with allies - ***

Interesting language on US foreign policy, ***

" United States is not interested in the moralistic approach to foreign policy of the past. We are not here to pressure other countries to embrace and adopt our politics or ideology. We are not here to preach to you about climate change or cultural issues. We are not here to impose our will on you. We are all sovereign nations."

JCS
Director of Communications & Spokesperson
British Embassy Washington
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Personal

From: U.S. Department of Defense
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Secretary of Defense Speech

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May 30, 2025

Good morning. It is great to be in Singapore.

Bastian, thanks for your warm welcome. The Shangri-La Dialogue is an important forum for bringing together defense leaders from across the Indo-Pacific region and the world. Thanks to you and IISS for hosting us.

I am proud to be back in the Indo-Pacific for the second time as Secretary of Defense. And I'm going to keep coming back.

And it's not just me. *America* is proud to be back in the Indo-Pacific — and we're here to stay. The United States is an Indo-Pacific nation. We have been since the earliest days of the Republic. We will continue to be an Indo-Pacific nation — with Indo-Pacific interests — for generations to come.

Under President Trump's leadership, the United States is

committed to achieving peace through strength. That starts with deterring aggression here in the Indo-Pacific, here in our priority theater, here with you — our allies and partners. The United States stands ready to work with any country that is willing to step up to preserve the peace we all hold dear.

Looking out at this room, I am glad to see friends, counterparts, and other senior leaders from so many allies and partners. Your presence sends a strong message about our shared purpose, our shared commitment to peace, and our shared dedication to a free and open Indo-Pacific.

This morning, I'd like to share the U.S. Defense Department's vision for the Indo-Pacific. And I'll start by putting it into context — by describing how this vital region fits in to our national defense priorities.

From day one, President Trump gave me and the Department of Defense a clear mission: achieve peace through strength. To accomplish this mission, our overriding objectives have been equally clear: restore the warrior ethos, rebuild our military, and reestablish deterrence.

It all starts with restoring the warrior ethos. All of us in the profession of arms understand that humans are more important than hardware.

So, we're focused on lethality, meritocracy, accountability, standards, and readiness. We've applied common sense. Our combat formations need to be trained and skilled. Our standards need to be high and unwavering. If you can do the job, you're in the formation. If you can't, you are not. Simple as that.

That is restoring the warrior ethos, and our troops are responding to it. Morale, recruiting, retention, readiness, training, capabilities, are all rapidly increasing thanks to our back-to-basics, common sense approach.

Our second priority is rebuilding the military. We're equipping American warfighters with the most advanced capabilities so we remain the strongest and most lethal fighting force in the world.

President Trump proposes spending — for the first time ever — over $1 trillion next year to do this. The Golden Dome for America, our new sixth generation fighter — the F-47, our new stealth bomber —the B-21, new submarines and destroyers are all a part of that. The best military equipment in the world!

We are reviving our defense industrial base and investing in our shipyards. We are also rapidly fielding emerging technologies that will help us remain the world leader for generations to come. We are stronger — yet more agile — than ever before.

When our opponents know that our military is armed with the most capable weapons systems, wielded by skilled warriors with the will to prevail, they are less likely to challenge us on the battlefield — and that is the point.

This leads to our third objective: reestablishing deterrence. Across four years of deferred maintenance under the Biden administration, the world saw a feckless America. Not anymore.

We are re-establishing deterrence around the world, but credible deterrence starts at home. It starts at our borders. Border security is national security. So we have put troops on the Southwest border and are driving towards 100% operational control there. We are also increasing security in the Western Hemisphere and taking back the Panama Canal from malign Chinese influence.

Beyond our borders, beyond our neighborhood, we are reorienting toward deterring aggression by Communist China. We'll talk more about this in a minute.

Elsewhere — around the world — we are engaging with, enabling, and empowering our allies. We're pushing our allies in Europe to own more of their security — to invest in their own defense. Thanks

to President Trump, they are stepping up. As our allies put their shoulders to the plow and carry more of their own burden, we will continue increasing our focus on the Indo-Pacific, our priority theater.

Vision for the Indo-Pacific

Here in the Indo-Pacific, our futures are bound together. The prosperity and security of the American people are linked with those of your peoples. America has too much at stake in the Indo-Pacific to walk away. We are here to stay.

For a generation, the United States ignored this region. We became distracted by open-ended wars, regime change, and nation building. These costly diversions lacked clearly defined goals and were not tied to vital American interests.

President Trump is changing that. We are not making the same mistakes. We are done with that approach. We are focused on delivering for the American people, on safeguarding their security, on protecting their economic interests, and on using common sense to preserve peace in the Indo-Pacific.

Standing here in Singapore, I think this approach aligns well with the pragmatic style of Singapore's legendary Prime Minister Lee Kwan Yew. Across three decades, he built this country into one of the world's most important hubs of finance and innovation.

Like the late-Prime Minister, President Trump's approach is grounded in common sense and national interests, built on a willingness to work with others while respecting mutual self-interest, and informed by an understanding of military strength but shaped by a preference for engaging on the basis of commerce and sovereignty — not war.

These two historic men share a willingness to challenge old ways of doing things that no longer make sense. Under President Trump's leadership, we are applying this common sense approach here in

the Indo-Pacific and throughout the world.

The results speak for themselves. President Trump is leading European allies to step up in their own self-defense. He is striking new, fairer trade deals that protect Americans while providing a lasting and secure basis for commerce. He is also rebalancing security arrangements with key allies in the region.

This will enable us all to benefit from the peace and stability that comes with a lasting and strong American presence *here* in the Indo-Pacific. These benefits multiply when our allies and partners are also strong.

As President Trump said in Riyadh, the United States is not interested in the moralistic approach to foreign policy of the past.

We are not here to pressure other countries to embrace and adopt our politics or ideology. We are not here to preach to you about climate change or cultural issues. We are not here to impose our will on you. We are all sovereign nations. We should all be able to choose the future we want to build. We respect you and your traditions. And we want to work with you where our shared interests align.

Upon this sure foundation of mutual interests and common sense, we will build and strengthen our partnerships with you to preserve peace and increase prosperity.

The Threat

But a threat gathers ... As we all know, strength and security underpin peace and enable prosperity. And our common sense approach to achieving security — to achieving peace through strength — requires seeing things clearly. It requires confronting the hard truth about the threats we face in the Indo-Pacific. And it requires meeting those threats with urgency.

Before we get to these hard truths, let me begin by saying, we do

not seek conflict with Communist China. But we will not be pushed out of this critical region. And we will not let our allies and partners be subordinated.

China seeks to become the hegemonic power in Asia. It wishes to dominate and control this vibrant and vital region. Through its massive military build-up and growing willingness to use military force to achieve its goals, China has demonstrated that it wants to fundamentally alter the region's status quo.

China's behavior towards its neighbors and the world is a wake-up call. And an urgent one.

Practically around the clock, China uses its vast and sophisticated cyber capabilities to steal industrial technology and attack critical infrastructure systems — in your countries and in the United States, too. These actions not only rip us off, but endanger the lives of our citizens.

In the South China Sea, Communist China harasses its neighbors – many are here in this room today. China seeks to intimidate you in your own waters. We have all seen the videos and pictures of water cannons, ship-to-ship collisions, and illegal boardings at sea. They are also illegally seizing and militarizing land features in the South China Sea.

These actions betray China's fundamental lack of respect for its neighbors and challenge sovereignty, freedom of navigation, and overflight. We are watching China's destabilizing actions closely. Any unilateral attempt in the South China Sea to change the status quo by force or coercion is unacceptable.

Every day, China's military harasses Taiwan. These activities have been paired with China's rapid military modernization and buildup – including massive investments in nuclear weapons, hypersonic missiles, and amphibious assault capabilities.

It should be clear to all that Beijing is concretely and credibly

preparing to use military force to alter the balance of power in the Indo-Pacific. We know that Xi Jinping has ordered his military to be ready to invade Taiwan by 2027. The PLA is building the capabilities needed to do it — at breakneck speed. The PLA is training for it, every day. The PLA is rehearsing for the real deal.

Let me be clear: any attempt by Communist China to conquer Taiwan would result in devastating consequences for the Indo-Pacific and the world. We are not going to sugarcoat it. The threat China poses is real. And it could be imminent.

Facing these threats, we know that many countries are tempted by the idea of seeking both economic cooperation with China and defense cooperation with the United States. But beware the leverage the CCP seeks with that entanglement. Economic dependence on China only deepens their malign influence and complicates our decision space during times of tension or conflict. The CCP uses economic influence to wield power.

Nobody knows what China will ultimately do. But they are preparing. And we must, therefore, be ready as well. Urgency and vigilance is our only option.

But let me again be clear: The United States does not seek war. We do not seek to dominate or strangle China. We do not seek to humiliate China. We do not seek regime change. Instead, we seek peace. But we must ensure that China cannot dominate us — or our allies and partners. That is a rational, common sense goal that all should be able to live with.

At the same time, President Trump has said that Communist China will not invade Taiwan on his watch. Our goal is to prevent war. And we will do this with a strong shield of deterrence, forged together with you – America's great allies and partners. Together, we will show what we mean by Peace through Strength. In many ways seen, and unseen. Overt and covert.

But if deterrence fails, we will be prepared to do what the Department of Defense does best – fight and win — decisively.

Path Forward

As I've said many times before, and it's important for all of you to hear today — America First does not mean America alone. The Indo-Pacific is America's priority theater. As we shift our focus to this region, and as Europe steps up and takes greater ownership of its own security, President Trump and I will be counting on you – our allies and partners – to be force multipliers alongside the United States.

We ask — indeed, we insist — that our allies and partners do their part. Sometimes, this means having uncomfortable and tough conversations. Partners owe to it to each other to be honest and realistic. This is the essence of a pragmatic, common sense foreign policy. But you will also see that we are — and will remain — loyal to our allies and partners. In fact, the only way to ensure lasting alliances and partnerships is to make sure each side does its part.

We will stand with you and work hard alongside you to deter Chinese aggression. And we will do so in a rational and pragmatic manner. Each day, together, creating more and more dilemmas and complications for China, should they decide to overturn the status quo.

No one should doubt America's commitment to our Indo-Pacific allies and partners. We will continue to wrap our arms around our friends and find new ways to work together — not only our treaty allies here, but also our key partners in ASEAN and across the Indo Pacific.

Built on the bedrock of shared interests, these partnerships will deliver for our countries in unprecedented ways.

For example, look no further than to our growing defense relationship with India, where we pass new milestones by the

day—from the shared ventures of our defense industries to the increasing operational coordination and interoperability between our two militaries.

But we must all do our part — and get more serious about contributing to our collective defense.

I urge our allies and partners to seize this moment with us.

We must ensure that our defense spending reflects the dangers and threats we face today. Deterrence does not come cheap. Time is of the essence. We must step up and move out with a sense of urgency.

It is hard to believe I can say this – but Asian allies and partners should look to countries in Europe as a new-found example. NATO members are pledging to spend 5% of their GDP on defense, even Germany. How can it make sense for countries in Europe to do that while key allies and partners in Asia spend far less in the face of a far more formidable threat from Communist China, not to mention North Korea?

Ultimately, a strong, resolute, and capable network of allies and partners is one of our key strategic advantages.

China envies what we have together. And it has seen what we can collectively bring to bear. But it's up to all of us to ensure that we live up to that potential by investing in our own defenses.

Europe is stepping up. U.S. allies in the Indo-Pacific can, and should, follow by quickly upgrading their own defenses.

President Trump said it himself last month in Riyadh – he will never hesitate to wield American power swiftly and decisively if it is necessary.

That's re-establishing deterrence. We're doing this here in the Indo-Pacific in three ways: by improving our forward force posture, by

helping allies and partners strengthen their defense capabilities, and by rebuilding our defense industrial bases.

First, the Department of Defense is prioritizing forward postured, combat credible forces in the Western Pacific to deter by denial. In my first trip to the Indo-Pacific in March, I traveled to the Philippines to meet with President Marcos and Secretary of National Defense Teodoro. While there we announced our commitment to deploy more advanced U.S. military capabilities to the Philippines.

We announced the inaugural overseas deployment of NMESIS, a U.S. Marine Corps mobile anti-ship missile system, to the Philippines. The 3rd Marine Littoral Regiment – one of the U.S. military's most capable and lethal formations – exercised NMESIS along with our Philippine allies. Together we deployed the system to the Batanes Islands in the Luzon Strait between the Philippines and Taiwan.

This enhanced our interoperability and improved our readiness to operate cutting-edge platforms where we need them, when we need them.

We also announced that U.S. Special Operations Forces and Philippine Marines are training together on complex landing scenarios in the Batanes Islands. This demonstrates that our forces can conduct high-end operations in the most challenging environments.

I also visited Tokyo and met with Prime Minister Ishiba and Defense Minister Nakatani. We announced that we are upgrading the U.S. Forces Japan headquarters. This is about warfighting and deterrence – and common sense. Upgrading USFJ demonstrates the significant work of the U.S.-Japan Alliance to effectively respond to evolving threats. It also reflects the progress the Alliance has made towards improving interoperability and Japan's own advances in strengthening its indigenous capabilities.

And, this summer, the U.S. Army plans to conduct its first live-fire test of its Mid-Range Capability system in Australia. This will be the first time that system is fired west of the International Date Line and the first time we have tested it on foreign soil. Deployments like this represent our commitment to the region, and we have many more planned.

On the home front, the Golden Dome for America will protect the U.S. homeland against a catastrophic missile attack by potential adversaries. As we strengthen missile defenses for the U.S. homeland, we will also look for ways to improve regional missile defenses right here in the Indo-Pacific. This is part of increasing deterrence and investing in our alliances.

We are also using regional integrated air and missile defense to strengthen deterrence. We are developing several key missile defense technologies and data-sharing partnerships with Japan and Australia. We will leverage America's best-in-class technologies to strengthen regional air and missile defense architectures.

Second, we are supporting allies and partners as they strengthen their own defense capabilities and capacity. We want to empower you – as partners, not dependents – to work more capably with the United States.

We are working to rapidly deliver the kinds of off-the-shelf, innovative, autonomous systems for which American industry is renowned. It's why the Department partnered with U.S. industry to launch the Maritime Security Consortium.

This consortium will build and sustain maritime domain awareness to deliver real operational effects by employing unmanned aircraft and vessels. These capabilities will be delivered quickly and at a lower cost to get cutting edge American technology into the hands of our warfighters and of our partners and allies in Southeast Asia.

A critical part of working with our allies and partners is increasing

interoperability – learning how to sail, fly, and fight as one. This year's BALIKATAN exercise in the Philippines was the largest-ever. In the South China Sea, we also continue to conduct regular maritime cooperative activities alongside Australia, Japan, and the Philippines. Activities like these improve our coordination and shared tactics.

And we are expanding our security partnership with India through robust military exercises like TIGER TRIUMPH. We are also amplifying cooperation within the Quad and other multilateral frameworks. Within the Quad we are also leading an initiative called the Indo-Pacific Logistics Network, enabling Quad partners to leverage shared logistics capabilities in the Indo-Pacific.

And we are grateful for the opportunity to train with all our allies and partners in the region in other exercises like TALISMAN SABRE with Australia or COBRA GOLD in Thailand. These exercises enhance our lethality while improving our readiness to respond to crisis at a moment's notice. We put that into practice last March with the Thai military in response to the earthquake there.

Flying, sailing, and operating together in peacetime ensures we're prepared for the unexpected. It's all about getting in those reps and sets — as a team.

Third, we are revitalizing our defense industrial bases and reallocating resources towards the most lethal and effective capabilities. We are doing this because the success of our warfighters requires it.

It is one thing for an adversary to see multinational forces operating together in exercises. It is another thing entirely for that same adversary to see an integrated defense industrial base supporting those forces and standing ready to keep them in the fight.

That's why I'm pleased to endorse the Partnership for Indo-Pacific Industrial Resilience, also known as PIPIR – a U.S.-initiated

multilateral forum of 14 allies and partners working with industry, capital providers, and key non-governmental stakeholders, to strengthen industrial resilience, expand our capacity, and accelerate deliveries.

And today, I'm proud to announce the first PIPIR projects.

The first project plans to establish repair capability and capacity for P-8 radar systems in Australia. This will enable Indo-Pacific allies and partners operating the aircraft, including New Zealand and the Republic of Korea, to repair aircraft within the region rather than relying on a single repair source in the continental United States.

The second is a project that will develop standards for small unmanned aerial systems across the Indo-Pacific, identify secure sources of production for their critical components, and increase global supply chain resilience for these essential systems.

Similarly, we are working through our Regional Sustainment Framework to do things like expand existing contracts for U.S Army Watercraft repair. The goal of this initiative is to bring in more providers and expand existing repair capability more broadly across the Indo-Pacific.

We will also use our allies' world-class ship repair capabilities to enhance the U.S. Navy's operational effectiveness and to save taxpayer money.

These moves will strengthen regional resiliency by increasing access to repair capabilities in theater and reducing dependency on distant supply chains.

We are deepening our cooperation with Australia's Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance enterprise with historic momentum and purpose. This work is critical to securing our technological edge and making our munitions supply chains resilient.

In the last two months, we have reached an agreement for Australia to produce 155 millimeter ammunition and to assemble Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems. These steps enhance our readiness and facilitate upgrades to our collective defense industrial base.

We are working with India to co-produce equipment needed to deter aggression. This includes negotiating an agreement to bring our industrial bases even closer. Last month, we held our first-ever U.S.-India industry-government experts exchange to produce and field state-of-the-art autonomous systems as part of the U.S.-India Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance.

Across the board, the United States, our allies, and our partners are making great progress in these — and many other — areas towards achieving peace through strength.

We must keep moving quickly, though. We face a grave threat and we have no time to waste.

Conclusion

With sage leadership, strategic vision, and a sense of urgency Lee Kuan Yew turned Singapore into one of the world's great success stories. Many call it the "Singapore Miracle." That is what common sense policies can achieve. And it is precisely what President Trump's vision is all about.

Peace through Strength. Reestablishing deterrence. Sharing our burdens. Multiplying our strengths. Reinforcing our great alliances. Not starting wars, but preventing them. And building a better future for our nations — together.

During my last visit to the Indo-Pacific, I watched oil seep up from the wreckage of USS ARIZONA at Pearl Harbor. I saw the rows of crosses marking the graves of over 17,000 American soldiers at the Manila American Cemetery. And I walked the black sand beaches of Iwo Jima.

In these hallowed places I immediately felt connected to the past — to the warriors who went before us. They gave their all for freedom and for peace. As we mark 80 years since the end of World War II, we owe it to today's warriors, to our citizens, and to our children and grandchildren, to preserve this peace.

The motto of my first platoon was: "Those who long for peace, must prepare for war." That is exactly what we're doing. We are preparing for war, to deter war — to achieve peace through strength. And we look to you — our allies and partners — to join us in this important work.

Our time is now. The threats we face will not wait. Nor can we.

Thank you and Godspeed.

251 - 02-06-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson[/ Personal

Sent: Mon 02/06/2025 10:52:39 PM (UTC)
To: Oliver Robbins[Personal
Cc: JCS Personal
Subject: ***

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We have been told by State Department ***

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Very best
Peter

252 - 03-06-2025 - Email between Peter Mandelson, Angus Lapsley (UK's Permanent Representative to NATO) and others.

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Sent: Tue 03/06/2025 2:58:22 PM (UTC)

To: Angus Lapsley Personal ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team Personal

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I don't want to get ahead of the formal note of this morning's senior Ministerial meeting, ***

My version of it is;

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Subject: RE: Letter from America 30 May 2025

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Dear Peter
Thanks for this latest. ***

Ailsa

From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 30 May 2025 22:13
To: Caroline Hurndall ; Ailsa Terry ; Oliver Robbins ; Morgan McSweeney ; Ninjeri Pandit ; Jonathan Powell ; Stephanie Driver ; Christian Turner ; Richard Moore ; Jon Garvie
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Very best,
Peter
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Cc: Stephen Lillie[Personal]; JCS [Personal ; PUS Action[Personal]; Oliver Robbins[Personal]; Washington Private Office[Personal]; Canberra Private Office[Personal]; JC [Personal]; JCS S [Personal]; James Roscoe[Personal]

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Jonathan
Many thanks.
With some further discussion at this end, -

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Many thanks
Sarah

From: Jonathan Allen
Sent: 04 June 2025 22:58
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Peter, Sarah, Menna,

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Timing. With apologies, can I get quick thoughts back by the end of tomorrow

(Thursday)? ***

Many thanks,
Jonathan
Jonathan Allen | **Director General Defence and Intelligence** | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office |
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255 - 06-06-2025- Emails between Peter Mandelson, Sir Christian Turner (former Political Director, FCDO) and others

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Iain

Canada's HC hosted lunch today for me with G7 Ambos/HCs. Amb Warren Stephens was there and opining on various matters foreign policy ***

I've no idea if this is news to us or not, and I assume "well known to British Embassy", but if it would help to follow up on my channel to suggest contact do let me know.

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- Chancellor
- CDL
- NSA
- DNSA
- AUKUS special representative
- Chief Defence Nuclear
- MoD Permanent Secretary
- Deputy Chief Defence Staff (Force Development)
- FCDO Permanent Secretary
- HMA Washington

- British High Commissioner Canberra (Sarah MacIntosh)
- Director Defence and Nuclear Cabinet Office (Nick Ayling)

Best wishes,

JCS

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257 - 06-06-2025 - Email from Stephanie Ashmore (Director, Americas - Science & Technology Network, FCDO) to Mungo Woodfield (Minister Counsellor for Trade and Global Issues, FCDO) and others

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[Draft] Re: Minister Vallance Briefing for Boston visit

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Subject: Minister Vallance Boston Visit

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Hi all

A few notes on the HMA-Minister Vallance call (for those who joined the call, please feel free to add):

- Pharmaceutical pricing and tariffs are top of mind for both Vallance and HMA. Vallance committed to sharing an explainer from Office for Life Sciences on some of the key issues to support engagement with pharma.
- DSIT / DBT to add up to date lines on pharma tariffs to the Minister's briefing pack.
- HMA requested a 1.5 hour meeting with Vallance during his London visit in advance of the planned S&T roundtable on 25 June JCS to discuss strategy for tech partnership and the roundtable. Vallance committed to providing feedback from DSIT's expert panels for this meeting.

Any questions, let me know.

Many thanks

Stephanie

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Sat 07/06/2025 5:13:58 PM (UTC)
To: Stephanie Driver Personal
Cc: JCS
Subject: New Statesman diary
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Steph, this is what I have done for Tom McTague. OK with you I hope….
Shall we chat over the weekend ? Perhaps tomorrow ?
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Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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To foreign visitors, walking into President Trump's Oval Office has become akin to entering the Colosseum. Other ambassadors spend days trying to persuade the White House to allow their incoming head of government to forgo the thrill of the Oval media spray or at least have the closed door Presidential lunch beforehand as an early barometer of what may be on the President's mind. None succeed. The President is eager for the fray and the visitor's secret of success is to leave him to it, stay relaxed, speak when spoken to and never take the bait. Keir Starmer's Oval appearance is viewed across Washington's diplomatic corps as the model. It's just a shame that not all of them have a popular King from whom to deliver an eagerly awaited state visit invitation.

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The US-UK trade deal represented smart, nimble diplomacy by my Embassy and London officials - met by an equal measure of professionalism and good-will from President Trump's negotiating team. When I entered the anything-can-happen Oval Office and picked my way passed the Churchill bust and gilt adornments to take my place behind the Resolute desk for the trade deal's launch, the White House protocol officer issued me with clear instructions to stand behind the President and say nothing. I was there in a purely supporting capacity while the Prime Minister was poised to be dialed in from Jaguar Land Rover's West Midlands HQ to give his endorsement to the VE-day deal. President Trump was enjoying himself; the conversation and the cameras rolled on and I was gazing around, soaking in the atmosphere when suddenly he looked over his shoulder and asked if I had anything to say. Luckily my political skills kicked in, the Rolls-Royce gag worked and I was praised for my ‘ beautiful accent’ . Over an hour – what seemed like a week – later the press were herded out and the President brandished his trade-mark Sharpie felt tip and presented me with a signed copy of his talking points. Plus a stash of signed MAGA caps for my staff. They had earned them.

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My conclusion from listening to the President on this and other occasions is that the secret of his political success is that he always knows what he wants to say, means it when he says it and is never lost for words. And he is not gun shy. The discipline of the Administration – Elon Musk notwithstanding – is impressive. Compared to

Trump 1 when freelancing secretaries and Congressional revolts were widespread in the party, Republicans now are remarkably careful not to show any difference from the President. I regularly commute to the Hill to see House and Senate members who may not all be cut from the same Trumpian cloth but have nonetheless heard the views of their electoral base. The MAGA movers and shakers who were instrumental to the Trump victory and now form the new DC establishment, are not ideologues but nonetheless, like him and his forceful vice president, J D Vance, have clearly formed instincts and deeply held beliefs. They want to see these reflected in pioneering, radical domestic and foreign policies, unfettered by more conventionally minded civil servants and others they refer to as 'the deep state'. They are impatient and ruthless and leave those with more moderate politics flailing around, unable to decide whether to stick up for their centrism or outflank them to the left. Democrats are, so far, at a loss to know how to oppose Trump – they are chasing an opponent who never seems to turn himself into a target.

They hold onto the hope that history rhymes and the pendulum will swing and they will regain the House, if not the Senate, in the 2026 midterms. They may well be right but hope, as they say, is not a strategy.

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There is no doubt that, for Reinaldo and me, living in an historic residence with such a beautiful garden is both a privilege and hard work with all the hosting and entertaining that comes with the job. It is expected that 18,000 visitors will join as at receptions, events, dinners, salons and roundtables this year. Unfortunately I cannot compete with those of my predecessors who conducted a lot of their diplomatic work on the residence tennis court but I do have another asset – Jock, the universally popular Ambassa-Dog, who is shortly to make his Instagram debut. He has all the wonderful qualities you associate with a collie and our visitors queue up to throw his ball for him which he retrieves and leaves at other guests' feet. But he is best not startled after he has turned in for the night as Dame Emily Thornberry, the warm and redoubtable chair of the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, discovered when she strayed into our flat rather than her bedroom when returning to the residence after an evening of networking on the Hill…..

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From: Rachel Reeves PERSONAL
Sent: Sat 07/06/2025 7:27:32 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson PERSONAL
Cc: Martin Katie HMT PERSONAL
Subject: Re: *** trade deal

V helpful as ever.
Sent from my iPhone

On 7 Jun 2025, at 16:13, Peter Mandelson wrote:

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Thanks
Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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From: Peter Mandelson[/Personal

Sent: Sun 08/06/2025 7:51:48 PM (UTC)
To: Stephanie Driver[Personal
Cc: JCS [Personal]
Subject: Re: New Statesman diary

My first word for Emily was "stumbling" but I changed to "strayed".

I don't see any G7 danger - missing anything ? - ***

Hope SR goes well, I am sure it will.

Px

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From: Stephanie Driver
Sent: Sunday, June 8, 2025 3:26:38 PM
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: JCS
Subject: Re: New Statesman diary

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Peter,

Thank you for sharing this - it's great. I'm smiling at the image of Emily wandering about…

I'd be keen to catch up this week when you're able. Our Canada trip is on my mind, as are next steps in the deal and keeping up momentum.

Best as ever

Steph

Stephanie Driver | Director of Communications - Delivery | 10 Downing Street | London SW1A 2AA | Email:Personal

From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 6:13:58 PM
To: Stephanie Driver
Cc: JCS
Subject: New Statesman diary

Steph, this is what I have done for Tom McTague. OK with you I hope….
Shall we chat over the weekend ? Perhaps tomorrow ?
peter

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262- 10-06-2025 - Emails between the Private Offices of Peter Mandelson and Louise Sandher-Jones (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Veterans and People)

From: JCS

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Subject: RE: 20250604 HMA Washington Visit to MB - MinVP Meeting Request

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Thanks, JCS . Could you send a diary invitation to mandelsonpeter Personal please?

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From: MinVP-PrivateOffice Personal
Sent: 10 June 2025 13:11
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Cc: JCS (MOD) (External) ; JCS ; JCS (BDSUS) Mod (External) ; JCS BDSUS (MoD) (External) ; Personal

Subject: Re: 20250604 HMA Washington Visit to MB - MinVP Meeting Request

Hi JCS
No problem at all with 1730 meeting,
Many thanks,
JCS

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JCS

With apologies, hopefully you've seen my other email of a couple of hours ago asking if we could do 1730 as we need to move SofS to 1700 if possible. Recognising that it's getting late there, I can follow up again in the morning.
Kind regards,

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Thanks JCS , I think VP would be keen on a separate meeting. No problem if it needs to run later than 1700 - does HMA have a cut-off time?
Many thanks,
JCS

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JCS

HMA is due to be seeing John Healey 1630-1700 that day so we could really nearly go for 1700. My only concern is whether HMA and SofS will run late. I don't know if SofS / Min VP relationship is such that Min VP might just be able to join in SofS office if they are running over?
What do you think?

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Subject: Re: 20250604 HMA Washington Visit to MB - MinVP Meeting Request

Hi JCS does any time Mon 30 June post-1630 work?
If not we will revisit diaries!

Many thanks,

JCS

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Subject: RE: 20250604 HMA Washington Visit to MB - MinVP Meeting Request

JCS

Can I check where Min VP might have any slots in his schedule. HMA' s programme has filled up significantly but he' s still keen to see Min VP if possible.

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Thanks for this JCS , MinVP is keen for a meeting. Will revert back asap with meeting slot options.
Many thanks,
JCS

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Good afternoon,
HMA Washington Lord Mandelson is visiting the UK between 15 June and 2 July. HMA will be interested in meeting with MinVP to discuss AUKUS and SDR implications and can advise on US atmospherics under the Trump 2.0 administration. We can share further detail of HMA's intended discussion topics closer to the meeting.
Please can you confirm whether MinVP would be available to meet HMA Washington during the following dates:

- Friday 20 June
- Tuesday 24 June
- Friday 27 June
- Monday 30 June

For awareness, HMA will visit Barrow on Monday 16 June alongside CDN and has confirmed meetings with PUS and Paul Wyatt on Monday 23 June. HMA has also requested meetings with SofS, CDS, NAD, CGS, CAS, 1SL and Cdr UKStratCom.
Kind regards,
JCS

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Date: Tuesday, 10 June 2025 at 14:32:33 British Summer Time
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Very best

Peter

From: JCS
Sent: Sun, 15 Jun 2025 00:21:06
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Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN:Immediate Washington reactions following Israeli strikes
Importance: Normal
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Dear all,

A further update from BE Washington at our close today.

1. President Trump attended a military parade in Washington DC today to mark the 250th anniversary of the US Army, as well as celebrating his own birthday. He will head to Calgary tomorrow to attend the G7 leaders' meeting. We can expect the Iran/Israel conflict to be front of mind for Trump heading into the meeting, as well as domestic political concerns. Our systems have remained in contact today, including through a call between NSA and SE Witkoff.

2. The US position has not evolved significantly since yesterday. *** Defense Secretary Hegseth set this out in a Fox News interview today, saying that Trump was 'dialed in' to the conflict and would prefer to see a negotiated solution. He also repeated US warnings to Iran against targeting the US and said that the US is robustly postured to ensure its people, bases and interests are safe.

3. Trump spoke to Putin earlier today, discussing both Iran and Ukraine. In a post on Truth Social he said "President Putin called this morning to very nicely wish me a Happy Birthday, but to more importantly, talk about Iran, a country he knows very well. We talked at length. Much less time was spent talking about Russia/Ukraine, but that will be for next week. He is doing the planned prisoner swaps - large numbers of prisoners are being exchanged, immediately, from both sides. The call lasted approximately 1 hour. He feels, as do I, this war in Israel-Iran should end, to which I explained, his war should also end."

4. Israeli officials briefed anonymously to US media that Israel had requested that the Administration join the war to eliminate Iran's nuclear programme. Israeli Ambassador to the US, Yechiel Leiter, also said in a Fox News interview

that “the entire operation... really has to be completed with the elimination of Fordow”. It is well understood in the US that Israel would be unable to do this without US involvement. The US Administration has not given any indication it intends to join in offensive strikes, although officials have told press that the US was involved in defending Israel during Iranian missile attacks today. BEW’s assessment is that the President is still considering his options, with some here seeing an attractive opportunity to take out Fordow while Iranian defences are weakened.

5. As well as the geopolitics, the Administration is having to navigate some complex domestic political views on the situation in the region. There are various splits on the right of politics when it comes to Israel and Iran, meaning the President needs to balance competing views from different constituencies. ***

6. BEW will dial into COBR (O) tomorrow. JCS will be BEW Israel/Iran Duty Officer tomorrow and can be contacted on PERSONAL.

JCS

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Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: Immediate Washington reactions following Israelistrikes

Dear all,

A further update from BEW at our close ahead of COBR (O) tomorrow. Please also see attached for our latest Diptel on the US role and reactions.

1. As reported by Diptel, the Administration’s tone has hardened over the course of the day, but with Trump still holding space for diplomacy. Trump’s most recent statement is his Truth Social post at 7.34am (reported below) in which he said “Two months ago I gave Iran a 60 day ultimatum to “make a deal.” They should have done it! Today is day 61. I told them what to do, but they just couldn’t get there. Now they have, perhaps, a second chance!”. Trump has also spoken to media at several points today. In an interview with Fox News anchor Brett Baier, he suggested he knew in advance that Israel would conduct pre-emptive strikes at this point. He also noted

that Iran appeared to have been hit harder than expected, and suggested that they may now be ready to negotiate.

2. BEW's assessment is that the US position has not yet crystallised, and the President is still deliberating on the appropriate course of action after hearing the options at an NSC meeting this morning. That said, the US is becoming drawn in on the ground, with Administration officials confirming to press that the US helped intercept Iranian ballistic missile strikes on Israel today. If Israeli civilians are killed by Iranian strikes this may toughen the US approach.

3. ***

4. ***

5. ***

6. BEW is operating a weekend duty system. I am BEW MENA duty officer tomorrow and will be available to receive a readout of COBR and take forward any actions for BEW. Please contact me on Personal in the first instance.

JCS

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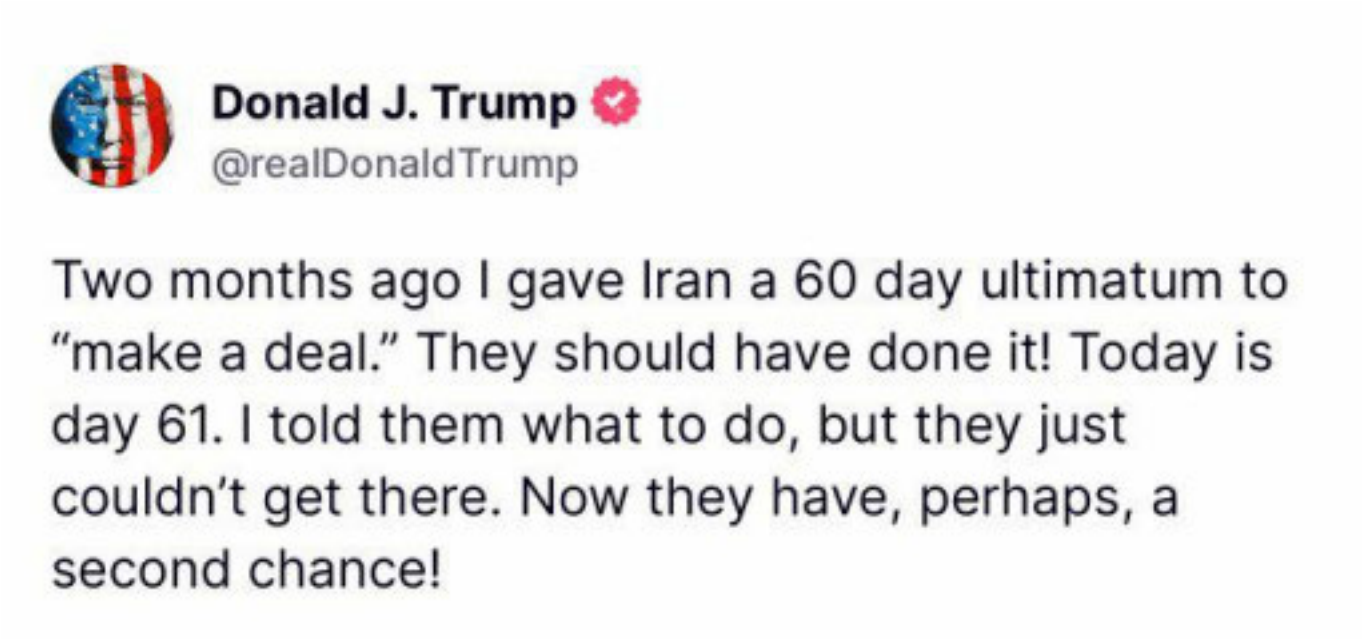
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Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: Immediate Washington reactions following Israelistrikes

Please see below a further statement by POTUS. We are still expecting an NSC at 11am DC time.



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Subject: Re: US/ISRAEL/IRAN:Immediate Washington reactions following Israelistrikes

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It is being noted here that in France's statement on Israel attack, the government is citing Israel's right to self defence. Peter

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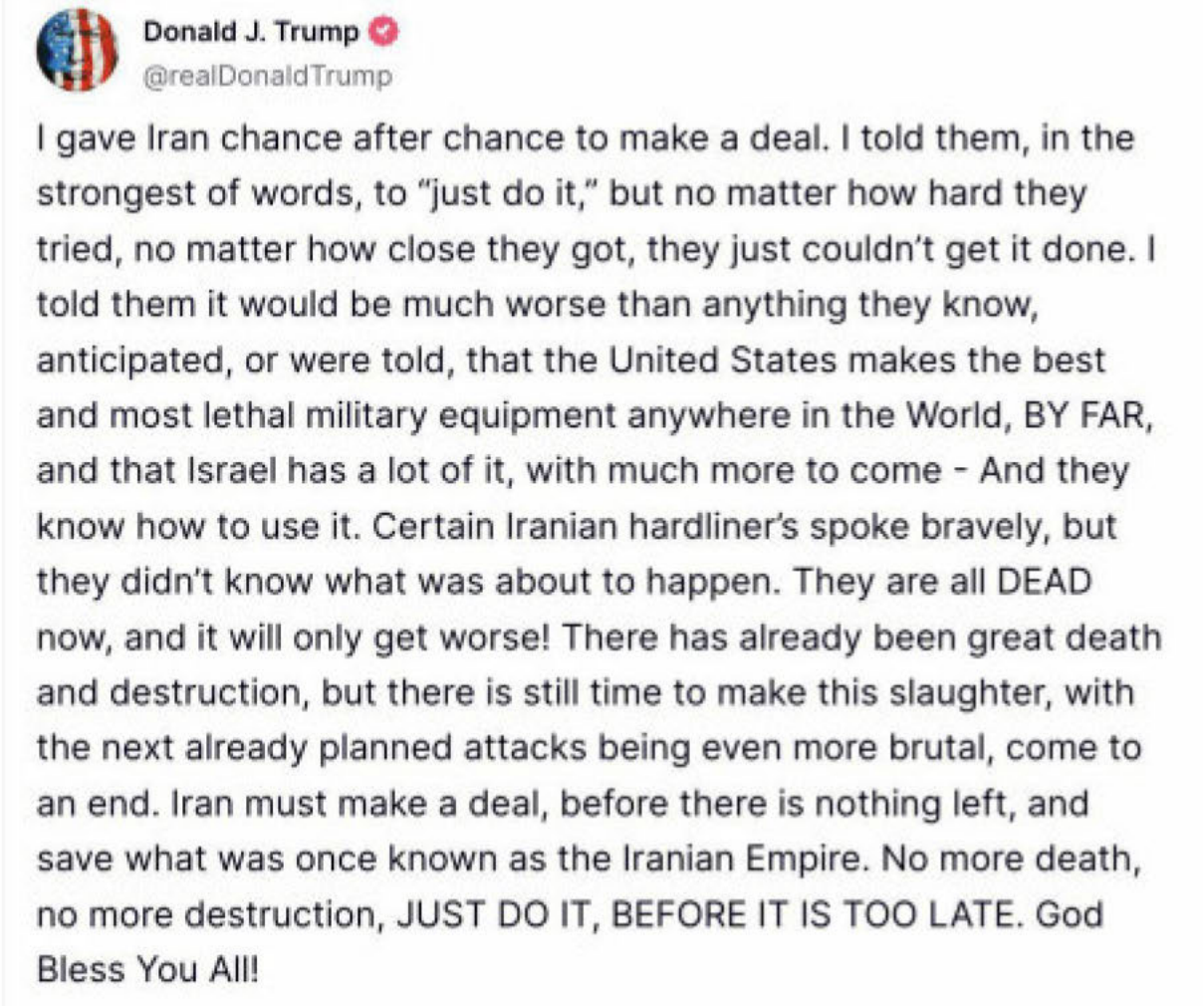
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Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 6:28:25 AM
To: Copy list as above

Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: Immediate Washington reactions following Israelistrikes

All,

A quick update that POTUS posted on Truth Social at around 6am this morning – copied below. JCS

JCS | **British Embassy Washington | Middle East and North Africa** | Personal



Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

I gave Iran chance after chance to make a deal. I told them, in the strongest of words, to "just do it," but no matter how hard they tried, no matter how close they got, they just couldn't get it done. I told them it would be much worse than anything they know, anticipated, or were told, that the United States makes the best and most lethal military equipment anywhere in the World, BY FAR, and that Israel has a lot of it, with much more to come - And they know how to use it. Certain Iranian hardliner's spoke bravely, but they didn't know what was about to happen. They are all DEAD now, and it will only get worse! There has already been great death and destruction, but there is still time to make this slaughter, with the next already planned attacks being even more brutal, come to an end. Iran must make a deal, before there is nothing left, and save what was once known as the Iranian Empire. No more death, no more destruction, JUST DO IT, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. God Bless You All!

From: JCS Personal

Sent: 13 June 2025 06:00

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Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN:Immediate Washington reactions following Israelistrikes

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Apologies for jumping on this email chain, but using to share key updates from France:

i)As mentioned by HMA at the COBR call just now, a full translation of French FM Barrot's statement this morning – below - ***

ii)updating that the **French have advised its citizens to avoid all but essential travel to Israel and the OPTs**, as well as Iran (although France has long advised its nationals to avoid Iran);

iii) ***

JCS

French Foreign Minister's Statement, 13 June

"France is closely following the development of the situation in the Middle East, in close coordination with its partners. We call on all parties to show restraint and avoid any escalation that could compromise regional stability.

"Our priority is the security of our nationals and our interests, and we will adapt our posture as a result.

"We have expressed on many occasions our real concern about the Iranian nuclear programme, including in the recent resolution adopted by the IAEA.

"We reiterate our support for Israel's right to self-defence from any attack

"It is essential that all diplomatic ef orts are made to reduce tensions. France is directly engaged to support these ef orts."

JCS
Conseiller Affaires étrangères et stratégiques / Head of Foreign Policy Team

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From: Oliver Robbins Personal
Sent: 13 June 2025 10:52

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Many thanks for these updates. They are being read carefully here from the Foreign Secretary down, and we'd be grateful if you kept them coming.

Olly

From: Moffat, John SCS Pay Band 1 (BDSUS-DPN-Counsellor) Personal
Sent: 13 June 2025 08:38
To: Peter Mandelson Personal ; Copy list as above

Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: Immediate Washington reactions following Israelistrikes

All,

Just to add I took a callfrom *** She wanted to convey on behalf of ***

@Exley, Ross SCS Pay Band 1 (SofS-PPS) JCS she said that they were in principle keen for a SecDef-SofS call tomorrow, pending SecDef's schedule and White House commitments. If you let us know some windows we can try and fix a call in the morning.

John

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: 12 June 2025 22:42

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Subject: Re: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: Immediate Washington reactions following Israelistrikes

Thanks JCS. My impression from conversations tonight i ***

Peter

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Subject: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: Immediate Washington reactions following Israelistrikes

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All,
An update on immediate reactions from Washington following Israel's strikes against Iran.

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2. Roughly two hours before the strike **POTUS** tweeted: "We remain committed to a diplomatic resolution to the Iran nuclear issue! My entire Administration has been directed to negotiate with Iran. They could be a great country, but they first must completely give up hopes of obtaining a nuclear weapon. Thank you for your attention to this matter!"

3. **Rubio** shared the POTUS tweet and issued a separate statement on X after the strikes: "Tonight, Israel took unilateral action against Iran. We are not involved in strikes against Iran and our top priority is protecting American forces in the region. Israel advised us that they believe this action was necessary for its self-defence. President Trump and the Administration have taken all necessary steps to protect our forces and remain in close contact with our regional partners. Let me be clear:Iran should not target US interests or personnel."

4. There have been a few **Congressional reactions** this evening. Senator Risch – the Chairman of the Foreign Relatoins Committee – tweeted: "*We stand with Israel tonight and pray for the safety of its people and the success*

of this unilateral, defensive action. I am also praying for the brave U.S. service members in the Middle East who keep America safe—Iran would be foolish to attack the United States". Lindsey Graham tweeted: "*Game on. Pray for Israel*". Tom Cotton tweeted: "*Iran is the world's worst state sponsor of terrorism, has the blood of thousands of Americans on its hands, and is rushing to build not only nuclear weapons, but also missiles that can strike the United States. We back Israel to the hilt, all the way. And if the ayatollahs harm a single American, that will be the end of the ayatollahs*." Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), Senate Armed Services Committee Ranking Member tweeted "*Israel's alarming decision to launch airstrikes on Iran is a reckless escalation that risks igniting regional violence. These strikes threaten not only the lives of innocent civilians but the stability of the entire Middle East and the safety of American citizens and forces. While tensions between Israel and Iran are real and complex, military aggression of this scale is never the answer. I urge both nations to show immediate restraint, and I call on President Trump and our international partners to press for diplomatic de-escalation before this crisis spirals further out of control. President Trump must be crystal clear with the American people and the international community in charting a way forward. The world cannot af ord more devastating conflict born of short-sighted violence*."

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Thanks,

JCS

JCS **| Middle East and North Africa | British Embassy Washington**

3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20008

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265 - 11-06-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson, Jonathan Allen (Director General of Defence and Intelligence, FCDO) and others

From: Jonathan Allen[/Personal

Sent: Wed 11/06/2025 6:46:41 PM (UTC)

To: Peter Mandelson[Personal]; Sarah MacIntosh[Personal]; Menna Rawlings[Personal]

Cc: Stephen Lillie[Personal]; JCS ; PUS Action[Personal]; Oliver Robbins[Personal]; Washington Private Office[Personal]; Canberra Private Office[Personal]; JCS James Roscoe[Personal]

Subject: RE: AUKUS: ***

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Peter, Sarah,
An update. Thanks for the helpful contributions ahead of the SMG. Full read-outs and key correspondence will be ***
But as a heads-up on this tier. ***

We agreed that we needed to develop an updated script, post-SDR. Sarah, I'll ensure your thoughts on key messages are fed in.
I spoke to my temporary oppo in State today ***

As I said, more on higher tier.
Best,
Jonathan

From: Jonathan Allen
Sent: 04 June 2025 13:58
To: Peter Mandelson ; Sarah MacIntosh ; Menna Rawlings
Cc: Stephen Lillie ; JCS ; PUS Action ; Oliver Robbins ; Washington Private Office ; Canberra Private Office ; JCS ; James Roscoe
Subject: AUKUS: ***

Peter, Sarah, Menna, ***

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Timing. With apologies, can I get quick thoughts back by the end of tomorrow (Thursday)?

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Many thanks,
Jonathan
Jonathan Allen | **Director General Defence and Intelligence** | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office |
Personal

266 - 11-06-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson, Mungo Woodifield (Minister Counsellor for Trade and Global Issues, FCDO), Jonathan Black (former Deputy National Security Adviser, CO) and others

From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: 11 June 2025 02:38
To: Victoria Busby Personal Third Party Dan Chugg * Personal JCS

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; Jessica Philips Personal DNSA NC
Personal Iain Griffiths Personal PS
Jonathan Black Personal JCS
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; Ailsa Terry (No.10)
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Subject: Re: Update: 10th June 23:55

Could I add my gratitude and deep thanks to everyone who made this possible. I know what a scramble it has been but it has also been a huge national service in many ways and has given the UK an enormous amount of credit and prestige.
This was a huge ask to all of you in London - promise it won't happen again (soon).

Very best

Peter

HMA Washington DC

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From: Victoria Busby
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 7:10:33 PM
To: **SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE***
Subject: RE: Update: 10th June 23:55

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Dear Third Party
The Signals conference will go ahead from 1000 tomorrow. All best and thank you so much for your spectacular efforts and cooperation over the past days.
Vic

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From: Third Party
Sent: 11 June 2025 00:08
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: Update: 10th June 23:55

OFFICIAL

Thank you all. Good news. Job well done!
Can I just ask to confirm the plan for the Signals Conference please so that I can implement the relevant plan, and support either Lanc house or the alternative venue.
Thanks
Third Party

Commander

Commander Specialist Operations - Protection and Aviation | Metropolitan Police Service
National Lead for Intelligence Professionalisation Programme (IPP) | National Police Chiefs' Council
Address: New Scotland Yard, Victoria Embankment, London, SW1A 2JL
Third Party



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From: Dan Chugg * Personal
Sent: 11 June 2025 00:06
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: Update: 10th June 23:55

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Just to confirm that the delegations have left LH and will not be returning tomorrow.
I can confirm for the Home Office and operational partners that there will be no further policing needed for talks at Lancaster House. ***

Thanks to everyone for their immense cooperation, assistance, and creativity (not to mention hard work) in standing up and delivering these talks at such short notice. Incredible effort!
Dan
Dan Chugg | Director North East Asia & China | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | King Charles Street | e-mail: Personal

EA: JCS Mob: Personal

From: JCS
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 12:01:35 AM
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: Update: 10th June 23:55

Adding Third into this chain. I have spoken to Dan and he is coming back to confirm the talks have concluded.

JCS

Head of Major Events | Major Events Unit
Public Safety Group | Home Office | 2 Marsham Street | London SW1P 4DF

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From: Victoria Busby

Personal

Sent: 10 June 2025 23:55
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: Update: 10th June 23:55

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From: Victoria Busby

Personal

Sent: 10 June 2025 22:12
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: Update: 10th June 21:30

Update:

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From:

JCS

Sent: 10 June 2025 21:52
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE:Update: 10th June 21:30

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Dear all,

Thanks for joining the 9.30pm call. Quick readout & actions:

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Next call at 22.15 UK time.
As ever, please let me know if there is anything you would like to add or edit on the above.
JCS
| EA to the Director of the North East Asia and China Department (Dan Chugg) | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | King Charles Street | Personal

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From: Victoria Busby Personal
Sent: 10 June 2025 20:45
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: US/China Talks - Sunday 1700 Sitrep

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From: Victoria Busby Personal
Sent: 10 June 2025 17:34
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: US/China Talks - Sunday 1700 Sitrep
All,

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Please can Secretariat team put a call in for 1800?
Thanks,
Vic
From: JCS
Sent: 08 June 2025 17:12
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: US/China Talks - Sunday 1700 Sitrep

US-China Talks SITREP - correct as of 1700 (updates in red)

Timings ***

Saturday 7 June: ***

Sunday 8 June: ***

Monday 9 June: ***

Tuesday 10 June: ***

Wednesday 11 June: ***

Delegations

***

Policing and security: ***

Venue logistics: ***

***

Protocol: ***

Costs: ***

Invitation Letter: ***

Comms: top reactive lines, agreed x-WH and cleared by No 10 below. ***

A government spokesperson said:

"The next round of trade talks between the US and China will be held in the UK on Monday.

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Will the UK be meeting the US side or the Chinese side? Ministerial engagements will be confirmed in the usual way.

Background: The UK is providing a venue for discussions following an offer to both sides. Trade discussions between the US and China have previously been held in Geneva. ***

Timing of bilaterals:

US:

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China:

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Outstanding issues

Geneva delegation: ***

Planes ***

Dinner: ***

PM bilaterals /drop-ins: ***

Key Contacts:

SROs: Dan Chugg / Vic Busby

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Next sitrep at 1000 Monday 9 June.

JCS | *** Desk Officer | China Department | NE Asia & China Directorate

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office | King Charles St | London | SW1A 2AH

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From: JCS

Sent: 08 June 2025 11:17

To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*

Subject: RE: US/China Talks - Sunday 1100 Sitrep

US-China Talks SITREP - correct as of 1100 (updates in red)

Timings ***

Saturday 7 June: ***

Sunday 8 June: ***

Monday 9 June: ***

Tuesday 10 June: ***

Thursday 12 June: ***

Delegations

Chinese delegation: ***

US delegation: ***

Policing and security: ***

Venue logistics: ***

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Comms: ***

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Outstanding issues

Visas: ***

Protocol: ***

Dinner: ***

Planes ***

Costs: ***

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Timing of bilateral and briefings:

USA: ***

China: ***

China: ***

PM bilat / drop-in times ***

Invitation Letter: ***

Next meetings and update Please contact JCS if you would like dial in details

1230 Sunday: SRO meeting with BEB, BEW, PAGs (JCS to be invited)

1700 Sunday: next Sitrep to issue

Key Contacts:

SROs: Dan Chugg / Vic Busby

Personal JCS Personal

NEACD Staffing for Sunday 8 June

SPOC: Kate Harrisson

Duty Officer including sitreps: JCS

Chinese Embassy Liaison: JCS

Comms lead: JCS Personal JCS Personal

Briefing lead: JCS

Protocol and programme lead: JCS

Briefing and protocol support: JCS

NEACD is maintaining a list of wider cross departmental contacts including policing etc.

JCS *** Desk Officer | China Department | NE Asia & China Directorate

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office | King Charles St | London |

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From: JCS Sent: 07 June 2025 16:57

To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*

Subject: US/China Talks - Saturday 1700 Sitrep

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US-China Talks SITREP - correct as of 1700 (updates in red)

Timings

Saturday 7 June: ***

Sunday 8 June: ***

Monday 9 June: ***

Tuesday 10 June: ***

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Delegations

Chinese delegation: ***

US delegation: ***

Policing and security

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Venue logistics

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Comms: top reactive lines, agreed x-WH and cleared by No 10 below (new additions proposed in yellow). A separate comms plans is under development:

A government spokesperson said:

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Outstanding issues

Visas:

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Protocol:

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Planes

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Costs:

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Timing of bilateral and briefings:

USA: ***

China: ***

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Invitation Letter: ***

Next meetings and update *Please contact* JCS *if you would like dial-in details*

0930 China dept / BEB huddle

1100 Sitrep to issue

12:30 Sunday SRO meeting with BEB, BEW, PAGs (JCS to be invited) **Key Contacts:**

Dan Chugg / Vic Busby SRO

FCDO (China department) cover

Duty Cover for evening of 7 June: Personal

Staffing for Sunday 8 June: Kate Harrisson SPOC, JCS

Duty Officer Chinese Embassy Liaison: JCS

Additional support: JCS

NEACD is maintaining a list of wider cross departmental contacts including policing etc.

JCS

Head of China Capability & Resilience Team | North East Asia and China Directorate | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Personal

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From: JCS
Sent: 07 June 2025 11:10
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: US/China Talks - Saturday Sitrep

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All,
US-China Talks SITREP - correct as of 1100
Timings
Sunday 8 June: ***

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Monday 9 June: ***

Tuesday 10 June: ***

Delegations

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Policing and security: ***

Venue logistics: ***

Comms: lines cleared by No 10 below, updated by FCDO (yellow highlights) to reflect confirmation that the talks will take place on Monday and Chinese request for Chancellor to offer a meeting:

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Outstanding issues

Visas: ***

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Protocol: ***

Timing of bilateral and briefings: ***

Invitation Letters: ***

Next meetings and update Please contact JCS if you would like dial in details

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12:30 SRO meeting with BEB, BEW, PAGs
17:00 Afternoon Sitrep
Key Contacts:
Dan Chugg / Vic Busby SRO
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Personal JCS
Other contact details will be added post 1230 SRO meeting. NEACD is maintaining a list of wider cross departmental contacts including policing etc.
JCS
| *** Desk Officer | China Department | NE Asia & China Directorate
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From: JCS
Sent: 07 June 2025 05:15
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London Really helpful, thanks JCS Have relayed that to RaSP.

Have separately heard that the ***

Kind regards
JCS
Sent from Outlook for Android

From: JCS
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 12:21:53 AM
To:SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London

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JCS

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Thanks
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From: JCS
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 5:39 am
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE* JCS
Subject: RE: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London
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Caroline

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Kind regards
JCS

JCS

Deputy Head, Royalty and VIP

Homeland Security Group

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From: JCS
Sent: 06 June 2025 22:03
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London Dan - in regards to Comms lines, please can I request that the venue location is not published as this will increase security and protest risks for the event.

JCS
Head of Major Events | Major Events Unit
Public Safety Group | Home Office | 2 Marsham Street | London SW1P 4DF Personal

From: Dan Chugg * Personal
Sent: 06 June 2025 20:46
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*

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We have been speaking to the Home Office who have pulled out all the stops and say that it should be possible to make it work for a Sunday arrival and Monday talks. ***

So unless anyone on this chain says otherwise, then we should all plan for a Sunday arrival and Monday talks.
We will work separately with Comms colleagues in FCDO and No10 on lines to take now that this is public.
Dan
Dan Chugg | Director North East Asia & China | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | King Charles Street | e-mail: Personal

EA: JCS

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 8:31:28 PM
To:SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

The President has announced the talks on Monday ***

*** Otherwise ***

Peter
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From: JCS Personal
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 3:17:30 PM
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Thanks. I agree - *** We are getting media enquiries already.

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From: Nick Catsaras Personal
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 8:15 pm
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London 1). Please can we push this *** 2). Please can we have the costs to JCS asap for her to get accounting officer agreement.
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Thanks
Nick
On Fri, 6 Jun 2025 at 20:09, Iain Griffiths Personal wrote:

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JCS
I expect that you will have seen but POTUS has now posted on social media that these talks are happening in London on Monday - and it is running more widely in the media.
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Iain
Iain Griffiths (he/him) | Head of US & Canada Department | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office |
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From: JCS Personal
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 8:03:20 PM
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*

Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Dan,
Thanks to all for engaging swiftly.
You asked whether we can let police partners know the countries involved. I'm happy to leave this decision to FCDO to judge what is necessary when to be able to deliver, whilst balancing risks of info management etc. One further point: our comms team will want to be fully involved with any comms. ***

JCS

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From: JCS
on behalf of PS Jonathan Black Mailbox
Personal
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 7:46 pm
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London
Looping in DNSA Jonathan Black. Please could JB be kept in copy for awareness.
Many thanks,
JCS

Private Office of the Deputy National Security Adviser
and DG European & Global Issues Secretariat (EGIS)
70 Whitehall, London, SW1 2AS
Personal
PS: JCS M: Personal
APS: JCS M:
Personal JCS T: Personal M: Personal
Diary/APS Economic Security:

On Fri, 6 Jun 2025 at 19:42, JCS
wrote: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - HMG ONLY

Thanks all.

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JCS

| Acting Chief of Staff | British Embassy Washington | 3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008 | Email:

Personal

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From: Emily Foley Personal
Sent: 06 June 2025 14:26
To: Dan Brown (Protocol) Personal
Cc: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London

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Thanks

Emily

Emily Foley

DD, China Unit

NSS

On Fri, 6 Jun 2025, 19:14 Dan Brown (Protocol), Personal wrote:

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Looping in JCS from HO.

Dan Brown

Deputy Director - Events, Visits & Government Hospitality

Protocol Directorate

Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | Lancaster House | London

Personal

To contact the FCDO Protocol Events and Visits Unit please email us at Personal

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From: Dan Chugg * Personal
Sent: 06 June 2025 19:08
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London
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Dear All,

An update of where things stand.

Timing: No 10 has agreed that the UK can host these talks and has a strong preference for Wednesday. ***

Venue: Chevening is free on Tuesday and Wednesday. This would be Protocol's preference - and for a Wednesday delivery - ***
Protocol is still looking at whether Lancaster House could be an option for Tuesday. It isn't available for the Wednesday. 1 Carlton Gdns might work and is being tested for both days.

Delegations: ***

Protocol: ***

Bilaterals: ***

Staffing: over the weekend, Vic Busby (Director Protocol) and myself will be jointly SROing this. We will have teams from Protocol and China Dept working throughout the weekend.

Costs: ***

I will chair a meeting at 1230 tomorrow for anyone who wants to attend. This is early in Washington and late in Beijing.

Dan Chugg | Director North East Asia & China | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | King Charles Street | Personal

EA: JCS

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From: Whyte, Lindsey - HMT
Personal Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 6:07:03 PM
To:SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London Thanks very much for copying me in.

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Thanks Lindsey

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From: JCS
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 5:50:19 PM
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in

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All,

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Thanks

JCS

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From: JCS Personal
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 11:48:16 PM
To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

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JCS

Many thanks for confirming the Foreign Secretary's view that he thinks we should host these talks. I can confirm that No10 is content that we move ahead with this.

Can you please confirm who in FCDO will oversee the delivery (a named SRO) and come back to us today to confirm the arrangements for moving ahead (e.g. delivering the protocol and the necessary support for it to go ahead)?

Our strong preference is for these talks to take place on Wednesday. *** can FCDO/BEW now pls pick up the logistics etc with the US system? And of course in Beijing as well please.

We are open to your advice on the venue - Chevening or Lancaster House sounded like sensible options.

In terms of PM time, we will need to confirm this. Grateful if you could confirm what you recommend - ***

Also grateful for confirmation on what steers you will need from us and what the rhythm is moving forward.

Many thanks

JCS

JCS

Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs

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From: JCS Personal
Sent: 06 June 2025 13:26
To:SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: RE: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in

London OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Thanks JCS For clarity, we are still working this through ***

Best wishes,
JCS

Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs

From: JCS
Sent: 06 June 2025 12:35
To:SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*
Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in

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JCS

Minister Counsellor Political
British Embassy Beijing | 英国驻华大使馆|光华路11号|北京
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From: JCS

Personal

Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 7:03:54 PM

To: SAME COPY LIST AS ABOVE*

Subject: Re: O/S: Urgent: Request for US/China talks in London

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Sent: Thur 12/06/2025 9:14:22 PM (UTC)

To: Peter Mandelson[Personal]; Oliver Robbins[Personal]

Cc: James Roscoe[Personal]; Nicholas Alton[Personal]: JCS [JCS]; Ninjeri Pandit[Personal]: DNSA NC[Personal]; Jonathan Powell[Personal]: JCS JCS Sophie Hague[Personal : Morgan McSweeney[Personal]; JCS [JCS]

Subject: RE: LIMDIS State Visit

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Dear Peter
I have discussed briefly with James but to record here that we have been thinking about how to handle ***

James and I have a call tomorrow to discuss further including what a realistic date for announcement looks like but we would be grateful if you would reconfirm this remains the WH stance too.
Our comms team will discuss with the WH and your comms team and agree a holding line as needed.
Ailsa

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 08 June 2025 21:52
To: Oliver Robbins ; Ailsa Terry
Cc: James Roscoe ; Nicholas Alton ; JCS ; Ninjeri Pandit ; DNSA NC ; Jonathan Powell ; JCS ; Sophie Hague ; Morgan McSweeney
Subject: Re: LIMDIS State Visit

Thanks Ailsa. I must say, ***

Glad to hear that Nick will be in the lead as SRO.
Very best
Peter
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From: Ailsa Terry <Personal >
Sent: Sunday, June 8, 2025 4:33:26 PM
To: Peter Mandelson <Personal >; Oliver Robbins <Personal >
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Subject: LIMDIS State Visit

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Dear Peter
Many thanks from our side. This is very good news and we look forward to working closely with you and your team on the planning and delivery of a successful and historic visit.
Bringing in Morgan and Jonathan for sight, and Nick Catsaras as the SRO, who will be supported by Sophie Hague in Cabinet Office and the relevant FCDO Director. We will have our regular weekly meeting early this week and can discuss next steps in more detail with you/team then.

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We have a named list of individuals in place who are working on this visit which CO will run with FCDO to ensure information security as much as possible.
Thanks also for the clarification *** , which is helpful. We will take forward with you on this basis, and your advice on the context for that visit and recommendations how we use it would be valuable.
Ailsa
Ailsa Terry CMG| Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs| Prime Minister' s Office | 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA | T: Personal

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Pandit <Personal >; Ailsa Terry <Personal >
Subject: State Visit

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Dear Olly,
Thank you for your note. As instructed, I went to see *** today to discuss the State Visit.

As next steps, I set out that a formal invitation, signed by HM The King, will now issue. ***

Very best
Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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Sent: Fri 13/06/2025 8:49:04 AM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: FW: READOUT: Foreign Secretary and Attorney General meeting with representatives of the ICC Panel of Experts

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From: Sally Langrish
Sent: 13 June 2025 08:46
To: Oliver Robbins ; Hazel Cameron ; Serena Stone
Subject: Re: READOUT: Foreign Secretary and Attorney General meeting with representatives of the ICC Panel of Experts

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I think we all agree with this! Let me and Hazel think about her best to reinforce the message, while continuing to do *** .
Sally

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Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 12:20:04 AM
To: Hazel Cameron Personal >; Serena Stone < Personal >; Sally Langrish < Personal >
Subject: Fw: READOUT: Foreign Secretary and Attorney General meeting with representatives of the ICC Panel of Experts

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Peter's got a point. Anything we can do ***
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Oliver Robbins
FCDO

From: Peter Mandelson < Personal >
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 2:37:13 PM

To: Oliver Robbins < Personal >; James Roscoe < Personal >; JCS < Personal >
Subject: Fw: READOUT: Foreign Secretary and Attorney General meeting with representatives of the ICC Panel of Experts

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I am slightly concerned about this. HK is on a roll and never stops talking around about this whole issue. It would be better just to melt into the background and stop drawing attention to herself while at official level here we can and will remain vigilant.
Peter
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Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 9:30:44 AM
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1. The Foreign Secretary and the Attorney General met representatives of the Panel of Experts this morning. Attending were Baroness Helena Kennedy (HK), Third Party

With thanks to JCS for the write-up.

2. The Foreign Secretary started by setting out HMG views on US sanctions against the ICC ***

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269 - 13-06-2025 - Email between Peter Mandelson, Ed Llewellyn (former HM Ambassador to Italy, FCDO) and Angus Lapsley (UK's Permanent Representative to NATO)

From: Ed Llewellyn Personal

Sent: Fri 13/06/2025 2:39:05 PM (UTC)

To: Angus Lapsley Personal ; Peter Mandelson Personal

Subject: Personal: Marco Peronaci - incoming Italian Ambassdor to the US

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Angus

You will have heard that your counterpart Marco Peronaci has been appointed as the Italian Ambassador to the US - approved by the Cabinet here yesterday and due to start, apparently, at the end of this month.

The word here is that he was ***

Because he has been in Brussels, I haven' come across Petronaci. What is your impression and any points that would be useful for Peter before he arrives in Washington?

Ed

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Kind regards,

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Many thanks for these updates. They are being read carefully here from the Foreign Secretary down, and we'd be grateful if you kept them coming.

Olly

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All,
Just to add I took a call from *** She wanted to convey on behalf of ***

@ Exley, Ross Personal JCS she said that they were in principle keen for a SecDef-SofS call tomorrow, pending SecDef's schedule and White House commitments. If you let us know some windows we can try and fix a call in the morning.

John

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Thanks James. My impression from conversations tonight is ***

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All,

An update on immediate reactions from Washington following Israel's strikes against Iran.

1. ***

2. Roughly two hours before the strike **POTUS** tweeted: " We remain committed to a diplomatic resolution to the Iran nuclear issue! My entire Administration has been directed to negotiate with Iran. They could be a great country, but they first must completely give up hopes of obtaining a nuclear weapon. Thank you for your attention to this matter!"

3. **Rubio** shared the POTUS tweet and issued a separate statement on X after the strikes: " Tonight, Israel took unilateral action against Iran. We are not involved in strikes against Iran and our top priority is protecting American forces in the region. Israel advised us that they believe this action was necessary for its self-defence. President Trump and the Administration have taken all necessary steps to protect our forces and remain in close contact with our regional partners. Let me be clear: Iran should not target US interests or personnel."

4. There have been a few **Congressional reactions** this evening. Senator Risch – the Chairman of the Foreign Relatoins Committee – tweeted: " *We stand with Israel tonight and pray for the safety of its people and the success of this unilateral, defensive action. I am also praying for the brave U.S. service members in the Middle East who keep America safe—Iran would be foolish to attack the United States*" . Lindsey Graham tweeted: " *Game on. Pray for Israel*" . Tom Cotton tweeted: " *Iran is the world's worst state sponsor of terrorism, has the blood of thousands of Americans on its hands, and is rushing to build not only nuclear weapons, but also missiles that can strike the United States. We back Israel to the hilt, all the way. And if the ayatollahs harm a single American, that will be the end of the ayatollahs.*" Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), Senate Armed Services Committee Ranking Member tweeted " *Israel's alarming decision to launch airstrikes on Iran is a reckless escalation that risks igniting regional violence. These strikes threaten not only the lives of innocent civilians but the stability of the entire Middle East and the safety of American citizens and forces. While tensions between Israel and Iran are real and complex, military aggression of this scale is never the answer. I urge both nations to show immediate restraint, and I call on President Trump and our international partners to press for diplomatic de-escalation before this crisis spirals further out of control. President Trump must be crystal clear with the American people and the international community in charting a way forward. The world cannot afford more devastating conflict born of short-sighted violence.*"

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Thanks,
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271 - 13-06-2025 - Email between Peter Mandelson, Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO) and others

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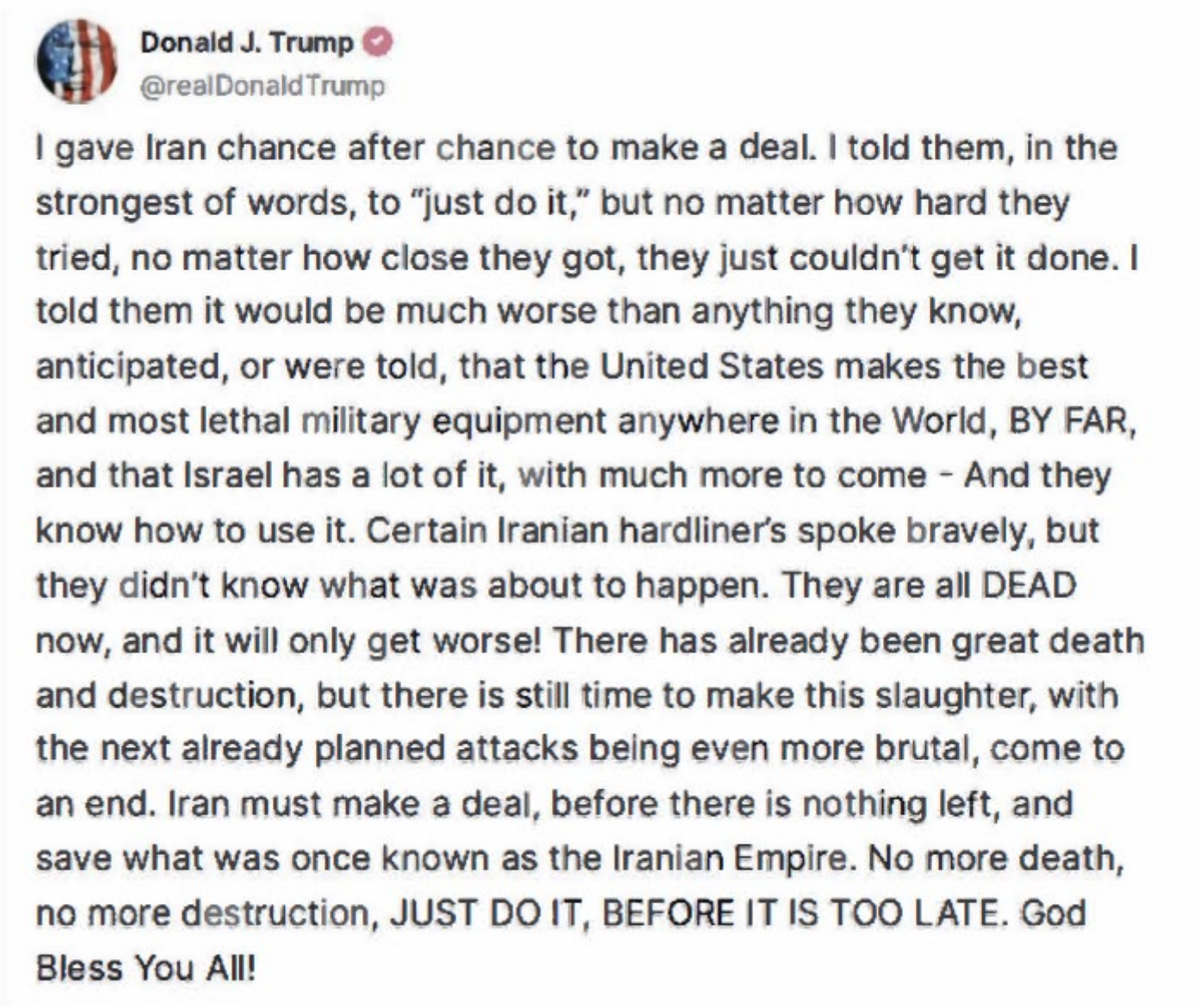
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Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: Immediate Washington reactions following Israeli strikes

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Many thanks for these updates. They are being read carefully here from the Foreign Secretary down, and we'd be grateful if you kept them coming. Olly

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From: Moffat, John SCS Pay Band 1 (BDSUS-DPN-Counsellor) Personal
Sent: 13 June 2025 08:38
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All,
Just to add I took a call from ***

@Exley, Ross SCS Personal JCS she said that they were in principle keen for a SecDef-SofS call tomorrow, pending SecDef's schedule and White House commitments. If you let us know some windows we can try and fix a call in the morning.

John

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: 12 June 2025 22:42
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Thanks JCS . My impression from conversations tonight is ***

Peter

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Subject: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: Immediate Washington reactions following Israeli strikes

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All,

An update on immediate reactions from Washington following Israel's strikes against Iran.

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2. Roughly two hours before the strike **POTUS** tweeted: "We remain committed to a diplomatic resolution to the Iran nuclear issue! My entire Administration has been directed to negotiate with Iran. They could be a great country, but they first must completely give up hopes of obtaining a nuclear weapon. Thank you for your attention to this matter!"

3. **Rubio** shared the POTUS tweet and issued a separate statement on X after the strikes: "Tonight, Israel took unilateral action against Iran. We are not involved in strikes against Iran and our top priority is protecting American forces in the region. Israel advised us that they believe this action was necessary for its self-defence. President Trump and the Administration have taken all necessary steps to protect our forces and remain in close contact with our regional partners. Let me be clear: Iran should not target US interests or personnel."

4. There have been a few **Congressional reactions** this evening. Senator Risch - the Chairman of the Foreign Relatoins Committee - tweeted: *"We stand with Israel tonight and pray for the safety of its people and the* success *of this unilateral, defensive action. I* am a*l*so *praying for the brave U.S. service members in the Middle East who keep America safe-Iran would be foolish to attack the United States".* Lindsey Graham tweeted: "Game *on. Pray for Israel".* Tom Cotton tweeted: *"Iran* is *the world's worst state sponsor of terrorism,* has *the blood of thousands of Americans on its hands, and* is *rushing to build not only nuclear weapons, but* also missiles *that can strike the United States. We back Israel to the hilt, all the way. And if the ayatollahs harm* a *single American, that will be the end of the ayatollahs."* Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), Senate Armed Services Committee Ranking Member tweeted *"Israel's alarming decision to launch airstrikes on Iran* is *a reckless escalation that risks igniting regional violence. These strikes threaten not only the lives of innocent civilians but the stability of the entire Middle* East *and the safety of American citizens and forces. While tensions between Israel and Iran are real and complex, military aggression of this scale is never the answer. I urge both nations to show immediate restraint, and I call on President Trump and our international partners to press for diplomatic de-escalation before this crisis spirals further out of control. President Trump must be crystal clear with the American people and the international community in charting a way forward. The world cannot afford more devastating conflict born of short-sighted violence."*

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Thanks, JCS

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272 - 13-06-2025 - Meeting readout for Peter Mandelson

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Peter,

Please see below a swift draft readout of lunch. I' ll polish further tomorrow, and would welcome your views, including on adding any comment. I wanted to get a speedy version out for you to look at and for copy addressees to draw on if required. I may put this at a higher classification tomorrow.

Best
Mark

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Peter,

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I accompanied you.

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273 - 14-06-2025 - Email between Peter Mandelson and Kumar Iyer (Ambassador and Permanent Representative, UK Mission to the WTO, UN and Other International Organisations (Geneva))

From: Kumar Iye Personal

Personal

Sent: Sat 14/06/2025 4:07:11 PM (UTC)

To: Peter Mandelson Personal

Subject: FW: Thank you

OFFICIAL

Dear Peter,
I just wanted to add a personal note of thanks for supporting my visit, the team did a great job and thank you for making the time to meet as well.
With thanks,
Kumar

Kumar Iyer CMG
Ambassador & Permanent Representative-designate United Nations, WTO & Other International Organisations, Geneva
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From: Kumar Iyer
Sent: 14 June 2025 17:06
To: JCS
Cc: Washington Private Office
Subject: Thank you

Dear All,
Just wanted to say thank you for organising a very helpful visit last week. I know how much time these can take on top of the day job so it is very much appreciated. I certainly gave me a better understanding of the lay of the plus a couple of very helpful contacts that I know will serve me in good stead.
With thanks,
Kumar

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274 - 14-06-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Nick Catsaras (former Deputy National Security Adviser, CO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

To: DNSA NC <nick.catsaras Personal >

Subject: Fw: Scene setter for the Prime Minister

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Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson

HM Ambassador, Washington DC

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275 - 14-06-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson[/Personal

Sent: Sat 14/06/2025 10:43:49 PM (UTC)
To: Oliver Robbins[Personal
Subject: Fw: MONITORING: Israel and Iran developments - rolling chain

Apart from the policy difference this official appears to have with the PM , is it wise to send this on such a wide distribution?!

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Subject: RE: MONITORING: Israel and Iran developments - rolling chain

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Many thanks for copying us in. ***

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JCS

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Subject: RE: MONITORING: Israel and Iran developments - rolling chain

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To see below, a readout from PM huddle en route to G7.

Q: Given the crisis that we're witnessing in Israel and Iran, can you set expectations for us in respect of what we can expect from this G7? What kind of agreement we should realistically hope from those G7 countries and the communique? And if you think in the end it's impossible to get consensus, what is the relevance of the G7 besides?

A: Well, there's going to be intense discussions at the G7, but there are already intense discussions going on as you would expect at every level.

And, so for my part, as I think you will know, I spoke to Macron and Merz yesterday. I spoke with the Prime Minister Netanyahu. I spoke to President Trump. I've spoken to members this morning and I suspect before we even get to the G7 event that we've got many more calls and exchanges of views, on an intense basis.

As I set out yesterday, we do have longstanding concerns about the nuclear program that Iran has. We do recognise Israel's right to self-defense. But, I'm absolutely clear that this needs to de-escalate, there's a huge risk of escalation for the region and more widely in terms of conflict. You can see the impact already on the economy at oil prices.And, of course, all of this is linked to what's going on in Gaza. So you can see why my strong position is that this needs to de-escalate. And that is the primary focus of all the discussions that I've been having and will continue to have. But in relation to what might happen at the end of the G7, I think there's going to be so much intense discussions before we get there that I'll probably have to come back to you on that. Because the G7 happens to be a good occasion to have those face to face discussions, but those discussions are going on anyway and would have gone on in any event. And I'm expecting to have a series of further discussions today into tomorrow. It is the number one thing that I'm dealing with at the moment, as you would expect.

Q: Iran threatens UK, U.S. and French bases. Are there any plans for the UK to provide additional assets to those bases, in terms of defensive or defensive posture?

A: Well, I will always make the right decisions for the UK and our allies. I'm very clear

in the principles I apply to this. We are moving assets. To the region, including jets. And that is, for contingency support in the region. And so I will be clear in relation to our duties and obligations and my duty as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Q:What more can you tell us about the moving of assets into the region, precisely in terms of what engagement might be? Would they be involved in defending Israel, for instance? And would you describe what Israel did the other day as an act of self-defense?

A: Firstly, I'm not going to get into operational issues. You'll understand this is not only fast moving, but it' s intense and we're having ongoing discussions with our allies all of the time. Both myself and David Lammy, as you'll see, who also spoke to the Iranians as a matter of record now. Our constant messages de-escalate and therefore, everything we're doing, and all the discussions we're having, are to do with de-escalation.

In relation to Israe, I had a good and constructive discussion with Prime Minister Netanyahu yesterday. And that included discussions about the safety and security of Israel, as you would expect between two allies.

Q: It's not not been quite clear as of yet. What notice, if any, did you get in advance of Israel's strike?

A: Well, again, I'm not going to go into what information we had at the time or since. We discuss these things intensely with our allies, but I'm not going to get into precisely what we knew. There' s a constant flow of information between our allies, particularly between us and the US.

Q: But it wasn't a shock when it happened?

A: I'm not going to start answering what moves around on intelligence channels.

Q: The U.S. helped shoot out Iranian missiles and drones overnight. Why did the UK choose not to and will that change?

A: We've been moving our assets to the regions. And I've just been clear about what we think should happen, which is de-escalation. And I discussed with Prime Minister Netanyahu yesterday the safety and security of Israel.

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Subject: RE: MONITORING: Israel and Iran developments - rolling chain

BBC breaking reports that the UK is sending jets to the Middle East following PM huddle with journalists en route to G7 in Canada. We have been seeking a readout on the journalist huddle from No10 all day.

UK sending more jets to the Middle East

The UK is sending more jets to the Middle East amid intense fighting between Israel and Iran.

The prime minister says military aircraft are being sent "for contingency support across the region".

The UK already has RAF jets in the region as part of Operation Shader.

On his way to the G7 Summit beginning in Canada tomorrow, Keir Starmer tells reporters the situation is fast moving and there are intense discussions with allies at every level.

"The constant message is de-escalate", he says.

Discussions will continue today and over the coming days.

The prime minister will not be drawn on whether the UK will be involved in defending Israel.

"I had a good and constructive discussion with Prime Minister Netanyahu yesterday, and that included discussions about the safety and security of Israel, as you would expect, between two allies."

He reiterates that the UK has "long-standing concerns" about Iran's nuclear programme and recognises Israel's right to self-defence.

"I am absolutely clear that this needs to de-escalate", he says.

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Sky News BREAKING: IDF: More than 20 Iranian commanders killed
More than 20 Iranian commanders have been killed in Israeli strikes on Iran, the IDF has said in its latest update.
The military claimed that Israeli fighter jets killed both the head of the Intelligence Directorate in the Iranian Armed Forces General Staff and the commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps's (IRGC) surface-to-surface missile array.
It added: "Since the beginning of the operation, over 20 commanders in the Iranian regime's security apparatus have been eliminated."
BBC Breaking LIVE:

- **Israel and Iran escalate with fresh strikes**
- **Iran Police Chief Killed In Israeli Drone Strike**

A police chief was killed in an Israeli drone strike in Iran's western province, according to state-run media.

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Subject: RE: MONITORING: Israel and Iran developments - rolling chain

Reports continue on strikes to and from Israel/Iran. Prominent coverage around Lebanon's airspace reopening after temporary closure and reports on Foreign Secretary speaking to Middle East counterparts today.

BBC rolling news bulletin

Lebanon's airspace reopens after temporary closure

10:01

The announcement, which came from the ministry of public works and transport, emphasises the decision to close the airspace had been made for necessary security reasons.

There has been no update from Israel's Ministry of Transport since yesterday, when it announced Israel's airspace would be closed "until further notice".

Flight tracking website Flightradar24 currently shows no planes in the sky over a significant swathe of the Middle East.

IDF says it will strike more targets in Tehran

09:31

A little earlier, IDF Chief of Staff Lt Gen Eyal Zamir and Israeli Air Force chief Maj Gen Tomer Bar gave a joint situational assessment. They say "the way to Iran has been paved".

"According to the plans, air force fighter jets will begin to carry out strikes on targets in Tehran," they add.

Israel says 'dozens' of targets in Tehran hit overnight

09:16

Maj Gen Tomer Bar says in a statement that the strikes had "operational and national significance".

UK foreign secretary will speak to Middle East counterparts

09:04, ***Jack Fenwick****, Political correspondent*

The UK's Foreign Secretary David Lammy is expected to have calls with further counterparts in the Middle East today, after he held talks with representatives from Iran, Jordan and Saudi Arabia yesterday.

Lammy also had a joint meeting with the foreign ministers of France, Germany and Italy, as well as the EU's foreign affairs chief Kaja Kallas.

He is currently being briefed by Whitehall officials on the overnight developments in the Middle East.

No ministerial-level Cobra meeting is expected today, but officials from multiple government departments will be meeting to discuss the latest this morning.

It's understood that French officials informed the UK government last night that the upcoming UN summit on a two-state solution had been postponed.

Iran's strikes will continue, state media reports

08:24

We are seeing reports now via Iran's state-run Fars news agency that Iran's strikes "will continue" and will not conclude with Friday night's strikes. The agency cites an unnamed official.
The official, who was referencing comments made by senior military commanders, says that Iran will also target US bases in the region in the coming days.
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Sky News rolling bulletin

IDF: 'The way to Iran has been paved'

- The chiefs of the General Staff and Air Force said this morning the way to Iran "has been paved".
- Speaking in this morning's assessment of the situation, the military said it is proceeding "according to its operational plans".
- Fighters jets are set to resume strikes in Tehran, it added.

Iran warns it will hit UK ships and bases if they defend Israel

09:51

- Iran has warned the UK, US and France not to help Israel stop its strikes on the country.
- Tehran said they will target ships and bases belonging to the three countries in the region if they do not step back.

Around 60 people killed in Israeli attack, including 20 children - Iranian state TV

09:19

- According to Iranian state TV, 20 children are among 60 people killed in an Israeli attack.
- The report says the strike was on a housing complex in the capital, Tehran.

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Coverage overnight focuses on Iran's barrage of ballistic missile strikes overnight on Israel, which have reportedly led to at least three Israeli deaths and dozens of injuries. Pictures are circulating of damage to residential areas near Tel Aviv caused by the strikes.

Israel is continuing to airstrikes in targets in Iran, according to a statement posted by the IDF to Telegram. Tehran says that 78 people, mostly civilians, were killed in yesterday's Israeli attacks.

Selected coverage below.

Guardian rolling bulletin

Three people reported dead in Israel after Iranian strikes; Tehran says 78, mostly civilians, killed in Friday's surprise Israeli attack and confirms new wave of retaliatory

strikes on Israel.

BBC rolling coverage

IDF says UAVs intercepted around Judea and the Dead Sea

The IDF says a number of UAVs have been intercepted by the Israeli air force following sirens around the areas of Judea and the Dead Sea.

The sirens had sounded shortly after 08:00 local time (06:00 BST).

We're continuing to monitor activity from each side and will bring you the updates as we receive them.

Two killed in Iran's early morning strikes on Israel – MDA

We **earlier reported** that 21 were injured in Iran's early morning strikes in Israel's Coastal Plain region. Two of them have died, according to emergency service Magen David Adom (MDA).

A woman in her 60s was rescued unconscious and without vital signs, and a man around 45 was pronounced dead after being evacuated, MDA said.

US media also reported that **one woman died** from Iranian retaliatory strikes on Friday night.

Jordan reopens airspace - reports

Jordan has reopened its airspace at 07:30 local time (04:30 GMT), the country's civil aviation commission said, according to Reuters.

It comes a day after flights were suspended in the country amid the rising tensions between Israel and Iran.

Israel is continuing strikes on Iran - IDF

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) says it is continuing airstrikes on targets in Iran.

In a brief statement posted to Telegram, the IDF said that "the [Israeli Air Force] continues to strike targets to remove threats in Iran".

The comments were posted alongside a video showing footage of aerial strikes.

It comes more than 24 hours after Israel's initial strike on Iran's military bases, which killed three Iranian military commanders, according to the IDF.

Iran has since launched missile strikes on Israel into Saturday morning.

Sky News rolling bulletin

Iran retaliates - what you need to know in five bullet points

Iran launched more than 100 missiles in multiple waves at Israel, starting last night and stretching into the early hours of this morning.

That came in response to Israel's attack early on Friday, which it said was necessary to prevent Tehran getting closer to building an atomic weapon.

It's just gone 9am in Israel and 9.30am in Iran. If you're just joining us, here's a quick recap of the situation as it stands:

- Three people have been killed in Israel, according to medics, with one in Tel Aviv and two slightly south in Rishon Lezion, and at least 53 hurt across both cities;
- Iran's UN envoy said 78 people have been killed in Israeli attacks, including three top commanders - and more than 320 injured, mostly civilians;
- Israel's defence minister said today Iran crossed a red line by firing at civilians and will "pay a heavy price";
- Both countries have reported drone attacks in the past hour, although Jordan has reopened its airspace in a sign they're not expecting imminent strikes;

- The US military helped to shoot down Iranian missiles, officials said, while Donald Trump said it's not too late for Tehran to halt Israeli bombing by reaching a deal on its nuclear programme.

Sirens sound across Israel as Iranian drones launched - IDF
The Israeli military has just said alerts have been activated in several parts of the country, warning of an incoming wave of Iranian drones.
The IDF said the air force is "working to intercept and attack wherever necessary to eliminate the threat".
Dozens injured as Israel and Iran exchange attacks
Israel launched aerial attacks across Iran yesterday, with Tehran responding last night and into the early hours today.
The Iranian ambassador to the UN, Amir Saeid Iravani, said 78 people have been killed and more than 320 injured.
Among those killed were three of Iran's top military leaders:

- General Mohammad Bagheri, who oversaw the entire armed forces;
- General Hossein Salami, who led the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard;
- And General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, the head of the ballistic missile programme.

Iravani said most of the injured are civilians.
Israel's ambulance service reported 34 people were injured on Friday night in Tel Aviv, most with minor injuries.
Police later said one person died.
Hours later, an Iranian missile reportedly hit homes in the central Israeli city of Rishon Lezion, killing two people and injuring 19.
All of these figures are based on tallies from authorities and have not been independently verified.

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Coverage of Iran's retaliatory strikes on Israel this evening have been followed by international pick up of the UK's statement at the UNSC and reports that Iran rejects the UK's calls for restraint.

Al Jazeera rolling bulletin

UK urges de-escalation at UNSC session amid rising tensions

The United Kingdom's UN envoy has called for calm as tensions escalated between Israel and Iran.

"We have urged both sides to show restraint and de-escalate tensions. We continue to engage partners across the region to ensure we are collectively doing our utmost to push for a peaceful outcome," Barbara Woodward added.

She said the UK had spoken at the highest levels to both Israeli and Iranian officials and reaffirmed its commitment to preventing further conflict.

“The UK, in partnership with the E3, has always championed a diplomatic solution to address Iran’s nuclear escalation, which has no credible civilian justification,” Woodward added.

Sky News

UK urges for Middle East de-escalation at UN Security Council

Amid Iran's missile attack on Israel evening, the United Nations Security Council has been holding a meeting on the rising tensions between the two countries.

The UK's representative is now addressing the council, saying: "Our first priority must be to prevent further escalation in the Middle East.

"We urge all parties to urgently step back, show restraint and reduce tensions."

Dame Barbara Woodward says officials in the UK have spoken to Israel and an Iranian minister today.

"The UK has always championed a diplomatic solution to challenge Iran's nuclear escalation, which has no credible justification," she adds.

AP News rolling bulletin

Iran rejects Britain’s call for restraint

Iranian state TV reported that the country’s foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, told British Foreign Secretary David Lammy that Iran does not accept calls for restraint in the face of Israeli aggressions.

Araghchi emphasized that Iran’s response to the Israeli attacks will be “decisive and definite based on the United Nations Charter.”

The Times rolling bulletin

Calls for Iranian restraint ‘unjustified’

Calls for restraint from Iran in the face of Israel’s attacks are unjustified, Tehran’s foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, has told his British counterpart, David Lammy, in a phone call.

Lammy, meanwhile, warned that the Middle East was facing a “moment of grave peril” after the call.

The Guardian rolling bulletin

The UK’s foreign secretary **David Lammy** said he had spoken with his Iranian counterpart, **Abbas Araghch,** on Friday to “urge restraint at this time and calm”.

“Let’s step back. Let’s have restraint. Let’s return to diplomacy,” Lammy said, adding that he recognised that “this is a moment of grave peril in the Middle East”.

According to Iranian state media, Araghchi told Lammy in the call that Tehran does not accept calls for restraint in the face of Israeli aggression.

Iran’s response to the Israeli attacks will be “decisive and definite based on the United Nations Charter,” Iranian TV quoted Araghchi as saying.

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The Foreign Secretary's comments during his pool clip this evening have been reported by a range of outlets, including BBC News, Sky News, The Times, The Guardian and Al Jazeera. Articles focus on the change to FCDO travel advice to advise against all but essential travel to Israel and the OPTs, and his call with Iranian counterparts to urge restraint.

BBC News at Six



The Times

Lammy: Britons should avoid travel to Israel

The foreign secretary, David Lammy, has advised Britons against travelling to Israel. He urged diplomacy and restraint and said he had also spoken to his Iranian counterpart, Abbas Araghchi, to urge calm.

The Guardian

British foreign minister: 'We are advising against travel to Israel at this time'

British foreign minister David Lammy said on Friday he spoke to his Iranian counterpart and urged calm following Israel's airstrikes on Iran, which he described as a "unilateral act".

"I spoke to my Iranian counterpart today to urge restraint at this time, and calm. I recognise that this is a moment of grave peril in the Middle East," he told Sky News. "We are advising against travel to Israel at this time," he added.

Sky News rolling bulletin

Britons advised against non-essential travel to Israel

The Foreign Office is advising against all but essential travel to Israel and Palestinian territories for British nationals.

Posting on X, David Lammy says that "the safety and security of British nationals is our top priority".

Al Jazeera rolling bulletin

UK FM urges 'calm' in conversation with Iranian counterpart

David Lammy says he has spoken to his Iranian counterpart to urge calm after Israel launched a barrage of strikes against Iran, in what Lammy described as a "unilateral act".

"I spoke to my Iranian counterpart today to urge restraint at this time, and calm. I recognise that this is a moment of grave peril in the Middle East," he told Sky News. "We are advising against travel to Israel at this time."

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On Fri, 13 Jun 2025, 16:39 ' JCS ' via National Security Communications Team, <Personal wrote:

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From: JCS

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Subject: RE: MONITORING: Israel and Iran developments - rolling chain

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There has been some pick up in rolling news bulletins of the Prime Minister's E3 call with President Macron and Chancellor Merz. The PM has also been interviewed by Bloomberg, where he mentioned that the UK has "grave concerns" about Iran's nuclear program and backed Israel's right to self-defense.

Bloomberg: Starmer Says UK Has 'Grave Concerns' on Iranian Nuclear Program

Prime Minister Keir Starmer said the UK has "grave concerns" about Iran's nuclear program and backed Israel's right to self-defense, while calling for de-escalation in a conflict that risks engulfing the Middle East.

Starmer was speaking after Israel carried out a wave of strikes on Iran, which have raised fears of a wider war in the region and caused a spike in the price of oil. Iran quickly replied by sending a wave of drones toward Israel, though it was unclear if they caused any damage.

Sky News rolling bulletin

Starmer, Macron and Merz call for diplomacy over military action

Sir Keir Starmer has spoken with Germany's Friedrich Merz and France's Emmanuel Macron after Israel launched strikes on Iran.

In a statement, a Downing Street spokesperson said: "The leaders discussed the long-held grave concerns about Iran's nuclear programme, and called on all sides to refrain from further escalation that could further destabilise the region.

"The leaders reaffirmed Israel's right to self-defence, and agreed that a diplomatic resolution, rather than military action, was the way forward."

The UK government is holding an emergency COBRA meeting this afternoon following the strikes, while Starmer is expected to speak with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu.

Al Jazeera rolling bulletin

UK, France, Germany urge de-escalation of conflict

Leaders of Britain, France and Germany have called for all sides to refrain from further escalation after Israeli strikes against nuclear and military facilities in Iran, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's office said.

Starmer held a call with French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz on the situation, Starmer's office said in a statement.

"The leaders discussed the long-held grave concerns about Iran's nuclear programme, and called on all sides to refrain from further escalation that could further destabilise the region," the statement said, adding that the leaders reaffirmed

Israel’s right to defend itself.

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Al Jazeera rolling update

Israel will close its diplomatic missions around the world in light of recent developments, and consular services will not be provided, according to a statement.

The embassy did not say how long the missions would be closed.

US President Donald Trump says Iran may have a second chance after claiming he gave Tehran 60 days to make a deal two months ago.

“Two months ago I gave Iran a 60 day ultimatum to “make a deal.” They should have done it! Today is day 61,” the president said in a Truth Social post.

“I told them what to do, but they just couldn’t get there. Now they have, perhaps, a second chance!”

CNN rolling update

Israeli strikes are ongoing in Iran, targeting several cities across the nation, state-run media said.

Iranian state television and state-affiliated media said the Natanz nuclear site was struck in a missile attack.

The outskirts of the cities of Tabriz and Shiraz were also targeted in what state television called “an aggressive attack”

Israel’s attack on one of Iran’s primary nuclear enrichment facilities caused “superficial damage,” according to the spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

Behrouz Kamalvandi said the agency does not have an estimate of the damage to Natanz, but most of it was on the surface. Natanz’s enrichment capabilities are underground.

Guardian rolling update

The **UK** Conservative leader **Kemi Badenoch** referenced **Israel**'s attack on **Iran** in her keynote address to the **Scottish Conservative conference** in **Edinburgh** this lunchtime, but only to attack Labour on energy and defence policy.

"The strikes overnight in the Middle East remind us of how vital it is that we can rely on our own energy and natural resources," she told delegates, and went on to accuse UK Labour of "killing the oil and gas industry", calling for the energy profits levy to be scrapped and the ban on new oil and gas licences to be lifted.

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276 - 15-06-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Jonathan Powell (National Security Adviser, CO) and others

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Subject: Re: Scene setter for the Prime Minister
Date: Sunday, 15 June 2025 at 02:13:26 British Summer Time
From: Jonathan Powell
To: Peter Mandelson

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Quite right

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From: Peter Mandelson < Personal >
Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2025 6:10:20 PM
To: Ailsa Terry < Personal >
Cc: Morgan McSweeney < Personal >; Jonathan Powell < Personal >; Ninjeri Pandit < Personal >
Subject: Scene seUer for the Prime Minister

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Prime Minister

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Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal Personal

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Fri 16/05/2025 1:31:48 PM (UTC)
To: Thomas Drew *[Personal]
Cc: Lucy Ferguson[Personal]; Washington Private Office[Personal]; JCS [Personal]
Subject: Re: Paris

Ok plenty of time

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From: Thomas Drew *
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 7:33:34 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: Lucy Ferguson ; Washington Private Office ; JCS
Subject: Re: Paris

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Thanks, Peter. I look forward to it. I head out around 15 August - so after the Anglo-French summit.

Tom

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 12:49 pm
To: Thomas Drew *
Cc: Lucy Ferguson ; Washington Private Office
Subject: Re: Paris

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Hi Tom, of course anything I/we can do to help. Lucy should fully brief you and I would be happy to chat. I hear good things about *** . I had asked to meet him but that was pre confirmation so not possible. I will be there on July 1. When do you head to Paris ?
Very best
Peter

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From: Thomas Drew *
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 5:33:36 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Paris

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Dear Peter,
Congratulations on the way in which you have been navigating your hosts. I hope that it has been fun too.
I am now into the final stretch before I head to Paris in the summer. I bumped into Lucy Ferguson this week in London and sought her help as I prepare to do so. She's kindly agreed to share some of your embassy's less widely distributed advice, which I am looking forward to. I'm keen too to link up with you and your team ***

I would particularly value the chance to check in with you before I head out. If you are back for the Heads of Mission conference in early July or at any other stage in the next couple of months, I hope you might have time to get together. I'll get in touch with your office if I may.
I look forward to catching up.
Best wishes,
Tom
Thomas Drew | FCDO
Tel: Personal

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Re: Scene setter for the Prime Minister

From Peter Mandelson Personal
Date Mon 2025-06-16 08:17
To Ailsa Terry Personal

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From: Ailsa Terry Personal
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 6:35:09 AM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: RE: Scene setter for the Prime Minister

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PM read on the plane and v useful. Will see how tomorrow goes…

From: Peter Mandelson Personal **OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE**
Sent: 14 June 2025 23:10
To: Ailsa Terry Personal
Cc: Morgan McSweeney Personal ; Jonathan Powell Personal Ninjeri Pandit Personal
Subject: Scene setter for the Prime Minister

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Prime Minister

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Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal | Personal

279 - 03-06-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and the Private Office of Lord Patrick Vallance (Minister of State for Science, Innovation, Research and Technology)

From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT) Personal
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 14:11
To: Washington Private Office Personal >; JCS JCS JCS DL Washi Private Office
Cc: Personal JCS JCS Mungo Woodifield Personal JCS
Subject: RE: Minister Vallance - Boston visit 15 -17 June

Dear HMA PO,

I hope this finds you well.

One of the actions following Minister Vallance and HMA's call was for our Office for Life Sciences to provide HMA with a current overview of life sciences.

Please find this attached – grateful if you could confirm receipt and do let us know if HMA would like anything further.

Best,
JCS

JCS
Private Secretary to Lord Vallance, Minister for Science
Mobile: Personal
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Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT)
Sent: 06 June 2025 12:21
To: 'Washington Private Office' Personal >; JCS JCS JCS 'DL Washi Private Office' Personal
Cc: JCS JCS Mungo Woodifield' Personal ' JCS
Subject: RE: Minister Vallance - Boston visit 15 -17 June

Hi JCS

Minister Vallance has asked me to check if there is anything HMA wants him to read ahead of the call.

Please could you let me know if there is anything? No worries if not!

Best,
JCS

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Private Secretary to Lord Vallance, Minister for Science
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From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT)
Sent: 05 June 2025 15:54
To: Washington Private Office < JCS Personal JCS JCS DL Washi Private Office Personal
Cc: JCS JCS JCS Mungo Woodifield Personal
Subject: RE: Minister Vallance - Boston visit 15 -17 June

Hi JCS

Perfect- that works!

Best,
JCS

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From: Washington Private Office < Personal
Sent: 05 June 2025 15:49
To: Vallance, Minister (DSIT) < Personal ; JCS ; JCS JCS DL Washi Private Office Personal
Cc: JCS Mungo Woodifield Personal JCS
Subject: RE: Minister Vallance - Boston visit 15 -17 June

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How's 1205 EST? HMA will be coming straight off another call so just want to account for any run over.

Best
JCS

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British Embassy Washington | 3100 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008
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From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT) <
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Sent: 05 June 2025 10:47
To: Washington Private Office
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Subject: RE: Minister Vallance - Boston visit 15 -17 June

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Thanks JCS perfect.

Please could I check sorry – is there anyway we could have this slightly earlier (17:00 GMT/ 12:00 EST)?

No problem if not and we'll keep our agreed time.

Best,
JCS

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From: Washington Private Office
Sent: 05 June 2025 15:38
To: Vallance, Minister (DSIT)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Minister Vallance - Boston visit 15 -17 June

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Could we do a teams call please? I'll send over a Teams marker to your email address.

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From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT)
Sent: 05 June 2025 10:36
To: Washington Private Office
Cc:
Subject: RE: Minister Vallance - Boston visit 15 -17 June

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Hi JCS

Perfect, thank you! Is HMA's preference for a phone or Teams call?

Best,
JCS

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From: Washington Private Office <
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Hi JCS

HMA can take a quick call at 1220 EST tomorrow Fri 6 June.

Could you please let us know what number we should dial?

Best
JCS

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From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT) <
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Best,
JCS

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From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT)
Sent: 05 June 2025 12:06
To: JCS JCS JCS DL Washi Private Office' Personal
Cc: JCS JCS Mungo Woodifield' Personal
Subject: RE: Minister Vallance - Boston visit 15 -17 June

Hi JCS

Please could I check if HMA will be able to meet with Minister Vallance tomorrow Friday 6th at 17:20 GMT / 12:20 ET?

I would be grateful for confirmation as soon as you're able to please.

Best,
JCS

JCS
Private Secretary to Lord Vallance, Minister for Science
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From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT)
Sent: 04 June 2025 08:33
To: JCS JCS JCS DL Washi Private Office < Personal
Cc: JCS JCS Mungo Woodifield Personal
Subject: RE: Minister Vallance - Boston visit 15 -17 June

Hi JCS ,

Apologies, our diary has been changing around a lot in the last few days.

Is there any possibility that HMA could meet with Minister Vallance this afternoon – possibly 16:30 (UK time) today?

If that wouldn't work – I will revert back with other afternoon / evening slots (UK time) that would work for the Minister.

Best,
JCS

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From: JCS
Sent: 03 June 2025 19:57
To: JCS JCS DL Washi Private Office Personal
Cc: Vallance, Minister (DSIT) < Personal JCS JCS Mungo Woodifield Personal
Subject: RE: Minister Vallance - Boston visit 15 -17 June

Hi all

Just checking if we have managed to find a time for this one?

Thank you
JCS

JCS **Director, Americas - Science & Technology Network**
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280 - 17-06-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Fw: Vance tweet
Date: Tuesday, 17 June 2025 at 19:55:29 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Morgan McSweeney

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From: JCS JCS
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:54:48 PM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: Vance tweet

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JD Vance tweet | 17 June

Look, I'm seeing this from the inside, and am admittedly biased towards our president (and my friend), but there's a lot of crazy stuff on social media, so I wanted to address some things directly on the Iran issue:

First, POTUS has been amazingly consistent, over 10 years, that Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon. Over the last few months, he encouraged his foreign policy team to reach a deal with the Iranians to accomplish this goal. The president has made clear that Iran cannot have uranium enrichment. And he said repeatedly that this would happen one of two ways--the easy way or the "other" way.

Second, I've seen a lot of confusion over the issue of "civilian nuclear power" and "uranium enrichment." These are distinct issues. Iran could have civilian nuclear power without enrichment, but Iran rejected that. Meanwhile, they've enriched uranium far above the level necessary for any civilian purpose. They've been found in violation of their non-proliferation obligations by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which is hardly a rightwing organization.

It's one thing to want civilian nuclear energy. It's another thing to demand sophisticated enrichment capacity. And it's still another to cling to enrichment while simultaneously violating basic non-proliferation obligations and enriching right to the point of weapons-grade uranium.

I have yet to see a single good argument for why Iran needed to enrich uranium well above the threshold for civilian use. I've yet to see a single good argument for why Iran was justified in violating its non-proliferation obligations. I've yet to see a single

good pushback against the IAEA's findings.

Meanwhile, the president has shown remarkable restraint in keeping our military's focus on protecting our troops and protecting our citizens.

He may decide he needs to take further action to end Iranian enrichment. That decision ultimately belongs to the president. And of course, people are right to be worried about foreign entanglement after the last 25 years of idiotic foreign policy.

But I believe the president has earned some trust on this issue. And having seen this up close and personal, I can assure you that he is only interested in using the American military to accomplish the American people's goals. Whatever he does, that is his focus.

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281 - 18-06-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Fw: ***
Date: Wednesday, 18 June 2025 at 08:18:54 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: mmcsweeneyPERSONAL

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I will be reflecting this view at Cobr (O) at 10 in person this morning.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 5:43:09 AM
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Christian,

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Best, James

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Subject: ***

James

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Christian

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PERSONAL ; Jonathan Allen < PERSONAL >; Serena
Stone PERSONAL ; Stephen Hickey PERSONAL
Cc: Peter Mandelson PERSONAL >; Lucy Ferguson
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Subject: ***

Dear Christian,

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James

James Roscoe | Deputy Ambassador | British Embassy Washington
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282 - 18-06-2025 - Email to Peter Mandelson from Sir Christian Turner (former Political Director, FCDO)

From: Christian Turner Personal

Sent: Wed 18/06/2025 8:52:08 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson[Personal Ben Judah[Personal
Subject: Fw: Iran/Israel - ***
Attachment: ***
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From: JCS
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 6:42:46 PM
To: DL Iran Nuclear ; DL Iran Unit ; DL Iran HMG Analysts (External) ; JCS ; JCS ; Stephen Hickey ; Pol Director (Shared) ; Sam Selvadurai
Cc: JCS
Subject: Iran/Israel - ***

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All,

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Please find attached a note ***

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283 - 19-06-2025 - Agenda for meeting between Peter Mandelson and Jonathan Reynolds (former Secretary of State for Business and Trade)

08.00 - 09.00 HMA Washington Breakfast

19 June 2025 14:24

The Northall, Corinthia Hotel

Agenda

No set agenda breakfast catch up with HMA Washington.

Papers

- Hard copy Rosa Update from JCS team shared with you on Monday morning.
- Quick notes from Oliver Christian sent to JCS (DIME) following his meeting with

Natalie Black last week where the FCDO-led review into North American senior staff laying

down. Headlines include that Natalie Black seems at the very beginning of the review – she asked about Oliver's deputies, if roles should be double-hatted and about potential models of HMTC/FCDO interaction. Oliver asked for his officials to put together a pack that will help Natalie with this review exercise.

PS: JCS

284 - 20-06-2025 - Emails about a meeting between Peter Mandelson and Heidi Alexander (Secretary of State for Transport)

From: JCS
Sent: 20 June 2025 16:29
To: JCS ; JCS PS JCS ; Andy Gregory; JCS ; Elizabeth
Cc: JCS
Subject: RE: Update: Lord Mandelson Meeting

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Thanks JCS! Looping in @Elizabeth O'Donoghue JCS @PSLeontaridi too.

JCS **(she/her) | Deputy Head of Americas Strategy, Aviation and Maritime International And Trade (AMIT), Department for Transport**
| Personal | Personal
Post to: Great Minster Hse, 33 Horseferry Rd, London, SW1P 4DR

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From: JCS
Sent: 20 June 2025 16:24
To: JCS Personal JCS Personal ; Andy Gregory
Personal ; JCS
Cc: JCS
Subject: Update: Lord Mandelson Meeting

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Hi all,

You will have heard that SoS was potentially meeting with HMA USA on Monday. We now have confirmation from BEW that this is not going ahead, so have wound down the draft briefing.

To note, Lord Mandelson is currently planning to join the US' Independence celebration event on Tuesday evening, which we previously advised SoS also attend. If SoS confirms (I have chased PO for a response), the two may have an opportunity for a brief, albeit not-so-private, catch up.

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285 - 20-06-2025- Emails between Peter Mandelson, Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No10) and others

From: Peter Mandelson[/Personal

Sent: Fri 20/06/2025 10:27:00 AM (UTC)

To: JCS ; Morgan McSweeney[/Personal]; Stuart Ingham[Personal]; Liz Lloyd[Personal]; Olaf Henricson-Bell (No.10)[Personal]; Ninjeri Pandit[Personal]; Ailsa Terry (No.10)[Personal]

Cc: Rich Morris (No.10)[Personal]; Jonathan Powell[Personal]; JCS ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal)[Personal]; CDS Private-Office (MoD) (Sensitive)[Personal]; JCS ; PUS-Private Office Personal ; Oliver Robbins[Personal]; PUS Action[Personal ; Bowler, James - Personal]; PS Nick Catsaras Persona ; PS Matthew Collins mailbox[Personal]; Jonathan Allen[Personal]; Stephen Lillie[Personal]; Deborah Bronnert[Personal ; DL NATO HoMs[Personal]; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team[Personal]; DL Hague Coordination[Personal]

Subject: Re: Letter from Ambassador to NATO: The Hague Summit

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Peter

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From: Ailsa Terry
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 5:26:55 AM
To: JCS ; Morgan McSweeney ; Stuart Ingham ; Liz Lloyd ; Olaf Henricson-Bell ; Ninjeri Pandit
Cc: Rich Morris (No.10) ; Jonathan Powell ; JCS ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal) ; CDS Private-Office (MoD) (Sensitive) ; JCS ; PUS-Private Office (MULTIUSER) ; Oliver Robbins ; PUS Action ; Bowler, James - HMT ; psnickcatsaras Mailbox ; PS Matthew Collins mailbox ; Jonathan Allen ; Stephen Lillie ; Deborah Bronnert ; DL NATO HoMs ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team ; DL Hague Coordination

Subject: RE: Letter from Ambassador to NATO: The Hague Summit

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Dear Angus
Very helpful thank you. Well done to the whole team for the negotiation so far.
Copying @Morgan McSweeney and others in No 10 to see your overall assessment at this stage of where we are.
Obviously very keen to get your further advice ***
Ailsa
Ailsa Terry CMG| Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs| Prime Minister's Office | 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA | Personal

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From: JCS
Sent: 20 June 2025 09:41
To: Ailsa Terry
Cc: Richard Morris ; Jonathan Powell ; JCS ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal) ; CDS Private-Office (MoD) (Sensitive) ; JCS ; PUS-Private Office (MULTIUSER) ; Oliver Robbins ; PUS Action ; Bowler, James - HMT ; psnickcatsaras Mailbox ; psmatthewcollins - CO (OFF-SEN) ; Jonathan Allen ; Stephen Lillie ; Deborah Bronnert ; DL NATO HoMs ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team ; DL Hague Coordination
Subject: Letter from Ambassador to NATO: The Hague Summit

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Dear Ailsa,
I hope you are well.
Please find attached the scene setter from Angus Lapsley on the Hague Summit.
Warm regards,
JCS
JCS | Private Secretary to the Ambassador and UK Permanent Representative to NATO | Personal | UK Joint Delegation, NATO HQ, Boulevard Leopold III, Brussels 1110, Belgium

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286 - 21-06-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Stephanie Driver (former Director of Communications, No. 10), Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10) and Jonathan Powell (National Security Adviser, CO)

Subject: Fw: NATO Summit/UK defence spending
Date: Saturday, 21 June 2025 at 13:24:08 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Stephanie Driver

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 10:03:51 PM
To: Morgan McSweeney <Personal >; Jonathan Powell Personal
Subject: NATO Summit/UK defence spending

I appreciate the political sensitivity but in preparing a Washington scene setter for the PM's attendance at the NATO summit, I looked at the public lines being drafted for the defence spending pledge and I am worried that ***

Peter

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- At the Spending Review, we set budgets taking ‘core’ defence spending to 2.6% I 2027; next Parliament we have an ambition to reach 3% when fiscal and econom conditions allow. The SDR provides a vision for what this means, and the government will set out more detail in the Defence Investment Plan in the Autumı We remain committed to these plans.

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal

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287 - 21-06-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson, Angus Lapsley (the UK's Permanent Representative to NATO) and others

From: Peter Mandelson PERSONAL

Sent: Sat 21/06/2025 8:03:51 PM (UTC)

To: Angus Lapsley PERSONAL Jonathan Powell PERSONAL ; JCS JCS ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) PERSONAL ; Rich Morris (No.10) PERSONAL ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team PERSONAL ; JCS ; Ben Judah Personal Joanne Hamer (MoD) (Sensitive) Personal ; Jonathan Allen PERSONAL Nick Heath PERSONAL ; JCS ; Williams, David Personal Personal ; Oliver Robbins PERSONAL ; Radakin, Tony Adm Personal Personal Alex Ellis PERSONAL ; Menna Rawlings PERSONAL uk]; Andrew Mitchel PERSONAL ; Ed Llewellyn[Personal]; Anna Clunes PERSONAL Joanna Roper PERSONAL Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) PERSONAL ; Wipperman SCS[Personal]; Bowler, James - HMT PERSONAL ; Daniel.harris PERSONAL PERSONAL

Subject: Re: Hague summit: deal done with Spain

I have just visited (coincidentally) the Spanish ambassador here in DC. She politely but firmly delivered three points

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Peter

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From: Angus Lapsley
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 3:50:01 PM
To: Jonathan Powell ; JCS ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) ; Rich Morris (No.10) ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team ; JCS ; Ben Judah ; Joanne Hamer (MoD) (Sensitive) ; Jonathan Allen ; Nick Heath ; JCS ; Williams, David SCS (PUS-Personal) ; Oliver Robbins ; Radakin, Tony Adm Personal ; Alex Ellis ; Peter Mandelson ; Menna Rawlings ; Andrew Mitchell ; Ed Llewellyn ; Anna Clunes ; Joanna Roper ; Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) ; Wipperman SCS ; Bowler, James - HMT ; Daniel.harris PERSONAL

Subject: Hague summit: deal done with Spain

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Jonathan

quad ambassadors have just had another call with Third Party

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Angus

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Sat 21/06/2025 12:34:39 PM (UTC)

To: Jonathan Powell Personal ; Angus Lapsley Personal ; JCS Personal ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team Personal JCS ; Ben Judah Personal ; JCS Joanne Hamer (MoD) (Sensitive) Personal ; Joanna Roper Personal ; Jonathan Allen Personal ; Williams, David SCS (PUS-Personal) Personal ; Olly Robbins Personal ; Bowler, James - HMT Personal ; Wipperman SCS Personal ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal) Personal Alex Ellis Personal ; Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) Personal ; Ed Llewellyn Personal ; Menna Rawlings Personal ; Andrew Mitchell Personal ; JCS HMT Personal ; Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) Personal ; DNSA NC Personal

Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

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From: Jonathan Powell
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 8:29:23 AM
To: Angus Lapsley ; JCS ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team ; JCS ; Ben Judah ; JCS ; JCS ; Joanne Hamer (MoD) (Sensitive) ; Joanna Roper ; Jonathan Allen ; Williams, David SCS (PUS-Personal) ; Olly Robbins Personal ; Bowler, James - HMT ; Wipperman SCS ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal) ; Alex Ellis ; Peter Mandelson ; Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) ; Ed Llewellyn ; Menna Rawlings ; Andrew Mitchell ; JCS HMT ; Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) ; DNSA NC
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

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Good. Any news on whether Trump will see *** ?

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From: Angus Lapsley
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 9:30:45 AM
To: JCS ; Jonathan Powell ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team ; JCS (UKDEL NATO) ; Ben Judah ; JCS ; JCS ; Joanne Hamer (MoD) (Sensitive) ; Joanna Roper ; Jonathan Allen ; Williams, David SCS (PUS-Personal) ; Olly Robbins Personal ; Bowler, James - HMT ; Wipperman SCS ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal) ; Alex Ellis ; Peter Mandelson ; Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) ; Ed Llewellyn ; Menna Rawlings ; Andrew Mitchell ; JCS - HMT ; Collins, Matthew - CO (OFF-SEN) ; DNSA NC
Subject: NATO Hague summit: ***

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We've just had a quad Ambassadors call with ***

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Angus

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Sat 21/06/2025 3:54:46 PM (UTC)
To: Andrew Mitchell Personal
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

Fully agree

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From: Andrew Mitchell
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 11:36:03 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

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Andrew Mitchell CMG
HM Ambassador to Germany
Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 5:23:38 PM
To: Andrew Mitchell
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

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That's great

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From: Andrew Mitchell
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 11:16:23 AM

To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

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Not announced yet but we completed negotiations last week and the signing will be 17 July in the UK, location tbd

Andrew Mitchell CMG
HM Ambassador to Germany
Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 5:14:43 PM
To: Andrew Mitchell
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

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What/when is treaty bilat ?

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From: Andrew Mitchell
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 10:58:57 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

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Also drafting! And a Treatybilat scenesetter next week ***

Andrew

Andrew Mitchell CMG
HM Ambassador to Germany
Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 4:16:20 PM
To: Andrew Mitchell
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

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I am missing seeing your analysis from Berlin ! ***
Peter

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From: Andrew Mitchell
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 8:34:42 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Automatic reply: NATO Hague summit: ***

I'm out of the office. Please contact Personal or message JCS Personal and if urgent

290 - 21-06-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Angus Lapsley (the UK's Permanent Representative to NATO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Sat 21/06/2025 5:10:40 PM (UTC)
To: Angus Lapsley Personal
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: update from ***

*** ? What's Spanish position ?

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From: Angus Lapsley
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 12:37:12 PM
To: Joanna Roper ; Jonathan Powell ; JCS ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team ; JCS ; Ben Judah ; JCS ; JCS ; Joanne Hamer (MoD) (Sensitive) ; Jonathan Allen ; Williams, David SCS (PUS-Personal) ; Olly Robbins Personal ; Bowler, James - HMT ; Wipperman SCS ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal) ; Alex Ellis ; Peter Mandelson ; Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) ; Ed Llewellyn ; Menna Rawlings ; Andrew Mitchell ; JCS ; Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) ; DNSA NC ; Oliver Robbins ; Daniel.harris Personal
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: update from ***

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evening update from here.

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Angus

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From: Joanna Roper
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 5:03:18 PM
To: Angus Lapsley ; Jonathan Powell ; JCS ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team ; JCS ; Ben Judah ; JCS ; JCS ; Joanne Hamer (MoD) (Sensitive) ; Jonathan Allen ; Williams, David SCS (PUS-Personal) ; Olly Robbins Personal ; Bowler, James - HMT ; Wipperman SCS ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal) ; Alex Ellis ; Peter Mandelson ; Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) ; Ed Llewellyn ; Menna Rawlings ; Andrew Mitchell ; JCS ; Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) ; DNSA NC

Subject: RE: NATO Hague summit: update from ***

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All,
I have just had a catch up with the *** here in The Hague. You will know much of this already, and I suspect that certain arrangements have progressed further than what I have been told but I feed it in for what it's worth.
The programme has been compressed and the whole party is now on one aircraft. ***

I shared the rough outlines of our three principals' programmes as they stood, noting that not all elements had been battened down. Further discussion around logistical arrangements - I shall spare you those details. ***

I look forward to seeing many of you in The Hague next week. My number below, in case you need to get hold of me before then.
Joanna
Joanna Roper CMG
HM Ambassador to the Netherlands
Personal
@JoannaRoperFCDO

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From: Angus Lapsley
Sent: 21 June 2025 16:18
To: Jonathan Powell ; JCS ; DL UKDEL NATO Senior Leadership Team ; JCS ; Ben Judah ; JCS ; JCS ; Joanne Hamer (MoD) (Sensitive) ; Joanna Roper ; Jonathan Allen ; Williams, David SCS (PUS-Personal) ; Olly Robbins Personal ; Bowler, James - HMT ; Wipperman SCS ; Radakin, Tony Adm (CDS-CDSPersonal) ; Alex Ellis ; Peter Mandelson ; Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) ; Ed Llewellyn ; Menna Rawlings ; Andrew Mitchell ; JCS ; Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) ; DNSA NC
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

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Third Party thinks not.

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Personal ; DNSA NC Personal
Subject: Re: NATO Hague summit: ***

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Mitchell Personal ; JCS HMT
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Subject: NATO Hague summit: ***

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291 - 21-06-2025 - Advice from Peter Mandelson to the Prime Minister

Subject: Trump: scene setter for The Hague
Date: Saturday, 21 June 2025 at 15:04:20 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Ailsa Terry
CC: Morgan McSweeney, Ninjeri Pandit, Jonathan Powell, Stephanie Driver

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Prime Minister

A few thoughts from Washington as you prepare for the NATO summit.

Despite some rumours last week suggesting that, following the early return from Calgary, ***

Everything has been looking calm for a successful summit ***

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The first is the defence spending target ***

Second, Iran At present, ***

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The third danger is Ukraine ***

The summit, therefore, offers opportunity for successful diplomacy ***

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As usual, ***

- so you are well placed

to help make the summit a success.

Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC

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Subject: Trump scene setter for the PM at NATO post US Iran intervention
Date: Sunday, 22 June 2025 at 16:11:23 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Ailsa Terry
CC: Morgan McSweeney, Jonathan Powell, Ninjeri Pandit, Stephanie Driver

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Prime Minister

A few thoughts from Washington as you prepare for the NATO summit.

There is, as yet, no sign that President Trump will fail to travel to The Hague but we cannot be sure until the last minute. ***

There are two things uppermost ***

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In this, he will be supported politically in the US including by the bulk of his base ***

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On the second (was the action effective), ***

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Iran apart, everything has been looking calm for a good summit ***

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and that we are seeking maximum unity going into the summit.

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The summit, therefore, offers opportunity for successful diplomacy ***

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As usual, ***

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to help make the summit a success.

Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC

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293 - 22-06-2025- Emails between Peter Mandelson, Matthew Collins (Deputy National Security Adviser, CO) and others

From: Peter Mandelson Personal >

To: "Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office)" Personal
DNSA NC <Personal

Subject: FW: Trump scene setter for the PM at NATO post US Iran intervention

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Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal
Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 22 June 2025 11:11
To: Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal
Cc: Morgan McSweeney <Personal >; Jonathan Powell Personal ;
Ninjeri Pandit Personal >; Stephanie Driver <Personal >
Subject: Trump scene setter for the PM at NATO post US Iran intervention

Prime Minister

A few thoughts from Washington as you prepare for the NATO summit.

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Thoughts

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Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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294 - 24-06-2025 - Readout of a meeting between Peter Mandelson and Sam Lister (Director General, Industrial Strategy, DBT)

From: DG Industrial Strategy PERSONAL

Sent on: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 2:58:31 PM

To: JCS (DBT) PERSONAL Michael CLARK (DBT) PERSONAL ; Fred PERRY2 (DBT) PERSONAL ; JCS (DBT) PERSONAL ; JCS (DBT)

CC: PERSONAL JCS (DBT) PERSONAL JCS (DBT) PERSONAL JCS (OFI) PERSONAL

Subject: Readout from meeting with HM Ambassador to USA on the Industrial Strategy (28 May 2025)

Hi JCS

With apologies for the delay, I promised to share the readout from Sam and Fred's meeting with Peter Mandelson at the end of last month. Do feel free to pass on as appropriate.

Kind regards
JCS

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Wednesday 28 May, 15.30 – 16.00 (UK Time) via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Rt Hon Lord Peter Mandelson (HM Ambassador to USA)
- Sam Lister (Director General, Industrial Strategy)
- Fred Perry (Director, Industrial Strategy)
- Mungo Woodifield (Minister Counsellor, British Embassy Washington)
- JCS (Chief of Staff, DG Industrial Strategy)

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- Sam provided an overview of the structure and approach of the Industrial Strategy, and updated on the launch of the Write Round and ongoing discussions on SR settlements for IS policy interventions. HMA said that the

draft strategy felt like a combination of the first white paper in 1998 with its focus on the business environment and the second white paper in 2017 with its focus on new industry and new jobs.

- **Business environment -** HMA said he meets with US business investors every week and understands that ***

- ***

- **AI -** HMA felt that AI was the key to unlock UK competitiveness and growth through science enterprise, innovation and future industries. HMA said that if we could really land that, it would have the biggest impact in the industrial strategy than any other single thing. ***

- **Stakeholder engagement** – Sam updated HMA on engagement with US business leaders including *** , and the development of the White Paper in partnership with business.
- HMA agreed to consider the draft strategy in more detail [DN: as of 28 May, now overtaken] and offered to support deploying IS into the American market.

ENDS

JCS Chief of Staff to the Director General, Industrial Strategy

Department for Business and Trade | Old Admiralty Building, London, SW1A 2DY

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295 - 06-06-2025 - Emails relating to a meeting between Peter Mandelson and Lord Patrick Vallance (Minister for Science, Innovation, Research and Technology)

From: Vallance, Minister (DSIT) Personal
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 1:03:09 PM
To: JCS ; DL Washi Private Office
Personal
Cc: JCS
; Georgina Ayre Personal
JCS
Spads Office (DSIT)
Personal JCS Dean, Nick (DSIT)
Personal
Subject: RE: Meeting between Lord Mandelson and Lord Vallance

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Hi JCS

Peter and Patrick have just got off the phone to each other after discussing Patrick's visit to Boston later this month. They agreed to have a long discussion (circa one and half hours) on the 23rd of June to discuss the US-UK Tech negotiations and relationships. Please would you be able to get back to me with some times on the 23rd that would work for HMA (I appreciate these would be UK afternoon times to make this work on the US side). We can be fairly flexible as Patrick would like to prioritise this call over his other engagements. Peter also mentioned that he would like Mungo Woodfield to join the call.

Please do let me know what would work on your side!

All the best,

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

JCS
Private Secretary to the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation
Personal
100 Parliament Street, SW1A 2BQ
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296 - 26-06-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Jonathan Allen (Director General Defence and Intelligence, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Fri 27/06/2025 6:51:36 AM (UTC)
To: Jonathan Allen Personal
Subject: Re: Letter on the FCDO Security Priority

All those things are uppermost in my mind. I have answers to some. I will be at the HoMs meeting on Tuesday for a while in the morning if we can chat quickly then.

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From: Jonathan Allen
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2025 7:49:48 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: Washington Private Office
Subject: RE: Letter on the FCDO Security Priority

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Peter
Your reason was a good one – ***

so I think good to ensure you and team are briefed and able to advise on how to land.

Is there anything on your mind at the moment?

I'm around until 11 July when I go on leave. Could pick this up in VTC some time or next time you're over. If there's anything in our list that you'd like more on, we'll send over.
Best,
Jonathan

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 26 June 2025 12:46
To: Jonathan Allen
Subject: Re: Letter on the FCDO Security Priority

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Jonathan, sorry to be overtaken and not see you the other day. Is there anything we should talk about ? Best Peter
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From: Jonathan Allen Personal
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 12:26:01 PM
To: DL HoMs List inc. subordinate posts Personal ; DL FCDO Directors Personal
Cc: JCS Owen Jenkins Personal JCS ; Alex Cameron Personal ; JCS ; Sonia Farrey Personal ; DL Deputy Heads of Mission Personal DL FCDO DGs Personal ; PUS Action Personal
Subject: Letter on the FCDO Security Priority

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Dear colleagues,
Please find attached a letter on the FCDO Security Priority.
Yours,
Jonathan
Jonathan Allen | Director General Defence and Intelligence and SRO Security Priority | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office |

Email: Personal | Tel: Personal | Mob: Personal

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297 - 27-06-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson, Andrew Mitchell (HM Ambassador for Germany, FCDO) and others

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Sat 28/06/2025 8:45:00 PM (UTC)
To: Andrew Mitchell Personal
Cc: James Roscoe Personal ; JCS

Subject: Re: Letter to Christian

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From: Andrew Mitchell
Sent: Saturday, June 28, 2025 7:38:30 PM
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: James Roscoe ; JCS
Subject: Re: Letter to Christian

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Andrew

Andrew Mitchell CMG
HM Ambassador to Germany
Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Saturday, June 28, 2025 8:08:36 PM
To: Andrew Mitchell
Cc: James Roscoe ; JCS
Subject: Re: Letter to Christian

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From: Andrew Mitchell
Sent: Saturday, June 28, 2025 9:43:29 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: James Roscoe ; JCS
Subject: Re: Letter to Christian

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Interesting, Peter.
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Perhaps we should try to talk about all this if there's time in the margins of the Leadership Conf?

Andrew
Andrew Mitchell CMG
HM Ambassador to Germany
Personal

From: Peter Mandelson

Sent: Friday, June 27, 2025 9:07:56 PM
To: Andrew Mitchell
Cc: James Roscoe
Subject: Letter to Christian

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Thank you very much for copying me. The letter is interesting and significant. ***

Very best

Peter

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298 – 29-06-2025- Emails between Peter Mandelson, Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO) and others

From: JCS

Sent: 29 June 2025 23:51:39

To: JCS , JCS , Peter Mandelson, Ailsa Terry, JCS , DNSA NC, Oliver Robbins, Christian Turner, Caroline Hurndall, Ben Judah, JCS , JCS , Jon Garvie, Rob Dixon, Madeleine Alessandri, JCS , JCS , JCS

CC: JCS , SOSFA ACTION, PUS Action, Tamsin Heath, Simon Walters, JCS , SofS Private Office (MULTIUSER) DL Crisis Senior Readers, James Roscoe, Lucy Ferguson, JCS , Matthew Collins, John Moffat, PS Matthew Collins, JCS , JCS , JCS , JCS , JCS , JCS , Paul Wyatt, JCS , JCS , JCS , JCS , JCS , Stephen Hickey, Patrick Moody, JCS , JCS , DL MENAD,- HoMs, JCS , JCS , JCS , Ross Exley, JCS , JCS , Menna Rawlings, JCS , JCS , Nicholas Alton, DL MENAD – Iran Nuclear, JCS , JCS , JCS , PERSONAL , JCS , Kashif Chaudry, Mark Newton, JCS , CDS-Private Office, PUS-Private Office (MULTIUSER), MSHQ-MSOC-DCDSMSO- (MULTIUSER), Gareth Martin, JCS , Andrew Dalgleish, JCS , JCS , DL Tel Aviv- Chancery, JCS , JCS , JCS , JCS , IAU Middle East, JCS , JCS , JCS , JCS , JCS , JCS , DL MENAD – DHMS SofS-Private Office (MULTIUSER PUS-Private Office).

Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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Dear all,

This morning President Trump held his first exclusive media interview since the US acted against Iran's nuclear facilities in Operation Midnight Hammer on 22 June. This came at the end of a significant week for Trump, who in addition to securing a ceasefire between Israel and Iran has come away from NATO pleased with the 5% defence spending agreement, the signing the DRC/Rwanda peace agreement, and has seen several victories in the Supreme Court.

Capturing the Iran focused elements for Iran readers. ***

1. Describing **the run up to Operation Midnight Hammer**, Trump thought negotiations over Iran's nuclear sites were getting close, but Iran said it wanted enrichment. Trump explained that he wouldn't let this happen and that he didn't feel people would have understood it if he had. Iran was weeks away from getting a nuclear weapon. The 60-day talks had delayed Iran but ultimately the US decided to 'go at it', which 'just worked out'. Trump said he wanted it to also work out for Iran and Israel who were both beaten up by what he called the 12-day war. US action was in line with what he has been saying for the last 25-30 years, i.e. Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon.

2. On the operation itself, Trump was again unequivocal in stating that **the US obliterated their target**, referring to Fordow – 'it was obliterated like nobody's ever seen before'. He said that alternative narratives being espoused by outlets such as CNN and The New York Times were fake news. Energy Commissions had been there and there were thousands of tonnes of rock in that room right now, the 'whole place was just destroyed'. Trump also referenced two other sites having been destroyed. The US had used the most sophisticated bombs anywhere in the world, which could penetrate 30 stories deep into granite. He praised the pilots who had flown 36 hours in confined spaces to hit a target the size of half a refrigerator door from 50,000 feet at rapid speed – they would be invited to the White House. The US had also launched 30 rockets from submarines, with the US
having the 'finest submarines in the world'. Every single rocket launched hit its target. Israel had done damage, but it was the US that did the final damage. The US went in, destroyed Iran's nuclear capability, and stopped. He did not directly address comments by Third Party
3. Trump was questioned over reports that 400kg or 800 pounds of enriched uranium had been removed from Fordow prior to the strike. Trump said this had not happened. It was hard to do, heavy to move and the Iranian' s had little warning. Trump said that no one had thought the US would go after that site as it was believed to be impenetrable. **The Iranians didn' t move anything but themselves**, as they were all trying to live. Trump understands that there were masons working to seal up the site as there were cars there.

4. When questioned over whether Iran, who was halting cooperation with the UN nuclear watch dog, was likely to start pursuing nuclear enrichment again, Trump said that he thought this was the ' last thing they' re going to be doing right now, for a period of time at least' . **Iran was exhausted**, and whilst they might not give up completely, they would give up whilst they were exhausted and instead focus on getting back into shape. He also described Israel as being tired following what had been a very intense period.

5. On the **Abraham Accords**, Trump said that Iran had been the primary problem and that more countries may now be onboard. Trump thought Iran may have been going to join the Abrham Accords at one point previously, but they didn' t – if they had they would have been better off than they were now.

6. On **sanctions**, Trump denied that he had waived the sanctions on Iranian oil with regard to China. Trump clarified that the sanctions were on. That said, one of the things Trump was thinking about doing was waiving sanctions for countries like Iran if they ' behave themselves' . If Iran could show that they ' were not going to do any more harm' and be peaceful he would take the sanctions off and said that ' sometimes you get more with honey than with vinegar' . Doing so would make a big difference as sanctions were very difficult for the countries they were imposed on. Trump wasn' t looking to make it difficult for Iran, but they were developing a bomb and the only reason to develop a bomb like that was, according to Trump, to use it. Trump also noted that sanctions were costly for the US.

7. The interview also touched on Trump' s tweet accusing the Democrats of **leaking information** about Operation Midnight Hammer [*The Democrats are the ones who leaked the information on the PERFECT FLIGHT to the nuclear sites in Iran. They should be prosecuted!*']. Trump reiterated that those responsible should be prosecuted and said that it would be easy to find out who had done it.

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Best,
JCS
(BEW Duty Officer)
JCS
| Counter Terrorism | Strategic Threats Team| British Embassy Washington 3100 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20008 |PERSONAL

From: JCS

Sent: 24 June 2025 7:39 PM

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

Dear all,

A further update from BEW at our close today:

Dear all,

1. The US' focus has now shifted to the Hague, as President Trump, Secretary Rubio and other US senior officials arrive for the NATO Summit.

2. After a morning of rapid fire social media posts and interviews from the President, we have seen less public comment from the US this afternoon as the ceasefire appears to hold for now. When asked by reporters on Air Force 1 en route to the Hague whether he supported regime change in Iran, Trump said "no", adding that the US wants to "see everything calm down as quickly as possible". In a softer tone from this morning's comments, he added "The Iranians are very good traders, very good businesspeople, and they got a lot of oil. They should be fine… They should be able to rebuild and do a good job. They're never going to have nuclear. But other than that, they should do a great job, which is exactly what I've been saying for years."

3. In a TV interview, VP Vance delivered a similar message, saying "[Trump] has been saying it for 10 years. We can't let Iran have a nuclear weapon. He accomplished it, and now he's moving on, I think, to build more peace and more prosperity all across the Middle East. I think he showed the Iranians that they're not nearly as tough as they might think that they are. I think that he showed the Israelis that we're willing to use American power for our interests, but we're not going to get involved in another Middle East quagmire. And I think that that combined message is going to hopefully lead to a period of great peace and prosperity in the Middle East, which, of course, will be great for the United States."

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JCS

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British Embassy Washington | 3100 Massachusetts Ave NW | Washington DC | 20008-3600|
PERSONAL

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From: JCS

Sent: 24 June 2025 13:43

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

All,

Following fast-moving developments overnight and this morning in Washington, a snapshot of where things stand as President Trump heads to The Hague aboard Air Force One:

1. **Recap**. Early this morning, Trump reacted *** to overnight reports of supposed ceasefire violations. *** He subsequently posted that 'ISRAEL is not going to attack Iran. All planes will turn around and head home while doing a friendly "Plane Wave" to Iran. Nobody will be hurt, the Ceasefire is in effect!'. In a series of subsequent Truth Social posts, Trump pivoted towards declaring military victory having 'completely and totally obliterated' Iran's nuclear enrichment sites and 'destroyed all nuclear facilities and capability'. He also amplified calls for a Nobel Peace Prize from his supporters. In the meantime, the Administration has postponed classified briefings for the House and Senate scheduled for this afternoon, ***

2. **What to make of this?** ***

3. **UK engagement.** ***

*** JCS will issue an end-of-day round up.

Best,

JCS

British Embassy Washington
Middle East and North Africa
PERSONAL
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From: JCS

Sent: 24 June 2025 07:41

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

All,

A further update as I'm sure you have been following immediate reactions from the President in the media. POTUS posted early this morning

ISRAEL. DO NOT DROP THOSE BOMBS. IF YOU DO IT IS A MAJOR VIOLATION. BRING YOUR PILOTS HOME, NOW! DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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We will share more insight from Admin contacts later today.

Best,

JCS

British Embassy Washington
Middle East and North Africa
PERSONAL

From: JCS

Sent: 24 June 2025 06:44

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

All,

To flag that before the reported violation of the ceasefire, POTUS posted late into last night:
THE CEASEFIRE IS NOW IN EFFECT. PLEASE DO NOT VIOLATE IT! DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!

Washington will now be waking up to the news of the supposed violation of the ceasefire. *** We will be on phones this morning to understand US next steps and will report as soon as we have a sense of direction.

Thanks,

JCS

JCS
British Embassy Washington
Middle East and North Africa
PERSONAL

From: JCS

Sent: 23 June 2025 21:51

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

All,

1. President Trump announced that Israel and Iran had agreed to a ceasefire at 6pm today, reportedly mediated by the US and Qatar - full text below. ***



Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE! It has been fully agreed by and between Israel and Iran that there will be a Complete and Total CEASEFIRE (in approximately 6 hours from now, when Israel and Iran have wound down and completed their in progress, final missions!), for 12 hours, at which point the War will be considered, ENDED! Officially, Iran will start the CEASEFIRE and, upon the 12th Hour, Israel will start the CEASEFIRE and, upon the 24th Hour, an Official END to THE 12 DAY WAR will be saluted by the World. During each CEASEFIRE, the other side will remain PEACEFUL and RESPECTFUL. On the assumption that everything works as it should, which it will, I would like to congratulate both Countries, Israel and Iran, on having the Stamina, Courage, and Intelligence to end, what should be called, "THE 12 DAY WAR." This is a War that could have gone on for years, and destroyed the entire Middle East, but it didn't, and never will! God bless Israel, God bless Iran, God bless the Middle East, God bless the United States of America, and GOD BLESS THE WORLD!

DONALD J. TRUMP,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2. President Trump laid the political groundwork for this announcement earlier in the day through a series of Truth Social posts. In chronological order, President Trump:

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3. ***

4. The President also offered his first public remarks on energy prices since the onset of Israeli strikes on Iran, ***
Before Iran's retaliatory strikes,

he posted on Truth Social: *"EVERYONE, KEEP OIL PRICES DOWN. I'M WATCHING! YOU'RE PLAYING RIGHT INTO THE
HANDS OF THE ENEMY. DON'T DO IT!"*. These comments reflect a key theme of his campaign of lowering energy costs and combating inflation.

5. ***

HMA Washington will attend tomorrow's COBR(O) in person and provide our advice on next steps.

Best,
JCS

British Embassy Washington
Middle East and North Africa
PERSONAL

From: Peter Mandelson

Sent: 23 June 2025 16:16

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

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From: JCS

Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025: 9:10:53 PM

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: RE: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

All,
A flash update from Washington. President Trump has just issued a statement in response to Iranian missile launches against Al Udeid base. The statement indicates that the President is adopting a de-escalatory approach:

Iran has officially responded to our Obliteration of their Nuclear Facilities with a very weak response, which we expected, and have very effectively countered. There have been 14 missiles fired — 13 were knocked down, and 1 was "set free," because it was headed in a nonthreatening direction. I am pleased to report that NO Americans were harmed, and hardly any damage was done. Most importantly, they've gotten it all out of their "system," and there will, hopefully, be no further HATE. I want to thank Iran for giving us early notice, which made it possible for no lives to be lost, and nobody to be injured. Perhaps Iran can now proceed to Peace and Harmony in the Region, and I will enthusiastically encourage Israel to do the same.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Best,
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British Embassy Washington
Middle East and North Africa

From: JCS

Sent: 22 June 2025 21:26

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

All,

An update and some analysis from BE Washington on the day after US strikes against three Iranian nuclear sites.

What message has the Administration projected publicly today?

1. Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of State Rubio, Secretary of Defense Hegseth and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Dan Caine appeared on Sunday news shows and held press conferences to deliver a unified message: **the United States was not at war with Iran and remained open to a deal, but any act of retaliation would be met with overwhelming force**. They emphasised that yesterday's military action was a targeted operation aimed solely at degrading Iran's nuclear capabilities, and that these efforts had been successful in significantly setting back Iran's nuclear programme. They stressed that President Trump had made every effort to offer Iran a fair deal, but Iran had failed to engage in good faith. If Iran chose to retaliate directly or through regional proxies or if it chose to pursue a nuclear weapon, the United States would respond with overwhelming force. All reiterated that the path to diplomacy and peace remained open – the ball was now in Iran's court. Secretary Rubio restated the US path towards a deal: Iran could maintain a civilian nuclear programme, but would not be permitted to enrich uranium or develop weapons-grade capabilities. Vance stressed that the US was not interested in a protracted conflict in the Middle East, but the way to achieve this was peace through strength.

2. In a series of Truth Social statements, **POTUS warned Iran against retaliation, praised the military for causing "monumental" damage and hinted at the possibility of regime change**. Shortly after his 10pm address to the nation, President Trump warned that "ANY RETALIATION BY IRAN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL BE MET WITH FORCE FAR GREATER THAN WHAT WAS WITNESSED TONIGHT". This afternoon he posted "the damage to the Nuclear sites in Iran is said to be "monumental". The hits were hard and accurate. Great skill was shown by our military". Soon after he posted "It's not politically correct to use the term, "Regime Change", but if the current Iranian Regime is unable to MAKE IRAN GREAT AGAIN, why wouldn't there be a Regime change??? MIGA!!!".

How has Congress responded?

3. **Prominent Republicans have offered full support for military strikes with some urging to go further, while Democrats have questioned the legality of strikes**. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) called the operation "bold, brilliant and decisive", praising the military and President Trump. He expressed support for Trump's suggestion of potential regime change, saying the President was right in aiming to make Iran great again - whether through a change in the regime's behaviour or new leadership. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) said the strikes demonstrated that Trump "means what he says" and argued that the President fully respected Article I which gives Congress the power to declare war. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) was critical, saying "every time America is on the verge of greatness, we get involved in another foreign war". Democrats such as Senators Shaheen and Murphy have also been critical, accusing the President of misleading the country and failing to seek Congressional authorisation for the military action.

What are the Administration's domestic political considerations?

4. ***

What are the risks for President Trump in the coming days?

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6. ***

Next Steps

7. Today the PM spoke to POTUS and the Foreign Secretary spoke to Rubio. The Defence Secretary will speak to Hegseth tomorrow. We remain in close touch with NSC, DoD, State and other counterparts. ***

8. HMA Washington will join the COBR(O) tomorrow to provide advice on next steps.

Best,

JCS

British Embassy Washington
Middle East and North Africa
PERSONAL

From: JCS

Sent: 21 June 2025 23:16

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

Dear all,

We have provided further details and analysis in the attached Diptel following POTUS' address to the nation tonight.

BEW will plan to attend COBR tomorrow. JCS is BEW duty officer on Israel/Iran and can be reached on PERSONAL

JCS

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PERSONAL

From: Caroline Hurndall

Sent: 21 June 2025 20:39

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: Re: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

Thanks both. Confirming FS also aware.

Caroline

From: Rob Dixon

Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2025, 1:30:15 AM

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

Thanks JCS .

PM, Def Sec, NSA and duty comms in MoD, FCDO and No10 aware.

We will set up alignment on comms and COBRs imminently.

Rob

Rob Dixon
Director,
International Policy Group
National Security Secretariat
Cabinet
Office – UK Government
PERSONAL

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From: JCS

Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2025, 01:09

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

Dear all,

POTUS has posted on Truth social that the US has struck Iran's nuclear sites:

"We have completed our very successful attack on the three Nuclear sites in Iran, including Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan. All planes are now outside of Iran air space. A full payload of BOMBS was dropped on the primary site, Fordow. All planes are safely on their way home. Congratulations to our great American Warriors. There is not another military in the World that could have done this. NOW IS THE TIME FOR PEACE! Thank you for your attention to this matter."

We will provide further analysis and reporting on US reactions later this evening.

JCS

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PERSONAL

From: JCS

Sent: 20 June 2025, 20:01

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: Re: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

Dear all,

A further update from BE Washington at our close today:

1. President Trump answered questions from press on his approach to Iran. ***

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4.BEW will be represented by Defence staff at COBR (O) tomorrow and our wider team will be ready to take forward any actions as required. I am BEW duty officer on Iran/Israel tomorrow and can be reached on PERSONAL

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PERSONAL

From: JCS

Sent: 19 June 2025, 20:01

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: Re: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

All,

A short update from BE Washington today.

1. The Foreign Secretary was in Washington for meetings with the Administration and Congress. FSPO will issue readouts as per their usual process.

2. *** . In a White House press briefing, Karoline Leavitt shared a message directly from the President: "Based on the fact that there is a substantial chance of negotiation that may or may not take place with Iran in the near future, I will make my decision whether or not to go within the next two weeks". When asked what her message was to Trump supporters who opposed US involvement in the war, Leavitt said "Trust in President Trump. President Trump has incredible instincts and he has kept America and the world safe in his first term as President in implementing a 'Peace through Strength' foreign policy agenda. And with respect to Iran, nobody should be surprised by the President's position that Iran can absolutely not obtain a nuclear weapon. He has been unequivocally clear about this for decades. […] That's why he was adamantly opposed to the disastrous Iran nuclear agreement that was implemented by President Obama and it's why he has given great latitude and given a lot of effort to achieving a diplomatic solution. But he has been very clear: wait for 60 days, when he gave them that 60 days warning without coming to the table, on day 61 Israel took action against Iran. And as I just told you from the President directly, he will make a decision within two weeks."

3. Earlier in the day, President Trump posted on Truth Social saying "The Wall Street Journal has No Idea what my thoughts are concerning Iran!" following yesterday evening's WSJ report that he had privately approved attack plans, but withheld his final order. Later in the day, the President retweeted another user who said "We will never forget, in September 2016 the Obama Administration admitted paying $1.7bn to Iran" with the attached picture holding President Obama responsible for the status of Iran's nuclear programme.

Best,
JCS

British Embassy Washington
Middle East and North Africa
PERSONAL

From: JCS

Sent: 18 June 2025, 21:59

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: Re: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

All,

An update from BE Washington at our COP today sanitised for this tier.

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We look forward to welcoming the Foreign Secretary for meetings with the Administration tomorrow. ***

BDSUS remain in close contact with DoD on options; we remain in touch with London on BE Tehran.

Best,

JCS

British Embassy Washington

PERSONAL

From: JCS

Sent: 17 June 2025, 20:35

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: Re: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

Dear all,

A further update from BEW at our close today:

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he asserted that “We know exactly where the so-called “Supreme Leader” is hiding. He is an easy target but is safe there – We are not going to take him out (kill!), at least not for now. But we don’t want missiles shot at civilians, or American soldiers. Our patience is wearing thin.”

4. Vice President Vance has also made his first public intervention since the start of the conflict, ***

In a Truth Social post, he said “POTUS has been amazingly consistent, over 10 years, that Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon. Over the last few months, he encouraged his foreign policy team to reach a deal with the Iranians to accomplish this goal. The president has made clear that Iran cannot have uranium enrichment. And he said repeatedly that this would happen one of two ways--the easy way or the "other" way. Second, I've seen a lot of confusion over the issue of "civilian nuclear power" and "uranium enrichment." These are distinct issues. Iran could have civilian nuclear power without enrichment, but Iran rejected that. Meanwhile, they've enriched uranium far above the level necessary for any civilian purpose. They've been found in violation of their non-proliferation obligations by the

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which is hardly a rightwing organization… I have yet to see a single good argument for why Iran needed to enrich uranium well above the threshold for civilian use. I've yet to see a single good argument for why Iran was justified in violating its non-proliferation obligations. I've yet to see a single good pushback against the IAEA's findings. Meanwhile, the president has shown remarkable restraint in keeping our military's focus on protecting our troops and protecting our citizens. He may decide he needs to take further action to end Iranian enrichment. That decision ultimately belongs to the president. And of course, people are right to be worried about foreign entanglement after the last 25 years of idiotic foreign policy. But I believe the president has earned some trust on this issue. And having seen this up close and personal, I can assure you that he is only interested in using the American military to accomplish the American people's goals. Whatever he does, that is his focus."

5. ***

6. We are looking forward to seeing the Foreign Secretary in DC tomorrow evening. *** We are providing a scenesetter separately and will brief the Foreign Secretary on the latest developments *** on arrival.

JCS

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PERSONAL

From: JCS

Sent: 17 June 2025, 12:41

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: Re: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

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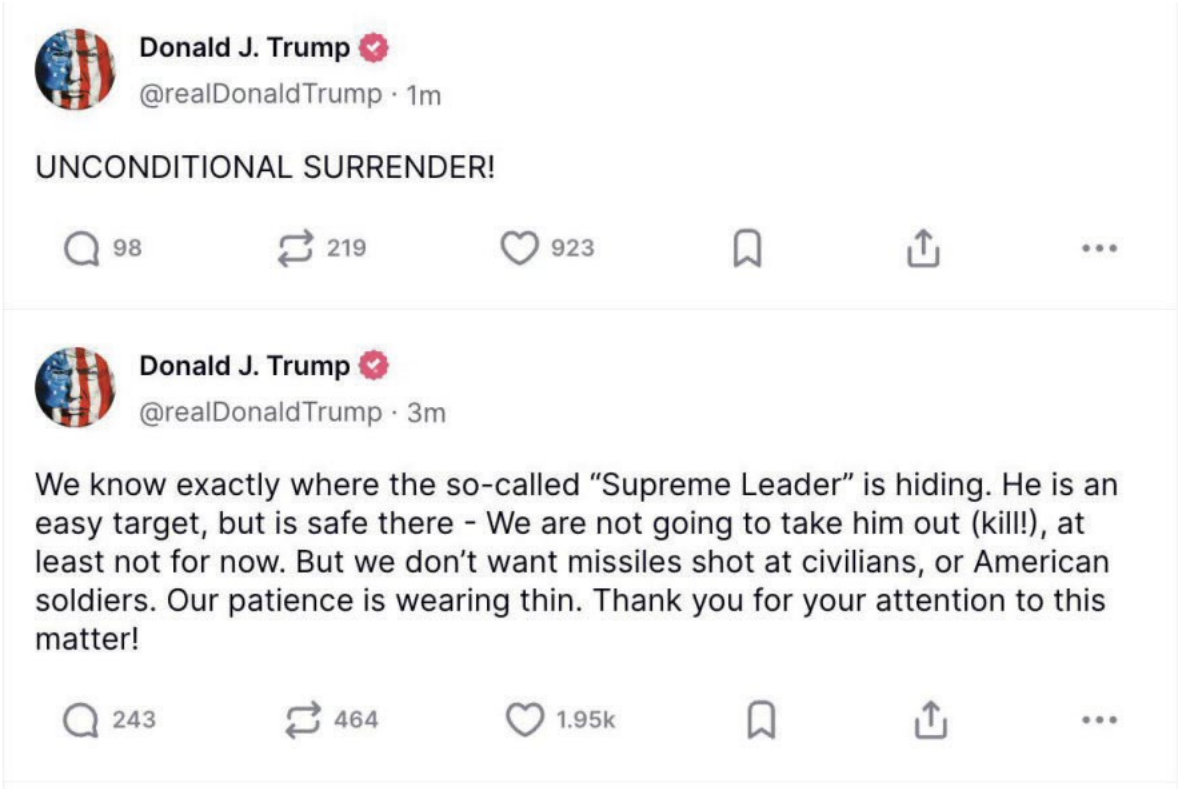
A further update from POTUS below indicating the US will not take out the Supreme Leader and calling for an Iranian unconditional surrender.

JCS

British Embassy Washington

Middle East and North Africa

PERSONAL



From: JCS

Sent: 17 June 2025, 12:01

To: SAME CHAIN AS ABOVE

Subject: Re: US/ISRAEL/IRAN: BE Washington Senior Readers Update

Dear all,

1. JD Vance has just tweeted *** I am copying his full tweet below:

"Look, I'm seeing this from the inside, and am admittedly biased towards our president (and my friend), but there's a lot of crazy stuff on social media, so I to address some things directly on the Iran issue:

First, POTUS has been amazingly consistent, over 10 years, that Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon. Over the last few months, he encouraged his foreign policy team to reach a deal with the Iranians to accomplish this goal. The president has made clear that Iran cannot have uranium enrichment. And he said repeatedly that this would happen one of two ways--the easy way or the "other" way.

Second, I've seen a lot of confusion over the issue of "civilian nuclear power" and "uranium enrichment." These are distinct issues. Iran could have civilian nuclear power without enrichment, but Iran rejected that. Meanwhile, they've enriched uranium far above the level necessary for any civilian purpose. They've been found in violation of their non-proliferation obligations by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which is hardly a rightwing organization.

It's one thing to want civilian nuclear energy. It's another thing to demand sophisticated enrichment capacity. And it's still another to cling to enrichment while simultaneously violating basic non-proliferation obligations and enriching right to the point of weapons-grade uranium.

I have yet to see a single good argument for why Iran needed to enrich uranium well above the threshold for civilian use. I've yet to see a single good argument for why Iran was justified in violating its non-proliferation obligations. I've yet to see a single good pushback against the IAEA's findings.

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Subject: Re: State Visit - Getting the policy ball rolling

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Please make sure I have time with Nick when he comes

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Hi all,

We are currently looking at the below flights for Nick:

Outbound - Tuesday 6th July Personal

Return- Wednesday 7th July Personal

Please let me know if these flights would work.

Kind regards,

JCS

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Office of the Deputy National Security Adviser (International Affairs)

JCS - Private Secretary Personal

JCS - Military Assistant Personal

JCS - Diary & Office Manager | Personal

On Tue, 1 Jul 2025 at 17:15, Nick Catsaras <Personal mailto:Personal wrote:
Team here are looking at flights - probably arriving Tuesday evening for meetings on Wednesday next week, if that works for you.

On Tue, 1 Jul 2025 at 17:02, Peter Mandelson <Personal mailto:Personal wrote:

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Thanks

Peter

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Many thanks, James

James Roscoe | Deputy Ambassador | British Embassy Washington

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Subject: State Visit - Getting the policy ball rolling

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JCS ,

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Many thanks, James

James Roscoe | Deputy Ambassador | British Embassy Washington

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301 - 03-07-2025 - Meeting between Peter Mandelson and Lord Patrick Vallance (Minister of State for Science, Innovation, Research and Technology)

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From:
Vallance, Minister (DSIT)
Sent: 03 July 2025 14:08
To: Vallance, Minister (DSIT) Personal ; Personal Personal Mian, Emran (DSIT) Personal JCS JCS
Cc: Jones, Alexandra (DSIT) Personal ; Secretary of State (Peter Kyle) Personal ; Hill, Francesca (DSIT) Personal ; JCS (Sensitive) JCS ; JCS JCS
Subject: Readout: HMA BEW & Minister Vallance - US-UK Tech Partnership discussion

Dear all,

Ahead of the de-brief at 15:15, and in case not already received, please see below for a readout of the call between HMA and Minister Vallance from Monday 23 June.

Do let me know if there are any points that you would like amended to reflect the wide-ranging discussion.

All the best,

JCS

Monday 23 June

Attendees: Minister Vallance (PV), HMA British Embassy Washington, Peter Mandelson (HMA), Emran Mian (EM), Mungo Woodifield (MW) JCS JCS

UK-US Tech Partnership

Negotiation approach

HMA British Embassy Washington, Peter Mandelson (HMA) and Minister Vallance (PV) explored the detail of the proposed, draft UK-US Tech Partnership focusing on the UK's latest text. They initially touched on the successful announcement of the UK's industrial strategy and HMA's positive recent visits relating to UK quantum research and development. HMA was struck by the equilibrium found between UK and US companies on this issue and strength of UK leadership. HMA outlined the positive opportunities of a tech partnership that could capitalise on this type of example. ***

AI infrastructure

HMA described the objectives of Pillar 1 of the draft tech partnership and the necessity of the getting AI infrastructure built out across the UK via both public and private sector investment, ***

AI will be disruptive, and we want it to be, but this is often pitched as a negative in overly cautious cross-government discussion.

Health Data

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HMA highlighted previous discussions on moonshots and PV expanded on potential AI-driven opportunities for doing drug discovery end-to-end and personalising the whole approach to healthcare, albeit the latter might work better for the UK's holistic approach to healthcare rather than more specialised and disaggregated interventions in the US.

Partner of choice

HMA outlined this new area in the proposed tech partnership of how to ensure US companies consider the UK to be the partner of choice and that UK-based companies continue to prosper within that. PV set out the importance of being clear in any arrangement what the UK's growth approach; ***

Moonshots

HMA invited reflections on UK areas of strength that were either already captured by previous moonshot discussions or might be added to these.

PV expanded on the UK strengths in **quantum**, the challenges of scaling these and examples of expertise in error correction (including the potential application of AI to this). He also highlighted **fusion** as an area where the UK is particularly advanced in approaching a fusion outcome at scale. PV also described the UK's capabilities around small satellites, the potential for polar launch and earth observation in relation to **space**.

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This was still felt to be something worth exploring, particularly in terms of the future focus on satellite solutions and importance of software developers in ensuring that satellites communicate effectively with one another.

It was felt that additional moonshots should be explored as well as exploring whether there were additional US-focused technologies that should be included.

Other

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Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

JCS
Deputy Principal Private Secretary to Secretary of State & cover for Head of Office to the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation
Personal

100 Parliament Street, SW1A 2BQ
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15:15-15:45 HMA/Minister Vallance de-brief

Attendees: Peter Mandelson (PM), Minister Vallance (PV), Mugo Woodifield (MW), JCS

Actions:

- JCS to propose a letter or message from DSIT SoS to the PM to endorse progress on the US-UK tech partnership by Thursday 11 July. (Complete)
- JCS to develop a proposal for UK experts to support US-UK detailed negotiations on the tech partnership by Thursday 17 July.
- PM office to share his letter to the Prime Minister with PV and JCS as well as the readouts from recent visits. (Complete)
- BEW to explore further proposals in this area and provide PV with advice on the suggested approach by summer recess.

PM: Thought that DeepMind has been a huge success and major trigger for much else coming to Kings Cross. He said that his visit to Cambridge was also very impactful. Noted how Cambridge was contained and coherent. He said that the private sector and research community were very positive about the US and was struck by the appetite to grow in Cambridge. He said that Cambridge researchers want the Government to provide a framework on which they can continue their work.

PM: ***

ACTION: PM's office to share readouts and the letter to the Prime Minister.

JCS ACTION: suggested it would be useful for SoS to follow up with a letter or message to the PM to endorse progress on the US-UK tech partnership.

MW: ***

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PV: Agreed with MW and thought that it was important to have technical experts directly involved in the negotiations as well as considering the detail from the workshops that have already taken place.

PM: ***

PV: ***

JCS Responded to PM's questions on where the UK's expertise on chips and semiconductors lies. ***

MW: ***

ACTION: BEW to explore further proposals in this area and provide PV with advice on the suggested approach.

303 - 03-07-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Sir Oliver Robbins
(former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson[Personal

Sent: Thur 03/07/2025 11:33:13 AM (UTC)
To: Oliver Robbins Personal
Subject: Fw: Readout: Varun Chandra / ***

fyi to keep you abreast

On defence, I understand his point about *** tracks but this track is potentially important to us and we should not lose sight or momentum.

Peter
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From: JCS
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 10:52:49 PM
To: Varun Chandra ; Peter Mandelson
Cc: Mian, Emran (DSIT) ; Jones, Alexandra (DSIT) ; Vallance, Minister (DSIT) ; Gemma Ungoed-Thomas (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) ; Rachel Kempsell (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) ; JCS ; JCS ; Mungo Woodifield ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; Secretary of State (Peter Kyle) ; Chris Jones (T & A Director) ; James Roscoe ; JCS
Subject: Readout: Varun Chandra / ***

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Varun,
You met with *** to discuss the Tech Partnership.

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Kind regards,
JCS

| First Secretary Technology Policy, British Embassy Washington | Personal

304 - 03-07-2025 Email to Peter Mandelson from Jane Marriott (UK High Commissioner to Pakistan)

From: Jane Marriott[Personal

Sent: Thur 03/07/2025 11:37:55 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Cc: James Roscoe[Personal
Subject: US, STEM and UK Visas
Attachment: Visa letter 6 May 25.pdf
Attachment: Minister Malhotra to HoL Science and Technology Committee - STEM Visas (1).pdf

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Peter,
We spoke briefly in the margins of the leadership conference. I mentioned that I had run into Lord Robert Mair, chair of the Lords' Science and Technology Committee, who had been looking into why the UK's R&D in STEM is not translating into start-up success as effectively as other countries. Lord Mair is clear that we should be making competitive offers to US researchers and research teams, looking to e.g. stagger visa and associated costs over the lifetime of the visa rather than an off-putting upfront cost.
He wrote to the PM and Home Secretary on 6 May (pre-Immigration White Paper) and got a response from Minister Malhotra after its launch. Both attached. I'm afraid I can't help but think the UK is missing a trick here. You were of the same opinion and said you'd be interested in pursuing.
Lord Mair's email is Personal should you / team wish to engage.
Jane
Jane Marriott CMG OBE
UK High Commissioner to Pakistan

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Sent Varun Chandra [Personal]
Thur 03/07/2025 9:21:28 AM (UTC)

To: Kalada BRUCE-JAJA2 (DBT) Personal ;
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; Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal ;
Caroline Hurndall Personal ;
ross.exley Personal

Subject: Re: READOUT: Secretary of State-US Ambassador Warren A. Stephens - Wednesday 2 July - 1530 BST [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE]

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Thank you. I'm seeing the Ambassador this afternoon, so this is very helpful context.
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Varun Chandra | Prime Minister's Special Adviser on Business and Investment
10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA | Personal

From: Kalada BRUCE-JAJA2 (DBT)
Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 10:02:24 AM
To: Kate JOSEPH (DBT)
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Dear Kate,

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All the best,

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306 - 03-07-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No 10)

From: Ailsa Terry[Personal]
Sent: Thur 03/07/2025 6:31:37 AM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson[Personal]
Cc: Oliver Robbins[Personal]; DNSA NC[Personal]; Jonathan Powell[Personal]; Caroline Hurndall[Personal]; James Roscoe[Personal]; Morgan McSweeney[Personal]; Ninjeri Pandit[Personal]
Subject: Re: State Visit of President and Mrs Trump to the UK

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Dear Peter,

Many thanks for setting this out as discussed. Very helpful to get this overview and recommendations as we go forward with planning with your team.

I'll ensure the PM sees this before further discussions take place, and will share with a few key people my side.

Ailsa

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 2:15:27 AM
To: Ailsa Terry
Cc: Oliver Robbins ; DNSA NC ; Jonathan Powell ; Caroline Hurndall ; James Roscoe ; Morgan McSweeney ; Ninjeri Pandit
Subject: State Visit of President and Mrs Trump to the UK

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Prime Minister

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Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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307 - 03-07-2025- Email from Peter Mandelson to Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No 10), and others

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Subject: State Visit of President and Mrs Trump to the UK
Date: Thursday, 3 July 2025 at 02:15:30 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Ailsa Terry
CC: Oliver Robbins, DNSA NC, Jonathan Powell, Caroline Hurndall, James Roscoe, Morgan McSweeney, Ninj Pandit

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Sent: Fri 04/07/2025 11:12:03 PM (UTC)
To: Oliver Christian Personal ; Varun Chandra Personal
Cc: Washington Private Office Personal ; JCS ; Mungo Woodifield Personal ; Personal
Subject: RE: US State visit: Business event proposal.

Thanks. In principle this is attractive. ***

Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal

From: Oliver Christian
Sent: 04 July 2025 06:24
To: Peter Mandelson ; Varun Chandra
Cc: Washington Private Office ; JCS ; Personal ; Mungo Woodifield
Subject: US State visit: Business event proposal.

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Peter, Varun,
See attached an outlined Business and Investment event for the SV in September (We've discussed separately and you may have noted in your conversation in DC this week).
I led something similar in the 1st State Visit and it was successful at giving the economic elements and announcements for the SV a framing moment - celebrating success and confirming ambitions and positive messaging to (global) investors. I hope that working up an option early will help us get ahead of things over the summer.
I would welcome your thoughts on the outline and happy to amend and augment.
Recommend we have a tight pitch before we put into the FCDO Royal protocol team/ Royal Household.
Keeping tight disto for the moment.
Regards,
OC

Oliver Christian
His Majesty's Consul General in New York & His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for North America
E-mail: Personal

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309 - 05-07-2025- Emails between Peter Mandelson and Andrew Mitchell (HM Ambassador to Germany, FCDO)

From: Andrew Mitchell Personal

Sent: Sat 05/07/2025 4:06:53 PM (UTC)
To: Peter MandelsonPersonal
Subject: Re: Personal: Third Party

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It won't stop Third Party
The conference was downbeat overall I thought - highly predictable as heads of mission fear for their jobs and the fates of their teams, particularly those scoring low on the priority register.
On a scale of 1-10 the event is generally a 2 on controversy and a 9 on gossip. It didn't disappoint. The gossip was a window on an organisation out of sorts with itself - which is why no one disagrees it needs a gargantuan shake-up.
The general view was that we'd taken a small step forward on that; but it didn't help Third Party that the connecting element with this group - the board - was with two exceptions departing or absent.
The best session was on tech innovation; we just mustn't make the obvious mistake of doing the same things faster.
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Andrew Mitchell CMG
HM Ambassador to Germany
Personal

From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Saturday, July 5, 2025 14:27
To: Andrew Mitchell
Subject: Re: Personal: Third Party

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thanks Andrew, very helpful. Personal

How did the HoMs meeting unfold ? Any highlights ? Any controversy ?!

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From: Andrew Mitchell

Sent: Saturday, July 5, 2025 8:21:44 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Fw: Personal: Third

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Hi Peter,

Good to meet you this week in London.

I heard from my Third Party that you're seeing Third Party this week in DC. They've shared the read outs from our recent meetings with you, including our latest a couple of weeks back in Third. As you'll anticipate, ***

Our key concern is ***

Hope it goes well.
Andrew

Andrew Mitchell CMG
HM Ambassador to Germany
Personal

310 - 24-07-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson, Andrew Mitchell (HM Ambassador to Germany, FCDO) and others

From: Andrew Mitchell Personal

Sent: Sat 26/07/2025 4:34:24 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: Re: Saudi - Gaza - Next Phase

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Thanks Peter. Will cc you advice I'll send over tomorrow on context/policy considerations on *** challenges on *** in partic

Andrew Mitchell CMG
HM Ambassador to Germany
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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2025 7:39:23 AM **To:** Andrew Mitchell
Subject: Fw: Saudi - Gaza - Next Phase

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Subject: RE: Saudi - Gaza - Next Phase

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Dear Neil,

Thank you for sharing this proposal with BEW. I'm replying on behalf of BEW after discussing with HMA and DHM.

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JCS

JCS | **Foreign and Security Policy – Head of Middle East and Africa**

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Subject: Saudi - Gaza - Next Phase

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Stephen

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Neil Crompton
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311 - 06-07-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No.10) and Caroline Hurndall (Principal Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

To: DNSA NC Personal , "Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office)" Personal

Subject: FW: US ISRAEL POLICY

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Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 06 July 2025 22:01
To: Ailsa Terry (No.10) < Personal >; Caroline Hurndall < Personal >
Cc: Jonathan Powell < Personal >
Subject: US ISRAEL POLICY

Dear Caroline, Ailsa,

The White House used the 4 July celebrations to mark the successful passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill and the President's achievements in the Middle East. Trump and his family were joined by the Iran mission pilots and Edan Alexander - the last living US hostage freed from Gaza - as they watched the Fordow B2 bomber lead a fly past over the National Mall. The President made clear in his remarks that he hopes to achieve an Israel-Gaza ceasefire in the coming week - what he sees as the final step in bringing genuine peace to the Middle East. ***

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Peter

Lord Mandelson

HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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312 - 07-07-2025- Emails between Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No.10) Michael Ellam (Second Permanent Secretary, European Union and International Economic Affairs, CO) and others

Personal

From: Ailsa Terry <

Sent: 07 July 2025

To: Michael Ellam; Black, Jonathan - CO (OFF-SEN); mark.kent; Collins, Matthew - CO

JCS

NC; Jonathan Powell

Cc: ; PSMichaelEllam Mailbox; psmatthewcollins - CO (OFF-SEN); ilbox; Foreign Affairs PO Team; Varun Chand JCS s Team; Stuart Ingham; Liz Lloyd;

Subject: low up - US, Trade and Critical Minerals

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Dear all,

Please do not forward on without my explicit permission.

Many thanks for the papers and preparations for the office meetings we had with the Prime Minister on Friday 4 July. The discussions generated some follow up steers and actions, which we would be grateful if you would take forward as below (with thanks to JCS).

Critical minerals

Cabinet Office and the Critical Minerals Intelligence Centre briefed on the current state of play. During the discussion the PM noted the importance of critical minerals to the UK's broader objectives, and to the growth agenda in particular.

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Ailsa

Ailsa Terry CMG| Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs| Prime Minister' s Office | 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA | Personal

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Subject: RE: PM office meetings tomorrow - joining instructions

Dear all

I wanted to say thank you to all who contributed to preparations and attended the office meetings with the PM today, who remarked he found them a useful and productive set of discussions.

JCS and I will circulate actions and steers on *** to the relevant teams in the normal way.

Thanks again,

Ailsa

From: Ailsa Terry <Personal
Sent: 03 July 2025 19:58
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Subject: PM office meetings tomorrow - joining instructions

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Hi all,

I wanted to give you the latest ahead of the series of office meetings we have tomorrow. You should by now have the relevant papers for the relevant session – please get them from the teams if needed. No 10 attendees will be able to get them from duty clerks as usual. **Please do not forward this email on**.

@mark.kent can you confirm you will run Gavin through arrangements for tomorrow?

Agenda below. The location is Admiralty House, your name should be on the door. Lunch provided for those bridging the US and trade sessions. Please note the dress code is **smart casual**.

Critical Minerals (1100-1230)

- Critical Minerals expert presentation (Dr Gavin Mudd, Chair, Critical Minerals Intelligence Centre)
- Options for and risks to securing UK advantage (Mark Kent)

Castlist: No 10 + Michael Ellam, Matt Collins, Mark Kent, Dr Gavin Mudd [latter first 30 minutes only].

PS: Ailsa

Approach to the US administration (1300-1400)

- Review of approach to US in first 6 months (Jonathan Powell, Peter Mandelson)
- Agree priorities for the next six months, including the US State Visit (Nick Catsaras)

Castlist: No 10 + Nick Catsaras, Matt Collins, Jonathan Black, Peter Mandelson. PS: Ailsa.

New Trading Partnership (1400-1500)

- Geoeconomics: the context and what has changed (Jonathan Black, Simon Manley)
- Options for driving forward new trade agenda: i) multilateral and ii) bilateral (Michael Ellam, Amanda Brooks)

Castlist: No 10 + Micheal Ellam, Jonathan Black, JCS , Simon Manley (UK Rep to WTO). PS: JCS

Thanks all and see you tomorrow.

Ailsa

Ailsa Terry CMG| Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs| Prime Minister' s Office | 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA | Personal

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313 - 08-07-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Pat McFadden (former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations)

Subject: ***
From: Pat McFadden Personal
Date: 08/07/2025, 06:04
To: Peter Mandelson < Personal >

This is very helpful. Thank you.

Pat

On Tue, 8 Jul 2025 at 02:47, Peter Mandelson Personal wrote:

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Lord Mandelson

HM Ambassador, Washington DC

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From: Peter Mandelson[Personal

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Sent: Tue 08/07/2025 1:50:18 AM (UTC)

To: Pat Mcfadden[Personal]

Subject: Info note for Business and Trade Committee hearing

Attachment: Business and Trade Committee Econ Security - HMA Briefing - July 2025 (002).docx

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal | Personal

From: JCS

Sent: 07 July 2025 18:15

To: Peter Mandelson

Cc: Mungo Woodifield ; JCS ; JCS

Subject: Lines and Info note for Business and Trade Committee hearing

Ambassador,

As you requested earlier, please find attached the final, revised info note you commissioned this morning in relation to the Business and Trade Committee Economic Security hearing,

Best,

JCS

Business and Trade Committee Visit to Washington DC – 8-10 June 2025

Summary

1. Liam Byrne visited Washington DC in early June. During the visit, he spoke frequently of the need for the West to have 'trusted' trade with China rather than 'free'. He likened this to 'trade with guardrails', where Chinese exports and investments are de-risked on national security grounds.

2. He was broadly critical of the effectiveness of UK controls. In a meeting with Commerce, he highlighted a lack of parliamentary scrutiny over UK investment screening processes. In a meeting with USTR, he also criticised the UK for being further behind the US in prohibiting forced labour in supply chains. He highlighted that his Committee plans to publish a report on economic security in late summer.

3. In several meetings, Liam also asked about ***
He was critical about the ***
whilst repeatedly highlighting areas on ***
where he saw *** as more developed and coherent.

Department of Commerce

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b. Liam highlighted 'weak' parliamentary oversight of economic security in the UK and suggested the UK lacked a clear definition of economic security. He raised his personal concerns about Chinese investment into the UK's critical national infrastructure (offshore wind) and what he believes is an inadequate investment screening process. He added that

the Committee is planning to publish a report on UK economic security later in the summer.

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315 - 09-07-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Andrew Mitchell (HM Ambassador to Germany, FCDO)

From: Andrew Mitchell Personal

Sent: Wed 09/07/2025 9:40:27 AM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson[Personal]
Subject: Fw: 20250707 HMA Berlin Scenesetter Letter to JIC Chair
Attachment: 20250707 HMA Berlin Scenesetter Letter to JIC Chair.pdf
Attachment: 20250210 HMA Berlin Letter to Jonathan Allen - National Security.pdf

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<Personal >; Dan Chugg * <Personal >; Nick Pickard
<Personal >; Ruth Wiseman <Personal >; Personal
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Austria Team <Personal >; Kieran Drake

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Subject: 20250707 HMA Berlin Scenesetter Letter to JIC Chair

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Dear Madelieine, Private Office,

Please see attached a scenesetter from HMA Berlin, Andrew Mitchell, ahead of your visit to Berlin later this week. I'm also attaching a letter that Andrew sent to Jonathan Allen in February on National Security as seen here in Berlin.

All best

JCS

JCS (he/him)

Private Secretary to the Ambassador

British Embassy | Wilhelmstrasse 70 | 10117 Berlin

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316 - 09-07-2025 - Email between Peter Mandelson, Caroline Hurndall (Principal Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary, FCDO) and Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No.10)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Wed 09/07/2025 10:27:14 PM (UTC)

To: Caroline Hurndall[Personal]; Ailsa Terry (No.10)[Personal

Cc: Jonathan Powell[Personal Oliver Robbins[Personal]; Rich Morris (No.10)[Personal ; Lucy Ferguson[Personal]

Subject: Re: US ISRAEL POLICY

This is a very 'Israeli' week in DC given Netanyahu's visit. The administration is crystallizing its views and I will write further on their positions.

Peter

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From: Ailsa Terry
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6:24:59 PM
To: Caroline Hurndall ; Peter Mandelson
Cc: Jonathan Powell ; Oliver Robbins ; Rich Morris (No.10)
Subject: RE: US ISRAEL POLICY

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Dear Peter
Thanks from me too. We plan to put an update to the PM shortly drawing on the work that Caroline refers to, and I will ensure we include this when we do.
I will also keep you posted as discussed on any Ministerial discussions around these issues.
We would definitely welcome that input to ensure that any changes to position are framed and therefore land effectively for a Washington audience.
Ailsa

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From: Caroline Hurndall
Sent: 07 July 2025 18:12
To: Peter Mandelson ; Ailsa Terry
Cc: Jonathan Powell ; Oliver Robbins
Subject: RE: US ISRAEL POLICY

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Peter,

Thank you very much for this, very helpful and timely. You'll probably be aware that, post-12 Day War and in the hope of a ceasefire, the teams are thinking through the bigger picture of our policy in this space and more broadly in the region, and I'm sure your team's input will be welcome there. In the meantime I've added Olly, who is helping to oversee this thinking.
Best wishes
Caroline
Caroline Hurndall | PPS/FS | Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: 07 July 2025 03:01
To: Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal ; Caroline Hurndall Personal
Cc: Jonathan Powell Personal
Subject: US ISRAEL POLICY

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Dear Caroline, Ailsa,
The White House used the 4 July celebrations to mark the successful passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill and the President's achievements in the Middle East. Trump and his family were joined by the Iran mission pilots and Edan Alexander – the last living US hostage freed from Gaza – as they watched the Fordow B2 bomber lead a fly past over the National Mall. The President made clear in his remarks that he hopes to achieve an Israel-Gaza ceasefire in the coming week - what he sees as the final step in bringing genuine peace to the Middle East. ***

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Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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317 - 10-07-2025 - Letter from Barrow Hepburn & Gale to the Private Office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Confidential[Sensitive]
JCS

Email only as attachment

Private Office
Chancellor of the Exchequer
11 Downing Street
London
SW1A 2AB

10 July 2025

Dear JCS

POTUS and Barrow Hepburn & Gale

I refer to our conversation when we met this week on Tuesday 8th of July regarding the above.

You asked me to put in writing what I initially flagged up in a WhatsApp message to you on 28th February this year regarding the approach we received from persons of influence close to President Trump. That message related to a potential liaison gift of a personalized Despatch Box that would be presented to the President during his UK state visit. The reason I messaged you was because I was concerned that a presentation made on the fringes by anyone other than the Prime Minister or the monarch during a state visit would be potentially embarrassing both to the country and the office of the Prime Minister. For the sake of clarity I must make the distinction between the office per-se and the individual personality because over the many years, we have carefully avoided appearing to endorse anyone.

Thankfully and due in great part to a great deal of discrete hard work both here and the US, events have now taken shape and the matter will soon be on the right track, when the pre-advance team dealing with the state visit arrives next week. The discrete efforts have ensured that the initial approach we received can be discussed between
THIRD PART
and Lord Mandelson, who have a very close friendship: Personal
Personal .

All of the above saves me the effort of having to write a circumlocutory, explanatory letter given the sensitive aspects of all the information I have been made aware of. However, I will make you aware andam happy for you to pass on this letter to whoever you consider should need to read it, of the following:

1. The initial approach regarding a bespoke Despatch Box for President Trump has been commercially costed, and we will not deviate from that cost. Those making the initial approach are aware of the costs associated with our privately commissioned bespoke Despatch Boxes.
2. President Trump's bespoke Despatch Box has already been designed and been met with approval.
3. Should either the office of the PM or BP take formal ownership of the commission, they will need to work within our lead time of 8–10 weeks for bespoke work.

Kind regards
Personal

THIRD PARTY

Barrow Hepburn Gale
Reg Office: : Dorney House High Street Burnham SL1 7JP
www.barrowhepburngale.com I Personal

318 - 10-07-2025 - Emails from Junior Civil Servant to the National Armaments Director's office

From:
Sent: Wed, 25 Feb 2026 10:46:39
To: Simcock, Rich Lt Col(NAD-MA)
Subject: Fw: DRAFT Readout: HMA and NAD - 10 July 2025
Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

From: JCS
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 23:34
To: NAD-Private Office (MULTIUSER) < Personal >
Subject: Re: DRAFT Readout: HMA and NAD - 10 July 2025

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Oh and please copy in me too :)

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From: JCS
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 5:04:28 PM
To: NAD-Private Office (MULTIUSER) < Personal >
Subject: DRAFT Readout: HMA and NAD - 10 July 2025

JCS I was going to send this out to BDS colleagues, but understand that you're potentially doing a separate readout, so my notes below. I'm on leave tomorrow, so if you send it out, can you please copy:

Newton, Mark SCS (BDSUS-MinDefence-SPO-USA Dir) Personal JCS
; Farhall, Laura SCS
(BDSUS-DAT-Min-Cllr) Personal Moffat, John SCS Pay Band 1
(BDSUS-DPN-Min-Cllr) Personal ; JCS
; JCS
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JCS

HMA Peter Mandelson met with National Armaments Director, Andy Start on 10 July 2025.

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On technology and innovation, Andy said that US companies like Palantir and Anduril have good engagement with UK innovation and capabilities teams. ***

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HMA asked if there were any procurements which could present announcement at the State Visit. Any announcement would need to support US industry while supporting UK jobs and growth. Andy will take the question away and see if there's anything in the pipeline that might meet the bar.

Thanks
JCS

JCS **| Counsellor - Capability Coherence**
British Defence Staff | British Embassy Washington | 3100 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20008, USA
Office: Personal **Mobile:** Personal **Email**: Personal

From: Stephanie Driver Personal
Sent: Thur 10/07/2025 7:09:01 PM (UTC)
To: JCS Personal JCS Personal
Cc: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: Re: Annual Ditchley Lecture - Lord Mandelson - 6 Sept

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Hi JCS,

No issues here. As you say, the timing is extremely useful.

Good luck with Katy. JCS in my team will bounce you some colour from when the PM visited JLR. Let us know how the interview goes.

Cheers as ever,

Steph

Stephanie Driver | Director of Communications - Delivery | 10 Downing Street | London SW1A 2AA | Email: Personal

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From: JCS
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 4:33:03 PM
To: JCS ; Stephanie Driver
Cc: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Annual Ditchley Lecture - Lord Mandelson - 6 Sept

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Steph, JCS - hi
HMA has been invited and tentatively accepted a request to deliver the annual lecture – on the special relationship - at the Anglo/US foundation Ditchley - on 6 September in Oxfordshire. This is would serve as a curtain raiser to the State Visit and a chance to set out to US and UK audiences the value the modern relation delivers to both societies across growth and national security priorities.
Given its in the UK we wanted to flag to your team. We would share a script of Peter's remarks well ahead of time for comments and views. Let us know if any issues your end. Ditchley want to issue invites Monday.
All thanks. Yours, JCS
JCS
Director of Communications & Spokesperson

British Embassy Washington
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320 - 22-06-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Ailsa Terry (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, No.10) and others

From:
Sent: Sun, 22 Jun 2025 05:11:18
To: Exley, Ross SCS Pay Band 1 Hall, JCS SofS-Private Office (MULTIUSER) JCS CDS-Private Office (MULTIUSER)
Cc: JCS Wyatt, Paul SCS (DSP-DG Policy-Personal) DSP-DG Policy-Private Office (MULTIUSER) Woods, Tim R JCS Moffat, John SCS Pay Band 1 (BDSUS-DPN-Min Cllr) JCS
Subject: HMA Washington - Iran: Messaging & Next Steps
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 22 June 2025 00:36
To: James Roscoe ; Lucy Ferguson ; Newton, Mark SCS (BDSUS-MinDefence-SPO-USA Dir) ; Woods, Tim R Adm (BDSUS Hd-DA) ; JCS ; Washington Private Office
Subject: FW: Iran: messaging and next steps

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Please forward to John Healey and CDS

Lord Mandelson

HM Ambassador, Washington DC

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From: Peter Mandelson <Personal >
Sent: 22 June 2025 00:33
To: Ailsa Terry (No.10) <Personal >; Caroline Hurndall Personal **Cc:** Morgan McSweeney Personal ; Jonathan Powell Personal ; Ninjeri Pandit Personal ; Christian Turner Personal
Subject: Iran: messaging and next steps

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Ailsa, Caroline

This evening we saw the US take military action against the Iranian nuclear sites of Fordow, Natanz and Esfahan. ***

Trump later this evening spoke to the nation. Vance *** Rubio and Hegseth were beside him. It was a carefully calibrated address setting out that the US were targeting Iran's nuclear enrichment capability *** and now wanted peace, although Trump threatened further strikes if Iran did not make peace. ***

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Very best

Peter

HM Ambassador, Washington DC

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Subject: Re: Gaza talks: ***
Date: Thursday, 10 July 2025 at 14:25:11 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Neerav Patel, JCS , JCS , Stephen Hickey, Christian Turner, Simon Walters *, Helen Winterton, Neil Crompton *, Gareth Bayley, IAU Middle East, Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive), DNSA NC, Collins, Matthew - CO (OFF-SEN), JCS (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive), JCS , PS Minister Falconer - Action, Pol Director (Shared), JCS JCS , JCS), JCS (MOD), Patrick Moody, JCS Jonathan Powell, JCS
CC: NSA, psmatthewcollins - CO (OFF-SEN), psnickcatsaras Mailbox, JCS , Lucy Ferguson, JCS n

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Thanks Neerav, this broadly accords with what we are hearing here. ***

Peter

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From: Neerav Patel Personal
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:14:11 AM
To: JCS JCS : JCS Stephen Hickey Personal : Christian Turner Personal : Simon Walters * Personal : Helen Winterton Personal ; Neil Crompton * Personal ; Gareth Bayley Personal ; IAU Middle East Personal ; Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) Personal ; DNSA NC Personal : Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) Personal : JCS PS Minister Falconer - Action Personal : Pol Director (Shared) Personal JCS >: JCS JCS Patrick Moody Personal JCS : Jonathan Powell <Personal JCS
Cc: NSA (Cabinet Office) <Personal >; PS Matthew Collins mailbox <Personal >; psnickcatsaras Mailbox

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Subject: Gaza talks: ^^^

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JCS ,

I just took a call from ***

best

Neerav

Neerav Patel
British Ambassador to Qatar
Personal

Personal

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From: JCS

Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 10:40:55 AM
To: Same copy list as above

Subject: Read out: NSA call with Third Party 2 July 2025

Neerav,

NSA spoke briefly to Third Party yesterday evening, 2 July 2025. I will record the consular discussion separately.

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Best wishes,

JCS

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JCS | Private Secretary to the National Security Adviser |Personal

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British Embassy Washington

From the Ambassador

The Rt Hon Lord Mandelson PC
His Majesty's Ambassador
3100 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Tel: Personal

11 July 2025

The Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Dear Chancellor,

Reflections on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

On Friday 4th July 2025, President Trump signed into law his flagship " One Big Beautiful Bill Act" package of tax, spending, defence and border measures.

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Lord Mandelson
British Ambassador to the United States

323 - 10-07-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Caroline Hurndall (Principal Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: 10 July 2025 16:32
To: Caroline Hurndall Personal
Subject: letter to the Foreign Secretary

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Dear David,
I know how much pressure you and the Prime Minister are under ***

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I would be happy to discuss with you further.
Very best
Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal

From: Stephanie Driver Personal
Sent: Fri 11/07/2025 6:15:47 AM (UTC)
To: JCS Peter Mandelson Personal
Cc: JCS Mungo Woodifield Personal JCS Personal
Subject: Re: Times interview questions / script ideas
Attachment: Three phases script.docx

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Good morning Peter, JCS,

I've attached our phases script, written to enable spox to characterise the first year. This structure allowed analysis of the past to be used to look to the future.

It also reminds the audience that Keir is a focused PM, with a clear diagnosis of the challenge, and a clear-eyed solution.

Thanks,

Steph

Stephanie Driver | Director of Communications - Delivery | 10 Downing Street | London SW1A 2AA | Personal

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From: JCS
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 3:57:35 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Cc: JCS ; Mungo Woodifield ; JCS Stephanie Driver
Subject: Times interview questions / script ideas

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Peter – cc JCS /Steph
I saw Katy earlier this afternoon. Katy's priorities for the Sunday Times piece are:

- Trade and the picture story around the Aston Martins arriving. Demonstrate tangible impacts of UK gaining first deal
- Working with Trump – state of the special relationship in a MAGA / Labour world
- Peter – some profile content on HMA as a political ambassador – how he has approached the administration. Bit of colour from life in DC [NB Sunday Times

will be pitching this as Peter's first UK print sit-down since taking up the role]
- Some questions on UK political landscape and what labour/UK can learn from Trump administration

Script attached – reflecting your earlier steers. Also including tomorrow's broadcast brief and reactive lines on steel at the bottom of this. We'll get print outs to you first thing.

JCS /Steph shout if any thoughts / additions and send over anything addition you'd want Peter to land or think could come up – by noon GMT please.

JCS

More detail on areas Katy Balls wants to get:

Trade
- Merits of the deal – how we came to be first
- Assessment of the impact
- She would source some other supportive quotes on this [we sent her have contacts for Aston Martin comms team who happy to speak to her / provide quotes. Aston Martin clear with us that they would raise potential concerns area scale/distribution of quotas]
- What comes next, other concerns
- Was this a tangible Brexit benefit?

Working with Trump admin
- State of the special relationship?
- Reflections on Trump's leadership?
- How you've personally found Trump/Admin
- Aspirations for state visit? Will he address parli?
- Your take on state of the Democrats? How sister party relations?

Peter's experience as ambassador
- Tough arrival – la Civita tweet etc – how things now stand?
- How have you approached admin/MAGA? How navigated coming from left and dealing with the right?
- How it is being a political appointee rather than a traditional diplomat?
- Your longevity? How keep reinventing/staying relevant?
- Your day to day life in DC? How find being 5hrs behind? General colour etc.

UK political
- Take on reform dynamics? Labour one year in?
- What can Labour learn from Trump? Especially on key issues such as immigration?
- Farage view that external experts should be brought into cabinet roles as per US model. Could we learn this from US?

STEEL

Reactive lines to take

(UK facing) A government spokesperson said:

"The UK is still the only country to have avoided 50% steel and aluminium tariffs, but we are

committed to going further to give industry the security they need, protect vital steelworking jobs, and put more money in people's pockets through the Plan for Change.
"We will continue to work with the US to get this deal implemented as soon as possible and in industry's best interests."

Background:

- The US agreed to removing tariffs on these products as part of our agreement on the 8 May and reiterated that again at the G7 last month.

∀ We know businesses need certainty so while we continue to negotiate with the US, we have also taken bold steps to introduce new and strengthened trade measures to protect steel producers against dumping, slashed electricity costs for steel producers as part of our Industrial Strategy plans, agreed a £500m grant funding for a new electric arc furnace at Port Talbot and we're creating a steel strategy, launching later this year, that will ensure the long-term future of steel making in the UK.

∀ Industry Minister Sarah Jones met with the steel and aluminium sectors on Tuesday 8 July to listen to their concerns and find out what further steps the government can take to protect these sectors.

∀ As part of recently announced Industrial Strategy and through our Plan for Change, we're making it easier for businesses to invest which is why the news that the UK ranked as the world's top investment destination earlier this week is a welcome sign.

JCS

Director of Communications & Spokesperson
British Embassy Washington
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Subject: Re: US ISRAEL POLICY
Date: Friday, 11 July 2025 at 15:30:10 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Stephen Hickey
CC: JCS , Simon Walters *, Helen Winterton, PUS Action, Oliver Robbins, Lucy Ferguson, JCS *, Caroline Hurndall, Ben Llewellyn-Jones, Christian Turner, Christian Dennys, JCS , NSA, Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive), Ailsa Terry, Richard Morris, Neil Crompton * James Roscoe

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Thanks Stephen. I am en route to Baltimore to welcome the first post trade deal shipment of Aston Martins to arrive on American shores and I will, if I may, consider a longer response to your very helpful email.

Just a few quick reactions in the meantime.

I don't think it is right to say ***

i will get back to you again.

very best

Peter

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From: Stephen Hickey Personal
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 10:05:12 AM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Cc: JCS JCS

JCS Simon Walters * Personal >: Helen Winterton Personal >; PUS Action Personal >: Oliver Robbins Personal Lucy Ferguson Personal JCS Caroline Hurndall Personal ; Ben Llewellyn-Jones Personal Christian Turner Personal Christian Dennys Personal : JCS ; NSA (Cabinet Office) Personal ; Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) Personal >; Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal Rich Morris (No.10) Personal Neil Crompton * Personal ; James Roscoe Personal

Subject: Re: US ISRAEL POLICY

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HMA,

1. Many thanks for your recent letter on US policy towards Israel. It's very helpful to understand ***

2. ***

3. ***

4. ***

5. ***

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6. ***

7. Finally, I wanted to pass on my thanks to your wider embassy team, especially JCS who I know will depart Washington soon. JCS and the wider team have been invaluable in helping to shape UK Middle East policy and we really appreciate the close collaboration with MENAD.

Stephen

Director Middle East and North Africa

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From: Caroline Hurndall Personal
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 4:29 pm
To: Stephen Hickey Personal ; Ben Llewellyn-Jones Personal
Cc: JCS JCS Simon Walters * Personal Helen Winterton Personal >; PUS Action Personal : Oliver Robbins Personal >; Lucy Ferguson Personal ; JCS

Subject: FW: US ISRAEL POLICY

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Stephen, Ben – *** -
you'll want to see the below.

Best wishes
Caroline

Caroline Hurndall | PPS/FS | Personal

The Foreign Secretary's box deadline is midday, Monday to Thursday. Please allow a minimum of 48hrs to process work sent to FSPO. Please also copy JCS *to all submissions/updates to the Foreign Secretary.*

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: 07 July 2025 03:01
To: Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal >; Caroline Hurndall
Personal
Cc: Jonathan Powell Personal
Subject: US ISRAEL POLICY

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Dear Caroline, Ailsa,

The White House used the 4 July celebrations to mark the successful passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill and the President's achievements in the Middle East. Trump and his family were joined by the Iran mission pilots and Edan Alexander – the last living US hostage freed from Gaza – as they watched the Fordow B2 bomber lead a fly past over the National Mall. The President made clear in his remarks that he hopes to achieve an Israel-Gaza ceasefire in the coming week - what he sees as the final step in bringing genuine peace to the Middle East. ***

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Peter

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Subject: Re: US State visit: Business event proposal.
Date: Friday, 11 July 2025 at 03:18:28 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Oliver Christian, Varun Chandra
CC: Washington Private Office, JCS , Personal , Mungo Woodifield, Alan Gogbashian

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peter

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From: Oliver Christian Personal
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:28:09 AM
To: Peter Mandelson <Personal Varun Chandra Personal
Cc: Washington Private Office Personal JCS < JCS >; Personal ersonal Mungo Woodifield Personal ; Alan Gogbashian Personal >
Subject: Re: US State visit: Business event proposal.

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Regards,
OC

His Majesty's Consul General to New York & His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for North America

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: Saturday, July 5. 2025 1:12:03 AM
To: Oliver Christian Personal >; Varun Chandra Personal
Cc: Washington Private Office Personal ; JCS < JCS >: Personal Personal >; Mungo Woodifield Personal
Subject: RE: US State visit: Business event proposal.

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Thanks. In principle this is attractive. ***

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal

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From: Oliver Christian Personal
Sent: 04 July 2025 06:24
To: Peter Mandelson <Personal ; Varun Chandra Personal
Cc: Washington Private Office Personal ; JCS JCS >: Personal ersonal ; Mungo Woodifield Personal
Subject: US State visit: Business event proposal.

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Peter, Varun,

See attached an outlined Business and Investment event for the SV in September (We've discussed separately and you may have noted in your conversation in DC this week).

I led something similar in the 1st State Visit and it was successful at giving the economic elements and announcements for the SV a framing moment - celebrating

success and confirming ambitions and positive messaging to (global) investors. I hope that working up an option early will help us get ahead of things over the summer.

I would welcome your thoughts on the outline and happy to amend and augment. Recommend we have a tight pitch before we put into the FCDO Royal protocol team/ Royal Household.

Keeping tight disto for the moment.

Regards,
OC

Oliver Christian
His Majesty's Consul General in New York & His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for North America
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From: Christian Turner[Personal

Sent: Mon 14/07/2025 6:33:21 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson[Personal
Subject: Fw: Saudi - Iran - Two State Solution Conference

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From: Neil Crompton *
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 2:10:15 PM
To: Stephen Hickey
Cc: JCS ; Ben Llewellyn-Jones ; Christian Turner ; Christian Dennys ; PS Minister Falconer - Action ; JCS ; Rich Morris (No.10) ; JCS DL Riyadh Chancery ; Helen Winterton ; JCS * ; Peter Mandelson ; Steve Hitchen ; Irfan Siddiq ; Jonathan Powell ; DNSA NC ; Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) ; Philip Hall ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; Richard Moore ; JCS * ; JCS DL Riyadh Chancery ; Hugo Shorter ; Tamsin Heath ; Richard Moore ; Philip Hall ; JCS ; Thomas Allan ; JCS ; Liane Saunders ; PUS Action ; Menna Rawlings ; JCS ; Lucy Ferguson ; Barbara Woodward * ; Owen Jenkins ; Jolliffe, Avril SCS (SPO DGITES-DG) ; CDS Private-Office (MoD) (Sensitive) ; JCS (MOD) (Sensitive) ; JCS
Subject: RE: Saudi - Iran - Two State Solution Conference

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Stephen,
1. I am of course happy to write in if helpful. I am in the midst of a series of farewell calls, which by their nature tend to be more reflective and illuminating than routine calls. We might have a brief word off-line on what would be most useful for you, given the different bits of advice kicking around the system.

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Neil Crompton
HMA Riyadh

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From: Stephen Hickey
Sent: 10 July 2025 17:17
To: Neil Crompton *
Cc: JCS ; Ben Llewellyn-Jones ; Christian Turner ; Christian Dennys ; PS Minister Falconer - Action ; JCS ; Rich Morris (No.10) ; JCS ; DL Riyadh Chancery ; Helen Winterton ; JCS ; JCS * ; Peter Mandelson ; Steve Hitchen ; Irfan Siddiq ; Jonathan Powell ; DNSA NC ; Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) ; Philip Hall ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS * ; JCS ; DL Riyadh Chancery ; JCS ; Tamsin Heath ; Richard Moore ; Philip Hall ; JCS ; Thomas Allan ; JCS ; Liane Saunders
Subject: RE: Saudi - Iran - Regional - Snippets

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Neil,
Many thanks for these readouts.
Building on our discussion at Tuesday's policy step-back meeting, I'd welcome in due course your sense of the extent to which the ***

Stephen
Stephen Hickey | Director Middle East and North Africa | Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | Personal

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From: Neil Crompton * <Personal

Sent: 10 July 2025 15:03
To: Stephen Hickey <Personal
Cc: JCS >; Ben Llewellyn-Jones <Personal Christian Turner <Personal Christian Dennys <Personal PS Minister Falconer - Action <Personal JCS Rich Morris (No.10) <Personal JCS DL Riyadh Chancery <Personal Helen Winterton <Personal JCS >; JCS >; Peter Mandelson <Personal Steve Hitchen <Personal Irfan Siddiq <Personal Jonathan Powell Personal DNSA NC <Personal Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) <Personal Philip Hall <Personal JCS JCS JCS JCS Lucy Ferguson <Personal DL Riyadh Chancery <Personal Hugo Shorter Personal ; Tamsin Heath <Personal Richard Moore <Personal Philip Hall <Personal JCS Thomas Allan <Personal JCS Liane Saunders <Personal
Subject: Saudi - Iran - Regional - Snippets

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Stephen,

1. I saw Vice Foreign Minister Third Party today and had a longer discussion with Third Party yesterday. I will fold some of the latter into a longer report after our weekend . A few live points that might be of interest.
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Neil Crompton
HMA Riyadh

328 - 14-07-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Jon Garvie (former Chief of Staff to the Foreign Secretary, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson[/Personal

Sent: Mon 14/07/2025 3:13:03 PM (UTC)
To: Jon Garvie Personal
Subject: Re: FOLLOW-UP ACTION: FS meeting with Theresa May, 10 December 2024

That's a relief

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From: Jon Garvie
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 9:13:38 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Re: FOLLOW-UP ACTION: FS meeting with Theresa May, 10 December 2024

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No! Don't know how you crept onto that list.

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 12:50:31 PM
To: Jon Garvie
Subject: Re: FOLLOW-UP ACTION: FS meeting with Theresa May, 10 December 2024

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Is this one for me ??

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From: Jon Garvie
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 7:39:19 AM
To: JCS ; Special Advisers Office ; SOSFA ACTION ; JCS ; Special Advisers Office
Cc: DL Readouts SOSFA ; JCS ; Pol Director (Shared) ; JCS ; PS Minister Collins - Action
Subject: RE: FOLLOW-UP ACTION: FS meeting with Theresa May, 10 December 2024

Could we have a brief chat about this before the decision goes forward please?
JCS – can you sort us 15 mins today or tomorrow

From: JCS
OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - HMG ONLY
Sent: 14 July 2025 12:28
To: Special Advisers Office ; SOSFA ACTION ; JCS
Cc: DL Readouts SOSFA ; JCS ; Pol Director (Shared) ; JCS ; PS Minister Collins - Action
Subject: FOLLOW-UP ACTION: FS meeting with Theresa May, 10 December 2024

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Dear PS/SpAds,
This provides a short update on the Foreign Secretary's meeting with Baroness Theresa May in December last year, regarding support to the Global Commission on Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking, chaired by Baroness May.
The Foreign Secretary expressed his desire that HMG continues to fund the Global Commission (see read-out below). To date, HMG has provided £500k since 2022.
FCDO officials have continued to work with the Global Commission on potential future funding support following the successful launch of the Commission's inaugural report at a High-level event at the UN in April.
Following confirmation of Human Rights Department ODA budgets for SR1, we are in a position to agree further funding of £250k to the Global Commission in FY25/26, subject to agreeing deliverables as part of the necessary project proposal documentation. This will provide bridge funding to support the Commission in phase two of its work to begin implementation of the report's recommendations, whilst it secures longer term funding from private foundations and/or governments.
Before we confirm this approach to the Global Commission, we would like to check that SpAds are content given the FS's previous engagement with Baroness May.
We have agreed this approach with JCS in LCPO, in copy.
Many thanks and best wishes,
JCS

Deputy Head | Human Rights Department | Multilateral and Human Rights Directorate
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | King Charles St | London | SW1A 2AH
Personal

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From: JCS Personal
Sent: 30 January 2025 17:02
To: JCS Personal ; JCS Personal
Cc: DL Readouts SOSFA Personal
Subject: READOUT: FS meeting with Theresa May, 10 December 2024

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - HMG ONLY

Dear all,
The Foreign Secretary met with Theresa May on 10 December following her

attendance of the FCDO Human Rights Day Reception. With thanks to JCS and JCS for the readout.

Modern Slavery

1. Baroness May spoke on the workstreams of the Global Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking: (i) forced labour in supply chains; (ii) effective implementation of international commitments; and (iii) civil society in crisis contexts. She outlined that the Commission is also examining cross-cutting themes of technology, climate change, and the cost of modern slavery. The Commission intends to complete its first report by the end of March 2025, to be launched early April 2025 at the United Nations in New York.

2. The Foreign Secretary spoke of his personal campaigns to (i) mainstream counter illicit finance work; and (ii) to address the situation of young people in institutional care globally. He noted how each of these overlapped with modern slavery work – as an enabler/driver and risk factor. The Foreign Secretary asked Baroness May if she was aware of HMG work on modern slavery internationally and she confirmed that the Commission was regularly in touch with FCDO officials.

3. The Foreign Secretary proactively raised the question of resourcing for continuation of the work of the Commission. Baroness May expressed thanks for the £500k contributed to date by HMG and indicated that the Commission expected a need for £10-12m for phase II of its work to 2030. The Foreign Secretary asked about progress with corporate and foundation donors and recommended reaching out to the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) and Soros Foundation. He offered to contact Third Party and Alex Soros. The Foreign Secretary said that he hoped HMG would remain a funder of the Commission, without making specific commitments, and promised to remain engaged in its work.

Climate

4. The Foreign Secretary set out this government's progress in restoring its global leadership on climate, nature and green energy. The Kew Lecture firmly placed it at the centre of what the FCDO does. He highlighted the appointment of two new Special Representatives to help deliver on his priorities. The Foreign Secretary noted that UK leadership at COP29 demonstrated the importance of climate to the new Government, and that he was using his visits (Nigeria, South Africa, Barbados) to underscore this as a priority.

5. Theresa May agreed that the Government had made an impact; the Kew Lecture had received strong cut through domestically. She too was focused on this agenda through her role chairing the Aldersgate Group – which brought together businesses and also some NGOs (eg RSPB) to identify the policies business needed to drive progress towards Net Zero. She had been at COP29 and recognised what a difficult negotiation it had been. The UK announcements in Baku had been well received.

6. The Foreign Secretary highlighted the Global Clean Power Alliance – a vehicle for partnering with Barbados, Brazil and others who wanted to go faster on their energy transitions. Theresa May agreed this would be helpful. She thought there were untapped opportunities for cooperation on climate and nature through the Commonwealth, including on oceans. She recalled the 2018 Blue Ocean Initiative. The Foreign Secretary agreed: we have a moment to seize, with a new Head of the Commonwealth (HMTK), New PM and new Sec-Gen.

Many thanks,
JCS

| Attaché | Foreign Secretary's Private Office | Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office | King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH | Person al | Person al

The Foreign Secretary's box deadline is midday, Monday to Thursday. Please allow a minimum of 48hrs to process work sent to FSPO, and ensure the relevant Private Secretary and Attaché *are sent all submissions/updates to the Foreign Secretary, in addition to SOSFA Action.*
Do you write briefs for Ministers? Then please check out the Brief Brilliantly campaign.

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Subject: Readout - MwP/HMA Washington Meeting (15/07)

Dear all,

Further MwP and HMA's meeting on Wednesday 15 July, please find below a summary of the key points and next steps:

- **MwP** and **HMA** reaffirmed their support for the GREAT Campaign, recognising its role in promoting UK growth globally. **HMA** endorsed the upcoming 'GREATER Together' event in Los Angeles in May 2026, noting support from the British Consul General and key stakeholders such as THIRD PARTY

- **MwP** expressed her support for the event, having written to the Prime Minister, Chancellor, and Secretaries of State for DSIT and DBT, requesting their attendance and endorsement. The GREAT team, working with the US Network, has already made positive progress in securing support from external sponsors, including British Airways.

- **HMA** highlighted that the Prime Minister's attendance - as well as that of the Royal Family - could attract significant US engagement, particularly in light of the upcoming 250th anniversary of US independence. HMA also emphasised the long-term value of engaging US companies to reinforce the UK's investment appeal. It was also notable that *** held a positive view of the UK and engaging him on the event could help in promoting the event to a wider audience across the US.

- **MwP** requested HMA's support in citing the Prime Minister on the event and helping to secure his attendance. HMA agreed and mentioned that he would seek opportunities to update the Prime Minister on the event during the President's upcoming State Visit to the UK.

Many thanks,
JCS

330 - 17-07-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Jill Cuthbertson (Deputy Chief of Staff, No.10)

Subject: *** - UK Embassy
Date: Thursday, 17 July 2025 at 14:11:20 British Summer Time
From: Jill Cuthbertson
To: Peter Mandelson

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Hi Peter

Thanks. I'm happy to pick this up direct. PM is out of London those days so will be difficult for us.

Leave it with me

Jill x

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 17 July 2025 12:17
To: Jill Cuthbertson
Personal
Subject: *** - UK Embassy

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How would you like to deal with this request...?

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 7:15:50 AM
To: Third Party JCS Personal
Cc: JCS Personal
Subject: *** - UK Embassy

Many thanks for this THIRD PARTY I am sure the Prime Minister would *** *** - I have no picture of *** - but I will pass this to his senior staff in No10 and will get back to you.

Very best

Peter

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From: Third Party
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 10:07:41 PM
To: JCS Personal
Cc: Peter Mandelson Personal ; JCS Personal
Subject: Re: *** - UK Embassy

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Thank you JCS and hi Peter.

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Can you please pass along the following to No. 10 and/or connect me with the right person at No. 10 so I can convey directly to them?

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- We recognize the short notice, the short window of time *** will be in London and that the PM's schedule is likely quite full, so we also fully understand if *** is not feasible.

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Please feel free to call me at the below number if you or anyone at No. 10 would like to discuss.

Thank you very much

Third Party

Third Party

Third Party

On Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 9:44PM JCS < Personal > wrote:

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Dear Peter -

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THIRD PARTY - over to you!

Yours, JCS

JCS
Director of Communications & Spokesperson
British Embassy Washington
± Personal

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Subject: Fw: *** - UK Embassy
Date: Saturday, 19 July 2025 at 00:35:16 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Jill Cuthbertson

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From: Third Party < Third Party >
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 6:13:51 PM
To: Peter Mandelson <Personal >
Subject: Re: *** - UK Embassy

Thank you for checking and for this update. Sorry schedules did not align on this trip. No need to reach out to Foreign Secretary Lammy -- but appreciate the offer.
Many thanks
Third Party

On Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 9:17 AM Peter Mandelson Personal wrote:

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> Third Party , I am sorry but the PM is travelling out of town on those days. He very much regrets not being able to see *** and asks that this be conveyed to JCS Would you like me to see if the Foreign Secretary is available if he is not travelling abroad ?Very best
> Peter
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>
> **From:** Third Party < Third Party >
> **Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2025 8:07:45 AM
> **To:** Peter Mandelson Personal
> **Cc:** JCS Personal >; JCS Personal
> **Subject:** Re: *** - UK Embassy
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>
> Thank you very much, Peter.
> All the best,

Third party

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Third Party - over to you!

Yours, JCS

JCS

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332 - 20-07-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Rachel Reeves (Chancellor of the Exchequer)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Sun 20/07/2025 9:29:33 PM (UTC)

To: Rachel Reeves

Subject: Marshall endowment

Attachment: HMA to CX - Marshalls Endowment for US 250 7.7.25.docx

Rachel,
This is the letter I have written to you. Frank view welcomed ! X
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal | Personal

British Embassy Washington

From the Ambassador

The Rt Hon Lord Mandelson PC
His Majesty's Ambassador
3100 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Tel: Personal

16 June 2025

The Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Dear Rachel,

Marshall Scholarship Endowment for USA 250

Among the most successful 'soft power' tools for the UK in the United States over the past 71 years has been the Marshall Scholarship. In 2026, the US will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the declaration of independence.

Since 1954, over 2,300 Americans have participated in the programme. The scholarship has produced seven Pulitzer Prize winners and two Nobel Laureates. It has afforded HMG strong relationships with figures at the highest levels of US politics, including members of the Cabinet, Congress, and the Supreme Court. ***

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The Marshall relies on £3.3 million in annual grant-in-aid from HM Treasury and a further £2 million in private support.

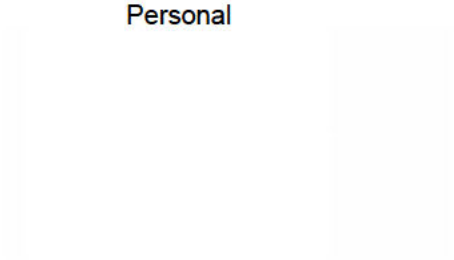
Inflationary pressures over the past few years have further stretched the ability of the FCDO, via the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (MACC), to administer the programme effectively. Absent a funding solution, ***

*** I would like to use this visit as an opportunity to relaunch and revitalise the Marshall Scholarship *** *** . We should shift the scholarship to a more sustainable model for the future ***

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I would welcome a conversation to discuss this proposal further.

Personal



Lord Mandelson
British Ambassador to the United States

334 - 22-07-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10) and Jill Cuthbertson (Deputy Chief of Staff, No.10)

From: Peter Mandelson PERSONAL

Sent: Tue 22/07/2025 4:36:27 PM (UTC)

To: Morgan McSweeney PERSONAL ; Jill Cuthbertson PERSONAL

Subject: Peter Thiel

This celebrated techie is in London til Aug 9. I don't know whether you have been approached already but would the PM like to meet him ?

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Wed 23/07/2025 7:42:16 AM (UTC)
To: mmcsweeney Personal
Subject: Fw: PM/POTUS in Scotland

Bcc we discussed

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:38:11 AM
To: Jonathan Powell
Cc: James Roscoe ; Mungo Woodifield ; JCS ; JCS ; Washington Private Office
Subject: PM/POTUS in Scotland

Jonathan, you will have your own views on what Keir should talk to Trump about but I would suggest you consider a few topics viz

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happy to discuss.

Peter

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336 - 24-07-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Thur 24/07/2025 6:32:44 PM (UTC)
To: Oliver Robbins Personal
Subject: Fw: READOUT: FOREIGN SECRETARY CALL ***

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From: JCS
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 9:26:36 PM
To: Alice Burt
Cc: DL Readouts SOSFA ; Stephen Hickey ; Patrick Moody ; JCS ; JCS ; Steve Hitchen ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; Ben Llewellyn-Jones ; DL MENAD NED Israel/OPTs Unit ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS * ; DL MENAD - SYRIA DEPARTMENT ; Alison Blackburne ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; DL MENAD-NED-All Staff
Subject: READOUT: FOREIGN SECRETARY CALL ***

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Dear Alice,

1. The Foreign Secretary spoke to ***

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Best,
JCS

JCS | **(covering) PS, Foreign Secretary Private Office**
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office | London | SW1A 2AH
Mobile: Personal

337 - 25-07-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: Fw: Saudi - Gaza - Next Phase
Date: Friday, 25 July 2025 at 18:33:44 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Morgan McSweeney

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From: JCS < Personal >
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 8:24:12 PM
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Subject: RE: Saudi - Gaza - Next Phase

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Dear JCS,

Thank you for sharing this proposal with BEW. I'm replying on behalf of BEW after discussing with HMA and DHM.

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JCS

JCS | **Foreign and Security Policy – Head of Middle East and Africa**

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Sent: 24 July 2025 08:07
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Stephen

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338 - 25-07-2025 - Email to Peter Mandelson from Pat McFadden (former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations)

Subject: Re: Fw: Saudi - Gaza - Next Phase
From: Pat Mcfadden < Personal >
Date: 25/07/2025, 21:52
To: Peter Mandelson < Personal >

Thank you. Received and read. Happy to discuss.

On Fri, 25 Jul 2025 at 18:34, Peter Mandelson < Personal > wrote:

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Subject: RE: Saudi - Gaza - Next Phase

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Dear Neil,

Thank you for sharing this proposal with BEW. I’m replying on behalf of BEW after discussing with HMA and DHM.

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JCS

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339 - 28-07-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Andrew Mitchell (HM Ambassador to Germany, FCDO)

From: Andrew Mitchell Personal

Sent: Mon 28/07/2025 3:09:39 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: RE: Germany: Israel policy ***

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Yes, agree – saw a lot of positive feedback on this also on my social channels. The PM and Merz are delighted how the visit and treaty have been received, ***

Andrew Mitchell CMG
HM Ambassador to Germany
Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 4:54 PM
To: Andrew Mitchell
Subject: Re: Germany: Israel policy ***

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You don't need to be careful. Did you listen to Nick Robinson interview of Merz before ? It is very good.
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From: Andrew Mitchell Personal
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 4:49:15 PM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: RE: Germany: Israel policy ***

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Sorry, Peter – need to wear my glasses when forwarding emails!
Andrew Mitchell CMG
HM Ambassador to Germany
Personal

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 4:45 PM
To: Andrew Mitchell Personal
Subject: Re: Germany: Israel policy ***

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From: Andrew Mitchell Personal
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 3:54:52 PM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: FW: Germany: Israel policy ***

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Subject: FW: Germany: Israel policy ***

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I didn't copy our biggest reader(s) – Mandelson (and Madeleine) as it felt maybe a bit too much detail for them. But of course do forward if you think they' ll be interested.

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From: JCS
Sent: 28 July 2025 15:51
To: Christian Turner Personal
Cc: Ben Llewellyn-Jones Personal ; Stephen Hickey Personal ; Patrick Moody Personal ; DL Jerusalem UKB Policy Personal ; DL MENAD-NED-Political Core Personal ; DL Tel Aviv - Chancery Personal ; Simon Walters * Personal ; JCS DL MENAD-NED-Humanitarian Core Personal ; DL MENAD-NED-Reconstruction Core Personal ; JCS

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Subject: Germany: Israel policy

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Dear Christian

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JCS
JCS | **Political Counsellor**
British Embassy Berlin | Wilhelmstrasse 70 | 10117 Berlin
Personal
Mobile: Personal | Office: Personal | ECHO: Personal
UK in Germany: GOV.UK | Facebook | Twitter

Subject: Fw: ***
From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Date: 29/07/2025, 14:48
To: Pat Mcfadden Personal
CC: Mungo Woodifield Personal Personal , JCS
Personal

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Pat, could you get your officials to look at this please. Peter Kyle and I *** but held off making a public statement pending *** .

The *** is taking longer than anticipated and may cut across a *** . Is it possible to chase ?

Thanks

Peter

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OFFICIAL
From: Third Party
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 10:08:09 PM
To: Peter Mandelson < Personal
Cc: Third Party
Subject: Third Party

You don't often get email from Third Party . Learn why this is important

Dear Lord Mandelson,

When we spoke shortly after Third Party announced our agreement, you asked to be kept in touch with how things are progressing.

I'm happy to say that T hir has continued to make good technical and hiring progress. We have also been completing all the necessary pre closing legalities. Most importantly, the companies have continued to get to know each other better, and are more convinced than ever of the immediate and long term benefits of combining forces.

One significant issue remains: the deal has now formally been Third Party about 5 weeks after we filed Third Party ; both Third Party have now responded to the information requests).

In parallel - and the reason why I am coming to you now - Third Party . A formal evaluation / site visit is scheduled 6th & 7th August (11 person team from Third Party). The Third Party programme manager has said that clarity on the outcome of the acquisition process by this visit will significantly improve their ability to use this evaluation to shape a follow-on contract Third Party are also in the same programme).

This contract is a very significant opportunity for Third Party

Do you have any advice on how we should respond to Third Party ? We are very keen to follow all due process regarding Third Party, and for people to make the most informed and considered decisions. But Third Party urgently wants to assess the joint tech roadmap.

We would greatly appreciate your thoughts on how best to proceed.

Many thanks again -

Third Party

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Third Party

Third Party

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341 - 29-07-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson, Mark Newton (Minister Defence, Director USA, FCDO) and others

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From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: 29 July 2025 21:51
To: Newton, Mark SCS Personal
Cc: Washington Private Office Personal Wyatt, Paul Per JCS ;

Adm Personal ; James Roscoe Personal ; Toogood, Nick JCS Woods, Tim R Personal

Moffat, John Personal
Farhall, Laura Personal JCS
; JCS

Subject: Re: Third Party

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From: Newton, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 9:21:53 PM
To: Peter Mandelson <
Cc: Washington Private Office ; James Roscoe ; Tim Woods ; Nick.Toogood ; ; Laura Farhall (; ; John Moffat
Subject: RE: Third Party

That's my error in drafting. They would definitely welcome you on the stage. ***

Mark

From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 29 July 2025 15:50
To: Newton, Mark
Cc: Washington Private Office >; James Roscoe ; ; Wyatt, Paul ; Woods, Tim R Adm ; Toogood, Nick ; ; John ; Farhall, Laura ; Moffat,
Subject: Re: Third Party

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I am being asked to attend but not to speak at the London Defence Conference ? ! Ummm, I think not.

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From: Newton, Mark Personal
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 7:22:28 PM
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Cc: Washington Private Office Personal Paul Wyatt Personal
; JCS
James Roscoe Personal Tim Woods Personal
; Nick.Toogood Personal
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John Moffat Perso
; Laura Farhall Personal nal
JCS
JCS

Subject: Third Party

Peter,

Earlier this month you connected me with Third Party We spoke this morning about his intention to host a LDC Washington Forum on October 7th.

Iain set out his plan for a daylong event bringing together the US, UK, Australia, and Japan. He said the event would be run jointly with Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress (CSPC), a non-partisan convener that we know well. CSPC would provide the venue for the event. Martin said he was aiming for around 130 attendees, with a focus on " global competition from seabed to space" , and with the intention of highlighting the important role allies provide to the US. He discussed an interest in sessions on economic statecraft, tech and AUKUS. He said that Kevin Rudd had agreed to come – although it was not yet clear if on a panel or a fireside chat.

I set out what we knew about Australia planning for a similar event the week after to coincide with the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Annual Meeting & Exposition on 13-15 October. ***

On the US side Third Party I said I was happy for my team and I to work with CSPC on possible attendees, but also flagged the latest DOD guidance limiting attendance at thinktank events. We needed to be realistic about what is possible.

On the UK side Third Party

Again I offered support if useful.

Finally he asked whether you would be both willing to attend, and potentially host an event at the Residence in support of the LDC. I made no promises, but agreed to check with your office.

I am seeing Third Party and will check in with him. ***

Happy to discuss.

Mark

Mark Newton | BEW Minister (Defence) / MOD Director America | British Embassy Washington DC | 3100 Massachusetts Ave NW | Washington DC 20008
Personal

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342 - 02-08-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Katie Martin (former Chief of Staff to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, HMT)

From: Martin, Katie - HMT
Sent: 02 August 2025 10:04
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Fw: Checking in from Carlyle

Hi Peter, see third point below - am I right in thinking it's largely you and your team who are coordinating investment announcements?

Let me know if I can help at all

Best, Katie

From: Third Party
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 11:13 pm
To: Martin, Katie - HMT Personal
Subject: Checking in from Carlyle

Hello Katie - -

Hope you' re holding up - - no shortage of things going on these days.

Wanted to check-in in advance of the summer break in the UK, first to let you know that *** *** – we remain closely engaged with has been in touch with both Baroness Gustafsson and James Murray.

Second, wanted to offer a couple items for your consideration:

- On UK tax policy, our head of tax is Third Party and she is based in London – although she and I are often together for meetings with the policy team at US Treasury whenever she is in DC. Outside of Carlyle, she helps guide the tax efforts for both the Third Party . If it would ever be useful to you and the Chancellor to leverage Third Party and expertise, we are at your service – including any informal, off-the-record sessions just to calibrate the art of the possible (the Chancellor has met Third P t before, I believe, but it' s likely been several months...)
- In the US, should the Chancellor be traveling to New York for the UNGA in September or down to Washington for IMF/World Bank in October, we'd welcome the opportunity to meet with her as well as help find and curate the right small group engagements/dinners for her, if that would be useful.
- Finally, we've been in touch with some folks about President Trump's state visit and, as a US firm operating and investing in the UK, if there is anything we can do / announce / develop to help make the visit a success, please let me know.

Hope you are able to get away and unplug in August.

Best,

Third Party

Third Party
Global Head of Government Affairs

Email: Personal
Direct: Personal
Cell: Personal

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343 - 01-08-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Ed Llewellyn (former HM Ambassador to Italy, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal

Sent: Sun 03/08/2025 12:00:59 PM (UTC)
To: Ed Llewellyn Personal
Subject: Fw: US REACTION TO UK DECISION TO RECOGNISE PALESTINIAN STATE: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - HMG ONLY: DipTel ***

Bcc

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Saturday, August 2, 2025 8:50:33 AM
To: Oliver Robbins
Subject: Fw: US REACTION TO UK DECISION TO RECOGNISE PALESTINIAN STATE: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - HMG ONLY: DipTel ***

I hope you do not mind if I say, ***

I think we should be asking ourselves how foreign policy is made by our government.

The joint working at all levels between No10 and FCDO, and MoD, was lamentable and the disjointed consultation and co-ordination between the FCDO in London and BEW was disappointing. I cannot speak for other posts.

I think it would be desirable for us to ask some serious questions of ourselves about how policy is formulated in such situations (***) and how we can do things differently and better in the future. I would be happy to play a part in that appraisal.

Very best

Peter

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Saturday, August 2, 2025 8:34:46 AM
To: Peter Mandelson
Subject: Fw: US REACTION TO UK DECISION TO RECOGNISE PALESTINIAN STATE: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - HMG ONLY: DipTel ***

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From: DipTel WASHINGTON
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2025 10:20:02 PM
To: DipTel Service
Subject: US REACTION TO UK DECISION TO RECOGNISE PALESTINIAN STATE: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - HMG ONLY: DipTel ***

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344 - 04-08-2025 - Email to Peter Mandelson from Sir Christian Turner (former Political Director, FCDO)

From: Christian Turner Personal

Sent: Mon 04/08/2025 9:14:56 PM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: Fw: ***

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From: Simon Walters *
Sent: Monday, August 4, 2025 9:40:59 PM
To: Patrick Moody
Cc: Stephen Hickey ; Ben Llewellyn-Jones ; JCS ; JCS ; Christian Turner ; Pol Director (Shared) ; PUS Action ; JCS ; PS Minister Falconer - Action ; JCS ; Caroline Hurndall ; Rob Dixon (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) ; JCS Douglas Benedict1 ; Rich Morris (No.10) ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) ; JCS ; DNSA International Affairs Mailbox ; Richard Moore Private Office ; JCS ; DL Tel Aviv - Political UKB ; JCS Helen Winterton ; JCS
Subject: ***

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Simon
Simon Walters CMG | HM Ambassador | British Embassy Tel Aviv

345 - 05-08-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Katie Martin (former Chief of Staff to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, HMT)

From: Martin, Katie - HMT
Sent: 05 August 2025 20:41
To: Peter Mandelson; Rachel Reeves
Subject: Re: Third Party advertisement

Lovely, thank you. Do let me know if I can help - I speak to quite a few of these folk in the UK x

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From: Peter Mandelson < Personal >
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 8:38 pm
To: Martin, Katie - HMT < Personal >; Rachel Reeves Personal >
Subject: Re: Third Party advertisement

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Thanks Katie

On the SV and investment announcements, I have been doing a series of phone calls including Carlyle, Blackrock, Goldman, Blackstone and a lot of others. We will do a round up .

Peter x

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From: Martin, Katie - HMT < Personal >
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 3:26:45 PM
To: Peter Mandelson < Personal >; Rachel Reeves < Personal >
Subject: Re: Third Party advertisement

Thanks Peter, that' s very good to hear-it obviously generated a lot of attention and discussion over here. Annoying, but as long as they' ve learnt their lesson...

As a side note, I saw *** today, and he was saying how they think you' re doing a fabulous job. Didn' t surprise me, but thought it would be worth passing on!

From: Peter Mandelson < Personal >
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 3:13:20 AM
To: Rachel Reeves Personal >
Cc: Martin, Katie - HMT < Personal >
Subject: Third Party advertisement

Third Party called me this evening. They have received the message of the government's view of Third Party

Let me know if you want me to do anything further.

Very best

Peter

Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
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346 - 08-08-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Katie Martin (former Chief of Staff to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, HMT)

From: Martin, Katie - HMT[Personal]
Sent: Fri 08/08/2025 9:49:49 AM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson[Personal]
Subject: RE: Letter from America

Done, thanks Peter

From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 07 August 2025 19:53
To: Martin, Katie - HMT
Subject: FW: Letter from America

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Please send on to Rachel

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: 07 August 2025 14:45
To: Peter Mandelson < Personal >
Subject: Letter from America

I met Vice President Vance this week. ***

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Very best
Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal | Personal

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347 - 08-08-2025 - Meeting between Peter Mandelson and Pat McFadden (former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations)

Subject: FW: Readout: *** - Initial Meeting (7 August)
From: Peter Mandelson < Personal >
Date: 08/08/2025, 14:33
To: Pat Mcfadden < Personal >

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In the meantime, we are still pressing ahead with *** .....

Lord Mandelson

HM Ambassador, Washington DC

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From: JCS < Personal >
Sent: 07 August 2025 22:12
To: Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) < Personal >; Jones, Alexandra (DSIT) < Personal >; National Technology Adviser < Personal >; Ilott, Oliver (DSIT) < Personal >; Peter Mandelson < Personal >
Cc: JCS < Personal >; Gemma Ungoed-Thomas (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) < Personal >; Rachel Kempsell (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) < Personal >; JCS < Personal >; JCS < Personal >; Varun Chandra < Personal >; JCS < Personal >; Ailsa Terry (No.10) < Personal >; JCS < Personal >; US S&T Reporting Distro for DSIT < Personal >; US AI Reporting Distro for DSIT < Personal >; JCS (DSIT) < Personal >; Secretary of State (Peter Kyle) < Personal >; JCS (DSIT) < Personal >; SIG DG Private Office (DSIT) < Personal >; Connolly, Sarah (DSIT) < Personal >; DTG DG Office < Personal >; Mian, Emran (DSIT) < Personal >; JCS (Energy Security) < Personal >; Ros Eales < Personal >; JCS (Energy Security) < Personal >; JCS (Energy Security) < Personal >; JCS (External) < Personal >; JCS Personal >; JCS (Energy Security) (External)

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Minister Vallance (DSIT) < Personal >; JCS
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(DSIT) < Personal >; JCS (DSIT) <i Personal >; JCS
Personal >; JCS
< Personal >; Cannicott, Sam (DSIT) < Personal >;
Ricketts, Olivia (DSIT) < Personal >; Nicole Gregory
< Personal >; Caroline Hurndall < Personal >
Subject: Readout: *** Initial Meeting (7 August)

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Matt, Alex, Dave, Ollie,

On 7 August, you led a sizeable delegation for the first round of ***
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Please forward as necessary.

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A full, detailed readout on the technical detail will be provided to relevant policy teams in slower time.

Kind regards,

JCS

JCS Personal | First Secretary Technology Policy, British Embassy Washington | Personal | Personal

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348 - 10-08-2025 - Emails between Peter Mandelson and Sir Oliver Robbins (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, FCDO)

From: Peter Mandelson Personal
Sent: 10 August 2025 12:42
To: Oliver Robbins Personal
Subject: Re: Readout: UK-US Tech Partnership - Initial Meeting (7 August)
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From: Oliver Robbins[/ Personal

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Sent: Sun 10/08/2025 7:13:33 AM (UTC)
To: Peter Mandelson Personal
Subject: Re: Readout: UK-US Tech Partnership - Initial Meeting (7 August)

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This sounds like progress - thank you.

What's the *** issue?

Olly

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Oliver Robbins
FCDO

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From: Peter Mandelson
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:35:28 PM
To: Oliver Robbins
Subject: FW: Readout: UK-US Tech Partnership - Initial Meeting (7 August)

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To keep you updated. Best Peter
Lord Mandelson
HM Ambassador, Washington DC
Personal

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From: JCS
Sent: 07 August 2025 22:12
To: Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) ; Jones, Alexandra (DSIT) ; National Technology Adviser ; Ilott, Oliver (DSIT) ; Peter Mandelson
Cc: JCS ; Gemma Ungoed-Thomas (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) ; Rachel Kempsell (Cabinet Office) (Sensitive) ; JCS ; JCS

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JCS ; John Moffat BDSUS (MoD) (External) ; Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) ;

JCS PS Minister Vallance (DSIT) ; JCS

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JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; Caroline Hurndall

Subject: Readout: UK-US Tech Partnership - Initial Meeting (7 August)

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Kind regards,

JCS

JCS First Secretary Technology Policy, British Embassy Washington | Personal

349 - 15-08-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Morgan McSweeney (former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, No.10)

Subject: SV Trump gift
Date: Friday, 15 August 2025 at 20:41:11 British Summer Time
From: Peter Mandelson
To: Morgan McSweeney

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Sorry to return to the *** question of gifts but I have seen Ailsa's reply to my letter and ***

I realise it might seem like a *** topic but, ***

*** finding a thoughtful, personal gift is important. The red box – with his name and a cypher (*** on it – fits the bill. ***

Peter

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350 - 15-08-2025 - Paper for Lord Patrick Vallance (Minister of State for Science, Innovation, Research and Technology

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To comment: Lord Vallance

To decide: Lord Vallance

Written by: JCS - OLS Trade, Investments & Exports
SCS: Will Mullins – DD OLS Investment & Engagement

Press	Stakeholder	Parliamentary	Other (specify)
Uncontroversial	Potentially Controversial	Uncontroversial	Uncontroversial

15 AUGUST 2025

Timing: Urgent to inform *** negotiations

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: AI/Cancer Proposal with ***

Summary:

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Our recommendation is for you to explore the proposal in greater detail with Third Party ***

Clearance Checklist

SCS clearances:	Yes/ No/ Not Applicable:	Cleared by:
Comms	*N/A*	

Finance	*N/A*	
Legal	*N/A*	
Commercial	*N/A*	

Overview

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Do you agree?

351 - 17-08-2025 - Email from Peter Mandelson to Pat McFadden (former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations)

Subject: Fw: Scenesetter: PM Visit to DC 170825
From: Peter Mandelson PERSONAL
Date: 18/08/2025, 03:14
To: Pat Mcfadden
PERSONAL

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From: JCS
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 5:46:12 PM
To: Rich Morris (No.10) Personal
Cc: Peter Mandelson Personal ; DL Washi Private Office Personal ; PM Private Office Support Team - Internal Personal ; Ailsa Terry (No.10) Personal ; Ninjeri Pandit Personal ; DNSA International Affairs Mailbox Personal ; PS Matthew Collins mailbox Personal ; Matthew Collins (Cabinet Office) Personal ; Jonathan Allen Personal ; Ben Fender Personal ; Charlotte Pierre Personal ; PUS Action Personal ; JCS Personal ; Lottie Surun Personal ; Nigel Casey Personal ; James Roscoe Personal ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; JCS ; John Moffat BDSUS (MoD) (External) Personal ; Tim Woods BDSUS (MoD) (Sensitive) Personal ; JCS JCS Personal ; CDS-LO-WSH Personal Personal ; CDS Private-Office (MoD) (Sensitive) PERSONAL ; SOSFA ACTION Personal ; JCS ; Pol Director (Shared) Personal ; sofs-privateoffice Personal Personal ; Nicholas Alton Personal ; JCS ; Mark Newton (MOD) (Sensitive) Personal ; Special Advisers Office Personal ; Cabinet Office US Team (Sensitive) Personal ; NSA (Cabinet Office) Personal ; JCS Personal ; JCS ; Harriet Thompson Personal ; anna.clunes Personal Personal
Subject: Scenesetter: PM Visit to DC 170825

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Rich,

Please find attached a scene setter letter from Lord Mandelson, HMA Washington.

JCS

JCS | Deputy Principal Private Secretary | British Embassy Washington | 3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008 | Email: Personal | Mobile: Personal |

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