JORDAN: TALKING POINTS FOR RESTRICTED MEETING WITH KING ABDULLAH

Iraq:

- Saddam Hussein is a threat to U.S. and regional interests, as well as to the Iraqi people. We are determined to address that threat and are seriously considering various options.

- We have been working to make multilateral controls effective; have insisted Iraq accept unconditional return of UN weapons inspectors.

- If multilateral approach ineffective, we will have to look to other ways to protect our interests.

- We will keep in mind Jordan’s concerns and vulnerability, and will remain in close touch as the situation unfolds in the coming months.
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