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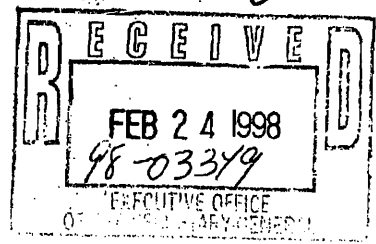
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cc Mr. Corbett } you might
Mr. Biffar } review. Thanks

H. E. Kofi A. Annan
Secretary-General of the
United Nations



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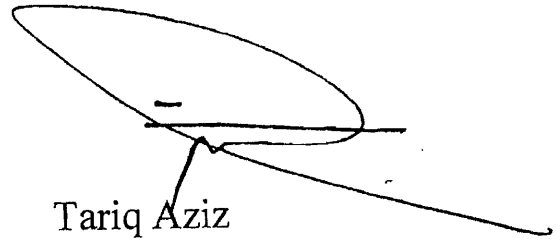
With reference to paragraph 4 (b) of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Republic of Iraq and the United Nations on 23 February 1998 in Baghdad, which stated that specific detailed procedures will be developed, given the special nature of the Presidential Sites, I should like, in the light of our discussions, to state the following understanding:

1. For the purpose of coordination and rendering support for the work to be carried out by the Special Group, Iraqi personnel will accompany the Group according to the practice hitherto followed.
2. The work to be carried out by the Special Group at the Presidential Sites shall comprise the determination of the presence or absence of proscribed weapons, equipment and / or production relating thereto. To that end, the Special Group can use any necessary equipment, including underground probing equipment, and, if necessary, immediately carry out excavations. The experts can take soil, water, plant and leaf samples, which shall be shared by Iraq and the parties members of the Group (senior diplomats). An analysis of these samples shall be

performed at the Baghdad Centre of Monitoring and Verification of UNSCOM with the participation of representatives of Iraq and parties represented in the Special Group. Such analysis, on the basis of the same modality, can be carried out abroad by reputable experts when necessary. State documents shall not be subjected to the verification in question. Photographing activities shall be restricted solely to the technical work of verification.

3. Iraq shall provide all the necessary accomodation, transport and other requirements to the Special Group.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest considerations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop at the top and a long, thin tail extending to the right.

Tariq Aziz
Deputy Prime Minister
Republic of Iraq

Baghdad, 23 February 1998