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Please brief Secretary-General on the following:

UK Prime Minister:

1. UK Mission this afternoon transmitted a request from London for Secretary-General's meeting with Prime Minister Blair in Brussels tomorrow, "preferably in the Charlemagne Building". If you can let us have a response this evening, we shall inform the Mission here, otherwise you might wish to advise the British directly in London or through their Madrid Embassy with information to us.

FRY:

2. I phoned the PR of Australia and informed her that the Secretary-General had spoken to Mr. Sommaruga about the two Australians (from CARE) held in Belgrade. She was most grateful and will inform the Foreign Minister. The Australian Ambassador in Belgrade had been informed that one of the two would be tried by a Military Court for espionage. The Australians are doing whatever they can to prevent this. OCHA has proposed a letter from SG to the Foreign Minister of FRY (draft for approval attached). (SG should be informed that the individual is a former military officer, who apparently kept notes in military style even on his humanitarian tasks. This may have led FRY to suspect espionage.)

Italy:

3. Ambassador Fulci has a personal message from his President for the Secretary-General conveying his deep appreciation for SG's efforts in Kosovo. The Ambassador is insistent that he deliver this message on SG's arrival at the airport since he (Fulci) will be leaving New York the same evening. Would SG wish to receive him either at the airport or at the residence?

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Nigeria:

4. Yesterday, Ambassador Gambari conveyed a message from his President requesting SG to reach Abuja by mid-day on 28 May to participate in the ceremonies in the evening. I informed him that the commitments in Lund would prevent this and SG might not be able to reach Abuja before midnight.

5. Today the Ambassador phoned back with a personal message from the President almost pleading that the SG cut his commitments in Lund to be with the President for the ceremonies on his last day in office. Secretary-General's guidance awaited.

Security Council Retreat:

6. The Princeton University arrangements are not working out for reasons not detailed here. We have the option of holding the retreat on the weekend of 5-6 June at the Merrill Lynch Conference Centre in Princeton, which is adequate but without any character. Ruggie and I strongly feel that the locale and ambiance make a great difference, and of course would prefer Pocantico, which is still being held for us for 18-19 June. Please ask SG whether, while not relinquishing the dates of 4-5 June, we might sound Council Members informally on the feasibility of 18-19 June (Friday-Saturday) in Pocantico so that he could leave as scheduled for St. Petersburg on Sunday, 20 June.

Envoy in Skopje:

7. Attached are draft terms of reference for SG's approval. The designation "Personal Envoy" seems the most suitable (as against "Special Representative", "Personal Representative" etc.).

Petrovsky in Washington:

8. Director UNIC Washington has referred to us a request she received from Petrovsky asking her to arrange meetings in Washington with Berger, Talbott, Pickering et al. Apparently, these are meant to review matters relating to the Conference on Disarmament at UNOG. He has visited Washington before for such meetings. The difference is that now we have a USG for Disarmament Affairs. SG's guidance requested.

Best regards.

cc: Deputy Secretary-General