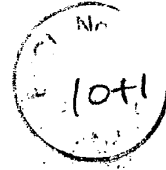


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From: LA2-S  
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Subject: Review of Internment



Nick,

I spoke to Jon Chorley this morning.

He confirmed that the Sec of State had rejected the submission on this on the grounds that taking the steps proposed might prejudice our delicate negotiations with the US over the British G Bay detainees. Jon discussed this very informally with Cathy Adams of the Law Officers Secretariat in the fringes of a meeting and she said she did not think that the AG would agree with that analysis -- on the contrary it would help our case with the US if we were able to point to the fact that we were devoting time and effort to setting up a fairer system for our detainees.

Jon therefore wants to put the matter back to the Sec of State saying that we have explored his concerns and can assure him they are unfounded so can he think again please. I have said I will speak to Cathy or David Brummell at the LSLO to confirm slightly more formally their view.

I mentioned to Jon the PJHQ disquiet over the current impasse and your suggestion that it might help to get the Operational people to indicate to the SofS that they were unhappy with the status quo. Jon thought this would be very helpful and so he would like to hear from you as to how you think it would be best to get this matter on the agenda to be raised by Chiefs/CJO with the Sec of State. Could you have a think and email Jon (he is now IRAQ-SEC2 on Chots) ? I think it is much more likely to succeed if this pushing comes from the Iraq Sec people and the ops people rather than the lawyers....

Thanks

Vivien