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3. Colleagues also felt strongly that the US must not be allowed to take UK support for granted. Otherwise, as the US ultimately called the shots, we risked being caught in a position of sharing responsibility for events in Iraq without holding the corresponding power to influence them. In that context, the Treasury expressed worries about the provisional arrangements for disbursing oil revenues from the Development Fund for Iraq. Peter Goldsmith was particularly concerned on the wider point that we should be able to veto initiatives which we considered went beyond the legal powers available to the Coalition under the Geneva Convention, the Hague regulations and UNSCR 1483.

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