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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Bernard Rostker, Ph.D. Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses
Prepared by: Captain (b)(6) USN, (b)(6)

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SUBJECT: Visit by Dr. John Reid, Minister of State for the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom - ACTION MEMORANDUM

PURPOSE: To approve a round table discussion meeting with Dr. Hamre requested by Dr. Reid.

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DISCUSSION: Dr. Reid, through the Defence Attaché, has requested a round table discussion on Gulf War illnesses with the Dr. Hamre, Dr. Rostker, and representatives from other departments involved with Gulf War illnesses issues. Dr. Reid was appointed as the Minister on 5 May 1997.

The proposed discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, 15 October 1997, 9-10:30 am. The location of the meeting has not been finalized. I would like Dr. Hamre to open the discussions. Proposed attendees are:

US: -- Dr. Hamre, Dr. Rostker, Dr. Martin (OSD/HA), Mr. Christopherson (OSD/HA), Dr. Mazzuchi (OSD/HA), Dr. Mather (VA), RADM Lawrence (HHS), RADM Cowan (JCS/J4), BG Parker (Persian Gulf Veterans Coordinating Board).

UK: -- Dr. Reid, Major General Vyvyan (Defence Attaché), Mr. Tonnison (Hd Gulf Veterans Illness Unit).

Biographies of Dr. Reid and Major General Vyvyan are at Tab A. Dr. Reid's itinerary from the British Embassy is at Tab B.

COORDINATION: UPR
USDP

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WALTER B. SLOCOMBE

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the round table discussion with Dr. Reid.

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DR JOHN REID MP

Dr John Reid MP, MP for Hamilton North, was appointed Minister of State for the Armed Forces on 3 May 1997.

Born on 8 May 1947 he graduated from Stirling University, where he gained an Honours degree in History and a PhD in Economic History. He was elected President of the University Union, and later as Honorary President of the University.

He served as research officer for the Labour Party 1979 - 1983. Between 1983 and 1985 he acted as Adviser (political research) to the leader of the Labour Party, the Rt Hon Neil Kinnock MP. He organised Trade Unionist for Labour in Scotland prior to the 1987 Election.

In 1987, John Reid was elected to Parliament. He served on the Public Accounts Committee, joined the Front Bench in 1990 and became Deputy Spokesman for Defence in 1995. He held this position until being appointed to the Government as Minister of State.

John Reid has been Joint Vice-Chairman of the All-Party Groups on Belize and Uganda. He was a member of the Balkans, the Central Asia and the Latin America, the Russian and the Azerbaijan All Party Groups.

He is a Fellow of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, having completed a period of secondment to the British Army. He has travelled widely in Europe, the USA and Central America, and has visited the Far East, the Middle East, India, Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, the Balkans and the Falklands.

He is married to Catherine (Cathie) and they have two sons, Kevin and Mark.

His Hobbies are Football, History and Crosswords.



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**MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
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Defence policy and planning, including:

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- Defence budget issues (including efficiency/asset use)
- Arms control and disarmament
- NATO, WEU
- United Nations, OSCE
- Visiting Forces

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- Overseas commitments and garrisons
- Northern Ireland
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- UN peacekeeping
- Disaster relief
- Military assistance overseas
- Nuclear accident response
- MOD Police operations

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- Armed Forces pay
- Equal Opportunities
- Training and Education
- Defence Medical Services
- Reserves and Cadets
- Veterans
- Gulf Veterans' Issues
- Compensation Policy

Operational Sustainability

Public presentation of defence

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAIL

MAJOR GENERAL C G C VYVYAN CBE

DEFENCE ATTACHÉ and
HEAD OF BRITISH DEFENCE STAFF (WASHINGTON)



Major General Charles Vyvyan was born in 1944 and educated at Winchester College and at Balliol College, Oxford, where he read Modern History. He was commissioned into the Royal Green Jackets in 1967 and posted to the 3rd Battalion (The Rifle Brigade) in Germany.

He remained with the Battalion until 1974, serving with them in the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, Cyprus and the Far East. In 1975 he was seconded to the Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces where he served as a Company Officer in the Northern Frontier Regiment.

After a year at the Staff College, Camberley in 1978, he went to 8 Infantry Brigade as a GSO2. After 18 months as a Company Commander in the 3rd Battalion the Royal Green Jackets, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel at the end of 1982 and posted to Headquarters British Army of the Rhine as Chief G3 Policy. He took command of 1st Battalion the Royal Green Jackets, who were based in England, in June 1984, and served with the Battalion in the United Kingdom, in Europe as part of the NATO reinforcement formation, in the South Atlantic, Kenya and Northern Ireland. In October 1986 he was posted to the Ministry of Defence as Colonel G3 MO3.

He was promoted to Brigadier at the end of 1987 and appointed to set up and command 3 Infantry Brigade in Ireland in February 1988. He subsequently spent a year at the National Defence College in Pakistan before being posted to Headquarters United Kingdom Land Forces in July 1991 as Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff to the Field Army Commander.

In January 1994 he was promoted to Major General and assumed the appointment of Chief of Staff Headquarters United Kingdom Land Forces, and subsequently that of Chief of Staff Headquarters Land Command on its formation on 1 April 1995.

Major General Vyvyan and his wife, Liz, arrived in the United States in mid-April 1997 to assume the appointment of Defence Attaché and Head of the British Defence Staff (Washington).

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VISIT BY DR JOHN REID, MINISTER (ARMED FORCES) - WED 15 OCT 97

As at 1530 hr: 3 Oct 97 - Col Finagan

0815 UK party (7) gather at Defence Attache's residence:

London based

Dr John Reid	MIA (AF)
Mr Mike Tomison	Hd GVIU
Wg Cdr David Walker	Military Assistant
Miss Alan McIntyre	Press Officer

Washington based:

Maj Gen Charles Vyvyan	Defence Attache
Col Tim Finagan	ELO Gulf Health
Gp Capt Bill Baker	Member of MOD Gulf Advisory Group

0830 Depart Defence Attache's residence for Pentagon.

0900 Meet at Main Entrance of Pentagon by ???

0905 ? Meeting of Dr Reid with Dr Hamre - 'one on one'.

0925 Round table discussion. Probable US members:

? Dr Hamre	Dep Sec Def
Dr Bernice Richter	Special Assistant on GWI
Dr John Mazuch	DOD Health Affairs
?	DOD JCS
?	DOD Office of the Army SG
? Dr Susan B. Fisher	Dept Veterans' Affairs
? Capt Brian Jones	Dept of Health & Human Services
Capt Steve V. Block	Co-ordination, COS to OSAGWI

1030 Depart Pentagon for Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC).

1100 Arrive WRAMC. Met by ? MG Leslie Burger / BG Michael Korman. Tour Gulf War Health Center with physician in charge - Maj (b)(6)

1200 Depart WRAMC.

1230 Arrive for Press Lunch at ???

Points of contact:

Dep Sec Def: Capt (b)(6)

OSAGWI: Cpl (b)(6)

WRAMC Community Relations Officer: (b)(6)

British LO: (b)(6)

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