

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

IDU MEETING IN WASHINGTON

Mr McFarlane raised this with the Prime Minister at the Summit reception on 2 May. The Prime Minister explained the background to the IDU and her support for it, but equally the possible difficulties for her of attending a meeting in July. At best she could only attend for the Thursday evening and Friday morning. How committed was the President to the meeting? Mr McFarlane said that the President did not yet even know that the IDU meeting was to be held in Washington. It was not certain that he would attend, though he might give a lunch if he were in Washington. He would hope to avoid a spate of bilaterals.

The Prime Minister was clearly taken aback to hear that the President knew nothing of the meeting and commented that a certain amount of 'leverage' appeared to be going on.

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