

**CAG Information Paper: CAG DC and London Engagements, 17-20 April 2006**

**1. DC Engagements**

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Brookings Institution: met with senior fellows Ken Pollack and Michael O’Hanlon.

- Pollack’s view on Iraq: still believes we need to pursue “oil spot” strategy in peaceful areas (Kurdish north, Shi’a south) instead of “search and destroy” missions in Sunni areas.
- Pollack’s view on Iran: believes only the Europeans can get us out of this conflict.
- O’Hanlon: pressing us for data for his “Iraq Index” measuring how things are going in Iraq.

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## **2. London engagements**

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Chatham House: Met with director and senior staff.

- Chatham House ready to host GEN Abizaid for public engagement on 5 July, timed to coincide with UK CINC conf.
- They are interested in GEN A speaking at the grand strategic level, to give his view on future U.S. strategy in the AOR.
- Their conference records are posted on their website and read in the Middle East.

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IISS: met with director of studies and senior fellows.

- Central Asia: IISS has much expertise and offered observations on trends in the region; CAS need prophylactic action now to stave off jihadist threat, especially Uzbekistan.
  - Europeans reject the idea of “Global War on Terror.” IISS suggestion: eschew “war” terms; use “fight” instead. If we must fight a war, be precise in naming the enemy, AQAM.
- CAG Note: “War on Takfiris”

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