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MEMORANDUM FOR: Americans Malnourished on the Truth About Iraq
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US Intel Vets Oppose Brennan's CIA Plan

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany
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