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Dear Jonathan,

Please find attached consolidated talking points on the US AUKUS review to support senior defence attendance at the News Corp Defending Australia Summit on Monday, including CDF.

These have been developed in consultation with ASA, and cleared at Band 3 (by Alex this evening). Please note that the scope of these goes beyond the review.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, or need anything further.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best

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**Talking Points
AUKUS Review & Benefits of AUKUS**

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If asked: are you concerned the review will recommend that the US should pull out of AUKUS?

- Australia is confident that AUKUS will proceed.
- The US review is a natural step for any incoming government to take.
- We welcome it and we will work with the US to support in any way we can.
- It is exactly what the Starmer Government did when it came to office and similar to what the Albanese Government undertook through the Defence Strategic Review.
- We are confident the US review will find that AUKUS is deeply beneficial to the United States, just as it is to Australia and the UK.

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