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**BBC statement following Andrew Gilligan's appearance before the Foreign Affairs Select Committee**

Following Andrew Gilligan's appearance today before the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, the BBC issued the following statement:

"Andrew Gilligan has not changed his story.

"The committee launched a series of personal attacks on Mr Gilligan in an atmosphere which was largely hostile.

"The committee was determined to find fault with Mr Gilligan's story but did not succeed.

"Mr Gilligan defended his journalism with vigour pointing out among other things that many of his sources allegations have now been corroborated by other evidence.

"We deeply resent the way the committee was used to attack Mr Gilligan's integrity."

The following is a **quote from Andrew Gilligan**:

"I have not changed my story. I told the Committee several times over that I stand by my reporting of every one of the source's allegations.

"This was a planned ambush by a hanging jury, with only one Opposition member present for the relevant section of the meeting.

"Donald Anderson has deliberately misinterpreted my evidence, and I have asked for the transcript to be published to make this clear.

"Labour members of the Committee were determined to find fault with my story, but did not do so.

"I defended my journalism with vigour, pointing out among other things that many of my source's allegations have been corroborated by other evidence."

**Notes to Editors**

Letter from Gavyn Davies, Chairman of the BBC, to Geoff Hoon.

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