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John Scarlett dictated the following this morning

**ANDREW GILLIGAN AND THE MOD SINGLE SOURCE**

I agree with Kevin Tebbit's letter of Saturday that the finger points strongly at David Kelly as Gilligan's source. I have been through the Gilligan/FAC transcript again. I attach copies of two pages in particular which seem to make it clear that Gilligan has only talked to one person about the September dossier. If he could have referred to any corroborating information he would have done so. If this is true, Kelly is not telling the whole story

Gilligan must have got the 45 minute single intelligence report item from somewhere, presumably Kelly. Conclusion: Kelly needs a proper security-style interview in which all these inconsistencies are thrashed out. Until we have the full story, we cannot decide what action to take. I think this is rather urgent. Happy to discuss.

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**Mr Gilligan:** That is right.

**Q429 Mr Maples:** The source of your <sup>initial</sup> story, I think you used the phrase or they used the phrase, "to make it sexier" about the weapons of mass destruction dossier, came from, you said, a senior official who was one of the people in charge of drawing up the dossier, but you feel you cannot tell us whether he was a civil servant or worked for the intelligence agency.

**Mr Gilligan:** I cannot add anything to what I have already done because it would compromise him, I am afraid.

**Q430 Mr Maples:** Okay. I mean, I understand that but obviously I want to press you as far as I can, but that person is a currently serving official.

**Mr Gilligan:** Yes.

**Q431 Mr Maples:** Then you say somebody else, the fourth person of these four, is somebody who subsequently came forward.

**Mr Gilligan:** That is right.

**Q432 Mr Maples:** To you and has talked to you again about ... I do not want to put words into your mouth. Which of these issues did they discuss with you.

**Mr Gilligan:** He in fact drew my attention to a story in *The Independent* and said that the story was "spot on" - those were his words. The story was about the demand by the intelligence services at MI6 that any future dossiers, any future government dossiers, should make it clearer which of the words were derived from intelligence material and which were the product of, you know, re-writing or sub-editing inside government.

**Q433 Mr Maples:** Was that in relation to the weapons of mass destruction dossier or the "dodgy dossier"?

**Mr Gilligan:** No, you will remember there were a couple of stories that appeared a week after the 45-minute story broke about the intelligence agencies laying down ultimata to the Government. The source, my source, the fourth source, drew my attention to these stories and said they were correct.

**Q434 Mr Maples:** By the time that happened, the "dodgy dossier" had been published as well, had it not?

**Mr Gilligan:** Absolutely. Yes.

**Q435 Mr Maples:** What I was trying to get at is: was that

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