

## PM denying BBC allegation:

"...the idea that we authorised or made our intelligence agencies invent some piece of evidence is completely absurd..." (*Prime Minister - press conference with Polish President, Warsaw - 30/05/03*)

"...I'm not going into how the intelligence came to us, but I can assure you that everything in that dossier was cleared by the Joint Intelligence Committee, and was their judgment - not my judgement, or another politician's judgment... their judgement." (*Prime Minister - Adam Boulton Programme - Sky News - 1/06/03*)

"...the idea that we doctored intelligence reports in order to invent some notion about a 45 minute capability of delivering weapons of mass destruction, the idea that we doctored such intelligence is completely and totally false." (*Prime Minister - Evian press conference - 2/06/03*)

"...it is wrong, frankly, for people to make allegations on the basis of so-called anonymous sources when the facts are precisely the facts that we have stated." (*Prime Minister - Evian press conference - 2/06/03*)

"...there was no attempt, at any time, by any official, or Minister, or member of No. 10 Downing street staff, to override the intelligence judgments of the Joint Intelligence Committee. That includes the judgment about the so-called 45 minutes. It was a judgment made by the Joint Intelligence Committee and by that committee alone." (*PM - Hansard - 4/06/03*)

"...the claims that have been made are simply false. In particular, the claim that the readiness of Saddam to use weapons within 45 minutes of an order to use them was a point inserted in the dossier at the behest of No. 10 is completely and totally untrue. Furthermore, the allegation that the 45-minute claim provoked disquiet among the intelligence community, which disagreed with its inclusion in the dossier—I have discussed it, as I said, with the Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee—is also completely and totally untrue. Instead of hearing from one or many anonymous sources, I suggest that if people have any evidence, they actually produce it." (*PM - Hansard - 4/06/03*)

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"...the Joint Intelligence Committee made that assessment on its own behalf with no interference from anyone. I shall certainly not stand here and say that that assessment is wrong, as the committee's judgment is that it was right. The committee is in a better position to make that judgment than either me..." (PM - Hansard - 4/06/03)

"Rather than having allegations made by anonymous sources that are completely untrue, is not it better that people with evidence should present it to the Intelligence and Security Committee and allow that Committee to make a judgment?" (PM - Hansard - 4/06/03)

● "The fact is there is not a shred of evidence, absolutely no evidence at all, that we have doctored or manipulated intelligence. That would be absolutely gross if we did so. We have not done so. And I have already said in relation to the Security Committee that they will have access to all the intelligence that they require, and what is more I will make the report public." (Prime Minister - joint press conference with Chancellor - 10/06/03)

● "...it is a very simple allegation this, it should be pretty simply checked, the allegation is in relation to this 45 minutes, that this was a piece of intelligence that we insisted was put in this dossier that the intelligence service disputed. I can tell you that is completely untrue, but it is a pretty simple thing to check." (Prime Minister - joint press conference with Chancellor - 10/06/03)

"The allegation that the claim was inserted by anyone in No. 10 Downing Street or any Minister is completely and totally incorrect." (PM - Hansard - 2/07/03)

"I repeat, as I have from the very beginning, that the claim—it is a perfectly simple claim—that, contrary to the advice and insistence of the Security Services, the 45-minute claim was inserted in the dossier last September is completely untrue." (PM - Hansard - 2/07/03)

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