

Mr Richard Sambrook
Head of News
BBC

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Dear Richard,

On the Today programme of June 26, you said the BBC had "one senior and credible source in the intelligence services" for the allegations contained in Andrew Gilligan's story.

Given that you are now perhaps the only person who knows the name of both Andrew Gilligan's source and the name of the Government official who believes he may be his – misreported – informant, could you tell me whether you can repeat the claim that Mr Gilligan's source is 'in the intelligence services' with confidence?

With very best wishes,

Ben Bradshaw MP

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