

**TRANSLATION OF SHORTHAND NOTES  
TAKEN AT  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
SUNDAY 6 JULY 2003**

Gavyn Davies (GDa); Richard Ryder (RR); Ruth Deech (RD); Dermot Gleeson (DG), Sarah Hogg (SH); Merfyn Jones (MJ); Fabian Monds (FM); Pauline Neville-Jones (PNJ); Angela Sarkis (AS); Robert Smith (RSm), Ranjit Sondhi (RSo)

GDa: Major decisions Hopefully we can issue a statement at the end of the meeting Without one it could be taken as signal of us falling out with management.

Opinion polls running show 3:1 in favour of the BBC. Don't know what will come out of FAC tomorrow. Alastair Campbell does not think it is a clear cut victory for him. Hope what we will achieve tonight is not caving in to either government or management.

Tonight don't think we should discuss again overall war coverage and nature of bias. - Don't want to reopen debate because we have stated in public our conclusions Evidence from public and Cardiff University is in our favour. Second, need to look at whether Today Programme upheld Producers' Guidelines. Think we need to look at what of our regulations we might tighten Eg, journalists writing in newspapers. Do we want to admit fault at not telling Number 10 in advance of the story.

Finally, do we want to comment on PM's comments about it being an attack on his personal integrity Hope we can make it clear we have never thought that and use that as an olive branch

DG. Don't want it taken for granted that we will make statement about all areas you have outlined.

RD Clear that we are considering whether it right to broadcast an allegation as an allegation One source does not bother me as Producers' Guidelines make clear "reluctant". Evidence shows due consideration. Not clear about consultation - ie, contacting Number 10. Not worried about FAC as their report is not about whether it was right for us to broadcast these allegations. So think we were right to do what we did. As Governors we have a duty to keep them accountable Thought PNJ's email helpful But don't agree with her suggestion that we reopen analysis of war coverage. Would welcome something like "we are looking at our Producers' Guidelines in light of this" Intelligence Services now dealing in a more open way, in light of terrorism etc.

GDav. What we are doing tonight is determining whether Producers' Guidelines were upheld

FM There is territory in terms of management activity since the broadcast that needs looking at

RSo: Wonder whether we should stick to broad grounds.

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