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Subject: RE: E-Mail from BBC Chairman

Sarah – Very many thanks, as always. From what I know, Dr Kelly did indeed have considerable access to intelligence in the relevant area and I do not think there was any material misleading of the public on that score. Keep in touch – GD

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Thanks for this - very clear and helpful. On the "senior intelligence source" descriptor, I don't think we should rush to the conclusion we were misled and/or therefore misled others. The key question is, in disguising its source, did the BBC mislead by giving him a descriptor that implied knowledge or status he did not have? If he indeed had full access to intelligence in this area, he was surely a source of information on intelligence - and it is clear he had great expertise and experience on these issues, his "seniority" is being attested to daily. (To make a no doubt unfair comparison, it was not like describing an elderly thesis downloaded from the internet as "intelligence".)

On a wider front, I don't think you should be afraid to make some public, sensible and moderate comments (not too much hand-wringing just steady under fire) - when you see the right moment.

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