

the wrong allegation that I had made, it turns out and that was made in that report - it turns out to have been precisely accurate doesn't it.

AI: Well it's not. Not, not, not in the way in which I interrupted your earlier statements. What I am saying is that the way in which we've presented this argument, that they are used in targeted, in a targeted way, against specific military targets, and they, the use of them is to minimise casualties on our side. Now all, all ammunitions, all weapons can create tragedies and it's not just cluster bombs, it's, it's, it's a tragedy of war that there are casualties. Fortunately we had very few casualties on our side, and I would put it down to the, to the very careful use of the powerful weapons we have to take out the ..

JH: (interjects) And you have no idea how many children will be blown to bits by the cluster bombs that did not explode and now are abandoned and left around built up areas

AI: Well that's a ridiculous allegation.

JH: What, you have a - oh you can tell me can you.

AI: That's a ridiculous allegation.

JH: Fine.

AI: . . . have been abandoned and there is, there is ...

JH: Ah, you've found them all then have you.

AI: No, of course we haven't found them all because, because it takes time to identify them. But we have two hundred personnel working in this particular area. We have weekly meetings with the NGOs who have the prime responsibility of the clearance. We provide the maps. There was an allegation in your programme there that we weren't providing maps, we do provide maps. We have a massive programme of education in Basra and those other areas where we have used such weapons and let me tell you ...

JH: Well sure, children are very good at following those education programmes aren't they.

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