

that there were such weapons of mass destruction. He postulated a possibility that they may, may not be found and that is the only, only part of his statement you're now alighting on....

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JH: (overlaps) Right, well now given that that possibility has been postulated by no less a figure than the American Defence Secretary himself. Why was Tony Blair in a position back last year, last September to say that these weapons could be activated within forty five minutes?

AI: Well that was, that was said on the basis of security source er, information. Single sourced, it wasn't corroborated.

JH: Single source. So you concede that.

AI: Well yes, I think that has already been conceded. In fact I think your earlier programme today was based upon a single source within the security services, an un-named anonymous source incidentally...

JH: It was, who told us that the .

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JH: the report that was initially .

AI: ... who has not been corroborated on what he said, and said was, this report had been concocted under pressure from Number 10. That is not the case. There was no pressure from Number 10, that all the information that was contained ...

JH: No no. Can I tell you what the allegation was because I think you may have been a little misled on that. The allegation was not that it was concocted by Number 10, the allegation was that a report was produced. It went to Number 10. It was then sent back to be sexed up a little, I'm using not my own words, but the words of our source, as you know. Now, given that, is it possible that.

AI: Well it's not true that, that allegation.

JH: That isn't true

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