

THE "45 MINUTES CLAIM" AS IT APPEARED IN THE DRAFT OF
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:- pages 3-4 (CAB/11/141-2)

And it allows us to judge that Iraq

- ...
- has military plans for the use of chemical and biological weapons, some of which could be ready within 45 minutes of an order to use them. . .

CHAPTER 3: THE CURRENT POSITION: 1998-2002

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1. ... The **main conclusions** are that.

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- Iraq's military forces maintain the capability to use chemical and biological weapons, with command, control and logistical arrangements in place. The Iraqi military may be able to deploy these weapons within forty five minutes of a decision to do so;

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Recent Intelligence

5. ... This intelligence covers

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- **Saddam's willingness to use chemical and biological weapons:** intelligence indicates that Saddam is prepared to use chemical and biological weapons if he believes his regime is under threat. We also know from intelligence that as part of Iraq's military planning, Saddam is willing to use chemical and biological weapons against any internal uprising by the Shia population. The Iraqi military may be able to deploy chemical or biological weapons within forty five minutes of an order to do so.

CONCLUSION:- page 52 (DOS/3/2)

We judge that the current position is as follows

Chemical and biological Weapons	... Some weapons could be deployed within 45 minutes of an order.
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