

THE "45 MINUTES CLAIM" AS IT APPEARED IN THE DRAFT OF
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – page 4 (CAB/3/25)

5. As a result of this intelligence we judge that Iraq has:
- ...
- military plans for the use of chemical and biological weapons, some of which are deployable 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:
- ...
- Iraq's military forces are able to use chemical and biological weapons, with command, control and logistical arrangements in place. The Iraqi military are 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:
- ...
- **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 an internal uprising by the Shia population. Intelligence indicates that the Iraqi military are able to deploy chemical or biological weapons within forty five minutes of an order to do so.

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