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ANDREW GILLIGAN INTERVIEW : 24/09/02

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..... has had a chance now for a quarter of an hour or more really to get into the fine detail Andrew, what are your conclusions about the dossier?

ANDREW GILLIGAN

MY conclusion are that frankly there is very very little new here, I've actually had the chance to read it for nearly half an hour and there is a great deal of flourishing of the word intelligence, again and again they stress this is from secret intelligence, they mention the Joint Intelligence Committee, there's even a little paragraph about it, a foreword by the PM heavily stresses the secrecy and intelligence basis of the information but in fact I haven't been able to discover, in my admittedly only thirty minute perusal, very many new facts at all. The tabloid headlines if you like and as Andy Marr mentioned, the fact that some weapons of mass destruction may be ready within forty five minutes, although that seems to be contradicted later on in the document when it says that they haven't actually weaponised some of it -

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