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| <p>Presenter (P)</p> | <p>Good Morning.</p> <p>A senior official involved in preparing the Government's dossier on Iraqi weapons of mass destruction has said the document was rewritten just before it was published to apparently "make it more exciting" The official said the intelligence services were unhappy with the changes. Let's talk to Andrew Gilligan our defence correspondent.</p> <p>Hello Andrew</p> |
| <p>Andrew Gilligan</p> | <p>Hello</p> |
| <p>P</p> | <p>This was the dossier published what, last September by the Government?</p> |
| <p>Andrew</p> | <p>That's right This is not the famous "dodgy dossier" that was copied off the internet, that came later This was a much more substantial effort Parliament was recalled to discuss it Tony Blair made the opening speech in Parliament, em and, and it dominated the news that day It was, it's the most substantial statement of the Government's case against Iraq</p> |
| <p>P</p> | <p>And what, according to the intelligence services were the problems with it?</p> |
| <p>Andrew</p> | <p>Well, the draft they originally produced they tell me was actually not terribly exciting, it didn't add very much to what we already knew publicly What any, kind of anyone who'd followed the story would know publicly, and it didn't satisfy Downing Street and they said eh, look, you know, is there anything more than this -- can, can we make this a bit more exciting please</p> <p>Em, and er, they mentioned a few things which they weren't very happy with and at Downing Street's insistence those were written into the document and one of the main things that em, that they weren't very happy with was this claim that Iraq could deploy its biological and chemical weapons within 45 minutes</p> <p>Now we now, we can be pretty sure now that that claim was actually wrong.</p> |