

which reflects accurately the feelings as we have reported them?

Richard Sambrook: I have no question that there was that level of disquiet within the defence and intelligence communities, and that is an issue of public interest. Part of the problem is that whenever we have said that, the response to it has been to suggest we were alleging something else and to deny something we haven't suggested.

John Humphrys: Well, Mr Campbell is clearly angry about this, and this is another final clip from his evidence to the committee.

Alastair Campbell: I find it incredible - and I mean incredible - that people can report based on one single anonymous uncorroborated source, can report - and let's get to the heart of what the allegation is - that the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, the intelligence agencies, people like myself, connived to persuade parliament to send British forces into action on a lie. That's the allegation, and I tell you, until the BBC acknowledge that is a lie, I will keep banging on. That correspondence file will get thicker, and they'd better issue an apology pretty quick.

John Humphrys: Well, Richard Sambrook, you'd better issue an apology pretty quick says Alastair Campbell.

Richard Sambrook: We're not going to apologise for something we haven't said, it's as simple as that. Alastair Campbell can try and pretend we said all sorts of things we didn't say. We're absolutely clear about what we said. Andrew Gilligan's report is still available on the website, anybody can go and listen to it and measure it up against the kind of things Alastair Campbell was suggesting yesterday. They don't line up.

John Humphrys: And you deny that that report amounts to an accusation that the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Campbell, and the heads of the intelligence services, were lying, and have led the country to war on a false premise?

Richard Sambrook: Absolutely not, we have never suggested anything of that kind.

John Humphrys. Mr Campbell says that he's not going to make any further comment until the foreign affairs select committee reports. Obviously we did ask him for an interview at this stage, he said he's not going to say anything more about it until that report comes in. Clearly we'll invite him on to put his side of the story and be questioned on this when that report comes out. But I take it that from what you've said, that you believe that if the papers are seen by the committee, this story can be stood up? You must believe that.

Richard Sambrook: I have no doubt about our story and about source at all, and I hope that the committee will have as full an inquiry and access to as much information as possible, and I look forward to reading their conclusions.

John Humphrys: You see, he claims that the arguments about how the 45 minute bit got into the dossier and had the prominence that