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Richard,

It would be very useful to talk to you this week. I am reluctant to call because I recognise that you must be snowed under - but if the opportunity does arise, and an off the record conversation would be remotely useful to you, please do call me. 0141-334-1153 or 07711-684316. I can be helpful when the circumstances lend themselves ...

I am intrigued by the MoD man's confession. I have no doubt that he has come under immense pressure....Indeed, he may not be the real source.. but if he is I am confident that I will not be the only journalist who received a briefing from a man who claimed to work at the MoD but who, when pushed, admitted that he had not attended the relevant meetings of the JIC and had played no part in the drafting of the relevant dossier. The individual in question had certainly seen raw intelligence and had been involved in collating some of it. He had a circulation list of those to whom it would be distributed. He said he had attended one JIC session at Downing Street (a claim that proved partially verifiable via 6/academic contacts)...but on rigorous testing proved to be driven by vaguely Shayler-like motives ...Fascinating.

Enough already. The BBC dispensed with my services years ago!

Very best,

Tim Luckhurst