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Gavyn

This is Gilligan's statement that is going out now

Statement issued on behalf of Andrew Gilligan

I want to make it clear that I did not misquote or misrepresent Dr David Kelly Entirely separately from my meeting with him, Dr Kelly expressed very similar concerns about Downing Street interpretation of intelligence in the dossier and the unreliability of the 45-minute point to Newsnight. These reports have never been questioned by Downing Street. Although Dr Kelly had close connections with the intelligence community none of these reports ever described him as a member of the intelligence services, but as a senior official closely involved in the preparation of the dossier

Note to Editors: Transcripts available

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I also drafted this for Richard Ryder, now overtaken by this, but it could be used as the basis for letters if needs be

Statement from Lord Ryder re MP Robert Jackson comments:

"Robert Jackson MP is quoted this morning as saying 'I believe Gavyn Davies knew Dr Kelly's name and he clearly misled his

governors in telling them that this was a senior intelligence source. I believe the chairman of the BBC governors as a matter of public accountability should resign from his office forthwith'

"As Vice Chairman of the BBC, I can assure the public that Gavyn Davies did not mislead the BBC's Board of Governors in any way. Neither Mr Davies, or the Board of Governors, knew the identity of the BBC's source until after Dr Kelly's death on Friday"

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