

## Patrick Lamb

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Patrick

Is the FCO preparing evidence for the Hutton enquiry? If so, I may have something relevant to contribute that I have been straining to recover from a very deep memory hole

In a conversation in Geneva which I think took place in late February, he explained to me that he thought that the Weapons Inspectors could have a good idea what the Iraqis had built and destroyed, because they (Iraqis) were inveterate keepers of written records, something they had, he thought, learned from us. There was a paper file on everything down to the smallest item.

Kelly said that his Iraqi contacts had pointed out to him that revealing too much about their state of readiness might well heighten the risk that they would be attacked. To gain their trust he had been obliged to assure them that if they complied with the Weapons Inspectors' demands they would not be. The implication was that if an invasion now went ahead, that would make him a liar and he would have betrayed his contacts, some of whom might be killed as a direct result of his actions. I asked what would happen then, and he replied, in a throw-away line, that he would probably be found dead in the woods.

I did not think much of this at the time, taking it to be a hint that the Iraqis might try to take revenge against him, something that did not seem at all fanciful then. I now see that he may have been thinking on rather different lines.

This aspect has not come out at all in the Press, though for all I know it may be common knowledge among his colleagues, in which case my contribution would add nothing. But if it is a new thought, perhaps it should be fed in?

David