

We understand that Mr Gilligan has given his employees
the name of his source. We have, in confidence, given the
name of this individual to the Chairman of the BBC, who
we agree will investigate whether they are the same person.

The offer is ready to be interviewed by the Intelligence and
Security Committee if they wish.

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We are putting this name to George Darnley particularly since it
is was the BBC's defence for running the story, that it was
not the BBC that was making the allegation, but the source, and
it has a duty to report what the source said. It is not
clear that if this is the single source he contests with
Andrew Gilligan claims he saw. If the BBC does not contest
it was indeed the individual