

An individual who works in the MoD has come forward to volunteer that he met Andrew Gilligan in a hotel on 22 May to discuss Iraq.

Their conversation included the Iraqi WMD programme and the '45' minute issue. The official volunteered that he had known Mr Gilligan for some time.

The individual is an expert on WMD but is not a member of the Intelligence Services or a member of the Defence Intelligence Services. He was not one of the senior officials in charge of drawing up the dossier.

During their meeting the official says that Mr Gilligan raised the involvement of Alastair Campbell. Since he was not involved in the process the individual says he did not comment on his role. He also says he made no accusations or allegations about any issue related to the dossier, in particular that the 45 minutes intelligence had been inserted by Mr Campbell or Downing Street against the wishes of the intelligence community.

We do not know how many people Mr Gilligan met in hotels shortly before May 29 to discuss Iraq and WMD. We do know that he had only one source for his story. He made clear to the Select Committee that the three subsequent sources he referred to did not talk to him about the WMD September dossier.

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