

They also look for foreigners who might be breaking Iraqi law or seeking to stir up anti-regime feelings among native Iraqis.

Technically, it is illegal for an Iraqi official or military officer to talk to a foreigner without permission from a security officer."

For ongoing operational reasons, SIS has asked me not to break down the sourcing of their contribution.

September 2002 dossier

The JIC Chairman and I believe that the following is an accurate reflection of my requests for changes to the text of the WMD dossier. In addition to the points below, I made a small number of style points, checked that the text was consistent throughout and avoided unnecessary repetitions.

First, I would like to draw your attention to a meeting I chaired on September 9 2002, which was the planning meeting for the WMD dossier. The records show that I made the following points.

I said the dossier must be, and be seen to be, the work of the JIC Chairman and his team, and "its credibility depends fundamentally upon that".

I emphasised "it goes without saying that there should be nothing published that you (the JIC Chairman and the Intelligence Agencies) are not 100% happy with".

The JIC Chairman first sent me a draft of the dossier on September 10.

To the best of my recollection, and that of Chairman of the JIC, I did not make any comments on the text of the draft at that stage.

On September 17, he sent me a further draft.

As far as we recall, our discussions on the text took place over September 17 and 18. The following are the changes I requested, and the responses of the JIC Chairman.

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