

questions might be, "Well, if this story is so bad what have you done about it?", and the truth is privately we have been trying to seek acknowledgement about this for some weeks and it is absolutely hopeless, because when you are dealing with the BBC I am afraid they just will not admit that they can get things wrong.

Q1062 Richard Ottoway: Now you know how the Tory party feels!

Mr Campbell: I am really not here to make political points.

Q1063 Mr Maples: You used to encourage them!

Mr Campbell: Encourage them to -- ? The point is that I think there is a world of difference between political exchanges and the rest of it and a story broadcast on the BBC followed up by every single national newspaper, followed up in newspapers around the world, that says the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, with the connivance of me and the intelligence agencies, persuaded Parliament and the country to go to war on a false basis I think is a pretty unbelievable allegation to make unless you can sustain it, and I have not seen a single thing that sustains it. I have seen the defence correspondent change his story time and time again, talking about one source, then there were four sources, then his sources were journalists on other newspapers - if that is BBC journalism, then God help them.

Q1064 Mr Maples: Can I take you back to what we affectionately now here call the "dodgy" dossier --

Mr Campbell: I have noticed the phrase being used repeatedly.

Q1065 Mr Maples: I just wanted to make sure we were talking about the same document. I am interested in the role of these four officials whose names were originally on the website and you have gone some way to explaining their role in your note to us and let us just go through them. The one who you do not know who you say was a member of the CIC was, I believe, a Foreign Office official called Peter Hammill?

Mr Campbell: That is not the name, no. There was a - actually, I think his background is not Foreign Office, I think he may be MoD, but there was an official who was working in the CIC that is certainly one of the four names.

Q1066 Mr Maples: Well, the name that was on the website -- ?

Mr Campbell: Was Paul Hammill.

Q1067 Mr Maples: I am sorry. My mistake. What was his role in this? He was part of the CIC?

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