

JH: ... well we can stay with this if you like. Let me just tell you that we did speak to the Ministry of Defence, I mean, it would be quite nice to move away from this a little bit but you're clearly reluctant to do so. We did as it happens speak ...

BB: I'm not reluctant ...

JH: ... well let me, let me tell you because ...

BB: .. to talk about anything ...

JH: .. you've made a serious ...

BB: .. you invited me on this programme to talk about the row between the Government and the BBC and I, it goes back to ..

JH: ... you, you, you and, alright ...

BB: .. the essential accusation that the BBC made at the beginning which it is still not big enough to admit it was a mistake ..

JH: ... we checked ...

BB: .. and I know from talking to people in the BBC John, and I'm sure you do too, that there are many, many senior journalists in the BBC who are deeply unhappy at the way the BBC has handled this.

JH: ... oh, oh on the contrary, on the contrary Mr Bradshaw, on the contrary. I have yet to find a single journalist in the BBC either in management or, as it were, the shop floor level who takes that view. And let me just tell you since you ...

BB: You clearly don't speak to very many

JH: ... oh I don't speak to many alright that's fine you speak to more of course you do, obviously you do. Let me ...

BB: Well I have spoken to many who are deeply unhappy with the way the BBC has handled this.

JH: . well, well indeed there were are you, you obviously know how many I've spoken to and all that so I, I bow to your expertise in that area.

BB: Well I have more than one anonymous source.

JH: Well alright no I, I bow to you on that clearly you, you work for the BBC you talk to people everyday in the BBC as I do, I fully understand that, I thought you were running a bit of a Government department but there were are, you're spending your time talking to the BBC that's absolutely fine. But let me just tell you that what we did before the Gilligan report was published, what Andrew Gilligan did was he checked with the Ministry of Defence You say that you, he called the Ministry of Defence and told them the story was being run so they had an opportunity to rebut it.

BB: Well you haven't answered my question did your programme put the specific allegation that the Government was deliberately misleading against the wishes of the intelligence services the, the public and parliament? Was that allegation ...

JH: Yes, the answer is yes I've answered it, I've just told you the answer is yes.

BB: ... well that's, not that's not what you said You said that Andrew Gilligan put a call in to the Ministry of Defence ..

JH: That's right.

BB: .. was, was their allegation ...

JH: Sorry is there a particular procedure that you should ...

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