

- a) 4 July 2003 – Mr Hoon's reference to a "plea bargain".
Mr Campbell cannot remember Mr Hoon's exact words, but he thinks that Mr Hoon was saying that a person had come forward in the way that someone wanting to plea bargain might do, namely admitting some "offences" whilst denying others and hoping his honesty in coming forward might lessen any punishment. The text in Mr Campbell's diary might be taken to suggest that Mr Hoon was talking about doing some deal with Dr Kelly designed to influence what he said about his conversation with Mr Gilligan. Mr Campbell is sure that nothing of that kind was being suggested. He would have remembered if it had been.
- b) 6 July 2003 – the reference to the desire for a win and not a draw.
This refers to the possibility that the FAC might be divided (a "draw"). The context is the question whether the individual coming forward was liable to have an impact upon the outcome of the FAC report being published on Monday, and whether it might influence both the Conservative MPs who were said to be unpersuaded, and the BBC governors who were meeting on Sunday.
- c) 7 July 2003 – "source going better but not necessarily him".
Mr Campbell thinks this is a reference to progress reports from interviews that were being related to Jonathan Powell, saying it did look likely but they just could not be sure.
- d) 9 July 2003 – "Big conspiracy".
This refers to suggestions from inside the BBC that a corporate decision had been taken not to cover the story about the source.

The Inquiry has proposed to adduce into evidence all extracts relating to the issue of the source over a relatively short period. It is of course the case, as the Inquiry knows, that during this period Mr Campbell was recording other aspects of this matter, and other unrelated events, in his diary. Indeed, in his entry for 5 July, the day after he first became aware that someone had come forward, he makes no reference to this development at all. I think it important to explain this context, not least to the media who may be interested in the extracts, which are being published with Mr Campbell's agreement.

Yours sincerely



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