

The 22nd May meeting between Dr Kelly and Andrew Gilligan

Gilligan's Mail on Sunday article of 1st June states that "The location was a central London hotel and the source was waiting as I got there We'd both been too busy to meet for nearly a year, but there was no sign this would be anything more than a routine get-together."

13. At whose request did the meeting between you and Mr Gilligan on 22nd May take place?

14. Was there something which you wanted to communicate to Mr Gilligan? If so, what was it?

Gilligan's central allegation is as follows "The source's claim was that the dossier had been transformed in the week before it was published and I asked, 'So how did this transformation happen?', and the answer was a single word, which was 'Campbell' I asked, 'What do you mean, Campbell made it up?', and he answered, 'No. It was real information'—this is the 45 minute claim—but it was included in the dossier against our wishes because it was not reliable It was a single source and it was not reliable ' He also said that Downing Street officials, he did not name anybody else, had asked repeatedly if there was anything else that could be included on seeing the original draft of the dossier which was considered dull " [Q457]

15. You have read Mr Gilligan's accounts of the meeting, including his evidence to this Committee. Is there anything in Mr Gilligan's account which you dispute?

Gilligan "My source did not believe it [the 45 minutes claim] was reliable He believed that that single source had made a mistake, that he had confused the deployment time for a conventional missile with the deployment time for a CBW missile He did not believe that any missiles had been armed with CBW that would therefore be able to be fireable at 45 minutes' notice. He believed that claim was unreliable " [Q461]

16. What exactly did you tell Mr Gilligan about the 45 minutes claim?

Gilligan told the Committee that "He [the source] was quite cutting about the claim that uranium had been sought from Africa. He was of the opinion .. that that was unreliable information." [QQ453-4]

17. What exactly did you tell Mr Gilligan about the uranium from Africa claim?

18. What exactly did you tell Mr Gilligan about the process by which the September dossier was compiled?

19. In particular, did you suggest or agree that the September dossier had been exaggerated, embellished, or otherwise changed for political reasons?

In his 1st June Mail on Sunday article. Gilligan wrote that "I asked him how this transformation happened The answer was a single word. 'Campbell.' What? Campbell made it up? 'No, it was real information. But it was included against our wishes because it wasn't reliable.'"

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