

**Q131 Richard Ottaway:** In response to my colleague, David Chidgey, he gave you a quote which appeared on *Newsnight* in a programme introduced by Susan Watts. You have confirmed that you have spoken to Susan Watts. Can I just take you through the quote again that was read out. You said you did not recognise it. Could you just concentrate on it. It is talking about the 45 minute point. It said: "The 45 minute point was a statement that was made and it got out of all proportion. They were desperate for information. They were pushing hard for information that could be released. That was the one that popped up and it was seized on and it is unfortunate that it was. That is why there is the argument between the intelligence services and Number 10, because they picked up on it and once they had picked up on it you cannot pull back from it, so many people will say 'Well, we are not sure about that' because the word smithing is actually quite important." There are many people who think that you were the source of that quote. What is your reaction to that suggestion?

*Dr Kelly:* I find it very difficult. It does not sound like my expression of words. It does not sound like a quote from me.

**Q132 Richard Ottaway:** You deny that those are your words?

*Dr Kelly:* Yes.

**Q133 Richard Ottaway:** In a throwaway line to a question just now you said you did have a view as to why weapons of mass destruction were not used in 45 minutes. Would you like to elaborate on that?

*Dr Kelly:* I did not say I had a view as to why they were not used in 45 minutes, what I said was that I had a view as to why weapons were not used during the conflict.

**Q134 Richard Ottaway:** What was that?