

is absolutely no way you were the source that he was referring to when he came before this Committee as far as the 45 minute claim is concerned.

*Dr Kelly:* The difficulty I have is that there are other elements of it which do match the things that I say, and I have referred to that. the issue of the 30 per cent probability of Iraq possessing chemical weapons. That is the sort of statement that I do make and may well have made to him, and that is when I became concerned that I may, in fact, be part and parcel of the story.

**Q154 Sir John Stanley:** Of course, references to those particular points may have come in other public statements that Mr Gilligan has made and on which he might reasonably have drawn from the separate conversation he had with you.

*Dr Kelly:* True.

**Q155 Sir John Stanley:** Who made the proposition to you, Dr Kelly, that you should be treated absolutely uniquely, in a way which I do not believe any civil servant has ever been treated before, in being made a public figure before being served up to the Intelligence and Security Committee?

*Dr Kelly:* I cannot answer that question. I do not know who made that decision. I think that is a question you have to ask the Ministry of Defence.

**Q156 Sir John Stanley:** So you did not make it yourself?

*Dr Kelly:* Certainly not.

**Q157 Sir John Stanley:** We have to assume therefore that your ministers then are responsible for treating you uniquely as a civil servant in highly publicising you before going to the Intelligence and Security Committee?

*Dr Kelly:* That is a conclusion you can draw.