

Q468 Mr Chidgey: Forgery at what point? There have been some stories in the press that the forgery occurred in the UK.

Mr Gilligan: These people do not tell you everything, they are pretty tacit.

Q469 Mr Chidgey: It is clearly a very serious matter if somebody in our intelligence services should have forged the documents that we are referring to.

Mr Gilligan: That has never been an allegation that we have made or that my source made.

Q470 Mr Chidgey: Have you any indication from your source of where the forgery is thought to have occurred?

Mr Gilligan: No, I am afraid not.

Q471 Mr Chidgey: Have you any information at all about how it came to be included in the dossier, who picked it up and who presented that information, forged or otherwise?

Mr Gilligan: I did not go into it in sufficient detail.

Q472 Mr Chidgey: It seems surprising that this suddenly dropped out of the air at a stage when there was not enough time to check it.

Mr Gilligan: I did not go into that in sufficient detail with my source to answer that question, perhaps I should have.

Q473 Mr Chidgey: Do you think it is possible that it could have been a deliberate plant by somebody?

Mr Gilligan: I have got no evidence on which to base that view.

Q474 Mr Chidgey: It is possible, is it not?

Mr Gilligan: I have got no view.

Q475 Mr Chidgey: Moving on, we have had a lot of very interesting information from you regarding the intelligence community's view of what was passed in the presentation of the February dossier. Is it your view that they are generally angry about that, is that what has motivated them to speak out now about the September dossier, even though it happens to be through sources such as yourself?

Mr Gilligan: Specifically about the February dossier?

Q476 Mr Chidgey: Yes.

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