

The JIC Chairman and I believe that the following is an accurate reflection of my requests for changes to the text of the WMD dossier. In addition to the points below, I made a small number of style points, checked that the text was consistent throughout and avoided unnecessary repetitions.

8. First, I would like to draw your attention to a meeting I chaired on 9 September 2002, which was the planning meeting for the WMD dossier. The records show that I made the following points.

I said the dossier must be, and be seen to be, the work of the JIC Chairman and his team, and "its credibility depends fundamentally upon that".

I emphasised "it goes without saying that there should be nothing published that you (the JIC Chairman and the Intelligence Agencies) are not 100% happy with".

The JIC Chairman first sent me a draft of the dossier on 10 September.

To the best of my recollection, and that of Chairman of the JIC, I did not make any comments on the text of the draft at that stage.

On 17 September, he sent me a further draft.

As far as we recall, our discussions on the text took place over 17 and 18 September. The following are the changes I requested, and the responses of the JIC Chairman.

As I told the committee on Wednesday, I suggested the use of "vivid and horrifying" in the human rights section was unnecessary. It was removed.

I suggested that in the light of Iraq's agreement on 16 September to allow UN inspectors to return to Iraq, we should further address the issue of Iraq's current concealment plans as assessed by the JIC. This was agreed.

On Saddam's sons, the draft said they "may have" the authority to launch CW/BW attacks. I asked why it said "may have" rather than "have". "May have" was retained because it was the best assessment of all the information, human and technical, that was available to the JIC.

As I told the committee on Wednesday, the draft said Iraq had sought to secure uranium. I asked if any had been secured. I was told that the intelligence did not lead to that conclusion.

I asked if the issue of the aluminium tubes could be put in the

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