

executive summary. It was concluded that it should not form part of the executive summary, but remain in the body of the text where it explained that there was no definitive intelligence that the tubes were destined for a nuclear programme.

I asked if it was possible to include the range of extended range missiles in the executive summary. It was included.

As I told the committee, I made a suggestion about the passage on illicit earnings. This was included.

I asked if it was possible to list the numbers of shells and sprays in the Iraqi armour. It was not.

In a passage dealing with dual use facilities, I suggested the phrase "could be used" might be replaced by "(are) capable of being used". This was agreed.

I felt that a passage on how long it might take for Iraq to develop nuclear weapons should be explained more clearly. This was done.

I asked if it could be made clearer at what stage of the process different JIC assessments were being put to Prime Minister and other ministers. I was told this was already being addressed in the opening chapter.

The JIC chairman circulated a further draft, including to JIC members, on 19 September. He asked for any final comments by 3 pm that day. Neither of us can recall that I made any further points thereafter.

The following day the TIC Chairman sent the final version. He said he was content that the dossier reflected as fully and accurately as it could the intelligence at that time.

9. As so many of the allegations have been made in the media, there is a further point I would like to make. The Sunday Times reported on 1 June that I pressured John Scarlett to write a conclusion and he refused. The reality is that John Scarlett drafted a conclusion and asked for my view. I said I did not think it added anything. John Scarlett said this confirmed him in the view he was already developing that it was not necessary to have a conclusion to the dossier.

10. Finally, concerning the most serious allegation against me, that I inserted the 45 minute intelligence whilst knowing it to be untrue, the Chairman of the JIC has confirmed that this was already included in the first draft that he sent me (10 September). It was not inserted at my request. The Chairman of the JIC has also confirmed, and authorised me to say, that it reflected recent intelligence incorporated already in the JIC's classified assessment and that I played no part in

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