

Q237 Mr Chidgey: Does the transcript you watched from *Newsnight* more or less match up with the information I read out to Dr Kelly?

Mr Gilligan: Yes, it pretty much does. That was described by her as a senior figure intimately involved drawing up the dossier.

Q238 Mr Chidgey: Were you surprised by him saying that he did not recognise that?

Mr Gilligan: I cannot answer questions about Dr Kelly's relationship with Susan Watts because I have never spoken to either of them about it.

Q239 Mr Chidgey: Okay. Can I ask a couple of quick questions, can you tell us how long you have known Dr Kelly for?

Mr Gilligan: I am pretty sure some considerable time, I cannot remember the exact day we first met I am afraid.

Q240 Mr Chidgey: Are we talking about months, years?

Mr Gilligan: Certainly somewhat longer than months. It really is very difficult to say how long I have known someone.

Q241 Mr Chidgey: You presumably met him on a number of occasions, perhaps many times, perhaps no more times than is possible to specify as a specific number?

Mr Gilligan: I do not dispute that I met Dr Kelly, of course. If any of my sources wish to disclose their meetings with me they can. Anything between me and the source is for the source to disclose, not for me. If you like it is a little bit like the relationship between a lawyer and a client or a doctor and a patient, if the client or the patient wishes to break confidentiality they can but I am still bound by a duty of confidentiality to them. It is for Dr Kelly to disclose any details