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13 Q486 answer. Hatfield asked if Kelly shared the source's views that weapons at 45 minutes deployment would have been found by now because they could not be deeply concealed Kelly replied that this was not a statement he would make

14 Q511 answer Hatfield asked if Kelly was of the view that Iraq had not been able to weaponise CBW Kelly replied that this was not his assessment Hatfield asked if Kelly shared the source's views that it was 30% likely that there had been a Iraqi CW programme in the 6 months before the conflict Kelly replied that he had no doubt that Iraq had a CW programme, but this was the sort of assessment he might make purely to weapons production. Hatfield probed. Gilligan was specifically quoting his source – had Kelly used those actual words? Kelly said that he had not, but accepted that it could be an inaccurate summation of what he might have said Hatfield asked whether Kelly could have been the source of Gilligan's quotation in the Q545 answer (that it was more likely that Iraq had a BW programme, but that it was small) Kelly replied that he would not have used those terms, but that the statement could be a loose paraphrase of his views.

15. Q559 Hatfield observed that Kelly did not match Gilligan's confirmation that his source was someone in the intelligence services

16. Q565 answer. Kelly observed that Gilligan's description of the meeting's duration as being "a couple of hours, perhaps, an hour and a half" did not match the meeting he had been at his strong recollection was that it had been around 45 minutes

17 Hatfield summed up. There appeared to be consistencies between parts of Gilligan's testimony to the Foreign Affairs Committee, and what Kelly says that he said to Gilligan. In particular, the meeting was set up at Gilligan's initiative, and Kelly had acknowledged that the statement that it was 30% likely that there was a CW programme in the 6 months before the conflict was consistent with his views. But there were significant discrepancies. In particular, Kelly denied having any knowledge of the "45 minutes claim" until after the Dossier was published, and denied having any knowledge of the process by which that assessment was included; he also denied giving any opinion that the evidence that Uranium had been sought from Niger was based on unreliable information. In addition, Kelly was not of the view that Iraq had not been able to weaponise CBW. There were other, minor inconsistencies with