

PRESS STATEMENT

An individual working in the MOD has volunteered that he met with Andrew Gilligan on 22 May to discuss Iraq in general. This was one week before Gilligan's story claiming that the Iraq dossier was "sexed up". The account of the meeting given by this official does not match the account given by Gilligan of his "single source".

This was an unauthorised contact which is being dealt with appropriately by line management.

There is no reason to suspect that a breach of security is involved.

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