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From The Chairman

10th July 2003

Rt Hon Geoffrey Hoon, MP
Secretary of State for Defence
Ministry of Defence
Room 205
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Dear Geoff

Thank you for your letter of 9th July. I have discussed the matter with Greg Dyke as Editor-in-Chief. Although I did not originally show him the name contained in your letter, I am sure he will have now seen the name in most of this morning's newspapers.

The BBC will not be making any more comments about, or responding to any claims concerning, the identity of Andrew Gilligan's source for his story on the Today programme on May 29, or the identity of Susan Watts' source for her story on Newsnight on 2nd June.

Yours sincerely

Gavyn Davies

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