

Q I have a three-part question on intelligence. And if you can't answer it now, maybe you can get me the answers. Is the President disappointed with the intelligence he had on Iraq in terms of weapons and al Qaeda? Two, which intelligence agency did he really rely on? Was it the newly-constructed Pentagon intelligence or CIA? And, three, why has he blocked the 800-page 9/11 report on 9/11?

MR. MCCLELLAN: Okay, let me take --

Q -- bipartisan report.

MR. MCCLELLAN: First of all, we receive our intelligence from a lot of different sources and there are a lot of people involved in that. If you're asking specifically about the issues of weapons of mass destruction, the President has made it clear that it will take time, that this was a regime that spent a lot of time --

Q -- operative and ready to deliver on our arrival

MR. MCCLELLAN: Even the U.N. -- the U.N. unanimously voted, said that Iraq had a weapons of mass destruction program. That was a unanimous vote. We've already uncovered at least two biological weapons -- well, trucks that had no other purpose but to be used for biological weapons production. We continue to search for weapons of mass destruction and we're confident we will find them.

This was a regime that spent a great deal of time concealing this weapons of mass destruction program. They were very sophisticated in the way they approached it. But we are confident we will --

Q You're not pulling out your inspectors?

MR. MCCLELLAN: -- we will uncover their weapons of mass destruction program.

Q Program or weapons?

MR. MCCLELLAN: Weapons of mass destruction.

Q Secretary Rumsfeld's comments indicating that Saddam Hussein may have destroyed weapons of mass destruction before the war, should we take that as new information, that's something that the administration has learned since --

MR. MCCLELLAN: No, I think you have to look at the full context of his remarks. He made it clear that he's -- that we are confident that we will uncover their weapons of mass destruction program.

Q All I'm asking is, is that destruction of some weapons of mass destruction, is that something that the administration knew before the war, is that something it's learned since it's had people on the ground --

MR. MCCLELLAN: Well, I think this is -- obviously, we have teams in place that are searching throughout Iraq to search for the weapons of mass destruction, and they're continuing to do that. But, as I said, this is a regime that spent a great deal of time trying to conceal their weapons of mass destruction and their weapons of mass destruction program, as evident with our recent discoveries of the two trucks.

Q Does this mean, Scott, that the urgency in going into Iraq, the urgency in ending the U.N. weapons inspection program and starting the military action in Iraq had nothing to do with the weapons of mass destruction; was, instead, a matter of liberating the Iraqi people?

MR. MCCLELLAN: No, it was the reasons we stated -- that the concerns about a regime that had a willingness -- not only possessed weapons of mass destruction, but a willingness to use weapons of mass destruction, the concerns about that regime, possibly marrying up with terrorists, other people who had a hate for America.

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