

Chief Press Officer

Subject: FW

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From: "Kate O'Connor"

> Geoff Hoon quote:
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> "Comments made by John Humphreys on the Today Programme this morning have
> been drawn to my attention. They need to be corrected.
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> Andrew Gilligan did not call MoD to discuss either WMD or the dossier. He
> spoke to the MoD about an interview request for the following day on a
> different issue altogether
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> When he was asked what other stories would be on the programme, Mr
Gilligan
> mentioned that he was planning a story on WMD. However, he said the WMD
> story was not an issue for the MoD. He did not give any details or ask
> for
> a response. He made clear that he did not view MoD as the relevant
> Government department.
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> I strongly support the request to the BBC to correct this morning's
misleading
> comments. They are simply untrue."
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