

## NOTE ON ALASTAIR CAMPBELL'S WRITTEN STATEMENTS TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

In Mr Campbell's written statement for the Foreign Affairs Committee at CAB/1/257-258, he said:

"However, once the decision was taken that intelligence should form the basis of the dossier, the Joint Intelligence Committee took the lead on it and its Chairman took responsibility for drawing up the contents which were regularly reviewed [*by the group that I chaired*] as the document evolved. The Prime Minister's officials, and senior FCO officials were involved with the Chairman of the JIC in discussions upon the content, the planning of the document, and its presentation. .... I had several [*many*] discussions with the Chairman of the JIC on presentational issues arising from the dossier and, in common with other officials, made drafting suggestions as the document evolved [*through various drafts*]. I also submitted to him suggestions made by the Prime Minister on a draft which he read. The Prime Minister's suggestions, and mine, were for the JIC Chairman to accept or reject as he saw fit. It was the Chairman of the JIC who signed off the final version of the dossier.

I should therefore emphasise that the intelligence judgements were entirely those of the JIC and there was no question of anyone seeking to override them [*of interference with them*]. The allegation on the BBC that we abused intelligence in an attempt to "sex up" the dossier is simply untrue [*that I "sexed up" the document and in so doing abused intelligence is one that I reject entirely*], and I have the support of the Security and Intelligence Co-Ordinator, the Chairman of the JIC, and the Heads of the Intelligence Agencies involved in saying that [*of the Chairman of the JIC, and the head of the SIS, (John, are you happy with this (and can you check that Richard is) in so doing*]. The claim in the original BBC story that the "45 minute" command and control point was put in at my or No. 10's insistence against the wishes of the Intelligence Agencies is also false, and I say that with their support too." (CAB/1/258)

[NOTE: The underlined words were not present in the draft version at CAB/31/11, but were added into the final version sent to the Foreign Affairs Committee. The italicised words are words that were in the draft version but do not appear in the final version.]