

(both laugh)

SW you were more specific than the source on the Today programme – not that that necessarily means that it's not one and the same person. but, um in fact you actually referred to Alastair Campbell in that conversation

DK err yep yep with you? .

SW yes

DK. I mean I did talk to Gavin Hewitt yesterday – he phoned me in New York, so he may have picked up on what I said because I would have said exactly the same as I said to you.

SW Yes, so he presumably decided not to name Alastair Campbell himself but just to label this as Number 10 .

DK yep yep

SW are you getting much flak over that?

DK me? No, not yet anyway I was in New York (laughs)

SW yes good timing I suppose

DK I mean they wouldn't think it was me, I don't think Maybe they would, maybe they wouldn't. I don't know

SW um so is that the only item in the report that you had concerns over being single-sourced rather than double -sourced? .

DK You have to remember I'm not part of the intelligence community – I'm a user of intelligence . of course I'm very familiar with a lot of it, that's why I'm asked to comment on it but I'm not deeply embedded into that . xxx So some of it I really can't comment because I don't know whether it's single-sourced or not

SW but on the 45 minutes

DK oh that I knew because I knew the concern about the statement . it was a statement that was made and it just got out of all proportion . you know someone They were desperate for information. they were pushing hard for information which could be released that was one that popped up and it was seized on and it was unfortunate that it was which is why there is the argument between the intelligence services and cabinet office/number ten, because things were picked up on, and once they've picked up on it you can't pull it back, that's the problem

SW but it was against your advice that they should publish it?

DK I wouldn't go as strongly as to say that particular bit , because I was not involved in the assessment of it. no. I can't say that it was against MY advice I was uneasy with it I mean my problem was I could give other explanations which I've indicated to you . that it was the time to erect something like a scud missile or it was the time to fill a 40 barrel, multi-barrel rocket launcher

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. (“all sorts of reasons why”) 45 minutes might well be important and . I mean I have no idea who de-briefed this guy quite often it's someone who has no idea of the topic and the information comes through and people then use it as they see fit

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