

(WT) It's a surprising claim to make given that it encompasses the OTHER - so-called "dodgy dossier" - part of which was plagiarised. And in any case, today, Tony Blair appeared irritated that the weapons issue won't go away...

(Blair sync 2) ...if pple have got evidence they shd produce it..wrong to make claims on basis of anon sources...

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But in some cases anonymous sources can be the only way to gain an insight into the intelligence world. We've spoken to a senior official intimately involved with the process of pulling together the original - Sept 2002 Blair weapons dossier. We cannot name this person because their livelihood **DEPENDS** on anonymity. Our source made clear that in the run-up to publishing the dossier the government was obsessed with finding intelligence on immediate Iraqi threats - and the Government's insistence the Iraqi threat was **IMMINENT** was a Downing Street **INTERPRETATION** of intelligence conclusions. His point is that while the intelligence community was agreed on the potential Iraqi threat in the **FUTURE**, there was less agreement about the threat the Iraqis posed at that moment...

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Our source said:

"That was the real concern - not so much what they had now, but what they would have in the future. But that unfortunately was not expressed strongly in the dossier, because that takes away the case for war - to a certain extent"

"But in the end it was just a flurry of activity and was very difficult to get comments in because people at the top of the ladder didn't want to hear some of the things."

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PIX BLIX AT THE UN

Our source talks of a febrile atmosphere in the days of diplomacy leading to the big commons debate of Sept last year.....of the Government seizing on anything useful to the case...including the possible existence of weapons that could be ready within 45 minutes.

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