

DK in your heart of hearts you must realise sometimes that's not actually the right thing to say but it's the only way you can put it over if you've got to get it over in two minutes or three minutes

SW did you actually write that section which refers to the 45 minutes Or was it somebody else?

DK I didn't write THAT section, no I mean I reviewed the whole thing. I was involved with the whole process.. In the end it was just a flurry of activity and it was very difficult to get comments in because people at the top of the ladder didn't want to hear some of the things

SW so you expressed your unease about it? Put it that way

DK errr well yes yep

SW so how do you feel now number ten is furiously denying this and AC specifically saying it's all nonsense it was all in the intelligence material?

DK well I think it's matter of perception isn't it. I think people will perceive things and they'll be, how shall I put it, they'll see things from their own standpoint and they may not even appreciate quite what they were doing

SW do you think there ought to be a security and intelligence committee inquiry?

DK yes but not now I think that has to be done in about six months time when we actually have come to the end of the evaluation of Iraq and the information that is going to come out of it I still think it's far too early to be talking about the intelligence that is there a lot of intelligence that would appear to be good quality intelligence, some of which is not and it take a long long time to get the information that's required from Iraq The process has only just started. I think one of the problems with the dossier – and again I think you and I have talked about it in the past is that it was presented in a very black and white way without any sort of quantitative aspects of it. The only quantitative aspects were the figures derived essentially from UNSCOM figures, which in turn are Iraq's figures presented to UNSCOM – you know the xxx litres anthrax, the 4 tonnes VX – all of that actually is Iraqi figures – but there was nothing else in there that was quantitative or even remotely qualitative – I mean it was just a black and white thing – they have weapons or they don't have weapons That in turn has been interpreted as being a vast arsenal and I'm not sure any of us ever said that people have said to me that that was what was implied. Again we discussed it and I discussed it with many people, that my own perception is that yes they have weapons but actually not vxxxx (xxxmodel) at this point in time But the problem was that one could anticipate that without any form of inspection, and that forms a real deterrence, other than the sanctions side of things, then that that would develop I think that was the real concern that everyone had, it was not so much what they have now but what they would have in the future But that unfortunately wasn't expressed strongly in the dossier because that takes away the case for war to a certain extent

(I cough)

SW a clear and present, imminent threat?

DK yes

SW so did you pick up anything in NY last week as to whether you'll be going back in or?

DK remember I don't wear a blue hat anymore I mean I go out to advise them, but I don't wear a blue hat

SW you were hoping you might get involved in some of the interviewing process

DK yes still hoping but it hasn't happened yet and the reason for that is of course these guys aren't talking and there's actually not a lot of point in me discussing things if they are actually saying no Once they start opening up, that's the time (to go back)

SW what's going to make them start opening up though – do we need to get to the stage of talking about war trials? Or is that only going to make things worse

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