

(WT) The row over intelligence information and how coalition governments used it in the build up to War reverberated around the capitals today A senior Australian intelligence officer - who resigned over HIS country's involvement in the War with Iraq - kept up the barrage of highly damaging assertions ...

(sync Wilkie - ans 6 or 7)
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i feel that all three governments, in washington in london and in canberra were in all cases dishonest when selling the iraq problem to their people and trying to persuade go to war yes, they were dishonest some people would call that lying
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(sync McGovern) 184243

I sympathise with your intelligence experts, i know a lot of them, i know the degree of care and professionalism they bring to the task and to see them watch their product being prostituted to higher purpose almost there's nothing more painful for a professional to watch
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(WT - CHAPTER HEAD 1 - QUESTION FOR INQUIRY) The questions for any inquiry are piling up. First - how sound was the Government's assertion that Saddam could launch banned weapons at 45 minutes notice?

(WT) The issue dominated today's debate Tony Blair flatly denied that the 45-minute claim had unsettled the intelligence services.

(Tony Blair today) 120742

the claim that the claim about 45 mins provoked disquiet among the intelligence community who disagreed with its inclusion in the dossier - again this is something I have discussed with the chairman of the jic - that allegation also is completely and totally untrue 120800

(WT) But a source we've spoken to - a senior official intimately involved with the process of pulling together the original weapons dossier in which the claim was made - told us that he and others felt considerable discomfort over it.

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(GFX) (Quote) I was uneasy with it - 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's the time to fill a multi-barrel rocket launcher...All sorts of reasons why 45 minutes might well be important.

(WT) In other words, he's saying that Saddam might have rocket hardware that takes 45 minutes to assemble, but not necessarily the weapons of mass destruction to which Tony Blair referred in his weapons dossier when he said of Saddam