

“...the document discloses that his military planning allows for some of the WMD to be ready within 45 minutes of an order to use them.” (DATE ASTON)

(WT – commons ) The prime minister appeared to want to shift the focus of the argument – moving away from how the 45-minute claim was used to WHO put it in the weapons dossier...

(Tony Blair today) 120516

there was no attempt at any time by any official or minister or member of 10 Downing Street staff to override the intelligence judgements of the JIC their judgement including the judgement about the 45 minutes was a judgement made by the JIC and them alone

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(PTC) Our source was NOT disputing that the 45-minute assessment was included in the dossier by the intelligence service – although he did say he felt that to have been a “mistake”. His POINT was that the EMPHASIS placed on that element of the intelligence in the foreword to the dossier WENT TOO FAR. He felt this emphasis turned a POSSIBLE capability into an imminent threat...and a critical part of the Government’s case for war. Our source cannot be described as a “rogue element” On the contrary he is exceptionally well placed to judge the prevailing mood as the dossier of September last year was put together. (3.26)

(sync McGovern) 184548

it's fair to describe these folks as rogue elements only if you're part of a government who has a lot of defensiveness and a need to dismiss such allegations as being untrue. You're not a rogue element if you have a devotion to truth that transcends this or that regulation. (3.52)

(WT) The Government denied today that the 45-minute claim originated from an Iraqi defector, whose credibility some might doubt, but instead from a reliable source – trusted over many years. Nevertheless, its inclusion was unusual since a minister has conceded the information came from a single source.

(sync Wilkie – ans 3) 142945

i don't think it should have been included at all. one of the worrying things about this whole Iraq mess is the way the intelligence process has been allowed to break down. intelligence officers would never rely on a single report as evidence of such an important point

(WT – CHAPTER HEAD 2 – QUESTION FOR INQUIRY) So is the intelligence information itself sound?

(WT) Tony Blair was also asked about the conclusion by nuclear inspectors that forged documents were behind claims - included in the same September dossier - that Saddam was trying to obtain uranium from Niger for a revived nuclear programme. The prime minister said he was not able to say if this was accurate or not.

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