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From The Chairman

10<sup>th</sup> July 2003

Rt Hon Geoffrey Hoon, MP  
Secretary of State for Defence  
Ministry of Defence  
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Whitehall  
London SW1A 2EU

Dear Geoff

Thank you for your letter of 9<sup>th</sup> July. I have discussed the matter with Greg Dyke as Editor-in-Chief. Although I did not originally show him the name contained in your letter, I am sure he will have now seen the name in most of this morning's newspapers.

The BBC will not be making any more comments about, or responding to any claims concerning, the identity of Andrew Gilligan's source for his story on the Today programme on May 29, or the identity of Susan Watts' source for her story on Newsnight on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Yours sincerely

Gavyn Davies

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