

## Chief Press Officer

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Subject: FW

----- Original Message -----  
From: "Kate O'Connor"

> Geoff Hoon quote:  
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> "Comments made by John Humphreys on the Today Programme this morning have  
> been drawn to my attention. They need to be corrected.  
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> Andrew Gilligan did not call MoD to discuss either WMD or the dossier. He  
> spoke to the MoD about an interview request for the following day on a  
> different issue altogether  
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> When he was asked what other stories would be on the programme, Mr  
> Gilligan  
> mentioned that he was planning a story on WMD. However, he said the WMD  
> story was not an issue for the MoD. He did not give any details or ask  
> for  
> a response. He made clear that he did not view MoD as the relevant  
> Government department.  
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> I strongly support the request to the BBC to correct this morning's  
> misleading  
> comments. They are simply untrue."  
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