
WITNESS STATEMENT OF SUSAN WATTS,
SCIENCE EDITOR, BBC NEWSNIGHT
TO HUTTON INQUIRY REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF
DR DAVID KELLY:

Attachment L



From Director, News

BY COURIER

22 July 2003

Miss Susan Watts

Dear Susan

As you will know, the BBC as your employer requires at least copies of all your research materials relating to backing up the two Newsnight pieces on 2nd and 4th of July and your discussions with Dr. Kelly relating to them including tape-recordings and notes. Of particular importance are the tape recordings, whose existence only came to our attention on Friday, when we understood that there was no objection to this material being produced.

You will appreciate that we need access to this material very urgently so as to assist Lord Hutton's enquiry and to fulfil our obligations under the BBC Producers Guidelines. No doubt you share both these objectives. We do therefore ask for the material by return and in any event by close of business tomorrow. Obviously the BBC will bear all copying charges. The BBC can, if you wish, arrange copying of the tapes. The originals would be returned to you.

I look forward to hearing from you urgently. Please could you also confirm that, pending delivery of copies and thereafter, the original material is being and will be kept in safe keeping.

As a courtesy, we are also copying this letter to your solicitor, Miss Fiona Campbell of Finers Stephens Innocent.

Lastly, could you please inform us as soon as possible as to when Mr Kelly gave the taped interview(s).

Yours sincerely


RICHARD SAMBROOK

cc: Fiona Campbell, Finers Stephens Innocent



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