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17 July 2003

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- Koichiro Yoneda, TBS News
- Paul Lashmar, The Independent
- Susan Lambert, Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- Jeremy Webb, new Scientist
- James Bone, The Times
- Marilyn Chase, Wall Street Journal
- Jeff Goldberg, Freelance journalist
- Judith Miller, New York Times
- Calum Lynch, Washington Post
- Helen Vyner, Simon Prentice Associates
- Carolyn Hawley, BBC
- Lynsey Hilsum, Channel Four News
- Stephen Endelberg, New York Times
- Sean O'Neill, Daily Telegraph



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Mr Steve Priestley
Clerk
Foreign Affairs Committee
House of Commons
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Thank you for your letter of 16 July, asking for a list of journalists with whom Dr David Kelly has had contact.

As Dr Kelly explained in his evidence to the Foreign Affairs Committee, the presence of the press outside his house has meant that he has not in recent days been able to gain access to the personal records he holds there. He was able to gain access to them last night. Mr Hoon wanted me to write to you as quickly as possible with this information, noting that it is drawn from a rapid analysis by Dr Kelly of his records.

Dr Kelly has records of having held one-to-one meetings with the following journalists over the past 2 years at their request:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Nick Rufford (Sunday Times)	14 March 2002	Discussing Al-Manal
Alex Nicoll (Financial Times)	15 May 2002	Iraqi WMD in general ✓ 327A
Phillip Sen (The Engineer)	3 October 2002	Inspection technology ✓ 33C
Andrew Gilligan (BBC)	February 2003	Iraqi WMD in general
Andrew Gilligan (BBC)	22 May 2003	Iraqi WMD in general

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Jeremy Webb, new Scientist
James Bone, The Times
Marilyn Chase, Wall Street Journal
Jeff Goldberg, Freelance journalist
Judith Miller, New York Times
Calum Lynch, Washington Post
Helen Vyner, Simon Prentice Associates
Carolyn Hawley, BBC
Lynsey Hilsum, Channel Four News
Stephen Endelberg, New York Times
Sean O'Neill, Daily Telegraph

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Ministry of Defence

THURSDAY 17 JULY 2003

Andrew MacKinlay Esq MP(THURROCK) (LAB)

NAMED DAY WRITTEN

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which journalists Mr David Kelly has met over the past two years; other than Andrew Gilligan of the BBC, (a) for what purpose each meeting was held, and (b) when each meeting took place. 126331

Minister replying The Rt Hon Geoffrey Hoon MP

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BACKGROUND NOTE

Background

1. Andrew MacKinlay is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and pressed Dr Kelly on his contacts with journalists during his evidence session on 15 July. The FAC have followed this evidence up with a letter requesting details of Dr Kelly's contacts.
2. The proposed answer lists the meetings that Dr Kelly has records of having held. In addition, Dr Kelly will have had contacts with journalists that are not in his records: such contacts would include seminars, and telephone conversations.
3. This PQ should be considered in conjunction with 4235N and the draft letter from PS/Secretary of State to Clerk FAC, both of which concern Dr Kelly's contacts with journalists.

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DECLARATION: I have satisfied myself that the above answer and background note are in accordance with the Government's policy on answering PQs, Departmental instructions (DCI GEN 150/97), and the Open Government Code (DCI GEN 54/98).

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Ministry of Defence

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Andrew MacKinlay Esq MP(THURROCK) (LAB)

NAMED DAY WRITTEN

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when over the past two years Mr David Kelly has met Andrew Gilligan of the BBC. 126330

Minister replying The Rt Hon Geoffrey Hoon MP

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Andrew Gilligan has had meetings on Iraq with Dr Kelly twice over the past two years: February 2003 and 22 May 2003. In addition, Dr Kelly spoke to Andrew Gilligan about Iraq during a seminar at the International Institute of Strategic Studies on 12-14 September 2002.

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BACKGROUND NOTE

1. Andrew MacKinlay is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and has had the opportunity to ask Dr Kelly direct about his dealings with Andrew Gilligan. The answer given to this PQ is drawn from information offered by Dr Kelly to MOD, and is consistent with his evidence to the FAC.

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