

Rose Brian

From: Richard Guthrie [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2003 13:51
To: Rose Brian
Subject: David Kelly/e-mails etc

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Dear DC Rose

Further to our telephone conversation this morning I said I would forward you a number of things:

- * some details about myself;
- * My most recent contacts with David; ^{N1}
- * The e-mail exchange between David and Maalfrid Braut on the day ^{N14} disappeared; and _{NJ- A19}
- * Details of Alistair Hay who also had recent contact with David; and
- * an attachment with some references to David within it.

I have been a researcher in the field of international affairs and defence for nearly two decades and for the last 12 years or so have had a particular focus on chemical and biological warfare (CBW) issues. Most of my work in this field has been with the "Harvard Sussex Program" (HSP) -- a joint project between the Science Policy Research Unit (University of Sussex) and the Department of Cellular and Molecular Biology (Harvard University). From 1 September I shall be director of the CBW project at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

I knew David Kelly for a number of years. We met on a number of occasions at conferences and seminars. To the best of my recollection the last time we met face to face would have been late 2002 when he gave a presentation on the "Trilateral Process" (a joint inspection arrangement between the UK, US and Russia) in which he was a key player. His presentation was based on a chapter for a book that was due to appear (and which had gone through standard clearance procedures). The chapter is on the web at <http://www.vertic.org/yearbook/yb2002/Kelly.pdf> -- it is one of very few published articles of his.

I had more recent contact in the form of a telephone call I initiated. It would have been in March, I believe, and was a request to David as to whether he would be willing to read through a compilation of material I was putting together on Iraq and CBW. He said he would be happy to, time permitting. Comments from experts in the field can be very valuable in keeping work to a high standard and there were few as expert as he was on

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Iraq. The compilation is advertised on the back cover of the March "CBW

Conventions Bulletin" which I produce as part of my work with HSP (this bulletin may be found at www.fas.harvard.edu/~hsp/bulletin/cbwcb59.pdf). However, work on this has taken longer than expected and I have not yet sent it to anyone who might review it or comment on it. The compilation is likely to be published as a SIPRI publication once I have moved to Stockholm.

I saw David's testimony to the Foreign Affairs Committee on an internal monitor in parliament -- work which for political reasons I am discreet about. His manner and demeanor were very different from his usual behaviour and I was acutely aware that he was feeling under a lot of pressure.

E-mails

Maalfrid Braut is a Norwegian student studying for a Masters degree at the London School of Economics. Her chosen dissertation subject is the UN Special Commission on Iraq (UNSCOM). She visited HSP at Sussex on a number of occasions to read through our files and discuss aspects of her research. We recommended that she speak with David as he would be able to help guide her research. We gave her his contact details and she interviewed him as part of her research.

She is currently writing up her dissertation while staying in Cairo with, I believe, her boyfriend who is working out there.

On Friday 18 July she e-mailed me about the possibility of working at SIPRI once I am there and about the awful news of David's disappearance. Included in her e-mail was the information that she had had e-mail contact with him the day before.

I replied to her immediately asking her if she was near a phone and if so what was her number. She responded with the number [REDACTED] where he is living in Cairo. I called her and asked her what had been in the exchange. I also asked if she could forward the exchange to me as it might prove important in piecing together David's movements in his last hours. After I had received it I called Thames Valley Police and left a message about it.

She forwarded material from her is pasted below

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-----Opprinnelig melding-----

Fra: David Kelly [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sendt: to 17.07.2003 11:17

Til: Braut, M

Kopi:

Emne: RE:

Malfrid,

Thanks. It has been difficult. I hope to get to Baghdad soon to really work. I will then probably be out of email contact but send me whatever you wish and I will respond as soon as I can.

I am sure that Cairo remains absorbing.

Best wishes,

David

-----Original Message-----

From: Braut, M [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: 16 July 2003 09:09

To: David Kelly

Subject: SV:

hello,

I just wanted to send a little email to say that I hope

you manage to keep energy for your important work, undoubtedly recent events must have been straining.. seems to be an occupational hazard associated with UNSCOM work..?

In Cairo things are fine. I am getting close to a draft, if you have email access (I will check first) I will send you the draft, alternatively I will send you a later version when you do have email access. (I think it should have some value but undoubtedly it will benefit from critical reading in case I have misunderstood or misinterpreted.)

Best wishes,
Mlfrid

/end of pasted text/

The variant spellings of Maalfrit's name arise from the transliteration from Norwegian as the double a is an a with a particular accent (that I can't at this moment remember) in the original. This special character often gets removed by e-mail systems.

Since our telephone conversation this morning I have spoken with Alistair Hay who also had an e-mail from David on the day he disappeared. Alistair is a professor of chemical pathology at the University of Leeds. His home number is [REDACTED] work (direct) is [REDACTED] and work (office general number) is [REDACTED]. It seems the e-mail he received was of a similar tone to Maalfrit's and was sent at the same time.

Attachment

Attached to this e-mail is an Acrobat/PDF file with an extract from a database I help manage called "CBW Events". It is a chronological listing of anything of significance regarding chemical and biological warfare and therefore includes references to a number of activities of David's such as inspections and seminars. The full database contains over 11,000 records

of which I can identify 20 which refer directly to David Kelly. These have been "printed" as the attached file.

If anyone needs to contact me, my mobile number is the most reliable method ^{N13} [REDACTED] is the most reliable method. I normally check this e-mail account a few times a day.

If there is anything else I can help with, I am more than happy to help. I held David in the highest esteem.

Yours,
Richard Guthrie