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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 [] September 2002

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BACKGROUND NOTE

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Background

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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Dr Kelly has records of having held meetings with the following journalists

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
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In addition, Dr Kelly will have spoken with journalists about Iraq at a range of seminars and similar events, and on the telephone. Dr Kelly has also discussed non-Iraq WMD matters on which he is an acknowledged expert

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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. It covers both Iraq and non-Iraq matters. It does not cover briefings that Dr Kelly gave at the FCO (any done at MOD or UN request?) In addition, Dr Kelly will have had contacts with journalists that are not in his records: such contacts would include seminars, telephone conversations (and occasional "soundbite" interviews). (What about interviews like the one quoted by F&C?).
3. It is not possible to list with any certainty all the contacts Dr Kelly has had with journalists. The answer is therefore restricted to those of which Dr Kelly has records and which were specifically arranged by the journalist and him.

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