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Dr Brian Jones – The Daily Telegraph

Dr Brian Jones, the country's most senior intelligence expert on weapons of mass destruction in the period leading up to the Iraq war, has today settled his libel complaint against the Daily Telegraph.

The Daily Telegraph falsely alleged on 20 March 2009 that Dr Jones “leaked information to the media” before the Iraq war. In fact this is completely untrue and when Dr Jones recently gave evidence to a House of Commons Select Committee investigating “Leaks and Whistleblowing in Whitehall”, the Chairman specifically singled him out as someone who did not, and would not, leak information.

Luke Staiano, his solicitor, read out a statement in the High Court in London today informing the Court that the Daily Telegraph accepted the allegations were false and had apologised and agreed to pay Dr Jones damages and his legal costs.

Dr Jones was a Branch Head on the Defence Intelligence Staff of the Ministry of Defence. He retired from the civil service in January 2003. He has had a distinguished career and now has academic associations and is a consultant and freelance writer with a high international reputation in the fields of intelligence, arms control and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

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