



The vice president heard about the possibility of Iraq trying to acquire uranium from Niger in Feb 2002 as part of his regular intel. The vice president asked a question about the implication of the report... during the course of a year the vice president asked many such questions and the agency responded within a day or two. The agency said they had reporting suggesting the possibility of such a transaction, but the agency noted that the reporting lacked detail. The agency pointed out that Iraq already had 500 tons of uranium, portions of which came from Niger according to the IAEA. The vice president was unaware of the trip by Ambassador Wilson. And didn't know about it until this year when it became public in the last month or so.

on the record...

off the record and I did not state of the union... and did he from his Langley... I don't recall it coming up on our trips and in some of them we talked about Iraq and in some we talked about weapons of mass destruction and don't want to deal with it definitively... and I don't recall and any of our trips out there and I don't recall him asking or me asking...

We were not involved in part of that speech process drafting and we had more focus on Project Bioshield and different speech

We would try and get the Bioshield language and not engaged... in a particular subject... of

had something and about the Wilson thing and not sure if it's ever

There's only one written record of the Wilson trip and it included a statement of the former prime minister and Wilson asked a former prime minister of Niger and the guy said no we haven't and he also said that he had been approached by the Iraqis and they sent a delegation to Niger and met with him... for expanded relations which he understood to be and to acquire... the net import of Wilson. Nigerians denied it and but they also but he'd also reported something fairly consistent with what the

president said in the speech and the iraqis were  
trying..saying the iraqis had approached him and the  
uranium and credible on that...

some piece he saw that was circulated...

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