

THE BRITS BURIED EVIDENCE ON DAVID KELLY'S DEATH

Jeebus. Larisa just pointed me to this.

A highly unusual ruling by Lord Hutton, who chaired the inquiry into Dr Kelly's death, means medical records including the post-mortem report will remain classified until after all those with a direct interest in the case are dead, the Mail on Sunday reported.

And a 30-year secrecy order has been placed on written records provided to Lord Hutton's inquiry which were not produced in evidence.

The Ministry of Justice said decisions on the evidence were a matter for Lord Hutton. But Liberal Democrat MP Norman Baker, who has conducted his own investigations into Dr Kelly's death, described the order as "astonishing".

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One of the doctors seeking a full inquest, former assistant coroner Michael Powers, told the Mail on Sunday he had seen a letter from the legal team of Oxfordshire County Council explaining the unusual restrictions placed by Lord Hutton on material relating to his inquiry.

The letter states: "Lord Hutton made a request for the records provided to the inquiry, not produced in evidence, to be closed for 30 years, and that medical (including post-mortem) reports and photographs be closed for 70 years."

This is just ridiculous. David Kelly has an email exchange in which Judy Miller—fresh off

having been leaked Valerie Plame's identity by the Vice President's right hand man—saying:

Judy: I heard from another member of your fan club that things went well for you today [with the inquiry]

Kelly: I will wait until the end of the week before judging—many dark actors playing games.

He then dies in what is pretty thinly disguised as a suicide. And now we find out that the guy who certified that bogus suicide claim ordered that all the documentation pertaining to it be sealed until we're all dead? Really?!?!?

I'll add one more thing to Larisa's timeline. One of the things that happened in one of Ari Fleischer's last briefings (trying to look for it now) is that he was informed by reporters that Tony Blair would be coming for a visit—Fleischer, apparently, had not been told about what was apparently a last minute trip. Which had the effect of—just days after Plame's identity was leaked and on the day Kelly was suicided—having Blair and Bush having a last minute visit together.

Just in case he needed to be out of town, you know.