

CABINET SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH MR RUBINSTEIN, BLUNT'S SOLICITOR

Mr Rubinstein saw the Cabinet Secretary this morning at his own request to ensure that a proposed statement by Blunt did not contain anything that might be prejudicial to national security.

We have not cleared the statement: whatever Blunt says, whenever he says it, is for him.

We should not be drawn on whether any matters prejudicial to national security were actually in the draft.

The meeting lasted about an hour. We cannot confirm whether or not there was anyone else present.

[For our own information (but Blunt can do his own PR arrangements): We understand that Blunt will release his statement tomorrow afternoon through PA so that it is on the record before any Debate in the House. We also understand he will give interviews to BBC TV and ITN. He will also give an interview to 'The Times' (Louis Heren) on condition that The Times release the text to everyone.]