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*Dear Robert*

1. You will no doubt have seen the article by Duncan Campbell and John Rentoul entitled "Secrets of the Ponting Trial" published in the New Statesman on 15 February 1985. It seems very likely that this article included some information leaked from the document now known as the "Crown Jewels", which was produced in camera during the Ponting trial. If so, it seems more likely that the source would have been someone involved with Mr Ponting's defence than anyone in a Government Department who has had access to the document. My view would therefore be that no purpose would be served by holding a leak enquiry.

\* 2. I am copying this letter to Robin Butler, Antony Acland, John Jones, Peter Marychurch and to the Legal Secretary to the Law Officers.

*John*

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