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MR FLESHER

Thank you for your letter of 18 May concerning the letter which the Prime Minister has received from Mr John Watson MP about the case of the late Mr Niall Campbell. I am sorry to be slightly late in replying.

2. So far as the background to this case is concerned, there is nothing to add to the information contained in Roger Bone's letter to John Coles of 13 December 1983 (copy attached for convenience).

*Passage deleted and retained under
Section 3(4).*

*Wayland
12 December 2013*

3. Although, for obvious reasons, we normally say as little as possible about such matters, it is quite understandable, in view of some of the speculation in the press concerning Mr Campbell's death, that Mrs Campbell should wish to know a little more about this report and Mr Watson's letter suggests that both he and Mrs Campbell would treat any information very responsibly. In these circumstances, the Prime Minister might wish to write to Mr Watson in confidence with sufficient information to lay Mrs Campbell's mind at rest. I attach a draft which the Prime Minister might care to use for this purpose.

*NB - unclassified correspondence
with Watson MP, held by C.R.
CST 11/6/84*

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R P HATFIELD

6 June 1984

DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO

John Watson Esq MP
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Thank you for your letter of 17 May concerning the late Niall Campbell.

In view of some of the press speculation that surrounded Mr Campbell's tragic death, I can quite understand that Mrs Campbell should wish to know whether there is anything to the report she has heard.

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under Section 3(4).*

*Wayland
12 Dec. 2013*

I should be grateful if this information could be held as strictly personal to yourself and Mrs Campbell.