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PRIME MINISTER

cc. Mr. Ingham

The Attorney General's Office telephoned this afternoon to let us know that tomorrow morning Counsel, on behalf of the Attorney General, will be applying for leave to move for committal for contempt of court against five newspapers (The Sunday Times, Mail on Sunday, The Sunday People, The Star and The Sun) in connection with their reporting on the circumstances surrounding Michael Fagan's detention after he had been caught inside the Palace.

The point, as I understand it, is that these papers published so much material so damaging to Fagan's reputation as to make it, in the Attorney's view, highly likely that the course of justice will be impeded.

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