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22 December 1983

SIR BRIAN CUBBON KCB  
PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Robert

LEAKS AND SCOTLAND YARD

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We have now received from Scotland Yard the enclosed report on the involvement of their Press Bureau in the stories about the MOD and DES leaks, on which you wrote to me on 16 November.

The Metropolitan Police accept that a mistake was made by the Bureau in replying to an enquiry from the Daily Mail on 9 November, because of a confusion between the two investigations. They should have repeated the denial of police involvement made to previous enquiries from the Mail and the Sun.

On the second point which you raised, the police report that their enquiries suggest that the Bureau did not go into any details about the DES leak, and that they were not the source for that story. Although one can never be absolutely sure what was said, as the police accept, the log of the conversation supports that conclusion, and there is no other evidence which they could usefully pursue further. The Guardian story of 11 November, unlike that in the Mail of 10 November, bears all the signs of being cobbled together from a range of different sources and items, as is commonly the case with those two reporters. That seems pertinent to the point which David Hancock made in his letter of 17 November.

We have also taken up the point which you raised about their procedural guidance for commenting on leak investigations. You will see from the Deputy Commissioner's reply that he agrees with the need to avoid premature release of information. We are discussing with him the further guidelines needed to secure this agreed objective. I shall come back to you on this.

I am sending copies of this reply to Clive Whitmore, David Hancock and Robin Butler.

Your ever  
Diana

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

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*From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service*

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

Ref. A084/127

11 January 1984

Leaks and Scotland Yard

Thank you very much for your letter of 22 December, with its report from New Scotland Yard on the press leaks about the Ministry of Defence and Department of Education and Science leaks.

I agree that we cannot pursue these particular leaks any further.

I am glad to hear that you are discussing with the Deputy Commissioner the further guidelines needed to secure the avoidance of premature release of information. I trust that the guidance will also extend to the avoidance of premature release of misinformation, of the kind that led to the "Cabinet Office mole" headline and article in the Sunday Telegraph for 8 January.

I am sending copies of this letter to Clive Whitmore, David Hancock and Robin Butler.

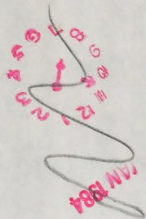
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SECURITY: Cruise Missile / Guardian Leak

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*From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service*

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

Ref. A083/3266

16 November 1983

Leaks and Scotland Yard

You will, I am sure, have seen the press coverage, particularly in the Daily Mail, of the investigation into the disclosure to The Guardian of a minute, classified SECRET, from the Secretary of State for Defence to the Prime Minister about the arrangements for receiving cruise missiles at Greenham. The story was printed because the Press Office of Scotland Yard gave the Daily Mail incorrect information. The Prime Minister has indeed authorised an investigation into the cruise missile leak but this is, for the time being, entirely internal, and the police have not been brought in.

It seems extraordinary that the Yard should not only have given out information which was clearly inaccurate about an investigation in which they had had no involvement, but also that they should compound this subsequently by giving, in considerable detail, information about an inquiry into the attempted leak of documents from the Department of Education and Science, the report of which is still being considered by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Do you think the Commissioner should be asked to let us have a report on what happened and why, and to give us an assurance that steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence? The Prime Minister has always adopted a very firm policy of not commenting on the progress or the outcome of leak investigations, and it would be regrettable if, on the few occasions when we call in the police because we believe there is a real chance of catching a culprit, we could not rely on the Yard adopting an equally firm policy and not disclosing details prematurely.

I am copying this to Clive Whitmore, David Hancock and Robin Butler.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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SIR BRIAN CUBBON KCB  
PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

18 November 1983

Dear Robert

Leaks and Scotland Yard

Thank you for your letter of 16 November. I agree that the sequence of events as revealed in the press articles is extraordinary and we have asked the Commissioner to let us have an urgent report.

I am copying this to Clive Whitmore, David Hancock and Robin Butler.

Yours ever  
Diana

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

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SECURITY  
Info leaked to  
the Guardian  
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HOME OFFICE  
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17th November 1983

Dear Sir Kenneth,

Press Leaks

When I came over to meet you earlier this afternoon, I mentioned the concern which had been expressed about some recent stories in the Press which seem to have involved your Press Office.

The first was the Daily Mail story of the investigation into the disclosure to the Guardian of a SECRET minute from the Secretary of State for Defence to the Prime Minister about the arrangements for receiving cruise missiles at Greenham. It seems that the story was printed because your Press Office initially gave the Daily Mail incorrect information, and confirmed it even though the police were not in fact involved.

When subsequently correcting that information, the Press Office seem to have compounded the initial error by giving in considerable detail information about a separate inquiry into the attempted leak of documents from the DES.

I should be grateful if you could let us have urgently a report on what happened and, if mistakes were made, how they came to be made, and an indication of what action has been taken to prevent a recurrence. It has always been regarded as essential during investigations to avoid any comment on the progress or outcome, because premature disclosure may destroy the chances of catching a culprit or may prejudice action against him. This policy should apply equally when the police are called in to assist in investigations.

Yours sincerely,  
Michael Partridge

(M. J. A. PARTRIDGE)

Sir Kenneth Newman, QPM,  
Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis,  
New Scotland Yard,  
Broadway,  
LONDON  
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Deputy Commissioner

For necessary action,  
please.

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244 Heseltine's briefing to Thatcher on cruise timing

MAJOR items of equipment for the first cruise missile flight will be arriving at RAF Greenham Common from November 1 onwards, with deliveries spread over the following week. I have minuted you separately on the contingency security arrangements. We need to consider the parliamentary and public handling of the issue. Our approach at this stage needs to cater for the alternatives that the first cruise missiles themselves will arrive on November 1 or three weeks later, on which, for reasons you know, final decisions have yet to be taken.

I believe that in either case there is no sensible alternative to announcing the beginning of the arrival of "sensitive" items of equipment on November 1 (while of course maintaining our existing policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence of nuclear warheads). Clearly there can be no question of revealing the timetable for equipment deliveries in advance. But we must work on the basis that the presence of sensitive equipments will become known on November 1, given the increased level of activity

A DOCUMENT which has come into the possession of the Guardian underlines the Government's sensitivity over the delivery of the first cruise missiles to RAF Greenham Common which — the document shows — was scheduled to begin tomorrow. The document, marked "secret" and dated October 20, 1983, is a briefing addressed to the Prime Minister from the Defence Secretary Mr Michael Heseltine. It is entitled Deliveries of Cruise Missiles to RAF Greenham Common — Parliamentary and Public Statements and is printed here in full.

at the base and the presence of transporter-erector-launchers.

There is nothing to gain and much to lose—from trying to be evasive. Defence is top for questions that day and there are a number of related questions on the delivery and deployment timetable. If it is decided that deliveries at the beginning of the month should exclude the missiles, I would propose to explain at question time that the launchers and other equipment were beginning to arrive but to make it clear that the missiles themselves had not arrived. If, on the other hand, the full programme including the missiles goes ahead, I propose instead to make a statement to the House after questions.

This statement would re-

hearse the collective nature of the Nato decision which led to deployment, note that we are proceeding with implementing a decision agreed four years ago, and emphasise our interest in securing an equitable arms control agreement and that deployments can be halted, modified or reversed in the light of progress in Geneva. It would also refer to Nato's decisions on reductions in warheads for shorter-range nuclear weapons, about which I am minuting you separately.

Finally and crucially I should need clearly to draw out and to emphasise the distinction between the operational deployment of the missiles (which we have always said would take place by the end of the year), and their deliv-

ery (which must be presented as another step in preparation for operational deployment).

Assuming the full delivery programme goes ahead that day, my aim in handling Parliament and the press on November 1 would be to concentrate as much attention as possible on the Government's position before the Opposition and the "peace movement" had an opportunity to react. To this end I would hold a press conference in London on November 1 after the statement and I am considering following this with a photographic facility at Greenham Common itself.

We need, of course, to take account of the international implications of our public line. We have already explained to the Germans

that arrivals cannot be concealed. The Soviet Union might use an announcement as a pretext for walking out in Geneva, although this may not suit them in relation to seeking to influence German opinion prior to the Bundestag debate. In any case, as the arrivals cannot be concealed, they could use publicity about them as the pretext if they are minded to pull out at Geneva.

Prior to November 1, I have no doubt that we should continue to make clear that missiles have not yet arrived, and add that Parliament will be kept informed of all significant developments in the delivery programme. Without this, any announcement may appear to be a concession to Opposition pressure rather than a positive decision by the Government.

There will be a number of opportunities for questions on the timing of deliveries to be raised next week, particularly during the debate on the Defence Estimates in the Lords on Tuesday and your Question in the Commons on Tuesday and Thursday. I enclose a suggested line to take for use then.

*W. I. W. F. D.*

*nothing like what I expected from the press conference. I advise the D.O.P.P. the 5th for any investigation of this. Good*

Burden  
Mail  
1200

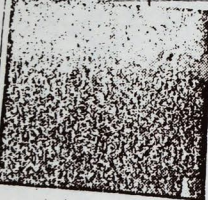
*Are NSY investigating the alleged theft of this document?*

*now rec: 1543*

*nothing at this stage. I will inform Bureau if there are any developments.*



Monday 31/10/83

No.	Enquirer and Time	Enquiry	Action	Reply or Message	ne Press
	 <p>Left: Protesters attacking th</p> <p>Cruise base 'cordon'</p> <p>By Paul Brown HUNDREDS of police were posted around the perimeter of the Greenham Common cruise missile base last night to prevent a recurrence of the weekend's extensive wire cuttings. The women protesters retreated to a number of campsites in the trees while the</p>		<p>Spoke DCS Dowling C.I ex. 3467 1235</p>	<p>No.</p> <p><u>NOT FOR PRESS - BUREAU INFO</u></p> <p>The last time we did something like this was when C.I investigated the alleged theft of a document from the Dept. of Education &amp; Science. The report said that co-ordinators Cabirev looks refers to the DoPP who refer to a DAC on the 5th floor who would then refer any details to D.C.S. C.I. IV is possible that a request for an investigation may be gone somewhere along this chain - but I have heard nothing at this stage. I will inform Bureau if there are any developments.</p>	
	<p>Burden Mail 1200</p>	<p>Are NSI investigating the alleged theft of this document?</p>	<p>now rec 1543</p>		

Wednesday November 2 1983

Enquirer and Time	Enquiry	Action	Reply or Message	Time to Press
Hollington Sun 1900	Is leak to Guardian Cap MOD brief from Defence Sec to PM going to be investigated by NSV.	Spoke C.I. D/O 1950	from WIDFORD nr Bishop Stafford in Herts. resident at Hendon.	
		Spoke C.I(S) 1955	N.I.K. C.I(S) cover Government Liaison DCh Supt Dawling, Commander Admin officer will know if anyone does - he's gone home.	
			[No Reply]	
			WOW see 1593	

11/15/83

592 Journal  
D. TES 1155

Can you tell me about  
of Walter Henry Thompson  
Former Inspector & Secretary  
of Winston Churchill - He  
will be in his 90's now.

Spoke 174

Born 3/12/1890  
He died in 1978.

1593

for  
#552-1524  
Mail  
Binder  
PRIVATE  
1635

Understad  
Police are now  
investigating leak  
of MOG document  
from Defense Sec  
to PM in  
Gladia.

Spoke  
DI Barry  
CI

[message left MS Dowling  
to call Bureau]

NOT NOW FOR PRESS  
- SEE BELOW.

Dis Picking  
Spoke 174

[If D. Dowling  
we have investigated the  
matter and have sent report to  
the Duffield on awaiting  
his decision]

P. H. 1750

PA  
2316  
Tape 235

593 cont'd

Sandrock  
D/Tel  
0015

Are you sure this answer  
is correct, I thought Mr  
Dowling was dealing with  
a Dept of Education & Science  
leak?

Thursday 10th November 1983

Spoke D.O.  
C.I.

Will get Mr Dowling to phone you.

(Now SEE OVER)

Thursday 10th November (cont'd) 1183

Enquirer and Time	Enquiry	Action	Reply or Message
593 (cont'd)	<p>THIS PAGE NOT FOR PRESS</p> <p>BUREAU GUIDANCE repeated next page →</p>	<p>A/Cdr Dowling C.I phoned 0025</p> <p>Spoke S.I.O Bureau 0030</p> <p>S.I.O. Bureau at 0100</p> <p>HoN phoned 0115</p> <p>S.I.O. Bureau 0135</p>	<p>The answer I gave one of your ladies this afternoon related to a <u>Department of Education and Science investigation</u>. I have <u>no knowledge of any Ministry of Defence matter</u>; C.I is not making any such investigation and has not, so far, been asked to do so.</p> <p>Kill the story. I will speak to Burden &amp; to HoN. <u>OFF - RECORD</u></p> <p>The Press Bureau prides itself on accuracy but on this occasion has inadvertently misled the Daily Mail. We shall look into the matter in the morning and are apologising to Peter Burden.</p> <p>I have spoken to Peter Burden and Head of News; having consulted Commander Phelan, S.B., at home, they are not investigating the Cruise leak either.</p> <p>It seems all action possible at the present time has been taken. I will look into this in the morning - a full enquiry.</p> <p>I have spoken to Burden and accepted full responsibility; police are not to be blamed for a Bureau error. I will be in early to</p>

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PA 0035  
Expr. 0040  
Tel  
Star  
Sun  
Guard  
BBC Radio  
LBC

Thursday 10th November 1983 cont'd

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GUIDANCE GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES - ATTRIBUTABLE

The report which has been sent to D.P.P. relates to the leakage of a Department of Education and Science documents and is in no way connected with the MoD or Cruise missiles.

OFF RECORD:

The Press Bureau prides itself on accuracy but on this occasion has inadvertently misled the Daily Mail. We have apologised to Peter Burden and will investigate the matter later today.

BUREAU NOTE:

Stress that police are in no way to blame for what is a Press Bureau misunderstanding.

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HON  
Spoke  
1155

There is No USY involvement relating to MoD and Cruise Missiles

Spoke DCS  
Dowling C1  
1200

The D.E.S. papers were sent to The Guardian in an unstamped envelope which arrived mid-May. The newspaper did not open the letter but returned it to sender i.e. D.E.S.

D.E.S. immediately replied it was. Final report sent to D.P.P. by.

MP 77(1E)

J.

P.

59B  
Ctd

FROM : A Laugharne CBE QPM

4/94



DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
OF THE METROPOLIS

NEW SCOTLAND YARD  
BROADWAY LONDON SW1H 0BG

14 December 1983

cc Mr Bantock  
Mr Hilary

M J A Partridge Esq CB  
Deputy Under-Secretary of State  
Home Office  
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London  
SW1H 9AT

*Jean Michael*

PRESS LEAKS

Since receiving your letter of November 17 I have enquired about how our Press Bureau became involved in the case of the MOD document leaked to The Guardian. A simple misunderstanding occurred during a telephone conversation and this resulted, I regret to say, in the MOD leak being confused with the DES investigation. Attached is a copy of a report about our mistake, by Richard Wells, the Director of Information.

We have apologised to the newspapers for this unprecedented mistake and suitable advice has been given to those concerned to help to prevent a recurrence.

As for the second issue raised in your letter, (that we compounded our initial error) we in fact provided very little information about the DES leak. Enquiry shows that we did not discuss the contents of the letter sent to The Guardian; neither did we indicate who was responsible for the leak, nor did we provide any indication that the identity of the 'mole' was known to police. Thus I am as satisfied as ever one can be in instances such as this that the additional information concerning the DES leak did not emanate from us.

I quite agree with your views on the propriety of early disclosure of progress in sensitive investigations. We too take pains in other investigations into criminal matters to avoid premature release of information. You may feel, of course, that mention even of the fact of our having sent papers forward to the Director of Public Prosecutions is inappropriate in these cases, in which event some quite specific guidelines will need to be agreed between ourselves.

My own view is that that particular piece of information is not normally damaging and we would, I think, be loath to set up complex new arrangements out of what has been, in effect, a simple human error.

Yours sincerely

*A. Laugharne*

A Laugharne  
Deputy Commissioner

Metropolitan Police Office  
'P' Department

28th November 1983

SUPPLY OF INFORMATION IN  
THE M.O.D. 'LEAK' CASE

Deputy Commissioner

1. Introduction

APPENDIX 'A'

- 1.1 The letter from Home Office has prompted an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the events of 9th-10th November 1983. My report below commences with a chronological description of what happened, followed by my conclusions and recommendations.

2. Sequence of Events

- 2.1 On Monday, 31st October 1983, at 12 noon, Peter BURDEN (Daily Mail), asked Press Bureau whether Police were investigating the leak of a document to the Guardian concerning the delivery of cruise missiles. The document, published in the Guardian on 31st October 1983, purports to be a briefing paper from Mr Michael HESELTINE addressed to the Prime Minister. The Guardian article is attached, as is an extract from the relevant Press Bureau Log entry.

APPENDIX 'B'

APPENDIX 'C'



2.2 Martin PENNEY, one of the Information Officers on duty at that time in Press Bureau telephoned Detective Chief Superintendent DOWLING of C1 Branch and obtained information which he wrote in the log and marked clearly - 'NOT FOR PRESS - BUREAU INFO'.

2.3 The substance of DCS Dowling's information is shown at Appendix 'C'. It explains the procedure adopted between the Cabinet Office and Commissioner's Office and points out that such a request as suggested by Peter BURDEN could have been somewhere in the system but that he (DCS Dowling) was not aware of it.

2.4 On Wednesday, 2nd November 1983, at 5pm, Mr HOLINGBURY (The Sun), asked the same question, that to say, whether the leak was going to be investigated by New Scotland Yard. Some enquiries were made of C1 Branch but DCS Dowling was not available. The details are shown on the further log extract attached.

APPENDIX 'D'

2.5 On Wednesday, 9th November 1983, Peter BURDEN telephoned Press Bureau again at 4.35pm (please see attached log entry) stating that he understood that police were now investigating the leak, exposed in the Guardian earlier, of an M.O.D document from the Defence Secretary to the Prime Minister. The officer on duty in Press Bureau, Mrs Somerset OGDEN, telephoned C1 Branch asking that DCS Dowling call back. At 5.14pm, DCS Dowling telephoned the Press Bureau, spoke to Marion IRVING (Information Officer), in Mrs OGDEN's absence, and agreed a press reply to to the effect that 'We have investigated the matter, have sent a report to D.P.P. and are

APPENDIX 'E'

awaiting his decision". This information was then passed to the Daily Mail at 5.50pm. Press Association enquired and were told the same at 11.16pm and the information was also put on the Press Bureau answerphone at 11.55pm.

- 2.6 At 12.15am on Thursday, 10th November 1983, another Information Officer, Martin HABGOOD received a telephone call from Tom SANDROCK (Daily Telegraph) querying the information given to the Press by Marion IRVING, stating that he was of the opinion 'that DCS Dowling was investigating a Department of Education and Science leak, not that from the Ministry of Defence'. Martin HABGOOD later spoke to DCS Dowling who made it quite clear that when speaking to Marion IRVING he was referring to the D.E.S. enquiry. He had no knowledge of any M.O.D enquiry, as no request had been received to that effect by C1. This conversation and the two consequent steps taken by the Press Bureau to correct the information are clearly shown at subsequent log entries.

APPENDIX 'F'

- 2.7 Press Bureau accepted responsibility for the mistake, apologised to Peter BURDEN and mounted an internal enquiry later that day, 10th November 1983.
- 2.8 A reply was formulated in Press Bureau clarifying the issue and verifying that there was no police investigation into the M.O.D. leak.
- 2.9 A note for the use of Press Bureau only in the log indicates that the mistake arose as a result of a misunderstanding in Press Bureau and that Police were not to blame.

3. Investigation

- 3.1 The nub of the problem lies in the conversation between Marion IRVING and DCS Dowling which took place on 9th November, at 5.14pm, to which there are no other parties as witness.
- 3.2 DCS Dowling has been interviewed and states that he was under the impression that Press Bureau had asked about the D.E.S. enquiry. He authorised a reply, as shown in the log, and thought no more of the matter. He knew at that time that there was no CI enquiry into an M.O.D. leak and could easily have told Press Bureau that, had he been asked.
- 3.3 Marion Irving was under the impression that she specifically asked about the M.O.D. leak to the Guardian. She states that she was not aware of the D.E.S. enquiry so could not have been confused between the two. She admits that DCS Dowling may not have heard her say 'M.O.D.' when referring to the 'M.O.D. leak to the Guardian', but nevertheless stands by her belief that she knew full well that it was to that leak she was referring.
- 3.4 The admission in the log that no fault lay with police, does indicate that within the Bureau at the time there was suspicion that the blame did lie within the Press Bureau.
- 3.5 Even if, as seems possible, the fault lay with DCS Dowling or with both him and Marion Irving, I felt justified in allowing Press Bureau to accept responsibility and to shield the police officers involved.

APPENDIX 'H1'

APPENDIX 'H2'

3.6 After the initial investigation, I personally sent letters to Peter Burden, Sir David ENGLISH and the editors of all the national papers, apologising for the misunderstanding.

APPENDIX 'G'

3.7 As regards the second issue raised in the letter from Home Office, that Press Bureau supplied detailed information to the press about the D.E.S. leak, the log shows clearly the limited details given to the press after consultation with DCS Dowling. The statement describes only the despatch of the papers to the Guardian and the prompt return of same to the D.E.S. by the newspaper.

3.8 Enquiries within Press Bureau show that:-

- \* Press Bureau did not discuss the contents of the letter sent to the Guardian;
- \* At no stage did Press Bureau indicate who was responsible for the leak;
- \* No indication was given that the identity of the 'mole' was known to police.

#### 4. Conclusions

4.1 I am satisfied that there was no deliberate, conscious wrongdoing or incompetence within Press Bureau or indeed within C1. Marion IRVING and DCS Dowling are quite sure within their own minds that, respectively, the correct question was asked and the proper reply given.

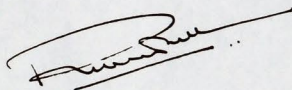
Human error in confusing 'M.O.D.' with 'D of E', over a telephone call was almost certainly to blame, and it is pointless to conjecture further in whose behaviour the mistake occurred.

4.2 I am also satisfied that the additional information concerning the D.E.S. leak did not emanate from Press Bureau.

4.3 Nothing in my investigation prompts me to order any procedural changes. There is no record in recent years of any similar incident.

5. Recommendations

5.1 I have already given suitable advice to Bureau staff and I recommend that no further action be taken.



Richard Wells  
Director of Information

From: Deputy Assistant Commissioner R B WELLS MA(Oxon) FBIM

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H/1

Tel: 230 2691

10 November 1983

Dear Sir David

I feel I owe you a personal word of regret over the unfortunate episode reported on your front page today.

You will by now know from Peter Burden that we have explained to him, as best we can, the circumstances surrounding our awful mix up and I enclose a copy of the letter we have sent to other newspapers and radio stations.

You can imagine how concerned I am that information released by the Press Bureau is accurate and it is extremely upsetting when our well established system breaks down in this way.

I would be most happy to discuss this matter with you in person if you feel it necessary.

Yours sincerely

Richard Wells  
Director of Information

Sir David English  
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Carmelite Street  
London EC4Y 0JA

Deputy Assistant Commissioner R B WELLS MA(Oxon) FBIM

H/2

**NEW SCOTLAND YARD  
BROADWAY, LONDON, SW1H 0BG**

Tel: 230 2691



10 November 1983

Dear Sir

You will be aware that the early edition of today's Daily Mail carried the front page story of a New Scotland Yard report being submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions concerning a leaked Government document. This story was based on an answer given by the Press Bureau to the Daily Mail.

Unfortunately, owing to a misunderstanding, our statement was incorrect. New Scotland Yard are not investigating this leaked document.

We have apologised to Mr Peter Burden and the Daily Mail for inadvertently misleading them.

I would also like to apologise to you if, while checking the Daily Mail story, your staff were also initially given the inaccurate statement.

You can be assured that steps are in hand to prevent any such recurrence.

Yours faithfully

Richard Wells  
Director of Information

SECURITY: Cruse/Greenham Common Leak  
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