



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

11 March 1982

Dear Nicholas,

You recently sent my Private Secretary a copy of the letter which you had received from Mr. Morris of Berkhamsted, who wished to know the outcome of the investigation into Mr. Chapman Pincher's sources to which I referred in an answer which I gave in the House on 27 March.

The investigation was completed some time ago. Its findings were reported to the Attorney General, who came to the conclusion that the investigation had been full and thorough, and that there was no scope either for further investigation or for other action.

Yours
Lyell

Nicholas Lyell, Esq., Q.C., M.P.

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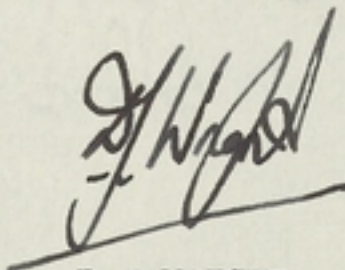
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- In your minute of 10th February you asked for a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr N Lyell, MP who has received a letter from one of his constituents asking about the enquiry which the Prime Minister said she would set up into the sources of Chapman Pincher's information, in response to a question about this from Mr Cryer in the House of Commons on 27th March.
- 2. The Attorney General minuted the Prime Minister on 17th July about the investigation into Chapman Pincher's sources. He said in his minute that it was impossible to take the investigation any further. Sir Robert Armstrong minuted Mr Whitmore on 23rd July about the report explaining that Peter Wright was almost certainly Chapman Pincher's primary source for the Hollis affair, that Wright was in Australia and could not be extradited for an offence under the Official Secrets Act, and would probably be unlikely to risk a visit to this country because of the risk of prosecution.
- 3. I attach a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr Lyell, which reflects the situation which has emerged from the investigation. This has been cleared with the Home Office, the Law Officers and the Security Service.



D J WRIGHT

24th February 1982

DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND TO MR N LYELL, MP

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N. LYELL MP

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MR. WRIGHT
CABINET OFFICE

I attach a copy of a letter which we have received from Mr. Nicholas Lyell M.P., covering one from his constituent Mr. E.H. Morris of 340 High Street, Berkhamsted.

I should be grateful if you could provide a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr. Lyell, to reach us by 24 February.

M A PATTISON

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10 February 1982

Thank you for your recent letter which enclosed a copy of one from your constituent Mr. E.H. Morris. I will place your letter before the Prime Minister and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

M A PATTISON

Nicholas Lyell, Esq., Q.C., M.P.

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From NICHOLAS LYELL, Q.C., M.P.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Principal Private Secretary,

I enclose a letter from my constituent Mr. E.H. Morris which is self-explanatory. I would be very grateful to know how matters stand so that I can reply to him.

Yours Sincerely,

Nicholas Lyell

Principal Private Secretary,
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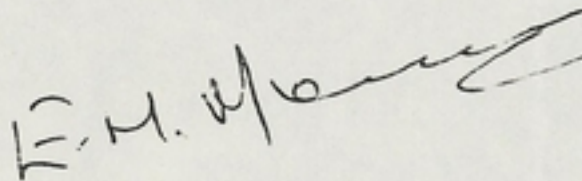
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Dear Mr Lyell,

Following publication of Chapman Pinchers book during 1981, and the subsequent furore in the House, the P.M. said she had set up an enquiry into the sources of his information.

I would like to hear whether this enquiry ever got work, or was it a bit of cosmetic, and if it has what conclusions it came to, and whether those conclusions will ever be announced in the House.

Yours sincerely



E.H. Morris.

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MR. WHITMORE

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cc to Security
Exposure of Leo Long

As can be seen from the Security Service's background note on Chapman Pincher's latest article in the Daily Mail today, the article is inaccurate and distorted, and in so far as it is accurate says nothing that was not known.

2. The Prime Minister clearly cannot get into the business of discussing the details of the article and confirming this and denying that. I therefore recommend that, if she is asked about the article, she should say:

"There is nothing in the article which would cause me to alter or add to the various statements, speeches and answers I have given in this House on these matters."

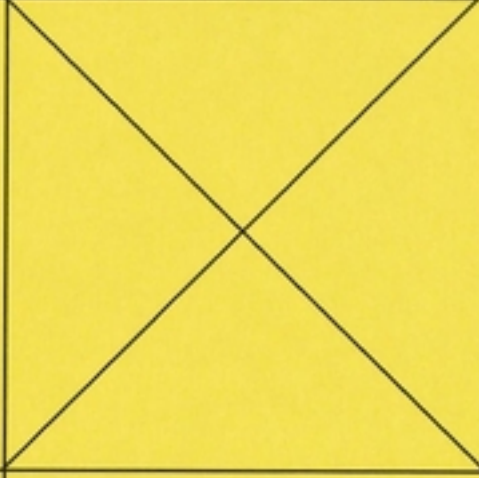
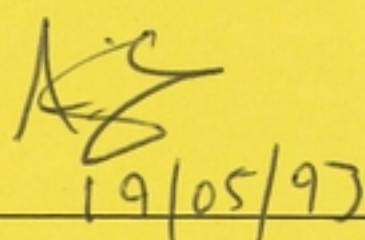
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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

*(drafted by Sir R. Armstrong
& signed on his behalf)*

23rd March, 1982



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