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From the Principal Private Secretary

21 November 1986

*Dear Michael,***THE PETER WRIGHT CASE**

I think the Attorney General would like to see the exchange of correspondence attached between Mr. Pincher and Lord Trend.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Christopher Mallaby (Cabinet Office).

*Yours sincerely**Nigel Wicks*

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Dear Lord Trend,

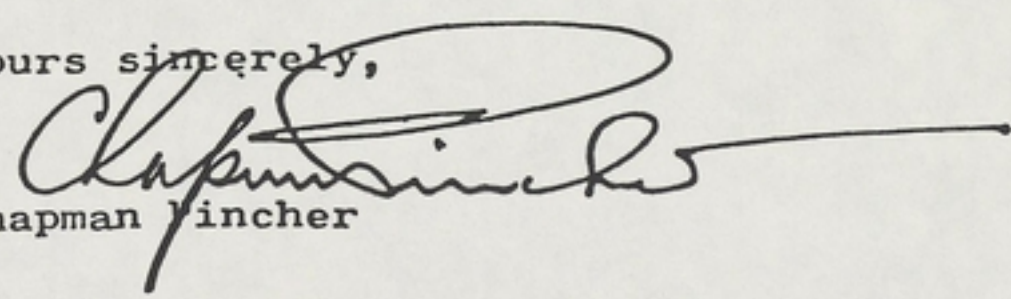
I am completing the paperback version of my book Their Trade is Treachery and wish to ensure that any inaccuracies in the first edition are rectified.

The changes and expansions I have made take full account of your decision-unknown to me before - that you had decided that Sir Roger Hollis had not been an agent of the Russian intelligence service, as the Prime Minister told Parliament. I understand that you are also on record as saying that you agree with all that the Prime Minister said, concerning your inquiry, to Parliament. I would welcome your confirmation of this because I am anxious not to misrepresent your findings in a book which is to have world-wide distribution.

The part of the Prime Ministerial statement which worries me - and others - is the paragraph indicating that each of the leads on which the case for investigating Hollis was based could also be taken as pointing to Philby or Blunt. The evidence presented in my book, much expanded in the paperback, indicates that much of it eventuated after 1951, by which time both Blunt and Philby were out of the picture.

I appreciate the sensitivity of the situation but I do not wish to attribute that view to you without giving you the opportunity to say whether it also your opinion or not.

Yours sincerely,


Chapman Vincher

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Dear Mr. Pincher,

Thank you for your letter of 6th August. I think that, in reply, I can only confirm that, so far as the Prime Minister's statement in Parliament was concerned with my own part in the matter in question, it had, of course, my full agreement.

*Your sincerely,
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Prime Minister

Further research in the files enables me to set your mind completely at rest. Written confirmation from Lord Trend that your statement in Hollis had his full agreement.

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