

HEAD OF DSS

10 August 1984

Dear Mr Hasle-Suth

In the circumstances to which you
are already aware I wish to resign, with immediate
effect, from the Civil Service and the Ministry of Defence.

Yours sincerely

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Statement of: Clive Sheridan Ponting

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6.5 pm I Clive Sheridan Ponting wish to make a statement. I want someone to write down what I say. I have been told that I need not say anything unless I wish to do so but that whatever I say will be given in evidence.

I am sorry that I breached the trust the Department had in me and that I photocopied and sent two documents to Tam Dalyell MP. I did this because I believed that Ministers within this Department were not prepared to answer legitimate questions from an MP about a matter of considerable public concern simply in order to protect their own political position. I copied the documents on the machine in the DS5 Registry and typed the envelope on a typewriter at home. I wish to express my regret for my actions and any embarrassment this may have caused the Department.

(Sgd) C S Ponting

I have read the above statement and I have been told that I may correct, alter or add anything I wish. This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

6.15 pm

(Sgd) C S Ponting