

LOOSE MINUTE

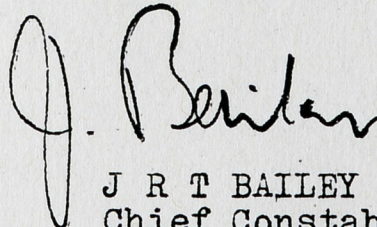
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13 August 1984

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CLIVE SHERIDAN PONTING, OBE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DS5

1. As you are aware, the above named was interviewed by my officers on Friday, 10 August 1984 and admitted responsibility for passing copies of a draft letter and a loose minute on MOD files to Mr Tam Dalyell, MP.
2. Although the police investigation had to be conducted on the basis of an offence having been committed against Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911, I understand that no security interest is involved in the leak.
3. As Mr Ponting has now resigned his position in the Ministry it is, in my view, not necessary, in the public interest, to pursue the alleged criminal aspect of the case.



J R T BAILEY
Chief Constable
Ministry of Defence Police