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THE PRIME MINISTER

17 December 1979

Dear Mr Hamilton

I am replying to your letter of 30 November about Mr. Blunt's pension rights.

Blunt was paid throughout his war service in the Army and the Security Service from Army funds. His service was not sufficient to earn a pension. His positions in the Royal Household were unpaid and not pensionable. As Deputy Director and then Director of the Courtauld Institute Mr. Blunt was a member of the Federated Superannuation System for Universities. Under the particular scheme in question a policy is taken out, with two thirds of the premium met by the employer and one third met by the individual. Once the policy is matured the beneficiary receives a lump sum; he receives no pension.

I have no information about Blunt's emoluments in respect of his fellowship of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Yours sincerely

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