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David Quarrey

From: Christopher.Prentice@fco.x.gsi.gov.uk
Sent: 21 February 2005 15:50
To: David Quarrey
Subject: PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL; PM HOLIDAY PLANS

David
When the King sees the PM on Thursday, he may well again invite the PM to bring his family to Jordan for all or part of their next winter holiday. The King has twice recently mentioned to me his private ambition to wean the Blairs' affections away from Sharm al Shaikh. You might want to tip off the PM to have a suitable reply ready.

The King would be offering his complex of Royal Palaces at Aqaba as a base for excursions in Jordan or for static R & R.

The PM saw the layout during his session of talks on 30 December.

Security would be watertight.

There is direct beach frontage, a marina, Aqaba coral etc.....[End of advertisment!]

Christopher Prentice

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The Right Honourable Member
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Dear Sir

Re: R v Matthew Neil Tunmore

We represent the above named client, who currently faces an allegation of criminal damage which took place on the morning of Friday, 10th September 2004. On that day our client was part of a pro-hunt "protest" that took place outside of your home address. It is alleged that our client had caused damage to either the vehicle in which you were transported or to a Police vehicle. In order to clarify the circumstances surrounding the incident we should like to take a formal statement from you.

We should be obliged if you would contact the writer's secretary in order to arrange a mutually convenient appointment so that we can take the required statement.

Yours faithfully
TILLY BAILEY & IRVINE

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From: **Daniel Thornton**
Date: **23 November 2004**

PRIME MINISTER

I want to sell the Bristol flats ASAP.

cc: **Cherie Booth, Ivan Rogers, Jonathan Powell, Hilary Coffman**

YOUR PROPERTY

1. Following the stories in the press last weekend, we have been examining the best arrangements for protecting you from allegations about conflicts of interest.

2. We are expecting a PQ on the subject shortly. We will be able to answer this robustly, along the following lines:

"The Prime Minister and Mrs Blair have taken advice from the Cabinet Secretary, and are confident that they have acted properly and in accordance with the Ministerial Code and that there is no conflict of interest."

3. We do not need to go beyond this if there are any further press inquiries – on the basis that your property is a private matter (one area of confusion that we should straighten out, if asked, is that the Bristol flats are owned by the Manchester Trust but are not "blind", whereas the financial assets held by the Trust are "blind.")

4. *The Mail* is likely to continue with this line of attack, both in relation to the Bristol flats, and Connaught Square. This raises the question of which arrangements would best protect you from the sort of allegations that have been made over the weekend. In relation to Connaught Square – where the tenant will be unavoidably high profile - options include:

1) Setting up a separate contract with a professional accountant – this could be Martin Kaye – to manage the property. This contract would be separate to that establishing the Manchester Trust (as it would be better to separate the blind assets from the non-blind.) The contract would specify that you and the PM should not be consulted on the tenants. This approach would provide a strong defence against allegations of conflict of interest. On the downside, there would be a cost in establishing the contract and you would not have full

control of your property. Hilary has discussed this with Cherie, who does not want to pursue this option.

2) You would be consulted on the tenants and other aspects of the management of the property. You would pass the names of prospective tenants to me, and I would ensure that:
   a) A security check is carried out on prospective tenants. This is on the basis that tenants will have the opportunity to plant listening devices in your property (and while checks will be carried out before you occupy the property, prevention is better than cure);
   b) Andrew Turnbull is consulted to ensure that any perception of conflict of interest is dealt with. We can then say that advice has been sought if required.

   Are you happy to proceed on this basis? ✓

5. On the Bristol flats, you might also want to consider passing the names of prospective tenants to me. There is, I think, no case for doing security checks, but it would provide greater protection from allegations of conflict of interest if names were passed to Andrew Turnbull.

6. On a separate matter, if this is not already in hand, it would be worth including confidentiality clauses in the tenancy contracts (in addition to the letting agency, which I understand is covered by a confidentiality clause).

7. Andrew Turnbull has cleared this note.

DANIEL THORNTON

From: **Jo Gibbons**
Date: **8 September 2004**

PM AND MRS. BLAIR

Hilary Coffman
Katie Kay

CHRISTMAS CARD

The production of this year's Christmas card is imminent and the photo will be taken at Chequers on Saturday 11th (3pm).

The photographer is John Swannell and he is well know to Cherie and very highly rated in his profession. He has been to Chequers in advance and would like to take photos of the two of you in front of the gates and in the gazebo. You can then decide which you prefer. This will then be used for the card of which there will only be one version this year.

In addition, he will take a family photo in the window in the Hawtrey Room. This can be used as an insert into Christmas cards of your choosing but will be clearly marked 'Not for publication' and copyrighted to the photographer.

You should bear in mind that the photo will need to feel as though it has been taken around Christmas time and so you will need to dress accordingly – casual.

JO GIBBONS

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From the Private Secretary

23 June 2004

Dear Flight Sergeant MacFarlane

Thank you for your letter of 17 June, together with copies of earlier correspondence from Wing Commander Withnall, concerning proposed military medical cover for the Prime Minister when he is in residence at Chequers.

I apologise that no response has been sent to the Senior Medical Officer but we have no trace of receiving his letters of 18 March and 1 April. I will make it a priority to discuss this matter with the Prime Minister and to respond to you and Wing Commander Withnall as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

KATIE KAY

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A Training Group Defence Agency Station

INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Ms K Kay
Diary Secretary to Prime Minister
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Please reply to: **Regional Medical Centre**
For the attention of: **FS MacFarlane** Ext: **6810**
E-mail: **HAL-RMC-MEDFS**

Your Ref:
Our Ref: HAL/2008/MED

Date: 17 June 04

W/T
EK – do you have the original letter?
KK 21/6

PROPOSED MILITARY MEDICAL COVER FOR CHEQUERS

References:

A. HAL/2000/MED dated 18 Mar 2004.
B. HAL/2000/MED dated 01 Apr 2004.

At Reference A and B, Wing Commander Withnall Senior Medical Officer Royal Air Force Halton wrote to you regarding the facilitation of medical cover by this Station when the Prime Minister is in residence at Chequers.

To date we do not appear to have received a reply from you. If the requirement for medical cover remains extant, I would be obliged if you would acknowledge this letter and inform Wing Commander Withnall of a convenient time for a meeting to discuss the issues involved.

I have enclosed a copy of Reference A and B should you require them for reference.

J A MACFARLANE
Flight Sergeant
for Officer Commanding

Enclosures:

1. HAL/2000/MED dated 01 Apr 04.
2. HAL/2000/MED dated 018 May 04.

ENCLOSURE 1 TO
HAL2008/MED
DATED 17 JUN 2004

From: Wg Cdr R D J Withnall MBBS MRCGP MRAeS DRCOG DFFP RAF

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Please reply to Senior Medical Officer

Our Ref: HAL/2000/MED

Date: 1 Apr 04

PROPOSED MILITARY MEDICAL COVER FOR CHEQUERS

We understand you require medical cover when the Prime Minister is in residence at Chequers. Group Captain The Honourable David Murray, Station Commander RAF Halton, and I would appreciate the opportunity for a meeting to discuss the issues involved.

ENCLOSURE 2 TO
HAL2008/MED
DATED 17 JUN 2004

From: Wg Cdr R D J Withnall MBBS MRCGP MRAeS DRCOG DFFP RAF

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Please reply to Senior Medical Officer

Our Ref: HAL/2000/MED

Date: 18 May 04

PROPOSED MILITARY MEDICAL COVER FOR CHEQUERS

Reference:

A. HAL/2000/MED dated 1 Apr 04.

We understood, as described at Reference A, that you required medical cover when the Prime Minister is in residence at Chequers. If such a requirement remains extant, Group Captain David Murray, Station Commander RAF Halton, and I would very much appreciate the opportunity for a meeting to discuss the issues involved.

Home Office

Home Secretary
50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT

STRICTLY PERSONAL & PRIVATE

PRIME MINISTER

Dear Tony

Just a thank you for last night's dinner.

In retrospect I probably wasn't robust enough, but I thought that in the early part of the dinner I had said enough!

It was when the issue of pensions came up that I nearly choked on my fish. Would I have a salary – would you have a salary – which equated to the pension of those around the table?!

When they were grumbling about the buildings I nearly said "Try the lifts in Queen Anne's Gate"!

With all good wishes

David

DAVID BLUNKETT
27 April 2004

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From: **Hilary Coffman**
Date: **19 April 2004**

PRIME MINISTER
CHERIE BOOTH

cc: **David Hill**
Tom Kelly

APOLOGY FROM SUNDAY EXPRESS

Enclosed is a letter to you both from the Sunday Express, apologising for the diary item about Nicky going to Oxford.

The PCC plan to publish a summary of the complaint on the website and in their biannual report.

HILARY COFFMAN

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SUNDAY EXPRESS

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THE PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION
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31 March 2004

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The Rt. Hon. Tony Blair MP and Cherie Blair QC
10 Downing Street
London SW1A OAA

Dear Prime Minister and Mrs Blair

re: Sunday Express 14 March 2004 article "Another Blair at Oxford"

I write on behalf of the Editor of the Sunday Express, Martin Townsend, over a complaint to the Press Complaints Commission from Ms Hilary Coffman, on your behalf, about the above Sunday Express article.

The Editor has asked me to make clear that it was not the newspaper's intention in any way to interfere with the privacy of your son Nicky and we are sorry if any difficulties have been caused to him as a result of the article. The newspaper will not republish the article or its contents.

We are pleased that the matter has been amicably resolved by all parties at this early stage.

With best regards

JUSTIN WALFORD
LEGAL ADVISER

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Hilary
Careful w.r.t. The con.
trouble.

From: Hilary Coffman
Date: 7 May 2004

PRIME MINISTER cc Cherie Booth

SUNDAY TIMES - INQUIRIES INTO YOUR DAYS AS A BARRISTER

I attach a series of e-mails from Sarosh Zaiwalla, a barrister with whom you had dealings when you were also a barrister some years ago.

He wrote to Cherie this week, to alert her to enquiries being made by David Leppard of the Sunday Times (with whom Sarosh is clearly friendly) about your days as a barrister. Sarosh says Leppard is trying to establish that you only went into politics because you were a failure as a barrister. He is focussing in particular on the La Pintada case, with which you and Derry were involved.

Sarosh says he declined to help Leppard, but I asked him for more information from their conversations to that we could be better forewarned about whatever the Sunday Times may be planning. If we can believe what Sarosh says:

a) Leppard is working "from a special office near Chancery Lane, and his task is to receive information about Tony and Governments(sic) failure from special sources."
b) He attempted to bribe Sarosh in order to obtain the La Pintada file.
c) He claimed the matter was urgent as you may resign before August.

I then asked Sarosh to tell me what it was about the La Pintada case that had attracted David Leppard's attention. He sent me a second, long e-mail, about your and Derry's involvement with the case.

I thought you'd be interested in what the Sunday Times are up to – it's not obvious what we can do about it. I promised Sarosh that we would treat in confidence what he told me.

I attach both e-mails for your interest.

Hilary

Complete nonsense. It would be ludicrous even for them to make out I was a "partner" at the bar + the real reason we dropped out of the case was Sarosh + not pay us the fees! But keep that to yourself!

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Hilary Coffman

From: s.zaiwalla [s.zaiwalla@zaiwalla.co.uk]
Sent: 06 May 2004 13:08
To: 'Hilary Coffman'; 'Cherie Booth'
Subject: STRICTLY PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Hilary,

I have known David on and off as a friend and therefore I trust you will act on this information with discretion and confidentiality. He invited me for lunch on Wednesday 21st April 2004 at Chez Garrad restaurant in Chancery Lane. We had the usual chit chat. He then asked me about the La Pintada case (1983 1 Lloyds Law Report p.39) where the Prime Minister had acted for my firm along with Derry Irwin.

At the lunch he brought the discussion to what was Tony like at the Bar, was he a success or a failure? He said he would like to run a humorous story about this in August, summer month and would I cooperate. I talked about the Arbitration in New Orleans where I first met Tony but I said I could not recall any event other than as professional opponent Counsel. I told him that in the course of our stay in New Orleans we had the usual courteous conversations in the evenings.

We then talked about the La Pintada case. He asked me the present whereabouts of Mr. Justice Stoughton in a general conversation. I gave it to him.

However, it became clear to me in the course of the conversation that the theme he was trying to bring out was that Tony was a failure at the Bar and if he had been successful at the Bar then, Britain would not have had him as a Prime Minister. He said that would have avoided the Iraq catastrophe. He asked me if it was true that I had replaced the Counsels team after the hearing before Stoughton J. That was obvious because in the House of Lords Nicholas Phillips QC was briefed by me on behalf of the client in place of Derry Irwin and Tony Blair. He asked me if I could provide the La Pintada file to him on the basis that I will not be mentioned as a source. I told him that the file would be in storage. I also told him that I have to carefully consider whether it would be right for me to assist him. I stressed to him that as I had friendly professional relations with Tony and Cherie and as Tony had always shown me the courtesy of recognizing me by name and saying a fond hello whenever I have met him at public events, it would not be right as a human being, for me to be party to any attempt to belittle him. He told me that he will pay the cost of time spent to collect the file and there would be a reward for me. I said a reward would not interest me.

What he told me later (over lunch) caused me to make up my mind that it would not be right for me to support his campaign. He told me that he works from a special office near Chancery Lane now and his task is to receive information about Tony and Governments failure from special sources. He guaranteed me confidentiality.

A few days later (last week - Thursday) he left desperate messages on my mobile for me to contact him as he wanted to run the story about Tony's days at the Bar straightaway. I did not return his calls. He did however catch me on my mobile Thursday evening and sounded very desperate to obtain documents from the La Pintada file. I told him that I have personal difficulties for me to do so and in any case I was planning to leave the following day for India. I told him that I will consider his request near about August just to get rid of him. He told me that there was urgency in the matter as Tony may resign before August and hence his urgency to publish. He said I will be serving the Country if I could provide the La Pintada file. I ridiculed that. He pressurized me enormously. I told him that I also did not wish to get involved in any Press coverage involving the Prime Minister. He said there would be good monetary reward for me if I could obtain documents from the La Pintada file. He then said that he will give a work placement for my son in the summer and a good reference. This is something which I had mentioned to him before last summer for my son who is in his second year of university. I told him that I never get bribed and he should not repeat that. I said that I will consider his request and revert and would not like to be pushed. It was an awkward

conversation and I left it there.

After careful reflection I sent him my message of 5th May 2004. I have not heard further from him. Because of my personal regards for Cherie and Tony I have frankly given you this above information as accurately as I can. I hope you will make sure that I do not get involved in any controversy in the Press or fall out with David Leppard. I personally have always liked the Prime Minister.

Kind regards,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Hilary Coffman [mailto:HCoffman@no10.x.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 May 2004 12:09
To: Cherie Booth; Sarosh Zaiwalla
Subject: RE: PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Sarosh - can you give us any idea of the nature of David Leppard's inquiries? It would be helpful to be forewarned. Could you tell what he was looking for? And I'm curious - what sort of incentives did he offer?? It's always useful to know how journalists operate!

Hilary Coffman

-----Original Message-----
From: Cherie Booth
Sent: 06 May 2004 11:52
To: 'Sarosh Zaiwalla'
Cc: Hilary Coffman
Subject: RE: PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

thank you so much for that Sarosh we really appreciate your discretion and please let us know if you receive any more such approaches. Congratulations on your n=Chairman ship I know you will do it very well

Cherie

-----Original Message-----
From: Sarosh Zaiwalla [mailto:S.Zaiwalla@zaiwalla.co.uk]
Sent: 06 May 2004 12:00
To: 'Cherie Booth'
Subject: FW: PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

I am sorry we could not meet at the Gala dinner on 27th April 2004 but I had an opportunity to say hello to Tony. Please would you convey to Tony my personal thanks for his thoughtfulness and kindness in meeting my Guests. Tony's speech was excellent and he came out his usual warm and sincere self.

Cherie, confidentially, David Leppard, Assistant Editor of Sunday Times seems to be snooping around for a piece on Tony about his days at the Bar. He did meet me but when I gathered that he was looking for material for a negative piece I have point blank refused to co-operate despite his incentives. Both you

Hilary Coffman

From: s.zaiwalla [s.zaiwalla@zaiwalla.co.uk]
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Subject: STRICTLY PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

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Dear Hilary,

Thanks for the email and understanding. It may be useful if you speak to Derry Irwin about La Pintada. Tony was only a junior Barrister with Derry Irwin leading him in the La Pintada case. Tony and I were both very young and relatively fresh in the profession. My best recollections are as follows.

In the La Pintada case, I had gone to Derry and Tony for a preliminary chat prior to briefing them on behalf of my client, the President of India for a hearing of the Arbitration special case which the Indian Government had lost in the London Maritime Arbitration. The issue involved was whether under English Law, the Arbitration Tribunal could award Compound Interest against a Debtor for late payment of his debt. The Sole Arbitrator concerned was Mr. Bruce Harris. There was a majority Judgment of the Court of Appeal per Lord Denning in a case called **Tehno Impex (1981) 1 Lloyds p.587** which had said that ***"English Law permitted compound interest in appropriate circumstances, for late payment of debt".*** The Arbitrator's Award had followed his Judgment.

I had taken a professional view that the Court of Appeal had wrongly decided the Tehno Impex case as a matter of English Law because of the Rule laid down by the House of Lords in the **London, Chatham and Dover Railway case (1983 AC429)** and had so advised my clients the Indian High Commission in London

Before I contacted Derry Irwin and Tony Blair I had taken opinion of a Silk(Queens Counsel) from the Maritime Chambers, then called Four Essex Court who had told me that I was wrong in my interpretation of the English Law. I was not convinced by the correctness of that opinion so I went to Derry Irwin and Tony Blair who were from a non maritime set of chambers, to see if they would be prepared to argue the case in Court for the client on the basis of which I had argued in my affidavit before I briefed them. They had said they would.

I was satisfied that they would argue the issue as I wanted them to do in the Commercial Court for the client and hence both Derry and Tony were briefed for the hearing in the Commercial Court.

I received at around 09:00 am on the morning of the hearing from Tony a telephone call that Derry wanted to see me outside the court room urgently half an hour before the hearing with client, Indian High Commission's representative. Outside the Court Derry told me that he had considered the point which I was seeking to put forward further and said it was hopelessly unarguable and he would not argue it. He and Tony advised client to abandon the special case. I did not agree. The matter came up before Mr. Justice Stoughton who considered my point to be of some interest to the Court. Although the point was not argued by Derry and Tony, the Judge tactfully remitted the case to the Arbitrator to reconsider his decision on compound interest on other grounds which the judge himself indicated in his judgement.

Exchange of memo's then followed between me and Derry and Tony about Derry not having argued the law as I had asked him to do.

At this stage I had no option but to seek my client's instructions to substitute the Counsels team (Derry and Tony), which I was compelled to do in my clients best interest.

The Arbitrator came to the same decision as before and at a subsequent special case hearing which came up again before Stoughton J, the Court gave Leave to leapfrog our client's Indian Governments appeal to the House of Lords.

In the House of Lords our clients appeal based on my point with which Irwin and Blair had disagreed was argued on Indian Governments behalf by Nicholas Phillips QC and was unanimously found to be correct. The President of India's appeal was allowed. See (1984) 2 Lloyds, p.09. For Indian Government LA PINTADA was a test case and over £5 million were at stake.

If anything I must say to the credit of both Derry Irwin and Tony Blair, that they wrote me a note congratulating me on the success in the House of Lords and apologized that they had got it wrong! Derry indeed was so good to mention me by name a few years later at a Hong Kong Law Society event in Hong Kong that I was the only solicitor who had professionally proved him wrong. This was reported to me by Susan Liang, a Hong Kong solicitor and a member of the Hong Kong Law Society I had written to Derry thanking him for his kind complementary observation in Hong Kong and he had acknowledged it.

I can assure you that from my side David Leppard will receive no further assistance. You are right . He may approach others to find any material. The risk of his success in doing so is very remote. the only other person who can give him documents or information or evidence would be the Indian High Commission in London and they will I am sure will not talk to him. My assistant then is married and lives abroad so she too would be unavailable.

Kind regards

Sarosh

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To: Sarosh Zaiwalla
Subject: RE: STRICTLY PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sarosh

Thank you for this. Don't worry - I have no intention of using this information in any way. It is just helpful for us to have advance knowledge of any negative stories about Tony that journalists may be planning. If David Leppard can't get the information he needs from you, then he may go elsewhere, and this gives us an opportunity to prepare our defence in advance.

Obviously I can and will ask Tony myself, but do you think there was anything in the La Pintada case that could be used against him? I understand if you don't want to answer this question.

Kind regards

Hilary

-----Original Message-----
From: s.zaiwalla [mailto:s.zaiwalla@zaiwalla.co.uk]
Sent: 06 May 2004 13:08
To: 'Hilary Coffman'; 'Cherie Booth'
Subject: STRICTLY PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Hilary,

I have known David on and off as a friend and therefore I trust you will act on this information with discretion and confidentiality. He invited me for lunch on Wednesday 21st April 2004 at Chez Garrad restaurant in Chancery Lane. We had the usual chit chat. He then asked me about the La Pintada case (1983 1 Lloyds Law Report p.39) where the Prime Minister had acted for my firm along with Derry Irwin.

At the lunch he brought the discussion to what was Tony like at the Bar, was he a success or a failure? He said he would like to run a humorous story about this in August, summer month and would I cooperate. I talked about the Arbitration in New Orleans where I first met Tony but I said I could not recall any event other than as professional opponent Counsel. I told him that in the course of our stay in New Orleans we had the usual courteous conversations in the evenings.

We then talked about the La Pintada case. He asked me the present whereabouts of Mr. Justice Stoughton in a general conversation. I gave it to him.

However, it became clear to me in the course of the conversation that the theme he was trying to bring out was that Tony was a failure at the Bar and if he had been successful at the Bar then, Britain would not have had him as a Prime Minister. He said that would have avoided the Iraq catastrophe. He asked me if it was true that I had replaced the Counsels team after the hearing before Stoughton J. That was obvious because in the House of Lords Nicholas Phillips QC was briefed by me on behalf of the client in place of Derry Irwin and Tony Blair. He asked me if I could provide the La Pintada file to him on the basis that I will not be mentioned as a source. I told him that the file would be in storage. I also told him that I have to carefully consider whether it would be right for me to assist him. I stressed to him that as I had friendly professional relations with Tony and Cherie and as Tony had always shown me the courtesy of recognizing me by name and saying a fond hello whenever I have met him at public events, it would not be right as a human being, for me to be party to any attempt to belittle him. He told me that he will pay the cost of time spent to collect the file and there would be a reward for me. I said a reward would not interest me.

What he told me later (over lunch) caused me to make up my mind that it would not be right for me to support his campaign. He told me that he works from a special office near Chancery Lane now and his task is to receive information about Tony and Governments failure from special sources. He guaranteed me confidentiality.

A few days later (last week - Thursday) he left desperate messages on my mobile for me to contact him as he wanted to run the story about Tony's days at the Bar straightaway. I did not return his calls. He did however catch me on my mobile Thursday evening and sounded very desperate to obtain documents from the La Pintada file. I told him that I have personal difficulties for me to do so and in any case I was planning to leave the following day for India. I told him that I will consider his request near about August just to get rid of him. He told me that there was urgency in the matter as Tony may resign before August and hence his urgency to publish. He said I will be serving the Country if I could provide the La Pintada file. I ridiculed that. He pressurized me enormously. I told him that I also did not wish to get involved in any Press coverage involving the Prime Minister. He said there would be good monetary reward for me if I could obtain documents from the La Pintada file. He then said that he will give a work placement for my son in the summer and a good reference. This is something which I had mentioned to him before last summer for my son who is in his second year of university. I told him that I never get bribed and he should not repeat that. I said that I will consider his request and revert and would not like to be pushed. It was an awkward conversation and I left it there.

After careful reflection I sent him my message of 5th May 2004. I have not heard

further from him. Because of my personal regards for Cherie and Tony I have frankly given you this above information as accurately as I can. I hope you will make sure that I do not get involved in any controversy in the Press or fall out with David Leppard. I personally have always liked the Prime Minister.

Kind regards,

Sarosh
Zaiwalla & Co. - Solicitors
46-47 Chancery Lane
London WC2A 1JE

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-----Original Message-----
From: Hilary Coffman [mailto:HCoffman@no10.x.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 May 2004 12:09
To: Cherie Booth; Sarosh Zaiwalla
Subject: RE: PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Sarosh - can you give us any idea of the nature of David Leppard's inquiries? It would be helpful to be forewarned. Could you tell what he was looking for? And I'm curious - what sort of incentives did he offer?? It's always useful to know how journalists operate!

Hilary Coffman

-----Original Message-----
From: Cherie Booth
Sent: 06 May 2004 11:52
To: 'Sarosh Zaiwalla'
Cc: Hilary Coffman
Subject: RE: PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

thank you so much for that Sarosh we really appreciate your discretion and please let us know if you receive any more such approaches. Congratulations on your n=Chairman ship I know you will do it very well

Cherie

-----Original Message-----
From: Sarosh Zaiwalla [mailto:S.Zaiwalla@zaiwalla.co.uk]
Sent: 06 May 2004 12:00
To: 'Cherie Booth'
Subject: FW: PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

I am sorry we could not meet at the Gala dinner on 27th April 2004 but I had an opportunity to say hello to Tony. Please would you convey to Tony my personal thanks for his thoughtfulness and kindness in meeting my Guests. Tony's speech was excellent and he came out his usual warm and sincere self.

Cherie, confidentially, David Leppard, Assistant Editor of Sunday Times seems to be snooping around for a piece on Tony about his days at the Bar. He did meet me but when I gathered that he was looking for material for a negative piece I have point blank refused to co-operate despite his incentives. Both you and Tony have

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From: Rebecca Goff
Date: 17 March 2004

HILARY COFFMAN

cc: Clare Sumner
Sally Morgan

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ALLOWANCE CLAIMS

You were asking about the differences in claims between the years 2001/2 and 2002/3 on the print outs for the Freedom of Information.

Please note that all of these claims have been claimed in accordance with House of Commons rules and with approval of the fees office. What we also should bear in mind is that Myrobella House is both the home and the constituency office and this arrangement is approved by the fees office

ACA

Prior to 2001 the ACA allowance was £13,500 per annum. However, following the 2001 election and a vote in the Commons it was increased as many members were finding it difficult to maintain a second home on the allowance, particularly in the light of London property prices.

There are three reasons for the increase in our claims 2002/3:

Firstly, the financial year in 2001/2 for the purposes of allowances claims started after the June 2001 election, so it was only a part year with ten months rather than 12.

Secondly, we claimed mortgage interest for the full year (total cost £5352) whereas in 2001 we only claimed from September onwards. Prior to 2001 we did not claim mortgage interest as whilst Gill had advised Cherie that she was entitled to do so, she decided to keep a balance free at the end of the financial year to carry out any necessary repairs. If she had claimed the mortgage for the whole of the year she would have been unable to do this. It was in 2001/2 Cherie decided to start claiming the mortgage interest – which she is entitled to do.

Thirdly, in the year 2002/3 we totally refurbished the Kitchen at Myrobella (it was 20 years old) in agreement with the fees office (e-mail copy refers) and this

resulted in a slightly higher claim. The total cost of this work was £10,674 part of which was claimed in 2002/3 (£6500) and part of which has been claimed in 2003/4 (£4174).

At the end of 2003/4 we will probably have an underspend of about £4000.

IEP

The claim for the IEP allowance in 2001 was slightly higher than that of 2002/3 as we produced an annual report for the constituents. If we can finalise the current report which we are working on for 2003/4, this will again increase what we claim.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

REBECCA GOFF

Rebecca Goff

From: NIXON, Jack [NIXONJ@parliament.uk]
Sent: 17 February 2003 15:30
To: 'Rebecca Goff'
Subject: RE: ACA

I can confirm that the below information is correct as long as the new kitchen is necessary (e.g. old kitchen is in need of redecoration due to condition)

-----Original Message-----
From: Rebecca Goff [mailto:RGoff@no10.x.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 17 February 2003 15:26
To: 'nixonj@parliament.uk'
Subject: ACA

As discussed, can you confirm that a new kitchen including new cupboards, flooring and decoration would be claimable from the ACA allowance, provided we produce the necessary receipts etc.

thanks

Rebecca Goff

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Hilary

From: Hilary Coffman
Date: 2 March 2004

PRIME MINISTER

cc: David Hill

TV DOCUMENTARY REQUEST TO FETTES

The Bursar at Fettes has written seeking guidance about a request from Diverse TV for the use material relating to you in their forthcoming Channel 4 documentary. I'd like your view on how to respond.

We have already given Diverse some co-operation by, for example, encouraging Cabinet Ministers and others to do interviews. One of the difficulties in deciding exactly how much to co-operate, however, is knowing what their intentions are. I wondered if you could glean anything from the material they've requested from Fettes, and the people they've already interviewed at the school? Should I be approaching Diverse and suggesting that they talk to others eg Nick Ryden?

Incidentally, Diverse has already approached us directly to request use of material from your Des O'Connor appearances. I would guess they intend to make some play of Tony Blair 'the actor', including your alleged use of 'estuary' English, as well as your allegedly overblown account of running away from school and getting on a plane at Newcastle Airport. (I'm alarmed, incidentally, at the extent to which that 'fib' has been recycled in recent days, along with the Wor Jackie 'fib' and the 'fibs' over your health.)

My own view is that we should tell Fettes that you are happy for Diverse to have any of the material they've requested. I note they also want photographs of Amanda McKenzie Stuart and her father (for obvious reasons). I'm not clear why the Bursar is apparently asking for your permission to use these, but I assume Diverse (and the Bursar) are aware of your relationship with her.

I attach the letter.

HC

don't mind.

Can we do a detailed rebuttal. I can explain all to you & the Jackie M. in particular nonsense.

From M.A. Tolhurst, Bursar

FETTES COLLEGE

Carrington Road, Edinburgh EH4 1QX Telephone: 0131 311 6703
Fax: 0131 332 3081 Email: bursar@fettes.com

1) note d/b

2) Hilary Coffman

Thursday, 26 February 2004

The Office of the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London
SW1A 2AA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Channel 4 has commissioned a biographical TV series on the Prime Minister and some filming was approved by us here at Fettes College, the Prime Minister's old school, in November of last year.

I attach a synopsis of the current position in respect to this series.

Whilst we have been generally comfortable with the low level of intrusion by Diverse TV you will see from the attached synopsis that they are seeking more material from us, particularly photographs which include the Prime Minister.

We have advised Diverse TV that we would cooperate on two conditions. Firstly that the Prime Minister has no objections and if he does what if any limitations would he wish to set. Secondly that any other persons covered by the material should remain unidentified unless Diverse TV obtain their express approval to be identified.

I would be grateful if you could let us know what the Prime Minister's views on this are.

Yours faithfully

M A Tolhurst
Bursar

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'Diverse TV' Filming for Documentary on Tony Blair

Summary of current position (having filmed here on 27th November 2003)

Background

- 'Diverse TV' (Diverse Production Limited, Gorleston Street, London W14 8XS) approached Fettes College last October to come here to film for a biographical series on Tony Blair, principally outside around the campus, in November. The Headmaster agreed on this basis, so long as they were accompanied while filming. The series has been commissioned by Channel 4.
- They gave us an outline of the series, which is being filmed in conjunction with a biography of Tony Blair being written by Anthony Seldon, Headmaster of Brighton College (who was also involved in the filming), and advising that David McMurray (a Governor of Fettes College) had already been filmed by them for the series and that they had been in touch with, and intended filming, Robert Philp (a former member of the Fettes teaching staff, well-known to us, and a contemporary of Tony Blair) when they came to Fettes. This background naturally made us more comfortable with the filming.
- During the summer Anthony Seldon had already visited Fettes and obtained some archive material (although carefully selected) for his biography of Tony Blair, from Alexia Lindsay, our Archivist.
- They filmed at Fettes College on 27th November 2003 and as well as generally outside, they filmed Robert Philp with Anthony Seldon in the Old Library, a play rehearsal in the Concert Hall, and a rugby practice. On the day, by special request, they also filmed briefly the inside of Arniston House (the main Boarding House Tony Blair was in during his time at Fettes) and also lunchtime in the Dining Hall. On the day, they also arranged directly with Ronnie Guild (another former member of the Fettes staff) to interview him in a classroom at Fettes..
- At the time, I signed an agreement that they could use Fettes College (the buildings) for the programme. Then they later wrote to Robert Philp asking his permission to use photographs he had shown them while being interviewed (selected from our Archive) of Tony Blair. Robert contacted us, being unhappy about this, and I agreed that it should be Fettes that dealt with the 'permission' aspect. We had Diverse TV re-draft the agreement for me to sign, and also alter it so that these photos could only be used for this film (our other concern at the time, the principle being that anything we supplied was only intended to be used in the context of this series, as we understood it). At that stage we took the view that most photos were in the public domain, since they were mostly from 'The Fettesian', the Fettes College Magazine, a copy of which is held in the National Library. There was one of Tony Blair in a play, which may not be, but it is not controversial in any way, so we felt comfortable with all this.

Current position

- However, Diverse TV have now come back with more detailed requests to re-photograph these photos with a better camera, and also to borrow and use further ones. They have also asked who owns the copyright. We have looked out the relevant photos, both the ones they have already seen and filmed, and the new ones, and some are from newspaper cuttings, which we can give references for, but others are clearly the property of Fettes. One, of a basketball team (already shown to the film crew), is thought to have been given to us by Tony Blair. In the light of these more demanding requests we are uneasy about releasing photographs without Tony Blair's permission, and indeed without the permission of other Old Fettesians who may happen to be in group photos. They also want photos of Amanda McKenzie Stuart, the first girl at Fettes, and her father Lord McKenzie Stuart, also an Old Fettesian.
- Bearing in mind that we have already given permission to use some photos, but in the light of the recent more demanding request for us to supply more, we would like to know whether the Prime Minister has any objections to the release of school photographs for this documentary, and indeed whether he is supportive of either the documentary or the biography.

John Oatts
Estates Bursar, Fettes College
25/02/04

[redacted]e Sumner

From: Rosemary Jeffreys [RJeffreys@treasury-solicitor.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 28 October 2003 12:44
To: CSumner@no10.x.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: message

I had a word with Adam, who as ever was very helpful. He wasn't in yesterday, but rang me back today. He pointed out that any letter we write to the publishers will not be confidential and they will be able to make whatever use they like of it. I don't think that is a problem with the first letter, enquiring whether they are to publish the book, but we may just want to pause before writing a second to think if/how if might be misconstrued. We also need to think about what we would do if they decide to proceed anyway with the incorrect material, but that is a way down the track.
We have had some contact with these publishers about two other matters, and I can give you a bit more info about them if you would like to give me a ring on the mobile. (I have got some sort of virus I think, which is why I am at home today, though I may come in to the office later).
Rosemary

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Jonathan

10 DOWNING STREET

There favours the low key approach to let the publishers know about the Belize trust information being wrong, especially after a small piece about PF in the Sun Tel (Manchester)

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Can you raise it at the SAT meeting to see what they want to do. I have tipped off SAT's office. Thanks

C.

David B

2 style process.

From: Clare Sumner
Date: 24 October 2003

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Cherie Booth
Jonathan Powell
Jeremy Heywood
David Hill
Hilary Coffman

I went to a meeting chaired by Sir Andrew Turnbull to discuss whether we should follow up the publishers of the book after the Mail correspondence. Andrew suggested I seek your view at this stage. We think that the publishers are Mainstream publishing but I cannot find anything on their website.

There is a risk that any letter sent could be used to get publicity by suggesting you were seeking to censor or stop the book.

There is always the counter-risk of doing nothing and then not really being in a position to do much about it. If we can simply state the allegations are not true at the time of the book's publication that may suffice although there is likely be significant media interest.

If you wanted to pursue this further you would have to consult the Attorney and then appoint a counsel for formal advice. You may have views as to who should be appointed. Ministers are usually advised not to pursue libel cases, and this is the view of the Attorney's office in this case as well. If a case was pursued it would lead to disclosure of some of your personal financial information and having to appear to give evidence.

Given we have been alerted to the book by the Daily Mail if you want to pursue or get further advice we need to do so quickly.

There are several options:

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Stronger approach: seek further expert advice if you wanted to seek tougher action at this stage.

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File : AT is aware.
Matrix IT expert has confirmed

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From: **Philip Macpherson**
Date: **7 October 2003**

JONATHAN POWELL

cc: **Clare Sumner**
Hilary Coffman
David Hill
Jay Jayasundara

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

As requested this note confirms the results of activities in ascertaining the plausibility of an e-mail being sent on the 4th of November at 15:47 from ChérieBooth@Matrixlaw.co.uk . Following detailed enquires and discussions with technical experts from Matrix, results show categorically that no such e-mail was sent from their network with logs clearly showing that Mrs Blair sent no e-mails whatsoever on this date.

I understand my involvement in working to determine this and visit to the company with Mrs Blair today are justified in terms of the potential implications under the Ministerial code.

PHILIP MACPHERSON

Roinn an Taoisigh
Department of the Taoiseach

MR
cc: JPO

29 September 2003

Mr Matthew Roycroft,
Office of the Prime Minister.
10, Downing St.

Dear Mr. Roycroft,

The attached letter from Dr Anthony Seldon has been received by the Taoiseach. I would be grateful if you could confirm if your office are aware of this pending publication and whether or not the Office of the Prime Minister is co-operating with the author in this regard.

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Yours sincerely,

Sinéad Sullivan
Private Secretary to Michael Collins

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Anthony Seldon MA, PhD, FRHisS
Tony Blair: A Biography
Simon & Schuster: June 2004

22 September 2003

Taoiseach, Mr Bertie Ahern TD
Government, Department of the Taoiseach
Government Buildings
Upper Merrion Street
Dublin 2

Dear Taoiseach,

I am writing a biography of the Prime Minister, which will be published by Simon & Schuster in June 2004 on the eve of his 10th anniversary as leader of the Labour Party. The publisher will be presenting this book as a major publishing event, the first by a historian rigorously to assess his career and achievements over the ten years.

I am writing to ask whether you would consent to be interviewed for this project. All interviews will be on a strictly non-partisan basis. I would clear with you beforehand any references to the interview that I might wish to make in the book; otherwise the interview would be for my background information only.

This biography will be a scrupulously academic book. It will eschew sensationalism and will avoid the gratuitously personal and intrusive. The tone will be as in the collection of essays that I edited just before the last general election, *The Blair Effect* (Little, Brown, 2001), and I am now working on *The Second Blair Effect: 2001-5*, a similar collection of essays by academics, which will be published in the run up to the next general election.

A three-part television documentary based on the book and produced by Diverse will be screened in June 2004 to coincide with publication.

All the profits on this biography, as on my previous books, will be donated to good causes.

Dr Anthony Seldon
24 Marine Square, Brighton. BN2 1DN
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LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

I had a lovely childhood without a care in the world until, one day when I was 10, my father had a very serious stroke and was rushed to hospital.

It was a very worrying time because, at that age, you don't think anything is going to happen to your parents.

He survived the stroke but it left him unable to speak properly for three years. For a long time, the only word he could manage to say was 'good'. And for someone like him who was a lawyer and a lecturer, that was very, very hard.

There were times when we thought he might never speak again but, after a lot if hard work and frustration for him, he did. And he's still there now, 40 years later, when I need his advice.

But he would never had recovered on his own. It taught me, at an early age, the importance of family and friends and how lucky we are in this country to have such dedicated nurses and doctors. It's a lesson I have never forgotten.

Tony Blair

From: Hilary Coffman
Date: 30 January 2003

PRIME MINISTER

CHILDHOOD STORY FOR CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CAMPAIGN

Please can you sign the attached at the bottom? It's the account of your father's first stroke, when you were a child.

It's for the Children's Society, who are about to launch a campaign to highlight the difficulties that children often face when growing up, and how they can deal with them.

Hilary

re-draft as amended attached

HILARY COFFMAN

CONTRIBUTION FROM TONY BLAIR TO THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY 'GIFT OF GIVING' CAMPAIGN

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January 27th 2003

E-mailed on 28/1/03 HC ✓

GR
~~KK~~ 29/1 for film
KK

FROM.
~~AM~~ TB

DUQUEMIN HK 20/1

REQUEST FOR VIEWS ON ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE

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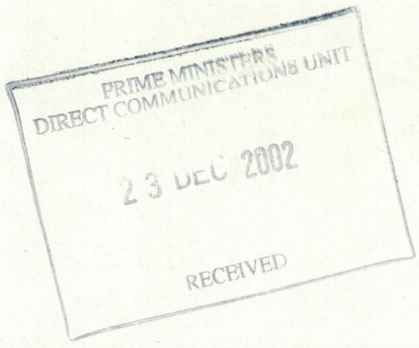

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20 December 2002

Dear Tony

'Your Story' could help to gain strong media impact and support The Children's Society 'Gift of Giving' Campaign Launch

We are writing to invite your support for the launch of **'Gift of Giving'**, a new fund-raising campaign to support the on-going work of The Children's Society.

Helping a disadvantaged child reach its full potential of leading a successful and happy childhood *and* adult life is a key aim of The Children's Society. And, whether you have heard of us or not, the fact is, we are one of the oldest and most established charities working with children in the UK since our founding in 1881.

The Gift of Giving campaign is a new fundraising initiative that will be launched in early 2003 by The Children's Society. The campaign has been developed to offer charitable donors a new way of giving to The Children's Society via an interactive phone-line donation. This means that people who want to donate to The Children's Society can do so in the privacy of their own home, and at their own convenience. And, with generous support and participation from stars and well-known names from the world of entertainment like yourself, the Gift of Giving donors will get something back for themselves each time they make a donation. So, here's what we are asking from you.

- **Contribute 'Your Story'.** A short story from your childhood, that will help inspire and give hope to children around the UK who are facing difficulties in life, whatever the cause. 'Your Story' should cover a time in your life that was difficult for you, and how you dealt with it, or perhaps how someone stepped into your life and gave you support at this time. Ideally, we would like to record you reading your story and use this recording on one of our fund-raising donation phone lines. If you feel you would like to help, but do not want to contribute a personal story, you could help us by recording the story of a child that has needed help from The Children's Society. At the very least, we would love to have 'Your Story' on paper in your own handwriting if possible, along with a photograph for inclusion in a Gift of Giving portfolio of stories that will be taken around children's community groups to help inspire them to move forward in a positive way.

- **Media Launch Participation.** If you agree to help, we would love to talk to you about how you could help us widen the media impact of our campaign launch. We want to set up some media interviews with participating stars from the world of entertainment, this would probably be during recording periods or on a launch day event.

We have lots of ideas of how we could work with the media to gain positive editorial coverage and endorsement of this campaign, and your help will really make a difference! If you think you might be able to help, we would be delighted to give you a clear overview of exactly what the Gift of Giving campaign is about and what it is hoping to achieve, but for now, please contact us by email at giftofgiving@theprexchange.com or by phoning Diane Davidson on 020 8892 9207. Thank you for your time, we look forward to hearing your story.

Peter Duquemin

Peter Duquemin, Head of Marketing & Communications, The Children's Society

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The History of The Children's Society

The Children's Society has been striving to help children and young people since 1881 and has played an important role in addressing the injustices of society, past and present. Historically, The Children's Society's approach to its work can be split into two eras. The first spans the years 1881-1970 when the Society ran a large number of children's homes and was one of the country's leading adoption agencies. During the second era, between 1970 and the present day a change of emphasis occurred with residential care being replaced with innovative projects working to support families within their own environment.

The Children's Society: *a force for change.* Children and young people are shaped by the communities they live in, and by the people who surround them. Their prospects can become bleak when these influences let them down. The Children's Society concentrates its resources on tackling the root causes of the problems these children and young people face. These are the key areas where the Society's work is currently making a difference for children.

Safe on the Streets: *protecting children who run away.* More than 100 children and young people run away from home every day. They are often victims of bullying, beatings and abuse. Many of them head for the streets because they have nowhere else to go. They turn to drugs, crime and prostitution just to survive. The Children's Society works to help these runaways find a better solution to their problem. It gives them hope when they need it most

A Right to Education: *giving children the chance to succeed.* 'Disruptive', 'violent' and 'abusive' are words used to describe children and young people who are suspended or expelled from school. But aggression and disobedience call for more than just punishment and exclusion. The Children's Society works with teachers, parents and children to identity the causes of disruptive behaviour and to find ways of putting it right. Thanks to this work, many children and young people threatened with exclusion get a second chance.

Youth Justice: *protecting children on remand.* Prisons are being used as warehouses for some of the country's most damaged and troubled children. Half have diagnosable mental illnesses, hundreds mutilate themselves or attempt suicide and some succeed. Forty young people killed themselves in prison between 1994 and 1997. Many of these teenagers have had chaotic lives following the death of a parent, periods of homelessness and dependency on drugs. The Children's Society while challenging the use of prison custody for 15 and16 year olds on remand, has developed effective community alternatives where teenagers can face up to the consequences of their actions and work at resolving the problems that led them towards getting into trouble in the first place.

Children in Communities: *creating positive environments for deprived children.* One in three children in Britain are born into communities that are marked by deprivation. These children are more likely to be excluded from school or to fall into crime. Society rejects them and they reject society. The environments where children and young people live are vital to their development and the Children's Society believes they are entitled to have their say in decisions that affect their communities.

Further information can be obtained from www.the-childrens-society.org.uk

PM + Family

From: Jonathan Powell
Date: 19 December 2002

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Fiona Millar
Jeremy Heywood
Alastair Campbell
Sally Morgan
David Hallam
Magi Cleaver

CHERIE'S VISITS

You asked me to look at Cherie's forthcoming visits to see if there were any angles from which they could be attacked by a hostile press as outside the rules and to suggest a new mechanism for dealing with the visits in future to ensure this checking happens on a regular basis.

On Bahrain, I understand Cherie has been invited to give two speeches by Freshfields who have worked on the new constitution for Bahrain. From a government point of view this is an excellent thing to do – we strongly support the steps towards democracy in Bahrain. And I cannot see how anyone can complain about Cherie's flights and hotel accommodation being paid as well as a normal fee for the speeches. The Bahrainis will however be very enthusiastic about this trip and they are very generous so I do not think anything else should be accepted on top of this, e.g. expensive gifts or offers to pay for airfares or holiday accommodation for Andre, Jackie and Leo, who I understand will accompany Cherie.

On Australia, I understand Cherie has been invited by the Commonwealth Law Conference to give a speech in Melbourne in April (this was picked up by the Guardian inaccurately yesterday). Again I do not see how anyone could complain if the organisers paid for Cherie's flight and hotel accommodation as well as paying the usual fee. I think however it would be a mistake to accept a free first class ticket from the sponsors, Emirates, as well as the $3,000 for airfare offered by the organisers. And I think it would be important that you pay for Leo, Kathryn, Nicky and Jackie's airfares and hotels. I understand that Cherie will then be going on to Perth and there is a suggestion that she make a speech to Worldvision with slides on the role of the Prime Minister's wife in return for a fee of $25,000 and that the organisation might pay for hotels and airfares for the whole group. I may have got this wrong, but I am sure Cherie

would be right to reject this approach. It would not be in accordance with the Ministerial Code to receive a fee in her role as the PM's wife. Presumably a better option would be to stay with the Gallops. And if there is an option of a legal speech there that might cover Cherie's travel and accommodation.

I fear all this may sound intrusive and negative particularly after recent unpleasant and unfair events – and I could well understand if Cherie was deeply irritated with us for raising these issues - but I think it is important to look at the worst case scenario in the present climate. The basic rules seem to me fairly clear. There can be no objection to Cherie taking on engagements as Cherie Booth QC that any other QC could take on, including expenses and fees. But that she could not get any fees or benefits for herself or the family in her role as wife of the Prime Minster. Of course it is hard to disentangle the two roles in one person. I think the best thing to do would be to set up a new mechanism that allows the visits to be checked for PR and other angles early in the planning stage with the minimum of intrusion.

For example Cherie could take on a part-time PA at chambers who could handle all the administration and be paid out of the fees. I understand that many senior QCs have PAs like this. The PA could liase with Gavin here who could arrange bookings and make sure that arrangements were checked over for security and any potential PR problems.

Can you discuss with Cherie and come back with any views on how we should proceed.

JONATHAN POWELL

Jonathan Powell

From: Laura Hester
Sent: 19 December 2002 12:09
To: Jonathan Powell
Subject: BERNIE ECCLESTONE - RECEPTION ON 29 JANUARY

PM + Pamil,

Fiona asked me to let you know that he is on the Police Dependants' Trust guest list for a reception Cherie is hosting here for them on 29 January. The PM is going to be popping into this one.

OK with you?

✓

PMs (by fax)

I think he should be allowed to come. Do you agree? Yes.

✓

cc DCO

(when you get an answer let Laura Hester know)

✓

George Galloway MP

Private

17.12.02

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Pls
to be aware

Dear Pat,

Just in case it causes embarrassment I should point out that I, too, will be in Cairo and Sharm al Sheik over Christmas. I will be speaking and giving interviews and I thought you should know.

For old times sake, I congratulate you on your appointment, he's a lucky man.

Happy New Year when it comes

fraternally

GG

From: Clare Sumner
Date: 19 July 2002

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Jonathan Powell

You asked for further advice on the code of conduct for members in relation to the way that you and Cherie purchase clothes.

The guidance relates to members and their spouses. It says:

"The rules mean that any gift, or other benefit, which in any way relates to membership of the House and which is given gratis, or at a cost below that generally available to members of the public, should be registered whenever the value of the gift or benefit is greater than the amount specified above. (£550)Any similar gift or benefit which is received by any company or organisation in which the Member or the Member and the Member's spouse or partner jointly, have a controlling interest should also be registered."

I have discussed the way that you purchase your clothes. As Godric said during the Paul Smith suit publicity – you buy your clothes from a shop. You do not get them from the manufacturer. You also pay a substantial amount of the costs, confidentiality agreements are signed and no promises of publicity are made.

As I understand it you bulk buy and often get discounts of around 10%. Similar deals are available to other members of the public who bulk buy, celebs and the press. However as you can see from the wording of the code this is a grey area.

Our current advice is that you should be aware of this. If we were ever asked about this we would repeat the Godric line that you pay for your clothes and you get them from a shop.

Clare Ok. But I must know if it's a problem.

CLARE SUMNER

10 DOWNING STREET

You asked me to look at this.

The speech was passed to Andrew and Justin who provided a series of amendments in late June. For some reason they were not incorporated in the speech.

As Fiona says we have to be careful not to use Civil Servants to help with Charles's work. But we do need to make sure that amendments from Special Advisers get to Ivor and she sees them in time and incorporates them. Do you want further action?

No. I will speak to her.

Jonathan Powell

From: Andrew Adonis
Sent: 10 July 2002 14:01
To: Jonathan Powell
Subject: FW: Longford speech

See e-mail stream below - we couldn't have been clearer! The 'crippling' line was precisely the one the Indy splashed on.

-----Original Message-----
From: Justin Russell
Sent: 20 June 2002 12:06
To: Andrew Adonis
Cc: Fiona Millar
Subject: RE: Longford speech

Andrew - sorry for the delay getting back to you on this. I think the lecture is fine. I agree with you about the prison population section and the line about "crippling to any constructive approach". Also need to be a bit careful about the second last para on the next page starting "the Home Office's work in extending the use of electronic taggng..". Home Detention Curfew aas been heavily criticised by the Tories who could seize on the "early release" comment. Some of the ideas mentioned in this para eg local hostels and intermittent custody are also still very much at the drawing board stage and are not yet formally worked up policies. Three pages on from this - there is also a para which says "If only prison numbers can be reduced so that incarceration is kept as a last resort for serious offenders" which could be picked up on. Other than that no problems & I think it's v.good. Has it gone to DB's office yet?

-----Original Message-----
From: Andrew Adonis
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2002 10:48 AM
To: Cherie Booth; Fiona Millar
Cc: Justin Russell
Subject: RE: Longford speech

Cherie - great lecture.
The comments on spiralling prison numbers and short custodial sentences - and the fact that they are 'crippling to any constructive approach to prison' - could be picked up fairly big, since govt policy is at least partly responsible for it. The phase 'crippling to any constructive approach to prison' is the one the media will seize on, if they go down this line.

-----Original Message-----
From: Cherie Booth
Sent: 18 June 2002 09:56
To: Fiona Millar
Cc: Andrew Adonis
Subject: Longford speech

Here is the nearly final version Fiona do you think we should let David Blunkett see it now, Andrew is there anyone in the policy unit who should look it over for any potential problems? << File: Longfd drft 7 (word 6 version) >>

Cherie

Jonathan Powell

From: Fiona Millar
Sent: 10 July 2002 13:54
To: Jonathan Powell; Andrew Adonis
Subject: RE:

Technically this is a legal speech and shouldn't really involve No 10. We have had press queries about whether she uses civil servants at all so we need to be very careful and have settled on the fact that she sends them to special advisers out of courtesy.
I don't think we can therefore formalise a system for her public lectures.
However this did go to the policy unit some weeks ago so i don't know what happened next.

-----Original Message-----
From: Jonathan Powell
Sent: 10 July 2002 13:51
To: Andrew Adonis
Cc: Fiona Millar
Subject:

Are you satisfied we have the right means in place of checking CB speeches on policy? Do we need to change them or ensure they run more rapidly? Do the right people get to see the speeches?

Jonathan Powell

From: Andrew Adonis
Sent: 10 July 2002 14:13
To: Jonathan Powell
Subject: FW: Longford speech

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And soo this - Justin got it over to DB's office (who didn't comment)

-----Original Message-----
From: Justin Russell
Sent: 10 July 2002 14:08
To: Andrew Adonis
Subject: FW: Longford speech

We sent this over to DB's office on 20 June

-----Original Message-----
From: Justin Russell
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2002 4:48 PM
To: Katherine Raymond (E-mail)
Cc: Huw Evans (E-mail); Olivia McLeod
Subject: FW: Longford speech

Kath - Cherie has agreed to deliver this year's 'Longford lecture' (I think it's the first one) - for the Prison Reform Trust on the evening of 10 July. Draft speech attached - she'd be grateful if you could check that David is happy with it. Could you get back to us by 4 July on this? many thanks

-----Original Message-----
From: Fiona Millar
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2002 4:39 PM
To: Justin Russell
Subject: FW: Longford speech

Here it is!

-----Original Message-----
From: Cherie Booth
Sent: 18 June 2002 09:56
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Cc: Andrew Adonis
Subject: Longford speech

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Cherie

Jonathan Powell

From: Andrew Adonis
Sent: 10 July 2002 14:14
To: Jonathan Powell
Subject: FW: cherie's longford speech - do you have the latest draft?

and this - it was sent to the Indy without changes being incorporated or any further consultation about the draft

-----Original Message-----
From: Olivia McLeod
Sent: 10 July 2002 14:08
To: Andrew Adonis
Cc: Justin Russell
Subject: FW: cherie's longford speech - do you have the latest draft?

-----Original Message-----
From: Fiona Millar
Sent: 08 July 2002 14:25
To: Olivia McLeod
Subject: RE: cherie's longford speech - do you have the latest draft?

Lngfd draft 9 (word6 version)...

here it is It has gone to the Independent though so I hope there are not more changes!

-----Original Message-----
From: Olivia McLeod
Sent: 08 July 2002 14:19
To: Fiona Millar
Subject: cherie's longford speech - do you have the latest draft?

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14 January 2002

Michael Tatham Esq
10, Downing Street
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Dear Michael,

I am sorry not to have replied sooner to your letter of 6 December about the Prize of Political Courage for the Prime Minister awarded by Politique Internationale.

Our recommendation is that this is not something which needs to involve the Prime Minister in person. Politique Internationale is not a high profile publication in Paris. The journal has a limited readership and the award of past prizes has attracted minimal interest here, despite the association with the Sorbonne. Although the Prime Minister joins a prestigious list of past prize winners, we very much doubt that Politique Internationale would be able to deliver on its promise that any award ceremony would be "broadcast by all the media", either in Paris or London as they suggest. I therefore suggest that we let them down gently. If it helps, I would be happy to collect the award on the Prime Minister's behalf in Paris. I enclose a draft reply for Jonathan Powell.

Best wishes Yours ever

John Holmes

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Monsieur Patrick Wajsman
Director
Politique Internationale
75, rue de Lille
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Thank you for your letter of 3 December about the award of the "Prize of Political Courage" to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister was very honoured to learn that Politique Internationale, in assocation with the Sorbonne University, had decided to award him this distinction for his actions in the fight against terrorism. The Prime Minister's personal commitment to combat all forms of international terrorism remains absolute.

The Prime Minister very much regrets that his commitments would make it difficult for him to attend an award ceremony you might plan to organise in London or Paris. But the Prime Minister would be pleased for Sir John Holmes, British Ambassador in Paris, to

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accept the award on his behalf if this would be acceptable to you. Perhaps I could suggest that you might follow up with his office if you would like to discuss this further.

Thank you again for this initiative.

Jonathan Powell

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Mr. Jonathan Powell.
Policy Directorate
10 Downing Street
London SW1

3rd December 2001

Dear Mr. Powell

The journal Politique Internationale, in association with The Sorbonne University, upon the occasion of momentus events, attributes the prestigious « Prize of Political Courage ».

In the past, this prize has been awarded to personalities such as President Anwar al-Sadat for the Camp David agreement and President Frederik De Klerk for his contribution to end the apartheid.

For the year 2001/2002, we would like to award this prize to the P.M., Mr Tony Blair, for his decisive actions in the recent fight against terrorism.

The award ceremony which would be broadcasted by all the media could occur as is customary, in Paris at the the amphiteatre Liard at the Sorbonne with its befitting sumptuous setting, or in London.

During previous events, the press called our initiative, « the Nobel Prize of political courage » We feel that no individual more than the British P.M. would be worthy of this distinction at a time when the advocates of freedom confront the cruel challenges imposed by international terrorism.

In the name of our jury, as well as in my person, I hope that Mr. Blair will greet this proposal favourably and that we shall be able to implement it in the near future.

I thank you for the interest that you and the Prime Minister will care to give to this project and remain,

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Wajsman
Director of Politique Internationale.

Pm
This is very distinguished
but you could accept any time
for this. Roy will tell you if it is first at which this is.

From: **Andrew Adonis**
Date: **11 January 2002**

PRIME MINISTER **cc:** **JPo**

PHILADELPHIA LIBERTY MEDAL

Roy Jenkins would like a word on Sunday afternoon or evening, if possible, about the Philadelphia liberty medal – he is one of the nominators and they want to give it to you this year, and need to make a firm decision soon.

JP will advise on how this ranks against the other awards and accolades on offer, but this one is clearly v distinguished and involves a big speech in front of Philadelphia City Hall on Liberty Day. In the last few years it has gone to Mandela, Havel, Kofi Annan and Crick & Watson.

Apparently it has to be accepted on July 3rd/4th.

AA

ANDREW ADONIS

Jonathan Powell

From: Matthew Rycroft [Matthew.Rycroft@fco.gov.uk]
Sent: 11 January 2002 17:13
To: 'Jonathan Powell'
Subject: RE: Philadelphia

Jonathan, yes it is prestigious, but no the US President does not normally go. Bush did not go last year when Kofi Annan received it, even though he was in Philadelphia that day. Clinton went once out of eight years, when De Klerk and Mandela received it. Lots of people turn up, and it gets lots of coverage, but mainly in and around Philadelphia.

Matthew

-----Original Message-----
From: Jonathan Powell [mailto:JPowell@no10.x.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 11:51 AM
To: 'Matthew Rycroft'
Subject:

How prestigious is the Philadelphia Liberty Medal? Does the US President normally go?

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From: Hilary Coffman
Date: 31 July 2001

PRIME MINISTER
CHERIE BOOTH

cc: Godric Smith
Tanya Joseph
Magi Cleaver
Tim Livesey

MEDIA STRATEGY FOR YOUR HOLIDAYS - LETTER TO EDITORS

Shortly before you left for Latin America, I had a brief chat with Cherie about the issue of the photo of Euan (and girlfriend) that appeared to be doing the rounds of newspapers and the implications for his (and her) privacy should such a photo be published. We agreed I would speak to the Press Complaints Commission to try to gauge its view of whether such a photo might breach the Code and, if so, if it thought some kind of pre-emptive action, such as a letter to editors, might be worth considering. I said I would raise, at the same time, the forthcoming family holidays and what level of privacy you were entitled to expect.

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On the holiday, we agreed it would be useful for a letter to be sent by the PMOS on your behalf to editors, asking for privacy for the family in Mexico and France, but announcing the photocall (without the children) in the West Country. He was very bullish about your family's right to privacy on holiday, citing again Section 3 on Privacy. I reminded him of the Anna Ford case (she lost her court case against the PCC today) but he said there were other factors in her situation that led to the PCC ruling against her complaint. He was insistent that the Code demanded respect for private and family life, and that a family holiday was a standard part of family life. Obviously, if something out of the ordinary happened on holiday, then the Code might not apply. But in normal circumstances he was adamant that it did.

PREM 49/3998/1 Letter dated 31 July 2001

The upshot is that I have agreed the attached letter with the PCC, which I would like to send to editors tomorrow, from Godric. It's written in a spirit of co-operation, and does not commit us to taking any action if anyone decides to ignore it. I think that is the right approach.

Are you content for the attached letter to be sent?

Hilg

LETTER TO EDITORS

I am writing privately to you on behalf of the Prime Minister and Mrs Blair to seek your continued co-operation in respect of their forthcoming family holiday.

As you know, the Blairs have always greatly valued the understanding way the media has respected their family privacy when they have been away on holiday. They would be very grateful for your continued understanding this summer, so that they can holiday without undue media attention.

There will be a photocall with Mr and Mrs Blair at the beginning of their short break in the West Country in August, and we will give more details of this closer to the time. The children – whose privacy under the Code of Practice is particularly important to their parents – will not take part as there was, as you know, a major family photocall after the election. There will not be photocalls in either Mexico or France.

As you know, we maintain an ongoing dialogue with the Press Complaints Commission, in particular with regard to the privacy of the Blairs' children. They have indicated their continued support for this general approach as it is consistent with Clauses 3 and 6 of their Code of Practice.

Again, the Prime Minister and Mrs Blair are grateful to you for your understanding in these matters and for the continuing respect that is shown, under the Code, for their private and family life.

PM's Box

House of Lords

PM

DS Personal

October 19th,

Dear Tony,

It was good of you to write a personal letter to me about Peter at a time like this.

I am at a loss to answer except to say that Peter had a good life in that he always remained true in his belief in the British people. Also he was much loved — a fortunate man.

I was and am proud that Peter chose me and stayed with me.

We plan to celebrate Peter's life by some sort of memorial service but now is not the time. I hope you both will be able to come

with many thanks

Liz Shore

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