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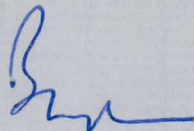
Leaks

I have read the Leak Inquiry report and would merely like, at this stage, to comment on one aspect referred to in Para. 6.

The author there states: "I have found no evidence at all of any kind of subversive plot or any connecting link indicating a continuing common source or sources for the leaks."

You may care to consider that:

- prima facie there is a continuing common source or sources of leaks to Peter Hennessy of The Times, most notably on CCU and D-Notice matters;
- there is a fairly sustained and well established pattern of leaks of unemployment figures first in general outline to Keith Harper (Guardian) and then in accurate detail the following day or so to Michael Edwards (Daily Mail); and finally
- there is the sustained leakage of MIO and MIO (E) discussions, and in one proven case a paper, to the Guardian, mostly appearing under the name of Richard Norton-Taylor.



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