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Dear Nick,

LEAKS

... You requested a list of the main leaks which have been noted in our records since the election in May. I attach the list. If you wish for any more details than are given in the necessarily abbreviated notes, we would be glad to supply them.

For your own information, I should add that Sir Ian Bancroft, who is concerned about recent disclosures, has recently discussed with Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir Brian Cubbon the problem posed by the growth in leaks over the years and the lack of any deterrents. He is considering whether to put a submission to the Prime Minister recommending that someone should be appointed to study the disclosures over the last 9 months to see if there is any pattern and whether there is any action which could be taken either to discourage leaks or investigate them more effectively.

I should also add that there are some signs that the enquiries into the recent Time Out leaks may be successful in identifying, at least fairly specifically, the source of the leaks. Sir Ian Bancroft and Sir Robert Armstrong will, of course, keep Mr Whitmore in touch with any developments.

*Yours sincerely,
David*

DAVID LAUGHRIN
Private Secretary

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LEAKS OCCURRING DURING 1979

<u>Date</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Subject</u>
May	Guardian	Cuts in Youth Opportunities Programme and Short Term Employment Programme - member of MSC had been indiscreet.
May	New Statesman	Prime Minister's instructions on preparation of briefs
May	New Statesman	"Our inheritance"
May	Sunday Telegraph	Honours procedure
June	Economist and Guardian	Treasury brief on the economic significance of UK membership of the EEC.
June	Economist	Sir Nicholas Henderson's valedictory despatch
July	Financial Times	Regional assistance, micro-electronics NEB
July	Guardian	Mr Peter Jay's valedictory despatch
August	Evening Standard	HMI National Secondary Survey
September	Economist	Draft brief on Anglo-German relations
September	Guardian and Financial Weekly	Civil Service manpower reductions
September	Time Out, followed up in Guardian	Ministerial letter on cash penalties for strikers
September	Time Out, followed up in Guardian	Minutes of Inland Revenue Standing Committee on Tax and Social Security
October	Guardian	DHSS expenditure cuts
October	Guardian	Immigration Service Manual
November	Sunday Times	Existence of MISC 14 and MISC 15
November	Guardian	Personal letter dated 8 May 1979 from S of S for Industry to Chief Secretary to the Treasury about education cuts.
November	Time Out	Industrial injury benefit for oil rig accident - correspondence between Ministers of previous Administration
November	Sunday Times	1977 meeting about possible GEC/Rolls Royce merger
December	Time Out	E Committee minutes on civil nuclear power programme
December	Guardian	Draft Cabinet Committee paper on Employers' statutory sick pay
December	Time Out, followed up in Daily Mirror	Treasury brief on strikers and supplementary benefit.

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