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A much more serious  
leak than had  
I thought

Dear Sir,

LEAK OF DOCUMENTS ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

I attach, to meet your request of this morning, a copy of the six documents which were in the hands of the Press Association. I think you will find that they speak for themselves.

From: Minister.

The two documents which have been extensively quoted are at pages A + B.

Your ever,

Mr Tyne telephoned as soon as he returned from Brussels this evening. He would have liked to speak to you, but I explained you were in your constituency. He is genuinely angry about the leaks which he says, could not have come at a worse time politically as far as he is concerned. He is also full of apologies for the trouble his department has caused. He will pursue the leak inquiry as vigorously as possible.

Dary

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C A Whitmore Esq

I told him I would let you know what he had said.

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