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From: Noel Doran [mailto:
Sent: 09 July 2012 16:30
To: Leveson Inquiry Solicitors Team
Subject: Re: Leveson Inquiry

Dear Ms Hiles,

Thank you for your message. I wish to make every possible effort to assist the Inquiry, but it does seem to me that what amounts to five working days is an insufficient period to study the detailed submission by Lord Black of Brentwood and offer an appropriate response. My witness statement will therefore inevitably be brief, although I would be happy to revisit these issues if more time could be made available later in the year.

(1) My name is Noel Doran and I am editor of The Irish News in Belfast.

(2) I have had no personal involvement in drawing up the proposals which have been set out by Lord Black.

(3) I would expect to be closely involved in any decision taken by The Irish News over signing up to Lord Black's proposals, and I would expect to be involved in discussions with our chairman and our managing director over the issue. However, as both are on annual leave, it is not possible to say when this process might begin.

(4) I look forward to discussing the issues involved with our managing director when he returns from annual leave at the end of July.

(5) See (4).

(6) Not at this stage.

If you require any more information from me, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Noel Doran,
Editor,
The Irish News.

At 12:14 29/06/2012, you wrote:

>Dear Mr Doran

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>Please find attached a S21 Notice. I would be grateful if you would
>note the return date contained therein.

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>Kindly acknowledge safe receipt

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>Yours sincerely

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>Sharron Hiles

>Senior Assistant to the Inquiry

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