

PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

From the Director

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Dear Colin,

I am writing following the Guardian's recent allegations about the extent of phone message tapping at the News of the World prior to 2007, and following some of the evidence that has emerged during the Select Committee hearings.

The board of the PCC has now met, and has authorised me to write to you. In particular, I would be grateful for answers to the following questions:

- Does it remain your position that the illegal behaviour of Clive Goodman was a "rogue exception", and that no other journalists or executives of the newspaper were aware of the practice of phone message tapping by anyone employed by the paper?
- Can you provide the Commission with full details of the process undertaken by the newspaper – after the arrests of Goodman and Mulcaire in July 2006 – to establish the extent to which phone message tapping was prevalent at the News of the World?

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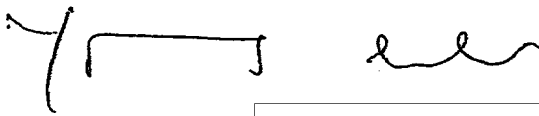
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- It has been pointed out that while Clive Goodman was a royal journalist, most of those names said to have had their phones tapped are non-royal figures (such as Gordon Taylor). And the judge in the Goodman/Mulcaire case apparently referred to Mulcaire dealing with "others at News International". Can you identify these individuals, and what the judge was referring to?
- We have seen the email to Glenn Mulcaire that refers to transcripts of messages from Gordon Taylor's telephone being made "for Neville". Can you clarify the relationship between Mr Mulcaire and
- Can you make clear how Mulcaire was paid for information relating to Gordon Taylor?
- Can you provide details of the story connected to the / contract of 5th February 2005?
- In the paper of there was an article headlined under the bylines of Clive Goodman and We appreciate that this was published some time ago, but are you able to shed light as to how the information for the story was obtained? It has been stated that this "could only have come from phone hacking".

I look forward to hearing from you, after which I may need to revert to you with one or two other questions.

With kind regards.



Tim Toulmin

