

*Transcript of written note (included) of telephone conversation between Norman Lamb and Mr Fred Michel on 'Wed 27 /10' provided to the Leveson Inquiry by Rt. Hon. Norman Lamb MP:*

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*0900 meeting Fred Michel News International. An extraordinary encounter. FM is very charming. He tells me News Int. papers will land on VC's desk in next 2 weeks. They are certain there are no grounds for referral. They realise the political pressures. He wants things to run smoothly. They have been supportive of Coalition. But if it goes the wrong way he is worried about the implications. It was brazen VC refers case to Ofcom – they turn nasty. Then he talked about AV – how Sun might help the debate – use of good graphics to get across case.*

*James M has met Nick – ~~worth working on him to~~ he could be receptive to case. Times will give it fair hearing.*

*So refer case and implication was clear. News Int turn against Coalition and AV.*