PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

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From the Deputy Director

Nick Davies Esq
By Email

16th July 2009

Dear Mr Davies

I write further to my email of 13th July.

As you know, the PCC has publicly stated that it is seeking further information based on your recent stories in the Guardian on the subject of the News of the World and message-tapping.

We would welcome your response to the following questions:

1. Are you able to provide any evidence to the Commission that anyone at the News of the World was aware of the illegal actions of Goodman or Mulcaire?
2. Are you able to provide evidence that any individuals at the paper other than Goodman and Mulcaire were involved in the practice of tapping phone messages?
3. Your article also referred to police "evidence of News Group staff using private investigators who hacked into 'thousands' of mobile phones". Is it your position that the investigators, involved in this practice, were working for – at the instigation and with the knowledge – of News of the World executives? Can you provide the Commission with further details on this point?
4. Do you have any evidence of phone-tapping taking place after May 2007, involving the News of the World or any other publication?

We would be grateful if you could supply the Commission with copies of the evidence you submitted to CMS Select Committee on Tuesday. We may also wish to ask you some further questions at a later stage.
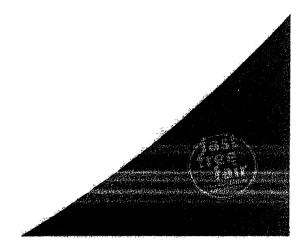
I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Abell

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