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**From:** Tim Toulmin  
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**To:** 'Mick Gorrill'

Dear Mick

It was good to see you the other day.

As you know, the PCC is looking at some of the allegations recently made in the Guardian about the News of the World. The stories seemed to take in aspects of your Motorman inquiry, and present this material alongside other information about phone message tapping.

When we met, we established that you would not be able to give us the names of any News of the World journalists you identified during the Motorman investigation, even if we were to ask for them. But I wonder whether it would be possible for me to convey to the Commission your suggestion that since your crackdown on the use of private investigators, and since the other initiatives aimed at raising awareness of journalists' obligations under the Data Protection Act (including our own), the evidence seems to point to an improvement in standards in this area.

I also wondered whether you would be making this point to the Select Committee, because I know that they are still very interested in this issue.

I look forward to hearing from you, but there's no great rush - the PCC board doesn't meet again until the third week of September.

Hope all is well with you.

Best wishes

Tim

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