

Submission to the Leveson Inquiry by Damian Green MP

I have studied the written evidence given by Robert Quick to the Leveson Inquiry on the 7th March 2012, and the subsequent media coverage. I think it would be helpful to the Inquiry if I corrected one false impression which seems to have arisen from his account of the circumstances of my arrest in 2008.

In Paragraph 51 of his written evidence Mr Quick said "He would be allowed one phone call. Green nominated Andy Coulson..."

This account gives a false impression which has misled some commentators since Mr Quick omits to mention that his officers, before I arrived at the Police station, had already allowed me to phone my wife, my Parliamentary Office, and Dominic Raab (then Chief of Staff to the Shadow Home Secretary) who arranged for my legal representation. My later call to Mr Coulson was to allow me to speak to the Party Leader's Office.

There are other factual errors in Mr Quick's written evidence, but none is central to the purpose of the Inquiry.

I would of course be happy to assist if anything further is required.

Statement of Truth

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Damian Green MP

March 20th 2012.