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1. I telephoned the Director this morning and told him of the publicity in 1976. I said it was conceivable that he might have had a police report about Andre THORNE but I did not think it was very likely.

2. He said that they had had further questions from David BARTLETT of RAP. They had not admitted receiving any papers but had said the alleged offence would have been reportable if the Chief Constable had judged that a prima facie case was made out. BARTLETT told them that he had been in touch with Sir Norman Skelhorn, who had denied any knowledge of the case. They had also been in touch with Williams, the Press Officer for the Lancashire Constabulary, who had refused to comment. The Director said that his Press Officer, Eleanor Phillips, had been told in confidence by another press representative that the story was being fermented by a Lancashire Inspector who was disgruntled that no action had been taken. Interest in it was increasing in Fleet Street.

Signature, Name, Legal Adviser

Officer's Signature

26 April 1979