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cc Mr Hyde ✓  
Mr Wright ✓

MR GEOFFREY DICKENS' QUESTION TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY

4 Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Huddersfield West): To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, if he will move to set up a select committee to investigate the security implications of the entries contained within the volumes of Sir Peter Hayman's diaries referred to in the trial of Tom O'Carroll at the Old Bailey.

It is suggested that the Answer should be simply 'No'.

The Foreign Secretary has been personally consulted on this and agrees.

The FCO are sending direct to you some background material for the Chancellor of the Duchy's information. In addition you have asked them for the background material supplied for the Minister of State's (Mr Hurd) reply to Mr Dickens' earlier Question. This was answered as follows:-

69 Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Huddersfield West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether, in view of the references to the conduct of a former senior civil servant of the Ministry of Defence in the case of Regina v. Thomas O'Carroll and others, he will cause an investigation to be made of the extent to which a security risk occurred at the posts at which that official served.

A. 'The Security Authorities have carried out a full investigation. This has revealed nothing to suggest that security has been prejudiced.'

You have also requested the Law Officers' Department for the text of their proposed reply to Mr Dickens' other Written Question for answer tomorrow:-

'To ask Mr Attorney General, if he will prosecute Sir Peter Hayman under the Post Office Acts for sending and receiving pornographic material through the Royal Mail.'