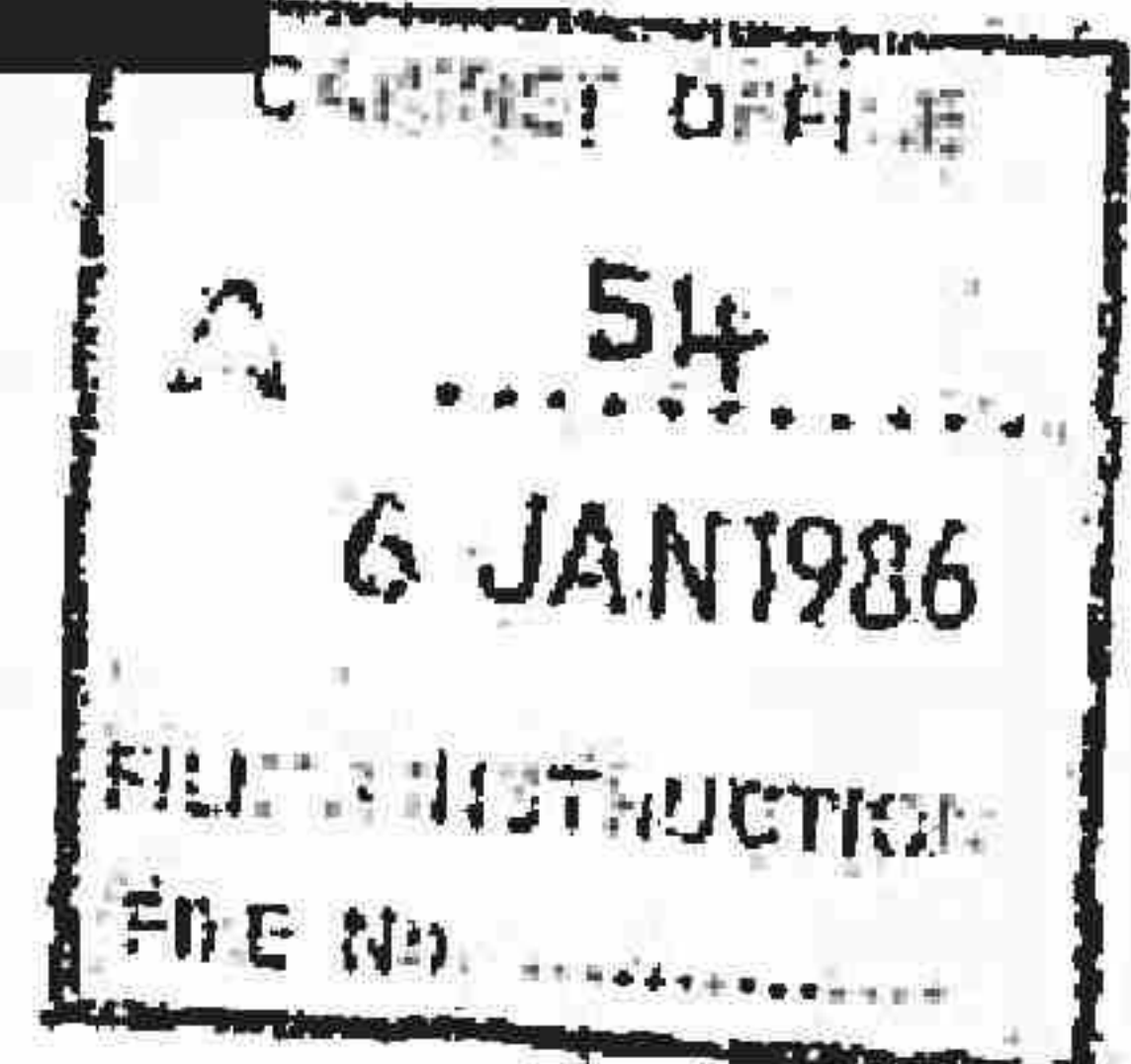


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6 January 1986



Dear Robert,

You may recall that, in November 1983, you told my predecessor that you had heard from the Chief Whip that rumours were circulating to the effect that Peter MORRISON MP had been picked up by the Police for importuning. Neither the DPP's office nor the Special Branch were able to substantiate the rumours at that time.

2. I think you will wish to know that a member of my staff was told by a friend a couple of months ago that MORRISON had been caught soliciting in a public lavatory and had been lucky not to be charged - date unspecified; and more recently a second friend told the same member of staff that Lord Cranborne had been telling the story quite openly to a large group of people. In other words, the rumours persist and have become more widespread.

3. On this second occasion it was said that a Labour MP had been charged with a similar offence at the same time. It appears that Dr Roger THOMAS, MP for Carmarthen, was indeed arrested at the end of September 1983. It seems probable therefore that the current rumours are based on the original 1983 story, and not necessarily on a repetition.

Yours ever,

DPA

Antony Duff

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