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**INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (IICSA)
WESTMINSTER INVESTIGATION**

**WITNESS STATEMENT
OF ELIZA MANNINGHAM-BULLER**

1. I joined MI5 in 1974, and held the post of Director General of the Security Service from October 2002 until April 2007. In November 1986, I worked within MI5's secretariat team, and I was the head of the part of MI5's secretariat team that managed the Service's working relationships with our overseas liaison partners.
2. I knew Peter Morrison socially because our fathers were good friends, and we had friends in common. I once stayed at his family home in Islay with this group of friends. I considered him as a friend, but not a close friend.
3. Until I reviewed the relevant MI5 file to assist in drafting this witness statement, I had not seen the correspondence between Antony Duff and Sir Robert Armstrong dated 18 November 1986 and 17 December 1986 and I have only become aware of this now. The letter dated 04th November 1986 from Antony Duff to Robert Armstrong appears to have been endorsed by me on the 03rd November 1986, so I must have seen this then, though I do not recall this given the passage of time.
4. I do not remember whether Antony Duff was aware of my connection with Peter Morrison, and as far as I recall I did not have any conversations with him about this matter. The file does not record any such conversations as having occurred.
5. Regardless of this fact however, it would have been irrelevant because I did not have a view on the allegation regarding Morrison. Beyond providing the notes which set out to the Director General the information that I had heard socially about the rumour, and Morrison's response to these, I had no role in any discussion or decision making related to this matter. I am therefore not able to comment on this. I do not know whether Sir Robert Armstrong would have been aware that I was the source of the information passed to him by Antony Duff.
6. I also understand from reviewing the relevant file that MI5 were originally made aware of the allegation by Donald Stewart, the Conservative Party Agent for Westminster. I do not know whether Mr Stewart's allegation was passed to the police.
7. The Security Service's interest in such an allegation would be to establish whether an individual with access to sensitive information, would have been vulnerable to blackmail. MI5 would not investigate such an allegation itself. Other than a brief period during 2003 when MI5 had a larger role in serious crime which included investigation of paedophile networks, I am not aware that the Service has ever been involved in the investigation of child sexual abuse.

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

Signed

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