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Dear Robert,

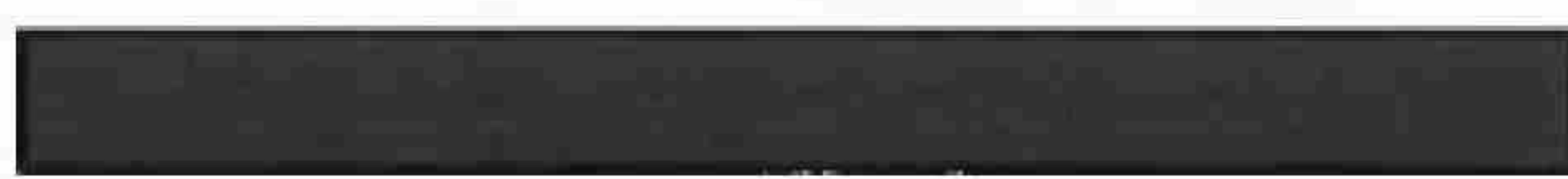
Your letter A086/122 of 13 January referred to the case of Peter MORRISON MP.

2. The stories about him persist. A member of my staff was told last month by Donald Stewart, the Conservative Party Agent for Westminster, that he heard from two sources that MORRISON has a penchant for small boys. He gave no details, nor the date of any alleged activities, and did not reveal his sources. He gave the impression of having received the information recently; but this might simply reflect the fact that MORRISON has only recently taken up his position in the Conservative Central Office and has therefore only recently come into Stewart's orbit. The information itself could still be old.

3. The position is therefore that we are still not clear whether the stories about MORRISON are a reflection of the 1983 rumour, or are based on something more recent. It does seem rather important to seek to resolve the matter, one way or another, if possible. There must I suppose be a real possibility that MORRISON will be a candidate for office again at some stage, and we should then be confronted by the need to consider these stories in the security context. It would be preferable, if possible, to dispose of them (or confirm them) before then. The first step would be to talk to Stewart.

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4. At the present stage, however, and especially in the light of the Jeffrey Archer case, the risk of political embarrassment to the Government is rather greater than the security danger. I wonder if, as a first step, the Chief Whip might think it appropriate to question Stewart? The Security Service could do this if necessary, and we do have the impression that Stewart meant his information to reach our ears, but I would just as soon that we did not get directly involved for the time being.

Yours ever,

DPA

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