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10 February 1984

Dear Richard

... After Heather Hamilton's letter of 21 September to you, Sir Robert agreed with Sir Michael that the enquiry into the leak of information to Greenpeace concerning the dumping of radioactive waste should be put in the hands of the DPP as soon as possible. For some reason, as we discussed on the telephone, the subsequent correspondence between MAFF and the DPP was not copied to you at that time; I apologise for that oversight on our part and I enclose copies of the two relevant letters. The police were called in, as you see, and later began their enquiries in mid-November. These are still in progress. Copies of this letter and enclosures go to the recipients of the earlier correspondence.

Yours

John Osmond

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Dear Dowling

You have already heard via Henry Steel of the leak of an internal note of an interdepartmental meeting concerning the dumping at sea of plutonium waste and its publicising at a Greenpeace press conference on 1 September. Michael Franklin's letter of 1 September (attached) sets out the circumstances of the leak. With Sir Robert Armstrong's agreement we brought in an investigating officer from MPO and a copy of the report which he presented to us on 19 September is also attached. You will note that though he covered a good deal of the ground there were, at the time when he presented his report, one or two openings still to be pursued. We stopped him in his tracks because we knew by then that both our Permanent Secretary and Minister were of the opinion that it might well be necessary to bring in the police to complete the enquiry. Since he came back from leave on Monday Michael Franklin has seen the investigating officer's report and has confirmed that he would like the case to be handed over to you with a view to you taking the necessary steps to bring in the police as soon as possible if you consider this to be appropriate. This letter constitutes the formal request that the Director should now take charge of the case. This course of action is supported by Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely

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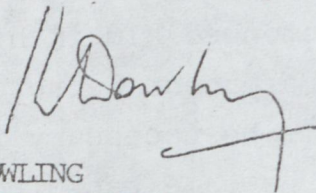
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17 October 1983

Dear Jenkins,

Thank you for your letter of the 5th October and enclosures, and for the copy of the leaked document you subsequently sent over.

I am asking the police to make enquiries, and they will doubtless first make contact with your Mr Hoare of Departmental Security.

Yours sincerely,


K DOWLING
DEPUTY DIRECTOR