



FILE NOTE

27th April 1999

'Con' DIXON

'Con' DIXON, former Detective Chief Superintendent, Special Branch, died in early April at the age of 77. The attached obituaries, written by 'Con' himself before he died, were sent the press Privacy on 14th April. It had been intended that the short - one page - version was to be sent to 'The Times' and 'Daily Telegraph', while the longer was to have been read as a eulogy at the funeral. Because of a misunderstanding, however, both were faxed to 'The Times', while page one of the longer version ended up at the 'Daily Telegraph'.

Privacy 1 has been in contact with both 'The Times' and 'Telegraph'. In the absence of pages two to four, the latter is unlikely to publish anything. 'The Times', on the other hand, indicated that they did intend to publish the full version, albeit with the words 'innovative' or 'scruffy' instead of 'hairy'. As is always the case, however, today's news is yesterday's non-story and yesterday's untimely death of Jill Dando may well push Con's obituary into the unpublished archives.

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