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Dear *Matt,*

1. Thank you for your letter of 10 November 1975; I appreciate the thought and care with which you have examined this problem.
2. We were glad to see that your researches showed that Procedures and Standing Orders in MPSB are designed to prohibit the passing of security information to employers. This was the essence of the problem, as we saw it, and your assurance is welcome as showing that the "unwritten convention" has a physical acceptance.
3. There was no intention, of course, of inhibiting any investigative function of police forces and, if our wording could be so interpreted, then we must apologise for the drafting. Ambiguities can arise, and the purpose of my leaving a draft with you was to prevent or resolve them.
4. What we tried to do, in paragraph 5 of our draft was to direct attention to the advantages that might well be derived from early consultation between forces and ourselves. Our records might well contain personal details and security collateral which could save Special Branches much routine effort.
5. Perhaps, we could meet and discuss a more acceptable form of words.

Yours *Sincerely*

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