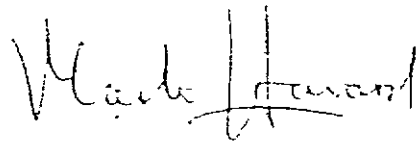


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command chain. You have my personal assurance that I will prosecute vigorously any well founded issues on this score. But should not be aired in unauthorised briefings to the media. Leaking material to the press is not clever or smart. It is unprofessional, deeply corrosive to trust and morale and is a disciplinary offence. I repeat, that I have no reason to think that anyone in the DIS is responsible for the leak to Mr Gilligan. But if it turns out that this is the case and the individual is identified, the strongest possible action will be taken.



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