Emails

From: [Redact]
Sent: 05 February 2020 19:31
To: Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser
Subject: Re: URGENT - PRIVATE

Dear Stuart,
I've spoken to you at length about what we are publishing - and given you examples.
There is sufficient information there for you to provide a comment.
You are asking me to reveal the name of a child, which we won't do.
Will you be making a comment or not?
Kind regards,
[Redact]

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On Wed, 5 Feb 2020 at 19:23, Stuart Nicolson, Special Adviser, wrote:

[Redact],

Re our recent telephone discussions, I would like to make the following points:

1. We request the material you are basing this story on to be emailed across to us as soon as possible. Given the nature of the story you intend to run, we believe there is an overriding moral obligation to share this material in order for us to be in a position to offer any form of substantive response or view.

2. I appreciate the question has already been asked and answered verbally, but we would request a written reply confirming that the material has been obtained by legitimate means and with the permission of the individual you refer to.

3. Given you yourself state that there is nothing illegal or unlawful in the messages, can you advise on your justification for publication, given the intrusion into private and family life, and correspondence including digital communication.

4. Can you advise on the name of the individual.

We require answers as soon as possible in order to consider our response.

Thanks,

Stuart

Stuart Nicolson – Head of Communications & Senior Political Spokesperson

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Phone Calls and Text Messages

The First Minister made 4 phone calls to one adviser during the evening of 5 February, resulting in 2 conversations.

The First Minister's Senior Political Spokesperson made 2 phone calls during the evening of 5 February, resulting in 2 conversations. 3 text messages were sent and 2 were received.