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Calcutt Enquiry into the Colin Wallace Affair

George Fergusson of the British Embassy rang me to say that the Ministry of Defence will be giving information today to Wallace's MP Mr. Michael Marshall about the outcome of the Calcutt Enquiry into Wallace's dismissal from the Ministry. It is not intended that the Ministry make any statement but the story is likely to come out. The Enquiry found that there were defects in the manner of his treatment by the Civil Service Appeal Board in that information reached the Board outside the terms of his appeal hearing. Calcutt concluded that Mr. Wallace's dismissal was not justified. The Ministry of Defence accepts that it has to live with the consequences and will pay Mr. Wallace compensation of £30,000.

Mr. Fergusson commented that the Enquiry was solely into the manner of Mr. Wallace's dismissal and that speculation about other aspects of his case would no doubt continue.

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