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Note on Goodman and Mulcaire

1. We were not involved in the investigatory stage of the case.
2. Apart from Goodman and Mulcaire, the only other individual who was considered as a potential defendant was Mills. In the event, the CPS decided not to charge. We did enquire of the police at a conference whether there was any evidence that the editor of the News of the World was involved in the Goodman-Mulcaire offences. We were told that there was not (and we never saw any such evidence). We also enquired whether there was any evidence connecting Mulcaire to other News of the World journalists. Again, we were told that there was not (and we never saw any such evidence). In this regard, it is important to note that the payments made by Goodman to Mulcaire in relation to the offences were irregular payments under the source name 'Alexander'. There was no evidence (so far as we were aware) that any other source payments were made to Mulcaire by other News of the World journalists.
3. The strategy of 'ring-fencing' referred to a need to ensure that, in the event of pleas of not guilty, the case could be prosecuted without the need to adduce evidence from or otherwise embarrass the two Princes. (The three victims at the time of charge were members of the Royal Household.)
4. In relation to the 'non-royal' victims of Mulcaire's operation, the indictment contained charges in respect of all of the individuals who provided a witness statement to the police.

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