

attended this meeting in Number 10 Downing Street. As with any meeting, Private Office would have ensured he received the appropriate briefing. As far as I can recall he did not discuss or raise any issues with me on the lines to take. I did not attend the Minister at this meeting as the Prime Minister's staff would have been present.

31. Miss [REDACTED] of SPOD wrote to the Private Secretary to Adam Ingram on 15 March 1999 to provide an incident report update on the murder of Mrs Nelson [RNI 107.013-019] [REDACTED]. I have been asked by those interviewing me if I attended any press conference at the time about Mrs Nelson's murder. I was accompanying the Minister on a political and economic visit to the USA. The Minister was immediately advised of the murder but I do not recall the detail of any media briefing he may have undertaken in the immediate aftermath.
32. Stephen Leach sent a submission to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State on 16 March 1999 to update her on the murder of Mrs Nelson, copied to the Private Secretary to Adam Ingram, amongst others [RNI 107.030.500-506]. The submission referred to the appointment of David Phillips to oversee the investigation into the murder of Mrs Nelson and to Breandan MacCionnaith's allegation that a No. 10 official refused protection for Mrs Nelson when asked to provide it by GRRC members during the proximity talks in 1998. I have been asked by those interviewing me if I was involved in the proximity talks and I was not.
33. Simon Rogers sent a submission to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State on 16 March 1999 in connection with Mr Cumaraswamy's second report [RNI 107.043-048] [REDACTED], and again on 22 March 1999 [RNI 107.108-111.491]. Both were copied to the Private Secretary to Adam Ingram, amongst others. The submissions were copied to the Private Secretary to Adam Ingram for information. I have been asked by those interviewing me whether I was involved at all with Mr Cumaraswamy generally and I was not.