

P. R. NOTES ON PROCEEDINGS

10th May 1968: Registrar's Statement "Incidents at Wivenhoe House" was prepared, printed and issued without reference to the public relations office and I was not given any indication that such a document was even under consideration.

Press Statement: Mr. Harber's announcement in the Hexagon Restaurant, when I was lunching with Professor Gibson and Dr. Michaelis (Science Correspondent of the 'Daily Telegraph') was the first hint I had had that any such action was likely.

I excused myself from the party and went to my office, having asked my secretary, who was also in the restaurant, to come back in case she was required. I rang the Registrar's office, only to find that he had left the University for lunch at his house. I rang his house and asked Mrs. Rowland-Jones to ask her husband to telephone me urgently as soon as he arrived.

When he did so I told him of the announcement in the Hexagon and asked (a) if it were true and (b) if the University intended to issue a statement. He told me that he had prepared a statement: it was on his desk and I was to make arrangements to circularise it to the press.

I went to Wivenhoe House, obtained the key to the Registrar's office, and telephoned the text to my secretary and asked her to take the usual action. The statement was issued during the afternoon and also telephoned to the Press Association.

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