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PROPOSITION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Barry SEAL

for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on exploiting of confidential information

by ex public employees

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The European Parliament,

- A - Aware of the confidential information handled by public employees working in all sections of Member State governments;
- B - Knowing that individuals affected by this information are often unaware of it;
- C - Desiring to protect individual human rights;
- D - Concerned at the results of cheque book journalism as practised by popular newspapers;
- E - Appalled to learn that the ex Chief Constable of West Yorkshire is being paid to write articles about the case of the Yorkshire Ripper which may use information hurtful to people affected by this case;

Instructs its Legal Affairs Committee to examine the various Member State laws concerning public employees and come forward with recommendations for amendments to such laws which would stop ex public employees profiteering by exploiting confidential information gained whilst pursuing the normal activities of their former job.