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Personal for Private Secretary from Private Secretary to Prime Minister

Your telegrams 314 and 316 and Moscow tel no 1211 to you.

The Prime Minister is strongly opposed to the course of action outlined in paragraphs 1 and 2 in your tel. no. 314 and agrees with the comments made by Sir Bryan Cartledge. She has said publicly that we are drawing a line under the whole affair and does not want to continue guerilla warfare either overtly or through deliberate leaks. I do not think this would exclude, however, the proposed action by Mr. Thomas (para. 4 of your tel. no. 316 refers).

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Following is the text of a statement being issued to the press accompanying the Prime Minister's party by the Chief Press Secretary this evening;

"The Russians had no grounds whatsoever to expel 25 of our people from Moscow and they know it. It was a vindictive action taken because we had exposed their subversive and intelligence activities in the United Kingdom.

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Quite clearly we could not accept this: indeed we had warned the Russians in advance that retaliation would not go unanswered.

This is why we have had to remove a further six Soviet citizens all of whom were positively identified by Mr Gordievskiy as involved in unacceptable intelligence activities.

/ I hope

I hope we can now draw a line under this frustrating episode and get on with the vital task of restoring relations between the UK and the USSR. We are ready to take this positive approach and hope that we shall meet with a constructive response from the Soviet Union.

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