

PRIME MINISTER

The text of this telegram has been relayed to Charles who agrees with Braithwaite that the journalists will be told tomorrow morning. He is in contact with Bernard Ingham and has a contingency press line prepared. However, he emphasised that we would not initiate publicity at this end.

Diana Smith

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DUTY CLERK

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EXPULSIONS: FOR RESIDENT CLERK

1. I WAS SUMMONED BY FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER KOVALEV AT 1015PM LOCAL
ON SATURDAY 20 MAY.

2. HE INFORMED ME THAT THE FOLLOWING EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY
AND THREE BRITISH CORRESPONDENTS WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION
WITHIN TWO WEEKS:

MICHAEL ANDERSON, SECOND SECRETARY

CAPT CHRISTOPHER MEYER, NAVAL ATTACHE

ADAM NOBLE, SECOND SECRETARY

HELEN PICKERING, VICE CONSUL

WARRANT OFFICER LAING PURFITT, JUNIOR MEMBER OF DEFENCE STAFF

LT CDR CHRISTOPHER WATSON, ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE

PAUL SHARP, THIRD SECRETARY

MAJOR NIGEL SHAKESPEAR, ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE

IAN CLOVER-JAMES, ITN

ANGUS ROXBURGH, SUNDAY TIMES

JEREMY HARRIS, BBC

3. THE FOLLOWING EX-MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY WERE DECLARED PNC

- CAPTAIN JOHN LYKES, FORMER NAVAL ATTACHE

- "RICHARD" TURNER, FORMER ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE (PRESUMABLY
MEANS ROGER TURNER, ARA UNTIL 1988)

- DEREK HARE, FORMER MEMBER OF TECHNICAL STAFF

4. WE ARE INFORMING THOSE CONCERNED IMMEDIATELY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
THE THREE JOURNALISTS. EMBASSY STAFF WILL BE TOLD TO KEEP THE
NEWS TO THEMSELVES FOR THE TIME BEING.

5. I PROPOSE NOT/NOT TO WAKE THE JOURNALISTS WITH THIS UNPLEASANT
NEWS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, WHICH WOULD IN ANY CASE CAUSE THE
STORY TO BREAK BEFORE YOU HAD TIME FOR PREPARATION OF THE FULL FACTS
TO HAND. BUT I DO NOT CONSIDER THAT I CAN DELAY INFORMING THEM
BEYOND 0800 LOCAL TOMORROW MORNING (210400Z). GRATEFUL FOR
CONFIRMATION BY FLASH TELEGRAM THAT YOU AGREE TO THIS.

6. MIFT CONTAINS TEXT OF KAVELEV'S SPEAKING NOTE. FURTHER REPORT
AND COMMENT WILL FOLLOW

BRAITHWAITE

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