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YOUR TELNO 314 TO AMMAN & GORDIYEVSKIY

1. I HAVE VERY STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE COURSE PROPOSED IN PARA ONE OF YTUR. IT IS OF COURSE FOR YOU TO JUDGE WHAT EFFECT MAKING THE REVELATIONS OF FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE SOVIET EXPULSIONS MIGHT HAVE ON THE UK MEDIA. SEEN FROM HERE, REVELATIONS, OF A MORE GENERAL MATURE CONCERNING PREVIOUS KGB ACTIVITY IN THE UK (RATHER THAN PERSONAL DOSSIERS) MIGHT BE MORE EFFECTIVE. IT WAS REVELATIONS OF THIS NATURE WHICH I HAD IN MIND IN MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION IN MY TELNO 1182 (NOT TO AMMAN).

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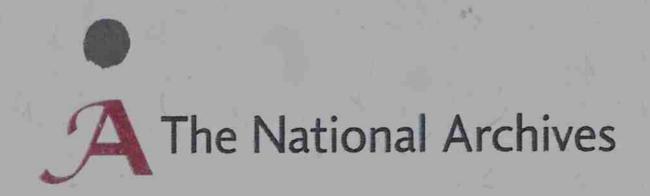
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3. IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CLEAR WISH OF THE SOVIET SIDE TO ''DRAW A LINE'' AND OUR OWN NOW PUBLICLY DECLARED INTENTION OF NOT PROCEEDING TO FBRTHER COUNTER-EXPULSIONS, I THINK WE SHOULD LET MATTERS LIE EXCEPT FOR SUCH PRIVATE BRIEFING AS COULD BE DONE WITH THE MEDIA TO CONVEY THE KIND OF IMPRESSION WHICH YOU HAVE IN MIND IN PARA ONE OF YTUR - BUT WITHOUT OPEN OFFICIAL SANCTION.

4. SO FAR AS THE PUBLIC DENIAL OF SOVIET ALLEGATIONS IS CONCERNED I PROPOSE TO CONTINUE HERE IN THIS EMBASSY, TO DECLARE THE INNOCENCE OF ALL MY STAFF AS I HAVE DONE HITHERTO. IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE NO USEABLE EVIDENCE WHICH THEY COULD PRODUCE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR ALLEGATIONS WHICH IN MY VIEW WE SHOULD CONTINUE ROBUSTLY TO DENY. MOREOVER ANYTHING LESS THAN TOTALDENIAL OF SOVIET ACCUSATIONS PARTICULARLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY THE KIND OF RESPONSE PROPOSED AT THE END OF PARA 4 OF YTUR, WOULD ONLY FUEL SPECULATION AND ASSIST A SOVIET CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO REPRESENT THIS EMBASSY AS A NEST OF SPIES/KIDNAPPERS.

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