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TO ROUTINE OTTAWA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 149 OF 18 MAY

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YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 223 CROSSED MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 144

1. OUR FEARS THAT MR PYM'S MESSAGE MIGHT GET GARBLED APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN REALISED. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE CANADIANS SHOULD BE UNDER NO MISAPPREHENSION ABOUT THE CHANCES OF THEIR LEGISLATION GOING THROUGH PARLIAMENT BY 1 JULY. YOU WILL NO DOUBT THEREFORE TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY OF RUBBING THE MESSAGE HOME WITH KIRBY. AT THIS END, WE WILL SPEAK APPROPRIATELY TO THE HIGH COMMISSION AND ALSO TO GEORGE ANDERSON (HEAD OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DIVISION AT THE DEA) WHO IS SAID TO BE RETURNING TO LONDON LATER THIS WEEK.

2. IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED TO DELAY OUR RESPONSE TO THE FAC REPORT UNTIL AFTER THE SUPREME COURT VERDICT. RECORD OF RELEVANT MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION CONCERNED FOLLOWS BY BAG. IN TELLING THE CANADIANS OF THIS YOU WILL NATURALLY WANT TO RECOGNISE THEIR DESIRE THAT WE SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE PUBLISH SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. NONETHELESS, I THINK THERE IS NO NEED TO GO INTO GREAT DETAIL: IT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO SAY TO THEM THAT THIS IS VERY MUCH A MATTER OF POLITICAL JUDGMENT AT THIS END TAKING THE PARLIAMETARY SITUATION INTO ACCOUNT. YOU COULD ADD THAT IT SEEMED INCREASINGLY IRRELEVANT TO PUBLISH SO NEAR TO THE LIKELY DATE OF A SUPREME COURT VERDICT.

3. WE ARE SEEING WHETHER LORD MORAN WILL BE AVAILABLE OVER MR GRAY'S VISIT.

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