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TO FLASH CANBERRA
TEL NO 462 OF 19 NOVEMBER 1981.

FOLLOWING FROM RESIDENT CLERK.

MR ROSS'S CONSTITUENCY.

I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE N.I.O. WHO SAY THAT RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION IN MR ROSS'S CONSTITUENCY WOULD BE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM THE RUC'S DIVISIONAL OFFICES IN THIS CONSTITUENCY. TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AT THIS HOUR WOULD INVOLVE BRINGING A NUMBER OF PEOPLE INTO THEIR OFFICES AND, GIVEN THE CURRENT CRITICAL SITUATION IN THE AREA AND THE PRESSURE UNDER WHICH THE RUC ARE WORKING, THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO DO THIS. THEY WILL OF COURSE SET ABOUT GATHERING THE INFORMATION FOR MR ROSS AS SOON AS WORK BEGINS TOMORROW AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEND YOU A REPORT IN THE COURSE OF FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER. THEY REALISE THAT THIS MAY NOT SATISFY MR ROSS BUT BELIEVE THAT THE MINISTERS INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER WILL SUPPORT THIS LINE.

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