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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

18 January 1982

Mr. Francis

Mr. Greg Miskiw

Mr. Bob Edwards, the Editor of the Sunday Mirror, accompanied by Mr. Victor Knight, the paper's political correspondent, called on the Prime Minister this morning to discuss the above case. They left the enclosed memorandum which sets out their understanding of the developments so far. They showed some sensitivity about the report referred to in the last paragraph from the Times' correspondent in Warsaw and I should therefore be grateful if this information could be carefully handled.

During discussion, it emerged that the facts on a number of points were anything but clear. I have since asked you by telephone to try to establish from the Embassy in Warsaw:

- a) The date of the appeal.
- b) The nature of the appeal.
- c) When Mr. Miskiw was last seen by the Embassy and whether further Consular access could be arranged now.
- d) Whether he is able to communicate with his newspaper (they have sent him a telex but, perhaps not surprisingly, have received no reply).
- e) The conditions on which he was granted bail.

Mr. Edwards suggested that the Polish martial law regime would be responsive to indications that there was high level concern in the United Kingdom about this case. He asked whether the Prime Minister would be willing to intervene with General Jaruzelski. The Prime Minister replied to the effect that we would naturally do everything possible to help but we must consider carefully what steps were likely to do so.

In the light of the answers to the above questions (and I hope these might be available by early evening today), I should be grateful for further advice on what HMG can usefully do in this matter. The Prime Minister has asked for such a report.

Francis Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Editor

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January 19th 1982

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Dear Prime Minister,

Your concern and help over Greg Miskiw is enormously appreciated. It was wonderful of you to spare the time to see us yesterday about him and to take so much trouble. His girl-friend had a letter from him today written a few days ago which showed he was really low in spirits. Yesterday, thanks to you, they were able to converse for a long time on the telex and there is no doubt his morale improved

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with every minute. She described
him afterwards as worried but "perky."
I know you are being fully
informed and simply want to
express my warmest possible thanks.

Yours ever,

Bob Edwards

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP
10, Downing St,
London SW1.

PS. I forgot to say thanks for
the very nice coffee!

PRIME MINISTER

SUNDAY MIRROR/POLAND

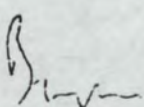
Victor Knight, political correspondent, Sunday Mirror, took me on one side after today's lobby to say that this weekend they would reveal that one of their reporters, Greg Miskiw, had been arrested in Poland. As a Polish speaker (he is of Ukrainian extraction), he was sent by his news editor to Vienna with instructions to try to get into Poland. He was not asked to go in illegally, but in an excess of zeal, he smuggled himself in on a mail train and was arrested before Christmas in Warsaw.

He has since been in prison and on Wednesday of this week pleaded guilty under martial law to illegal entry and threw himself upon the mercy of the Court. The case has been adjourned until next Tuesday.

The FCO is aware of the case and the acting editor and Victor Knight have seen Lord Trefgarne about it. The Sunday Mirror has no complaint about the consular assistance that has been given by the FCO and is quite clear that Miskiw has only himself to blame for his predicament.

The Sunday Mirror's expectation, on FCO advice, is that, notwithstanding that the minimum sentence under martial law for illegal entry is 3 years, Miskiw will be sentenced and then kicked out of Poland. We shall see.

In the meantime Bob Edwards, Editor of the Sunday Mirror, has asked that you should be informed. The newspaper story this weekend will be entirely factual and low key but it may well be taken up by other newspapers who have up to now acted upon the Sunday Mirror's request that they should not report Miskiw's arrest.



B. INGHAM

8 January 1982

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I have discussed with

Mr. Edwards.

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YR DISTRESS 20 AND TELEX CONVERSATION YESTERDAY WITH HEALD.

MISKIW.

1. MISKIW'S LAWYER APPROACHED THE COURT YESTERDAY FOR PERMISSION FOR MISKIW TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. SHE WAS TOLD THAT THE COURT HAD NO JURISDICTION IN THE MATTER WHICH WAS A PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE ONE. WE ARE THEREFORE MAKING SIMULTANEOUS APPROACHES TO THE MFA AND THE PASSPORT AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO TRY AND OBTAIN AN EXIT VISA FOR HIM.

2. YRTELS SUGGEST A REAL CONCERN FOR HIS HEALTH. ALL OF US HERE (INCLUDING MYSELF) WHO HAVE SEEN MISKIW ARE SATISFIED THAT HIS HEALTH IS GOOD ALTHOUGH HE IS NATURALLY FINDING THE UNCERTAINTY A BIT WEARING. IF YOU ARE AWARE OF ANYTHING CONCERNING HIS HEALTH WHICH IS NOT PERHAPS APPARENT TO US HERE, WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DETAILS.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

20 January 1982

~~Prime Minister~~

I have told Mr. Edwards all this.
He remains grateful.

X gives some ground for hope
but we are not out of the wood

yet.

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Dear John,

Mr Greg Miskiw

You asked whether there has been any further developments in this case.

Our Consular Department was in touch with the Embassy in Warsaw by telex at 11.39 this morning. The Consul discussed the case with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday and pointed out that the cost to Miskiw of having to stay in an hotel was likely to be prohibitive if no date could be given for the hearing. A Polish national in the same position would stay at home. It was therefore particularly hard on a foreigner. The MFA are disposed to be helpful and told our Consul orally that if Miskiw's lawyer were to apply to the court for permission to return to the UK they would support the application. Miskiw's lawyer is in the process of submitting the application.

x | I understand that if permission is given for Miskiw to return, the likelihood is that bail would be set at an amount in hard currency which would mitigate the disappointment of the Polish authorities if Miskiw should fail to surrender to bail.

There is still no indication of the date of the appeal hearing which, as I said in my earlier letter, is dependent on the preparation of the prosecution's case.

Miskiw is apparently holding up well and at the time of the telex contact was in the Embassy canteen having a sandwich and a beer.

/I shall

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street



I shall keep you informed of any further developments,
but I doubt whether these are likely to be significant on
a day-to-day basis.

Yours ever.
F N Richards

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

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cc: Mr. Ingham
Mr. Coles

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P. S. G. G.

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10 DOWNING STREET

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From the Private Secretary

19 January, 1982

Mr Greg Miskiw

Thank you for your letter of 18 January.

I gave Mr Bob Edwards of the Sunday Mirror an account of the latest situation last night. He was most grateful. He told me that Mr Miskiw had been in touch with his girl-friend in this country that day by telex (and believed that the Embassy in Warsaw had helped to arrange this). In this message Mr Miskiw had said that the Embassy were being most helpful and that his lawyer was reasonably confident that the appeal would not result in a harsher sentence. I agreed with Mr Edwards that the best hope was that the appeal would be heard quickly and that it would merely confirm the original sentence. I suggested that we should do nothing to upset that prospect but I promised that we would follow the case on a daily basis and stay in touch with him.

B/K

I subsequently reported this conversation to the Prime Minister and showed her your letter. The Prime Minister has asked me to keep her regularly informed about developments in the case. I should, therefore, be grateful if the Embassy in Warsaw could be asked, if necessary, to report any new developments quickly and also to let us have regular reports on Mr Miskiw's condition.

On a point of detail, Mr Edwards said that he hoped that Mr Miskiw would now be able to make contact with his newspaper. He would be grateful if the Embassy could tell him that his best point of contact was Mr P J Wilson, the News Editor.

you see
see below

Roderic Lyne, Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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PRIME MINISTER

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Mr. Greg Miskiw

I still await a report from the Embassy in Warsaw, but Mr. Bob Edwards has just rung to say that Mr. Miskiw has been in touch with his girlfriend in this country, using the telex in our Embassy. Mr. Edwards is in no doubt that the Embassy have made contact with Mr. Miskiw as a result of his meeting here this morning, and he is most grateful (he may be right, since I immediately telegraphed the Embassy asking them, if they had not recently had access to Miskiw, to make contact with him today). Miskiw apparently told his girlfriend that he was well but worried. The Sunday Mirror are hoping to talk to him by telex later today. I hope that we shall have further information from Warsaw, and Mr. Edwards and I will be talking later this evening.

A. J. COLES

18 January, 1982.

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MISKIW.

GRATEFUL DESKBY 1700Z TODAY ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING FOR PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE:

- A) WHAT IS NATURE OF APPEAL? I.E. FOR RETRIAL, HARSHER SENTENCE OR FOR HEARING BY MILITARY COURT?
- B) WHEN WAS MISKIW LAST SEEN AND WHAT IS HIS PRESENT STATE OF HEALTH? (YOUR TEL 23 PARA 2 REFERS).
- C) WHAT ARE CONDITIONS OF BAIL?
- D) ANY INDICATION OF APPEAL DATE?

2. FIRST SENTENCE YOURTEL 037 READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARA 2C YOURTEL 1043 APPEARS CONFUSING IN VIEW OF OUTCOME OF TRIAL AND YOUR DISTRESS 11. GRATEFUL CLARIFICATION.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

18 January 1982

Dear John,

Mr Greg Miskiw

/the Thank you for your letter about Mr Miskiw, following the call by the Editor of Sunday Mirror on the Prime Minister this morning. /

/ I attach essential facts on the case. The answers to the questions you raised are as follows:

- a) grounds for the appeal are being prepared by the Prosecution, which has not yet divulged them to the defence lawyer;
- b) the appeal is against the sentence. The Appeal Court can uphold it, change it or instruct the District Court to change the original sentence. Miskiw's lawyer feels that the most likely outcome is that the original sentence will be upheld;
- c) our Consular officials see Miskiw daily. (He is staying in the Grand Hotel, Warsaw). He is well, though naturally concerned;
- d) while he is able to communicate with his newspaper, mail is subject to delay; his employers have received a telex from him today;
- e) he has been released on bail without specific conditions, but is not able to leave Poland until he receives an exit visa.

It is contrary to international usage for governmental intervention to be made in judicial proceedings while cases are still sub-judice. But if Miskiw is given a further sentence, we shall be considering what (if any) action on our part would enhance his hopes of clemency.

Yours sincerely
Roderic Lyne
(R M J Lyne)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

ESSENTIAL FACTS

GREG MISKIW

1. Crossed Czechoslovak/Polish border illegally on 18 December 1981 hidden in postal services coach Vienna/Warsaw train. Arrested trying to book into Victoria Hotel, Warsaw.
2. Seen by HM Consul on 28 December. Fit and well, but concerned about his position. Trial expected mid-January when Court would decide whether to proceed under martial law (with likely minimum sentence 3 years imprisonment and no appeal) or normal civil codes (with possible more lenient penalties).
3. Trial brought forward to 6 January. Embassy helped arrange English speaking defence lawyer whose initial advice to Embassy on morning of trial was that case was to be heard under martial law provisions. Court subsequently decided that civil penal code more appropriate. Miskiw pleaded guilty to charge of entering Poland illegally in breach of Section 288 of Civil Code and threw himself on mercy of Court. Defence asked for seven day postponement of sentence to enable documentary evidence to be obtained from London to support plea for clemency. Evidence sent through FCO relating plea for to application for Polish visa made through Magic of Poland Ltd (tour operators) in July which company understood approved early December.
4. Convicted on 12 January: sentence - 2 years imprisonment suspended for 2 years plus fine 70,000 Zloties and 17,000 Zloties costs. Prosecutor, who had asked for 4 years imprisonment, had 7 days in which to appeal against sentence.
5. Miskiw's released on bail on 13 January. Sunday Mirror put up £1,000 to cover legal costs and fine. Prosecution announced on 15 January appeal against sentence. Date of hearing not yet known. Meanwhile Miskiw is staying in a Warsaw hotel, but communication with family, employer and wife is restricted by break in postal and telecommunications which was introduced under martial law régime. Understand employers received a telex from him on 18 January.

Mirror Group Newspapers memo

Date 16th January 1982
From P. J. Wilson
Room
Extension
Department

To Mr. Robert Edwards

RE : GREG MISKIW

Greg Miskiw is aged 32. Divorced. Born Leeds and is British citizen. Parents, both Ukranian, came to UK after the war. They live in Leeds, are devout Roman Catholics and have great love for Britain. They are deeply concerned but cling to faith that the Foreign Office will somehow obtain Miskiw's release. Miskiw joined us two years ago from the London Evening News.

The timetable of events so far is as follows :

December 17th 1981. Miskiw left by air for Vienna. His brief : to try to enter Poland on the Chopin Express. Told to get a transit visa if possible but not to take foolish risks.

(He had applied, as a journalist, in the summer for a visa to cover a Magic of Poland tour. Told by the London organisers that Warsaw had granted authorisation, but when he went to collect it in December was told by Polish officials that it was void. Polish Embassy now deny giving the authorisation.)

December 19th 1981. Miskiw had been briefed to contact office on December 18th. In the early afternoon News Editor phoned Foreign Office telling them Miskiw had failed to make contact and asked them to inquire if Warsaw Embassy had any information. At approximately 8pm News Desk received a call from an ITN journalist saying Miskiw had been detained by Police at the Hotel Victoria, Warsaw.

December 22nd 1981. Received call from F.O. News Department that Greg had been detained for illegally crossing the border at Zebazydowice but not formally charged.

December 24th 1981. News Editor wrote to Polish Ambassador apologising if Miskiw had inadvertently broken laws and requested help in securing his release. Sir Keith Joseph, family's MP, began inquiring into case.

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December 27th 1981. Polish Embassy confirm News Editor's letter relayed to Warsaw. F.O. report Consular access had taken place.

December 28th 1981. F.O. report Miskiw had admitted guilt and was due to appear in court around mid-January.

December 30th 1981. News Editor met Polish Embassy official Mr. Januszcz Luks, the official assigned to deal with British Press, who is told again that Miskiw is a bona fide British journalist and that his urgent release is requested.

December 31st 1981. Deputy Editor Nick Lloyd and Political Editor Victor Knight meet Lord Trefgarne, F.O. Under secretary.

January 5th 1982. Editor Mr. Robert Edwards wrote his own appeal to the Polish Ambassador. Letter regrets any breach of Polish laws and asks for assistance in securing Miskiw's early return. Later F.O. call to say trial brought forward and Miskiw to appear in court the next day.

January 6th 1982. Miskiw appears in court in Warsaw under martial law regulations. Pleads guilty and throws himself on mercy of court. Charged with illegally crossing the border contrary to Article 288 of the Polish Civil Code. Court adjourns to January 12th.

January 7th 1982. British Embassy in Warsaw requests Sunday Mirror to obtain statement from Magic of Poland travel agency confirming Miskiw had received calls advising visa had been granted. This statement obtained from head of firm Vic Allen and taken, as requested, to Polish Embassy in London to be witnessed. (However, before Embassy will witness statement Mr. Allen required to insert sentence saying he could have been mistaken about the call).

January 10th 1982. Sunday Mirror and other Sunday papers carry stories saying Miskiw faces trial.

January 11th 1982. Woman from Magic of Poland tours contacts us to say she had personally taken call from a Mr. Slomka at the Polish Embassy saying that visa authorisation had been given.

January 12th 1982. Miskiw in court at adjourned hearing. Embassy represented. Found guilty and sentenced to two years jail suspended plus a fine of 70,000 zlotys and 17,000 zlotys costs. Mirror Group Newspapers agrees to F.O. request to deposit a cheque for £1,000 with them.

January 13th 1982. Miskiw released "on bail" and moves to Grand Hotel, Warsaw. F.O. report he must stay seven days to allow any possible appeal by the prosecution. Cheque deposited with the F.O.

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January 15th 1982. F.O. Consular department tell us prosecution will appeal. Miskiw's lawyer cannot give indication of when hearing will be. F.O. report they will explore possibility of authorities allowing Miskiw to return to Britain prior to the hearing. Confirm to News Editor report that Miskiw is believed to have entered Poland in a mail wagon on the train. Times Foreign desk report that their man in Warsaw, Roger Boyes, has seen Miskiw in Warsaw and feels he is "close to nervous breakdown". Boyes fears prosecution will seek military hearing and a three year jail penalty. Believes hearing will take place next Tuesday January 19th.

P. Wilson

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Prime Minister

Mr. Greg Miskin

1. I told Mr. Edwards all the attached this evening. He was most grateful.

2. Mr. Miskin told his girl-friend today by telex that the Embassy were being most helpful and that his lawyer was reasonably confident that the appeal would not result in a harsher sentence.

3. As you will see from the attached, the date of the appeal is not known, nor the grounds. He was tried under the civil penal code and there is no evidence that he will be retried under martial law regulations.

4. I agreed with Mr. Edwards that the best hope was that the appeal would be heard quickly and that it would merely confirm the original sentence. We must do nothing to upset that prospect but would follow the case daily and stay in touch.

A. S. C. T.

PRIME MINISTER

Yes.
Sun. night
or Mon. am.
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Leaving

You will recall that last weekend I reported to you the case of Gregg Miskiw, the Sunday Mirror reporter who had been charged with entering Poland illegally. Over the past week he was given a two year suspended sentence on visa irregularity charges and fined a substantial sum. It had been hoped that he would be released and sent back to Britain this week.

Unfortunately the prosecution is now appealing against his sentence on the grounds, so the Sunday Mirror establishes from other journalists, that his case ought to be heard by a military court under military law, which carries a minimum sentence of three years for the offence which he is charged.

I attach my minute of last weekend. You will see that Gregg Miskiw got into Poland through an excess of zeal.

Bob Edwards, the Editor, is however extremely worried about the prospects for his reporter and really, according to Victor Knight, does not know what more he can do to try to achieve his release. Edwards is very anxious to have a word with you either over the weekend or early next week. He would much prefer to come in and have a chat.

Could you let me know via the duty clerk tomorrow, Saturday, whether you would like to have a short - eg 10 minutes - meeting with Bob Edwards, who would like to be accompanied by Victor Knight, or whether you would prefer to talk to him on the telephone?

B. INGHAM

15 January 1982

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TELEGRAM NUMBER DISTRESS 14 OF 15 JANUARY

MYTEL NO. DISTRESS 7: MISKIW

1. PROSECUTION HAS DECIDED TO APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCE. NO DATE HAS YES BEEN FIXED FOR THE HEARING AND MISKIW'S LAWYER IS UNABLE TO GIVE ANY INDICATION WHEN THIS MIGHT BE.

2. WE ARE SEEKING PERMISSION FOR MISKIW TO RETURN TO BRITAIN UNTIL DATE OF HEARING.

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*Peter Wilson, Sunday Mirror, informed.
He said paper would put up a
substantial sum for bail if Mis
would help.
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TO ROUTINE DISTRESS 11 OF 14 JANUARY

YOUR DISTRESS 9: MISKIW

1. MISKIW WAS CHARGED WITH ENTERING POLAND ILLEGALLY, IN BREACH OF ARTICLE 288 OF THE POLISH CIVIL CODE, WHICH STATES: QUOTE

ART 288 PAR. 1. WHOEVER WITHOUT THE REQUIRED PERMISSION CROSSES A BORDER OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY OF DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY FOR UP TO 5 YEARS.

PAR.2 - IN A CASE OF LESSER GRAVITY, THE PERPETRATOR SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY OF DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY FOR UP TO ONE YEAR, LIMITATION OF LIBERTY OR A FINE.

MELHUI SH

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*Peter Wilson, Sunday Mirror,
informed.*

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FM WARSAW 131450Z JAN 82
TO IMMEDIATE DISTRESS FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER DISTRESS 10 OF 13 JANUARY

MISKIW. OUR DISTRESS 7 OF 12.1.82 REFERS.

1. MISKIW WAS RELEASED ON BAIL FROM PRISON TODAY, AND HAS BOOKED INTO THE GRAND HOTEL, WARSAW. HE APPEARS FIT AND WELL, AND IS KEEPING A VERY LOW PROFILE. HE SENDS HIS LOVE TO HIS FAMILY AND AMANDA.

2. COULD YOU PLEASE CHASE SUNDAY MIRROR ABOUT £1,000 DEPOSIT. TO COVER FINE, COSTS, ETC.

MELHUI SH

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FROM CONSULAR DEPT LONDON 131600Z JAN
TO PRIORITY WARSAW
TEL NO DISTRESS 9 OF 13/1/82

YOUR DISTRESS NO 3.

ONE THOUSAND POUNDS DEPOSITED.
FOR OBVIOUS REASONS WE AND MIRROR ADVISE AGAINST MISKIW'S TALKING
TO PRESS BEFORE DEPARTURE. GRATEFUL DETAILS PRECISE CHARGE AGAINST
HIM.

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FM WARSAW 121600Z JAN 82
TO IMMEDIATE DISTRESSFCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER DISTRESS 007 OF 12 JANUARY

OUR DISTRESS NO.3.: MISKIW

1. SENTENCE PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

A) 2 YRS IMPRISONMENT CONDITIONALLY SUSPENDED FOR 2 YRS:

B) ZLOTIES 70,000 FINE PLUS ZLOTIES 17,000 COSTS.

2. THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WHO ASKED FOR 4 YRS IMPRISONMENT HAS 7 DAYS IN WHICH TO APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCE. THIS SEEMS LIKELY BUT MISKIW'S ADVOCATE IS CONFIDENT THAT ANY APPEAL BY THE PROSECUTION WILL NOT BE UPHELD.

3. IN THE MEANTIME WE EXPECT MISKIW TO BE RELEASED ON BAIL TOMORROW PENDING A DECISION ON ANY APPEAL. IF ALL GOES WELL, HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN TO UK IN ABOUT ONE WEEK'S TIME.

4. WE HOPE TO SEE THE LAWYER WITH MISKIW ON THURSDAY TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYING THE FINE, LAWYERS FEES ETC BUT IT WOULD SAVE TIME IF SUNDAY MIRROR COULD DEPOSIT £1000.00 WITH YOU ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS (IF AND WHEN MISKIW IS GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT TO LEAVE WE DO NOT WANT HIS DEPARTURE HELD UP FOR LACK OF FUNDS).

MELHUI SH

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ADVANCE COPY

Peter Wilson
Sunday Mirror
informed 1700hrs
12.1.82
Will send draft for
£1000 13.1.82

Miskiwi's father
informed
(but not para 2, 2nd sentence)
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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER DISTRESS 002 OF 6 JANUARY

OUR TELNO 37 AND YOUR DISTRESS NO 1 : MISKIW

1. COURT IS NOW RECESSED UNTIL 0900 TUESDAY 12 JANUARY.
MISKIW'S ADVOCATE HAS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS:

(A) IF ALLEN DENIES THE EXCHANGE OF TELEPHONE CALLS, WILL NOT
COOPERATE OR IS UNAVAILABLE, COULD MCSHANE OF SUNDAY MIRROR, WHO
TOOK THE INITIAL CALL AND PASSED MESSAGE TO MISKIW MAKE A
STATEMENT INSTEAD.

(B) SUNDAY MIRROR SHOULD SEND A STATEMENT ^{ON} THEIR HEADED PAPER
THAT MISKIW IS THEIR EMPLOYEE AND THAT HE CAME TO POLAND UNDER
INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS SUPERIORS.

2. EMBASSY WAS REPRESENTED THROUGHOUT HEARING.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 037 OF 6TH JANUARY 1982

OUR TELNO 23 : MISKIW.

1. MISKIW IS BEING TRIED UNDER MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS. HE PLEADED GUILTY AND THREW HIMSELF ON THE MERCY OF THE COURT. WHEN HIS TRIAL ENDS LATER TODAY (6.1) HIS ADVOCATE WILL REQUEST A SEVEN DAY POSTPONEMENT OF SENTENCE. THIS IS SO THAT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE PLEA FOR CLEMENCY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM LONDON.

2. MISKIW HAS ASKED THAT THE SUNDAY MIRROR CONTACT ONE VIC ALLEN OF MAGIC OF POLAND TRAVEL AGENCY, 100 DEAN ST, LONDON (TEL 01 - 734 - 51001) AND OBTAIN FROM HIM WRITTEN ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) WAS HE, VIC ALLEN, INFORMED BY A POLISH CONSULATE OFFICIAL THAT A VISA HAD BEEN GRANTED FOR IHOR MISKIW, (KNOWN TO HIM AS GREG MISKIW) OF THE SUNDAY MIRROR?

(B) WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THAT OFFICIAL?

(C) DID HE, VIC ALLEN, TELEPHONE THE SUNDAY MIRROR TO TELL THEM THAT A VISA HAD BEEN GRANTED FOR IHOR MISKIW?

(D) DID HE, VIC ALLEN, RECEIVE A TELEPHONE CALL FROM IHOR MISKIW SOME TIME LATER TO CONFIRM THAT THIS VISA HAD BEEN GRANTED?

(E) WHEN AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE DID THOR MISKIW MAKE THIS VISA APPLICATION?

THE SUNDAY MIRROR SHOULD HAVE ALLEN'S SIGNATURE ON THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITNESSED AT THE POLISH CONSULATE AND GET THEM TO THE FCO BAG ROOM IN TIME TO CATCH THE COURIER RUN WARSAW/LONDON/ WARSAW ON SUNDAY 10 JANUARY.

3. BOTH MISKIW AND HIS ADVOCATE STRESS THAT ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS MUST BE PRECISE, AND THAT NO OTHER INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT.

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YOURTEL 23 : MISKIW.

PLEASE REASSURE MISKIW THAT PAPER AND FAMILY BEING KEPT FULLY
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