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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR FROM VARCOE, SAFD

YOUR TELNO 907: SOUTH AFRICAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN THE UK

1. WE WOULD PREFER YOU NOT TO MENTION THIS SUBJECT IF VAN DALSEN DOES NOT. BUT IF HE DOES RAISE IT WITH YOU, YOU MIGHT LIKE TO PUT ACROSS THE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS:
 - I. THIS ISSUE HAS INEVITABLY CAUSED A GOOD DEAL OF ANNOYANCE HERE, BUT WE WANT TO HANDLE IT IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO DO ANY GREATER DAMAGE TO OUR RELATIONS THAN HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE.
 - II. EVEN SO, THERE MUST BE A RISK OF A MAJOR PUBLIC OUTCRY IF AND WHEN MORE BECOMES GENERALLY KNOWN.
 - III. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR ACTION IS FULLY JUSTIFIED AND WE HOPE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WILL NOT FEEL OBLIGED TO RETALIATE: THIS COULD ONLY ESCALATE THE MATTER SO THAT IT WOULD BE LIKELY TO DEVELOP INTO THE MAJOR ROW THAT WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID.

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