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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1153 OF 4 OCTOBER

SOUTH AFRICAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN THE UK

1. AT THE REQUEST OF THE POLICE, HEAD OF PCD WROTE TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR ON 1 OCTOBER TO ASK WHETHER KLUE'S IMMUNITY COULD BE WAIVED SO THAT THE POLICE COULD INTERVIEW HIM BECAUSE HE MIGHT BE A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE ASPINALL/CASELTON/WEDIN CASE. STRICTLY FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION (LAST FIVE WORDS UNDERLINED). IF A WAIVER IS REFUSED WE WILL CONSIDER ASKING FOR KLUE'S IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL.
2. PRESS INTEREST HERE IN THE CASE IS GROWING. THE OBSERVER CARRIED A PIECE ON 3 OCTOBER ALLEGING THAT THE DEPARTURE OF VAN DER KLASHORST, FIRST SECRETARY AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY, OF 30 SEPTEMBER WAS CONNECTED WITH THE CASE (IN FACT WE HAD NOT ASKED FOR HIS REMOVAL). THE TIMES OF 4 OCTOBER QUOTES MR STANLEY CLINTON DAVIS AS CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPELL ANY SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIAL ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE AND CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES.
3. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS ABOUT VAN DER KLASHORST, NEWS DEPARTMENT ARE TAKING THE FOLLOWING LINE:

' IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE WE HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF MR VAN DER KLASHORST'S TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY.'

IF RAISED:

IT IS STANDARD PROCEDURE THAT IF SOMEONE HOLDING DIPLOMATIC STATUS IS THOUGHT TO HAVE ACTED IN A MANNER INCOMPATIBLE WITH THAT STATUS THE FCO WOULD CONSIDER WHAT ACTION TO TAKE. WHETHER THAT ACTION AMOUNTED TO EXPULSION WOULD CLEARLY DEPEND ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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