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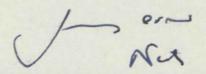
The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP., Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, LONDON, S.W.1

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With some hesitation I am passing on information given me at my surgery on Saturday by my constituents, Sandra and Michael Pellowe of Riverside, Burton Ferry.

I have spoken to Barney Hayhoe who feels that as this is a security question I should draw it to your attention, rather than write to him.

I have to say that the Pellowe's themselves were hesitant about coming to me but felt that it was their duty to do so. They have a friend, a Mr. Lionel Watts of Myrtle Cottage, Trinity Terrace, Burton Ferry, who for about eleven years lived with a translator called Gaynor at the Cheltenham Communications Centre. I believe that this person has an address at Aberlogin Farm, Gower and has probably now given up her work at Cheltenham. The point that concerns the Pellowe's is that Mr. Watts is an active radio Ham who broadcasts regularly and goes on board ships at Milford with friends who are radio operators. They feel that in the light of recent events, this connection could have significance and they have therefore drawn it to my attention. Of course, I shall leave it to you to take whatever action you feel proper.





PIECE/ITEM 917 (one piece/item number)	Date and sign
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Letter from Prime Minister to	
Edwards dated 24 December 982	
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MR RICKETT Pryro and merchip I attach a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to the letter which Mr Nicholas Edwards (writing as a Member of Parliament) sent to her on 23rd November. 2. The background is contained in a letter which I have received from Sir Brian Tovey, a copy of which I attach. ROBERT ARMSTRONG 22nd December 1982



PIECE/ITEM 90 (one piece/item number)	Date and sign
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Armstrong to Rickett dated	
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From the Private Secretary

MR. HATFIELD

I enclose a letter the Prime Minister has received from Nicholas Edwards, MP. A couple of his constituents have told him that a friend of theirs, a radio ham with many friends who are radio operators, lived for eleven years with a translator from the GCHQ. They feel this may have some significance from the point of view of security.

The Prime Minister discussed this briefly with Sir Robert This morning. She would be grateful if he could investigate this case and report to her in due course.

TAN R. S. RICKETT



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PRIME MINISTER

One of Nicholas Edwards' constituents has told him that a friend of theirs, a radio ham with many friends who are radio operators, lived for 11 years with a translator from the GCHQ. They feel this may have some significance from the point of view of security. Would you like me to forward this to Sir Brian Tovey?

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Prime minister Robert Armymongis Africane Investigating this and villet us have \$4907 4 XXX 180 a veport a numbery POLICE PROBE CHELTENHAM HANGING POLICE HAVE LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF A WORKER AT THE TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN CHELTENHAM. MR ERNEST BROCKWAY, 43, A TECHNICAL OFFICER AT THE BASE WHERE JAILED SPY GEOFFREY PRIME WORKED FOR THE RUSSIANS, WAS FOUND HANGED AT HIS HOME YESTERDAY. CHELTENHAM POLICE WERE CALLED IN TO INVESTIGATE ON BEHALF OF CORONER DAVID FAULKNER AFTER MR BROCKWAY'S WIFE FOUND HER HUSBAND'S BODY AT THEIR DETACHED HOME IN FLECKERS DRIVE, HATHERLEY, CHELTENHAM, GLOS. IT IS NOT KNOWN EXACTLY WHAT JOB, MR BROCKWAY HAD AT THE BASE -THE HUB OF BRITAIN'S INTELLIGENCE NETWORK. AN INTERNAL INQUIRY HAD BEEN GOING ON SINCE PRIME'S ACTIVITIES AS A RUSSIAN AGENT WERE DISCOVERED EARLIER THIS YEAR. MRS BROCKWAY SAID: ''I'VE BEEN TOLD TO SAY NOTHING BY THE BASE AND THE POLICE. MY HUSBAND WAS A SICK MAN, " A SPOKESMAN AT THE BASE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON A POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN PRIME AND MR BROCKWAY. ''THERE WAS A SUSPICIOUS DEATH AND AS A RESULT THE CORONER IS ENVESTIGATING. AN INQUEST WILL BE OPENED ON MONDAY, '' THE SPOKESMAN SAID. 261832 NOV 82