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TO ROUTINE CERTAIN MISSIONS AND DEPENDENT TERRITORIES
GUIDANCE TELEGRAM NUMBER 239 OF 23 DECEMBER 1982

SOUTH AFRICAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN THE UK: WARRANT
OFFICER KLUE

1. THE FCO CONFIRMED TO THE PRESS ON 15 DECEMBER THAT W/O KLUE, A MEMBER OF THE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FOLLOWING AN APPROACH TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR. THE PRESS HAS SINCE REPORTED THE CONVICTION OF TWO MEN FOR OFFENCES AGAINST THE LONDON OFFICES OF SWAPO AND THE ANC, IN WHICH KLUE WAS IMPLICATED.

LINE TO TAKE

2. WE CAN CONFIRM THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WITHDREW W/O KLUE IN NOVEMBER FOLLOWING AN APPROACH BY THE FCO TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR. WE HAD GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT W/O KLUE HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS OFFICIAL STATUS IN THIS COUNTRY. HE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN.
3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONNECTED WITH THIS EVENT ARE STILL PENDING. WE CANNOT THEREFORE COMMENT FURTHER.
4. W/O KLUE WAS NOT ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE UK. UK NATIONAL SECURITY HAS NOT IN ANY WAY BEEN PREJUDICED.
5. HMG'S POLICY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT WHERE THERE ARE SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS SUPPORTED BY FIRM EVIDENCE OF UNLAWFUL OR OTHERWISE UNACCEPTABLE ACTIVITIES BY MEMBERS OF THE STAFFS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN LONDON (INCLUDING THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY) THESE WILL BE FULLY INVESTIGATED. WHERE SUCH ALLEGATIONS ARE SUBSTANTIATED WE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. THE KLUE CASE BEARS THIS OUT. THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR APPROACH.

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6. (I) YOU SHOULD FIRMLY REBUT SUGGESTIONS THAT THE UK KNOWINGLY PERMITS SOUTH AFRICAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN THE UK. THE KLUE CASE SHOWS OUR DETERMINATION ON THIS.
- (II) YOU SHOULD ALSO STRESS THAT EVERYONE IN THE UK ENJOYS THE FULL PROTECTION OF THE LAW. WE HAVE JUST ACTED THROUGH THE COURTS TO PROSECUTE THREE MEN FOR OFFENCES AGAINST SWAPO AND THE ANC. TWO WERE CONVICTED, A THIRD AWAITS TRIAL.

BACKGROUND (NOT FOR USE)

7. EARLIER THIS YEAR INCONTROVERTIBLE EVIDENCE WAS OBTAINED THAT W/O KLUE, A MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY, WAS INVOLVED IN UNACCEPTABLE ACTIVITIES, CONCERNED WITH OFFENCES AGAINST THE LONDON OFFICES OF SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. ON 17 DECEMBER TWO MEN (ASPINALL AND CASELTON) PLEADED GUILTY TO THESE OFFENCES AND WERE CONVICTED: A THIRD MAN, WEDIN, PLEADED NOT GUILTY AND IS TO BE TRIED LATER. DURING THE HEARINGS, THE PROSECUTION REVEALED THE EXTENT OF KLUE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE OFFENCES CONCERNED.
8. WE WARNED THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR IN SEPTEMBER ABOUT KLUE'S ACTIVITIES. WE DID NOT, HOWEVER, SEEK HIS WITHDRAWAL BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT TO DO SO WOULD PREJUDICE THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS THEN PENDING BY THE REMOVAL OF A POTENTIAL WITNESS. INSTEAD, A WAIVER OF HIS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY WAS REQUESTED, TO ENABLE HIM TO APPEAR AS A WITNESS. THE SOUTH AFRICANS REFUSED THIS AND TOLD US THEY WERE WITHDRAWING HIM. WE THEREUPON GAVE KLUE SEVEN DAYS TO LEAVE, AND MADE CLEAR THAT IF THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAD NOT OFFERED TO WITHDRAW HIM, WE WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM TO LEAVE. HE LEFT THE UK ON 23 NOVEMBER. TECHNICALLY, HE WAS NOT EXPELLED BUT WITHDRAWN FOLLOWING OUR APPROACHES.
9. (MAY BE USED) IN A SEPARATE CASE THREE MEN WERE RECENTLY CONVICTED FOR OFFENCES IN VIOLATION OF THE ARMS EMBARGO ON

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SOUTH AFRICA. ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE AT THE TIME THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY WAS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. MINISTERS ARE NOW STUDYING A REPORT PREPARED BY OFFICIALS.

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