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Mr. Coles ^{4.} ~~11~~ ²
Thank. I have shown
to Inspector Pease who confirmed
that Special Branch were aware of the
Foreign and Commonwealth Office assessment
and were acting
on it.

Prime Minister

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To see. We will discuss
with the detectives.

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See John

The Prime Minister's Security at the Anglo-French Summit

When Sir John Fretwell was in London last week he expressed concern about the Prime Minister's safety during the Anglo-French Summit in Paris on 4 and 5 November, in the light of recent terrorist incidents in the city. A threat assessment has now been carried out by the Security Service, a copy of which I attach. You will see that the assessment is that there is a 'substantial risk' to the Prime Minister and that 'the advance publicity which her visit is likely to receive increases that risk'.

I understand that the threat assessment will have been passed by Special Branch to Superintendent Cawthorne, the Prime Minister's Senior Protection Officer. It has also been sent to our Embassy in Paris. I understand that Chief Inspector Russell of the Prime Minister's Protection team has already left for Paris to liaise with the Embassy and the French authorities. Nonetheless, you may consider that the threat assessment should be brought to the Prime Minister's personal attention. I shall be showing it to Mr Pym, in tonight's box.

We shall of course keep a very close watch on the situation between now and the time of the Summit and shall let you know if there is any change in the assessment.

Yours sincerely,
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