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Dear Robin

YTS

Our local CPSA branch held a consultative meeting with its members today about YTS. The meeting decisively backed the branch's stand against the scheme. I do not have a full report yet but it is clear that the troubles at GCHQ had a major influence on the outcome. We have not so far had any press interest but our line of reply to any queries will be that "consultations are continuing".

As foreshadowed in Gray Gowrie's letter of 13 January to Tom King the next step is for us to put the position to the MSC's area manpower board. We still await Tom King's general advice on this but we will obviously do our best, with MSC's help, to stage manage affairs through to a successful conclusion. I only hope the shadow of GCHQ does not stretch that far!

I will keep you in touch with further developments.

A copy goes as before to Robert Armstrong.

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