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. JAGJIT SINGH CHAUHAN

- 1. CHAUHAN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE UK CONTINUE TO RECEIVE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY HERE. ON 3 JULY A WIDELY-REPRODUCED PTI REPORT, COMMENTING ON HMG'S ASSURANCES THAT INVESTIGATIONS WERE BEING UNDERTAKEN INTO HIS RECENT ACTIVITIES, SAID THAT SUCH ASSURANCES RARELY RESULTED IN ANY ACTION.
- 2. WE HAVE A CONTINUING NEED TO PROVIDE DEFENSIVE BRIEFING FOR THE PRESS AND GUIDANCE TO OUR OWN STAFF ON THE LINE TO TAKE. FOR THIS WE ARE DRAWING ON YOUR TELNOS 35 AND 36 OF 17 JANUARY. BUT THERE ARE TWO QUESTIONS ON WHICH WE WOULD LIKE FURTHER GUIDANCE:
- (A) CHAUHAN IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AS A BRITISH CITIZEN BUT IS THE GRANT OF CITIZENSHIP DISCRETIONARY? COULD IT BE REFUSED ON THE GROUNDS OF CHARACTER, POLITICAL UNDESTRABILITY OR FOR OTHER REASONS?
- (B) HAS THE HOME OFFICE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, ON WHICH CHAUHAN TRAVELS AND WHICH EXPIRED ON 11 MAY, BEEN RENEWED ?
- 3. WE GATHER THAT CHAUHANS' RECENT STATEMENTS ARE UNLIKELY
 TO BE ACTIONABLE BUT WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW IF THIS HAS
 BEEN FINALLY DECIDED. ALSO WHETHER ANY FURTHER POLICE ENQUIRIES
 ARE CONTINUING.

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