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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

6 May 1988

Dear High Commissioner,

I was absolutely horrified to hear about the incident at your home yesterday morning, and send you and your family my sympathy. It must have been a very nasty experience for all three of you. Do please let me know if there is any way in which we can help.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Bryce Harland

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FROM: Colonel P A W G Durrant

5 MAY 1988

DATE: 5 May 1988

cc: PS/Lord Glenarthur
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① Mr Powley No 10
you asked for a copy of
these papers

② back to me

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Mr Culshaw
Private Office

1. We have been told by the Police that the New Zealand High Commissioner and his family (wife and one child) were held up at knife-point by three intruders in his Residence, 43 Chelsea Square, at about 0145 hours on 5 May.
2. We understand that the Chubb alarm had been switched off inadvertently, as a result of which the alarm could not be activated. The intruders left taking with them jewels, money and credit cards. No injuries were suffered other than the High Commissioner who has a small cut to his face.
3. Chelsea Police are with him now. The family are very shaken and we shall hear more details during the course of the day.
4. You have indicated that the Secretary of State intends to write to the High Commissioner.

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for Colonel P A W G Durrant
Protocol Department
G43 210 6409

Reference

To:

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1. The attached police report is for information only and should not (repeat NOT) be disclosed to any outside person.

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Protocol Department
Security Section
210 6407 G43 OAB

DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION GROUP - INCIDENT REPORT

Nature of Incident Aggravated Burglary

Location Residence of the NEW ZEALAND High Commissioner, 43, Chelsea Square, SW3

Date of Incident 5.5.88 Time of Incident 2.14am

Details of Incident:-

On Thursday 5th. May at 2.14am the High Commissioner, Mr. Bryce HARLAND was in bed with his wife and six year old child sleeping between them when they were awoken by three IC3 men. The intruders were wearing what looked like masks and one was armed with a knife. There was a short struggle and both the Commissioner and his wife were overpowered and pinned to the bed. One of the men grabbed the child and threatened him with violence unless they were told where their cash and jewellery were. Mr. Harland obviously complied with this request and the intruders helped themselves to a quantity of jewellery, cash and credit cards that were in the bedroom. They then decamped.

During the struggle Mrs. Harland had managed to push the panic button situated beside the bed, unfortunately although they didn't know it at the time the system had been switched off because of recent malfunctions. They feared that the intruders were still in the building so remained in bed awaiting the arrival of police. As they did not arrive Mr. Harland went to the phone and dialled 999.

A large number of officers from Walton Street and Chelsea attended the venue. A search of the area was carried out but with no trace of the suspects.

The three suspects had gained entry to the building via. an open front window and obtained the knife from the kitchen of the residence. They had decamped by the side door.

Both the High Commissioner and his wife were very shaken but the

(Continue overleaf as necessary)


Result MC IC BC

D.P.G. Units which attended Incident D3 D6 D55
and time of attendance 2.18am

Sub Divisional Officers in attendance D1 B04 B01

O.B. Reference at D.P.G. Base _____

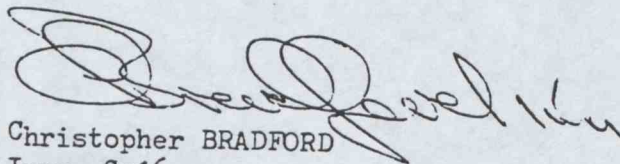
Sub Division informed. Other References MC refers.


 (Reporting Officer's Signature)
Christopher BRADFORD Insp.

but the only physical injury was to Mr. Harland and that amounted to a small cut to the face.

After the bulk of police had withdrawn myself and the Section PS from BC remained at the scene for some time to ensure that certain matters were attended to and to console the family. I withdrew at 4.14am.

CID from BC attended. DI VANNER OIC
SOCO called out and attended.
Press Bureau informed, Nick JORDON. I requested that at this stage that no information be passed to the press.
FCO Clerk informed by me.
Fixed post instigated B4
Frequent visit 66 instigated.
Arrangements made for CPO Sgt FLACK to attend the residence AM to day the High Commissioner will be expecting him.
The alarm at the residence was installed and maintained by CHUBB.



Christopher BRADFORD
Insp. So16.