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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Michael,*

Following the conviction and sentence of Miss Rhona Ritchie on 29 November, I have, in accordance with the procedures laid down by Harold Wilson on 25 March 1969, sought the opinion of Lord Bridge as to whether the case should be referred to the Security Commission.

The damage to national interests in this case has clearly been a great deal less than in the case of Prime. Nonetheless, there are aspects of the matter which it would be useful for the Security Commission to consider, and Lord Bridge has expressed the opinion that the case should be referred to them.

If you can let me know that you agree that the case should be referred to the Security Commission, I will make an announcement to that effect next week. I understand that Lord Bridge's intention would be that this case should be considered by the same panel as is considering the Prime case.

*Yours sincerely  
Michael Foot*

The Right Honourable Michael Foot MP

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