

TOP SECRET AND PERSONAL

Prime Minister

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*I remember this*  
*MS*

*I think you will remember this case. The last sentence provides the clue if you do not.*

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19.1.*

At my meeting with you on 14th January I mentioned to you the details of a security case involving

I said that decisions still remain to be taken as to how the man in question should be dealt with, in the light of his confession.

2. It is clear that, if he were to be simply released, there is a high probability that he would defect. This could be disadvantageous to us, if he was then exploited by his Russian masters for publicity purposes, and it would be difficult to explain to his own authorities why we had released him without telling them anything. It has now been decided that it is not really practicable to allow him to return home and use him as an agent there: he would believe that he might be exposed at any time, and his discretion would remain a continuing risk. It has therefore been decided to return him to his place of origin "under control"; advance warning is being given to the authorities in the country concerned.

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Approved by  
Robert Armstrong  
*and signed in his absence.*

19th January 1983

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

The Prime Minister has seen and noted your minute of 19 January (A083/0195) about a security case which you mentioned to her.

F.R.B

20 January 1983

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