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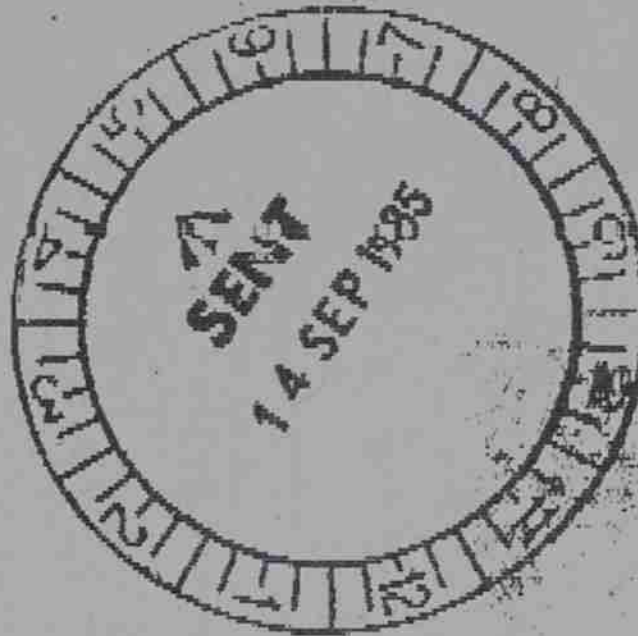
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TELECON CARTLEDGE/LLEWELLYN-SMITH AT 141200Z : EXPULSIONS :  
MR YOUNGER'S VISIT

1. AS I EXPLAINED ON THE TELEPHONE ON MY RETURN FROM THE MFA TODAY,  
THE SEVERITY AND NATURE OF THE SOVIET RETALIATORY ACTION  
COMPELS ME TO REVISE THE RECOMMENDATION IN MY TELNO 1170 THAT  
MR YOUNGER'S VISIT SHOULD GO AHEAD AS PLANNED.

2. NOT ONLY IS THE SCALE OF THE RETALIATION SUCH AS TO MAKE  
THE DAY TO DAY CONDUCT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS DIFFICULT OR  
IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOME TIME; BUT THE LIST OF THOSE EXPELLED  
INCLUDES MY 2ND SECRETARY (COMMERCIAL), WHO HAS BEEN WORKING  
FLAT OUT ON THE SCOTTISH TRADE COUNCIL'S MISSION FOR SEVERAL  
WEEKS, AND TWO BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES IN MOSCOW OF UK FIRMS.

3. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND, WITH RELUCTANCE, THAT MR AND MRS  
YOUNGER SHOULD CANCEL THEIR VISIT AND THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY  
IN LONDON SHOULD BE SO INFORMED.

4. SO FAR AS LORD CLYDESMUIR AND THE REMAINDER OF THE SCOTTISH  
TEAM ARE CONCERNED, I THINK THEY MUST MAKE THEIR OWN ASSESSMENT.  
SO FAR, NONE OF THE COMMERCIAL CALLS ON THEIR PROGRAMME HAVE  
BEEN CANCELLED (ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT BE ON MONDAY) SEMI COLON  
BUT I FEAR THAT, GIVEN THE WAY IN WHICH THIS MONOLITHIC  
SOCIETY OPERATES, THEY CANNOT EXPECT OTHER THAN A COLD RECEPTION  
AT ANY LEVEL.

5. PLEASE INFORM ME OF MR YOUNGER'S AND THE MISSION'S  
DECISION BY FLASH TELEGRAM.

[Mr. Younger has  
decided not to go]

CARTLEDGE