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DEYOU (E-4)3-0923)), PG/PRIME MINISTER)
RUFODSKBY 182000Z AMMAN
TELNO 316

OF 181900Z SEPTEMBER 1985
AND TO DESKBY 190530Z MOSCOW
(PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR OR HOC)
FOLLOWING STRICTLY PERSONAL FOR QP, PRIME MINISTER FROM APLEYARD
MY TELNO 314 TO AMMAN AND MOSCOW TELTN 1211: GORDIEVSKY

1. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS NOW LOOKED AT THE QUESTION OF
RELEASE OF PUBLICITY IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECEPTION BY THE PRESS
OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN CAIRO AND OF HIS OWN
STATEMENT ISSUED AT 1230 TODAY. HE HAS ALSO CONSIDERED THE
ARGUMENTS PUT BY SIR BRYAN CARTLEDGE IN MOSCOW TUR.

2. HE REGARDS THE POSSIBILITY OF A SOVIET COUNTER-BLAST
INCLUDING AND/OR
ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE EXFILTRATION AS SOMETHING WHICH, THOUGH
STILL UNLIKELY, MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY FOR THE REASONS ADVANCED
BY SIR BRYAN CARTLEDGE. HE SEES NO NEED IN TERMS OF THE SOMEWHAT
MIXED MEDIA REACTION SO FAR TO MAKE EXTENSIVE REVELATIONS NOW,
BUT PROPOSES TO ASSESS FURTHER MEDIA REACTIONS BEFORE DECIDING
WHETHER TO MAKE SUCH REVELATIONS. HE HAS ALSO CONSIDERED THE
LEAK TO SELECTED OUTLETS WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION.

3. AS REA... 5E3 098,5 4-8'3# 8, 3:9 53), 9 314 TO AMMAN,
SIR GEOFFREY AGREES THAT IT WILL BE RIGHT FOR SIR BRYAN
CARTLEDGE TO CONTINUE IN MOSCOW TO REBUT THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST
HIS STAFF AS TOTALLY UNWARRANTED. IT WILL ALSO CLEARLY BE
IMPORTANT THAT NOTHING SAID, EITHER HERE OR IN MOSCOW, IS
INCONSISTENT WITH SIR BRYAN'S DENIAL. HE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE,
HOWEVER, THAT OUR LINE ON THE RECORD IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT
ALLEGATION OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS KIND SHOULD BE THAT WE NEVER
COMMENT ON ALLEGATIONS OF THIS KIND. BUT WE WOULD MAKE IT
UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR THAT GORDIEVSKY IS IN THE UK ENTIRELY OF HIS
OWN FREE WILL AND BY HIS OWN EXPRESS DESIRE. THE EXACT FORM
OF WORDS WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER SOVIET ALLEGATIONS WERE
SUFFICIENTLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL FOR US TO HAVE TO ADMIT, AT LEAST
BY IMPLICATION, THAT GORDIEVSKY'S DEFECTION TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE
THE UNITED KINGDOM.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET
AUTHORITIES' VINDICTIVE ACTION CAN BE LEFT WITHOUT A RESPONSE
IN LONDON IN ADDITION TO THE VIGOROUS REBUTTAL ALREADY MADE BY
THE AMBASSADOR. DEREK THOMAS WILL THEREFORE BE CALLING IN
THE SOVIET CHARGE TO REINFORCE SIR BRYAN CARTLEDGE'S PROTEST
AND READ HIM THE RIOT ACT, WHILE CONFIRMING NEED, DESPITE THE
OBSTACLES PUT IN OUR WAY BY THE SOVIET ACTION, TO PUT AN END TO
THIS... 9-3 59 95034 27'8,3''. WITH THIS, THE LINE
WILL EFFECTIVELY HAVE BEEN DRAWN.

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