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TELNO 423

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MY TELNO 421: MR HEALEY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

1. WE FINALLY MADE CONTACT THIS MORNING, 20 MARCH, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT, MFA. BOTH SEEMED VAGUELY AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT MR HEALEY MIGHT BE COMING TO MOSCOW. BUT NEITHER EXPRESSED ANY INTEREST IN ARRANGING A PROGRAMME FOR HIM AND WERE STUDIOUSLY INDIFFERENT WITH REGARD TO ANY ARRANGEMENTS, E.G. A LUNCH, WHICH WE MIGHT WISH TO MAKE ON HIS BEHALF. WE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED FROM SOVIET DEPARTMENT FCO THAT MR HEALEY HAD FOUND IT "INCONVENIENT" TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW AT THIS TIME. THIS WAS CLEARLY A POLITICALLY MOTIVATED SELF-INVITATION WHICH MISFIRED. THE RUSSIANS WERE EVIDENTLY NOT PREPARED TO PLAY BALL.

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NEWS D.	PS/LADY YOUNG
PRU	PS/MR RENTON
ACDD	PS/PUS
DEF D.	MR D. THOMAS
	MR FALL
	MR RATFORD
	MR HOUSTON

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