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FOR CHARLES POWELL

VISCOUNT MOORE'S VISIT TO TURKEY.

1. FOLLOWING THE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, THE CONSULATE-GENERAL IN ISTANBUL ARRANGED FOR VISCOUNT MOORE TO BE GIVEN VIP FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT (THE ONLY WAY THAT THINGS CAN BE GUARANTEED TO WORK HERE). AND TO BE MET BY A MEMBER OF THE CONSULATE-GENERAL STAFF. IN THE EVENT HE DID NOT ARRIVE OFF THE BA FLIGHT ON 3 MAY. ON CHECKING, HIS NAME COULD NOT BE FOUND ON THE PASSENGER LIST.

2. THE CONSULATE-GENERAL ARE INEVITABLY EMBARRASSED AT HAVING PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS FOR A NON-EVENT AND IT WOULD HELP IN RECOVERING THEIR POSITION WITH THE TÜRKISH AUTHORITIES AND BA STAFF TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO VISCOUNT MOORE.

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