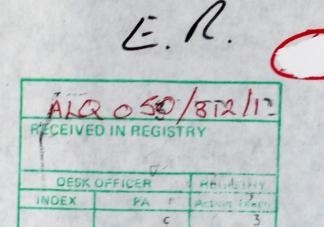
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I HAVE JUST BEEN TELEPHONED BY GENERAL ORTOLO OF THE CENTRAL STAFF SPEAKING FOR THE VCDS TO SAY THAT THEY HAD HEARD FROM THEIR DEFENCE ATTACHE IN LONDON THAT THE SUBJECT OF FRENCH AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE TO THE RAF LAST WEEK HAD BEEN OR WAS ABOUT TO BE RAISED IN PARLIAMENT. IF THIS IS SO GRATEFUL FOR TEXT OF WHAT WAS SAID AND ANY INDICATION OF HOW SUBJECT LEAKED OUT SINCE THE FRENCH ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ABOUT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE EXERCISE. IN SLIGHTLY SLOWER TIME A DEFENSIVE BRIEF WOULD BE USEFUL. BT

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