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Dear David,

Further to my letter of 2nd June, OD(SA) discussed special operations further on 3rd June and this morning.

2. It was noted that Mikado had been shelved because of local developments; and that in consequence Kettledrum had also been called off. It was further noted that contingency planning was now focussed on the possibility of making another attempt at the first type of operation considered in this series (paragraph 2 of my letter of 19th May) if future circumstances made that seem desirable.

3. It follows from the above that fresh authority would need to be sought from the Sub-Committee if any further operations, of the kind referred to in this series of letters, are actively contemplated.

4. Your Secretary of State undertook to consider a suggestion that a general D-notice might be issued to the media covering operations by special forces.

5. I am sending copies of this letter to John Coles and Brian Fall.

*Yours ever**Robert*

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