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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 July 1984

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Dear Tony

Thank you for your letter of 18 July about Sir Roger Hollis. I am grateful for the information in it and I will of course see that its confidentiality is maintained.

Yours  
Yours

Raymond

Sir Anthony Kershaw, M.C., M.P.

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SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Thank you for your minute of 30 July (A084/2181) about the letter from Sir Anthony Kershaw to the Prime Minister, which I passed to you on 23 July.

I am grateful for this information, but I agree that it is not necessary to show it to the Prime Minister, who expressed no interest in Sir Anthony's original letter.

31 July 1984

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With your minute of 23 July you sent me  
copies of self-explanatory correspondence  
between the Prime Minister and Sir Anthony  
Kershaw.

--- 2. You may like to see the attached copy  
of a Security Service comment on the  
correspondence. I should not have thought  
that you need trouble the Prime Minister  
with this.

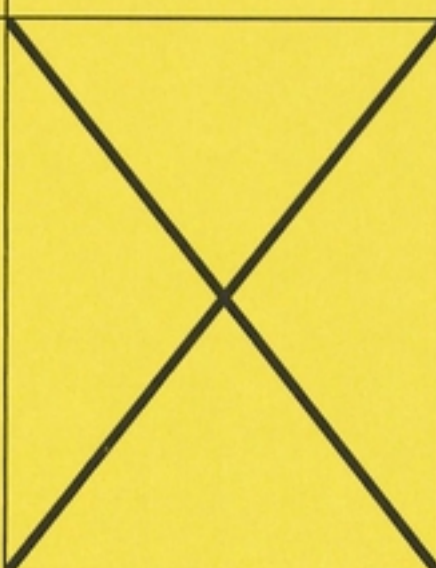
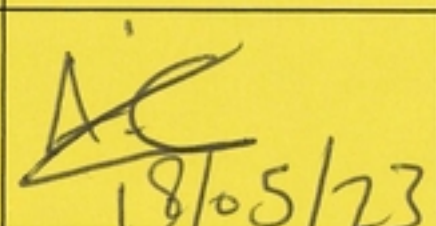
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30 July 1984

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SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

I attach a copy of self-explanatory correspondence between the Prime Minister and Sir Anthony Kershaw, which I am passing to you for filing with the Hollis papers.

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23 July 1984

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PRIME MINISTER

If you agree, I will pass a copy of the attached letter from Sir Anthony Kershaw to Sir Robert Armstrong. But I do not think that there is any action which could profitably be taken on it apart from adding it to the Hollis file.

Acknowledgement attached for  
your signature.

F.E.R.B.

20 July 1984

From: SIR ANTHONY KERSHAW, M.C., M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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18th July, 1984.

Dear Prime Minister,

With regard to the case of Roger Hollis, I have in my constituency a gentleman who until fairly recently was second-in-command at G.C.H.Q.

He tells me that some years ago when the Russian defector Petrov joined our side from his post in Australia the information about this was, unusually, largely obtained by intercepts from Cheltenham. After the defection Roger Hollis, who at that time was at MI5, asked my friend whether he would tell him how it had been done. My friend said that as it was on a need to know basis he would not do that. However Roger Hollis then went to the Chief of G.C.H.Q. and insisted with great emphasis that he should be told how it had been done. However, the Chief backed up my friend and Hollis was not told.

My friend said that thereafter he always regarded Roger Hollis as suspect.

Yours ever,  
Anthony.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
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