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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

12 May 1986

Dear Lord Griffiths,

On 9 May 1985, in my statement announcing the Government's decisions on the Security Commission's report into the Bettaney case, I said that the new Director General would be giving the utmost care and attention to the Security Commission's criticism of errors in relation to Bettaney's employment and to the general management criticisms which they had made in their report. I said that the Director General would be reporting to the Home Secretary and me, and that I would arrange for his conclusions to be reported to the Commission for any further comment it might wish to make.

I now attach the Report which the Director General has put to us, and I shall welcome any comments the Commission is disposed to make on it.

For our part, the Home Secretary and I welcome the Director General's approach. Our impression is that he is engendering a better spirit within the Service; that structure, recruitment and style are all being substantially improved; and that management is becoming more accessible. I believe that all this will be beneficial for the effectiveness of the Service.

Yours sincerely
Roger M. White

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Griffiths, M.C.

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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
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14 May 1986

Dear Prime Minister,

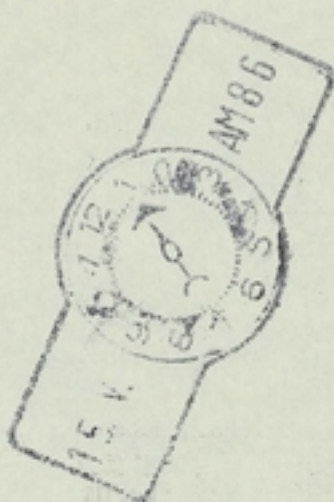
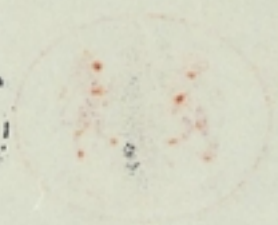
Thank you for your letter of 12 May and for sending me a copy of the Report by the Director General of the Security Service.

The Security Commission will be glad to consider this, in the light of their Report on the Bettaney case. We will do so as soon as possible after we have completed our current inquiry and I will then let you have our comments. Meanwhile, I note that you and the Home Secretary welcome the Director General's approach.

Yours Sincerely
Hugh Griffiths

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I have seen a copy of the Home Secretary's minute of 7 May to the Prime Minister.

2. I too have been keeping in touch with developments in the Security Service, and Sir Antony Duff has been discussing with me his thinking on the management of the Service as he has carried it forward. All that I have heard and seen supports what the Home Secretary says about Sir Antony Duff's approach and the beneficial effects it is having.

3. I agree that Sir Antony Duff's report should be sent to the Security Commission. I attach a draft letter for the Prime Minister to send to the Chairman of the Commission, covering the report.

4. I shall be reporting separately on the two issues mentioned in paragraphs 5 to 7 of the Home Secretary's minute, which affect all the intelligence agencies.

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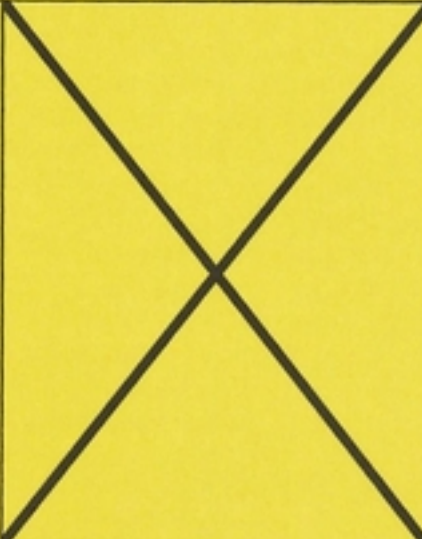
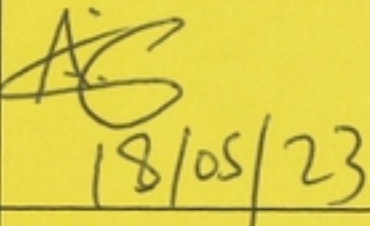
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