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Policy file

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NOTE FOR FILE

1. I gave Matt Rodger lunch on 7 November after numerous earlier arrangements to meet had fallen through. Rodger had said he had wanted to talk 'man to man' about an operation. In the event, it turned into a wider ranging discussion on the agent running philosophies as practised in our Service and MPSB.

2. It boiled down to his restatement of the belief, firmly held in MPSB, that they should use informants as short-term agents in the less important targets and the 'Hairy Squad' for major law and order targets. He did concede, however, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that in areas of overlap there was a good case for the dovetailing of effort. He mentioned the one time very close liaison between himself and [REDACTED] who had been able, [REDACTED] to tip off MPSB on more than one occasion when their informants had been likely to be blown. MPSB had been able to take remedial action. He welcomed my wishing to continue and extend such a liaison and said that in areas where the 'Hairy Squad' was likely to come in for investigation by us he would declare individuals to me and leave to my discretion appropriate action within our Service. He then declared to me the agent in an operation and would have done so for their new [REDACTED] agent but could not remember his name!

3. He went on to tell me that his worry over the possible closing of an operation was that there would shortly be no way of keeping this agent from becoming involved in criminal activity. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. A similar problem will almost certainly arise fairly soon and inevitably the Operation will have to close down since further participation by the agent would take him beyond the point where he could be protected.

4. At F4's request I asked about the long awaited answer to the F4/Rollo Watt's correspondence on declared agents and the use of the [REDACTED]

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Rodger did not recall the correspondence but would "look into it" saying he saw the advantage of it



5. Finally, Rodger mentioned that he had been through a mass of old files in his safe looking for a potential candidate for another operation and would send us details of the only one he had found.



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