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Dear Commissioner,

You will remember that when you were talking to Philip Allen and me about other matters last week we spoke about the accommodation arrangements made for a number of Special Branch officers. Peter Brodie's letter to me of 30th November seeks authority to continue these unusual arrangements.

You emphasised the value of the information which has been obtained through these officers and assured us that a careful watch would be maintained to guard against disclosure. Plainly, the arrangements could, if made known in the wrong quarters, be a source of acute embarrassment to the Home Secretary.

We have, in the light of these assurances, consulted the Home Secretary and I now write to let you know that the arrangements may be continued for a further year, up to a cost of £4,000 for the year.

This letter may be taken as formal reply to the letter of 30th November and as authority for the expenditure. We would be grateful if continuance of the arrangements could again be reviewed in good time before they are due to expire.

I am sending a copy of this to the Receiver.

Yours sincerely,

*James Wadell*

Sir John Waldron, K.C.V.O.

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