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Dear Brodie,

On 17th December you wrote seeking authority for expenditure on the exceptional arrangements which have been made for accommodating some members of the Special Branch. You suggested that it would be sensible to authorise expenditure for a 15-month period in order to cover the period ending 31st March 1973 - estimated at £5500. This letter should be taken as authority for the expenditure.

I would, however, like to repeat what has been said before on this subject. Plainly, in present circumstances, it is extremely important to have the sort of advance information which will enable the force to prevent crime and mitigate violence; but it is equally important to take special care that nothing about the arrangements becomes known. I would be grateful if in January or February 1973 you would again get in touch with us so that we have plenty of time to consult the Home Secretary before the end of the period we are now covering.

Yours sincerely,

James Waddell

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