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Dear James,

At our meeting yesterday with Waddell, Brodie and Smith I promised to let you have the substance of the brief which I had prepared for **Sys Officer** who was also present. This is attached.

2. Additional points which came up during the meeting, which I list in the order given in the brief were:-

- (a) For historical reasons there is an illogicality in that while S.B. has a country-wide responsibility for the I.R.A. it has no direct responsibility for other problems of Celtic extremism, e.g. in Wales where the principal co-ordinating authority is the Mid Wales Police assisted by the Security Service. ✓
- (b) While S.B. has a general responsibility for the protection of V.I.Ps, e.g. the Prime Minister, responsibility for the protection of the Royal Family lies with A. Division of the C.I.D. of the Metropolitan Police. ✓
- (c) S.B. informants are exploited to the maximum in the short term as being, if necessary, expendable, whereas Security Service sources are long term. ✓

3. I made the point that in the field of industrial security intelligence we rely upon our long-term **targeting** of subversive organisations, particularly the Communist Party, but that this has to be put into perspective by officers who have a wide knowledge of trade union procedures. On this subject we are very careful to keep within strict security terms of reference. A similar limitation applies in law-and-order cases. ✓

4. You mentioned the proposal which has been put forward whereby the Home Office Bulletin is discontinued and is replaced as from next year by our Quarterly Surveys which will be extended to cover the whole of the subversive field and will be sent by us direct to police forces in England, Wales and Scotland, (including the Special Branch of the Metropolitan Police) as well as to the Home Office and our other clients. We shall also send it to the R.U.C. ✓

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5. The meeting welcomed a proposal that a specially selected S.B. officer should be attached to the Security Service for a period of six months.

Yours sincerely

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The principal points can be summarised as follows:-

- (a) S.B. collects intelligence from its own sources and from the Security Service to enable the police as a whole to maintain law-and-order. Broadly speaking, the police are interested in discovering what is going to happen whereas we are interested in knowing who takes part in any assembly of subversives. ✓
- (b) S.B. has a country-wide responsibility for the I.R.A. and has its own links with the Garda in Southern Ireland and the R.U.C. in the North. The Security Service's sole responsibility is to produce assessments when requested by the J.I.C. ✓
- (c) S.B. is responsible for the protection of V.I.Ps in this country helped by the Security Service (e.g. during the visit of Marshal Tito and also where a Syndicalist like Christopher PALLIS is involved) but the responsibility is squarely that of S.B. *P.P.*
- (d) S.B. "tops up" Security Service information but in the Communist field almost all of it originates from the Security Service. < 3
- (e) S.B. makes ad hoc enquiries on behalf of the Security Service.
- (f) S.B. acts as the executive arm of the Security Service in cases involving the Official Secrets Act in the Metropolitan area. *0.5.*
- (g) S.B. and the Security Service do not share information about their agents in the subversive field proper but have now initiated discussions to rationalise agent coverage where law-and-order might be involved. *< 3*

2. Our conclusion is that there is necessary duplication between the Security Service and Special Branch of the Metropolitan Police because of their different functions but since our recent discussions there is no unnecessary duplication.