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DRAFT LETTER TO SIR JOSEPH SIMPSON

The Home Secretary noticed in the report on the work of the Special Branch during 1966 a good deal of material about Communists, Trotskyists and similar organisations. He is, from time to time, kept informed on these matters by the Security Service and he was led to wonder whether there was any risk of duplication in the work of the two organisations.

It appears to be some considerable time since the possibility of duplication was last reviewed; and whilst I have no ground for supposing that any duplication exists at present, I think there would be some advantage in looking at how the work is evolving.

Would you see any objection if I suggested to Furnival-Jones that the Home Office should promote two or three meetings to examine the matter? What I have in mind is that Brodie and **Sys Officer** might talk to Waddell about it and that they might call in Ferguson-Smith and any of **Sys Officer's** people they thought necessary.

I will refrain from saying anything to Furnival-Jones until I hear from you.