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19 October, 1972.

Dear Angel,

On instructions of Sir Burke Trend I am enclosing for information of your Secretary of State a copy of the first report (SPL(72)1) by the Interdepartmental Group of Officials set up to study Subversion in Public Life. The Group was formed in September 1972 to supervise and direct the collection of intelligence about threats to the internal security of Great Britain arising from subversive activities, particularly in industry; and to make regular reports to the Ministers concerned. The Group is chaired by Mr. J. H. Waddell (Home Office) and consists of representatives of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Scottish Office, the Department of Employment, the Security Service, the Special Branch, Metropolitan Police, and the Cabinet Office.

2. The report has been seen by the Prime Minister who will, I understand, wish to discuss it at an early date with the Ministers now receiving it.

3. I have also been instructed by Sir Burke Trend to send copies of this letter and the report to Acland, Russell

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and Holland for their Secretaries of State; and also to Andrew for the personal information of the Secretary of State for Defence. Attached to the cover note of the report is a list of officials who have received a copy.

4. A copy of this letter without the report also goes to Norbury and Kay Dover.

J. M. Peter

for M. E. HERMAN

Enclosure: SPL(72)1

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