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SUBVERSIVE ASPECTS OF RECENT VIOLENCE

I had a good preliminary talk with Mr Jones about this this mornin

2. Before Southall and Liverpool the Security Service had put in the attached paper for the Racial Attacks Inquiry. The first sentence of paragraph 29 of the paper puts the threat very well:-

"A further threat to law and order arises from spontaneous, totally unplanned and unpredictable violence that (except for the general climate of tension) owes nothing initially to subversive influence but the aftermath of which white and coloured subversive organisations will be quick to try to exploit eg the disturbances by West Indians in Bristol in 1980 and Brixton in 1981."

3. But the immediate question is whether this can be translated into hard information which helps the police to preempt or prepare for actual disorders. Mr Jones has summoned a meeting of Special Branch officers to review the position. He will use the meeting to judge whether Special Branch information suggests that there are new targets that the Security Service could watch, eg by interception, and he will also see what general advice Special Branch officers can be given about their own inquiries, observation and preparations.

4. I have encouraged Mr Jones to hold this meeting as early as possible next week - desirably before my own meeting with selected Chief Constables about the operational problems raised by the recent disorders. This is now being planned for Wednesday morning and will be attended by the Chief Constables of Merseyside, Greater Manchester, West Midlands, West Yorkshire and others, as well as someone from the Metropolitan Police. My meeting will be attended by Mr Cradock, who can report on the Security Service/Special Branch liaison.

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