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SUBVERSIVE ASPECTS OF RACIAL ACTIVITY

When Sir Brian Cubbon sees Mr Jones tomorrow morning, in advance of the Home Secretary's meeting with the Director-General at 5pm, he might like to have  
... glanced at the attached draft Box report. It is intended to form part of the racist attacks work and is sent to me in draft to see whether it meets our needs. It was, of course, written before the most recent disturbances, but after Brixton.

2. In relation to public disorder, the primary responsibility for intelligence gathering rests with the police themselves, particularly with Special Branches. Since it is unlikely that 'outside' extremist groups have inspired directly recent events, the Security Service would not be involved in collecting or assessing advance information. But if they think they can play a part they may be able to be eased in, in a way which will not, by being resented, prove counter-productive.

3. Although, therefore, the Home Secretary must see the Director-General about all this, it is to chief officers of police that questions need primarily to be directed.

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