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1. FOLLOWING WILL BE SUMMARY OF REF CABLES WHICH REPORTED IN DETAIL ON BREAKING OF AELADLE STORY IN PRESS HERE PLUS STATION COMMENT. AFFAIR BEGAN WHEN DAILY TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT APPROACHED ALIENS DEPT OF HOME OFFICE AT NOON 11 JULY WITH STORY THAT TELEGRAPH HAD HEARD FROM THEIR U.S. CONTACT THAT RUSSIAN HAD DEFECTED IN U.S. AND WAS LATER BROUGHT TO U.K. THIS STORY WAS IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO [JAGUAR] [SMEASER] TOLD CAWOOD THAT [SMARTY] TOOK POSITION THAT PRESS MUST NOT BE DELUDED BECAUSE SINCE THEY WERE CLEARLY ON TO AELADLE. A "NO COMMENT" RESPONSE WOULD BE CONFIRMATORY AND A DENIAL.

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IF THE STORY CAME OUT CONCLUSIVELY PROVING AELADLE IN U.K., WOULD BE FURTHER PROOF MACMILLAN GOVT'S EFFORTS DELUDE PRESS AND PUBLIC, WHICH FOLLOWING PHILBY AND PROFUMO WOULD BE DISASTROUS. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO STATION WHETHER [SMARTY] WAS TOLD TO TAKE THIS LINE BY SENIOR POLITICAL MASTERS OR WHETHER IT WAS ORIGINAL WITH HIM AND HE PUSHED IT WITH POLITICAL MASTERS WINNING THEIR APPROVAL. WE KNOW HE SPENT GOOD DEAL OF TIME WITH SENIOR CABINET OFFICERS LAST THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

2. THE D NOTICE ISSUED LA'E ON 11 JULY CONTAINED A MINIMUM OF DETAIL BUT IT REMAINS MYSTERY TO STATION WHY IT WAS DECIDED TO INCLUDE AELADLE'S NAME. [MIMPEDE] COMMENTING ON THIS LATER SAID HE WISHED THAT [JAGUAR] WOULD HAVE PLAYED THE PRESS STATEMENT SIMILAR TO KUBARK, ADDING WEARILY THAT "HE SHOULDN'T BE TALKING AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE" BUT THE TOP COMMAND IN [JAGUAR] HAD MADE THIS DECISION. [MIMPEDE] SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY MADE THAT DECISION.

3. THE TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT WHO HAS PUSHED THIS STORY IS JOHN BULLOCH, A 32 YEAR OLD REPORTER WHO IS AUTHER OF IDEN BOOK. [JAGUAR] HAVE NO PROG INFO ON HIM. HE SPECIALIZES IN SECURITY AND INTEL STORIES. WHEN SMOKE BLOWS AWAY [JAGUAR] INTEND INVESTIGATE WH'E TELEGRAPH STORY BUT DO NOT WISH DO SO NOW FOR FEAR DRAWING MORE ATTENTION TO MATTER AND POSSIBLY FURTHER IRRITATING PRESS.

4. THE TELEGRAPH BROKE D NOTICE RESTRICTIONS ON BOTH STORY AND ALSO NAME AELADLE, BUT HAVING DONE THIS THEY HAVE GONE COMPLETELY HAYWIRE ON THEIR ANALYSIS AND HAVE CONFUSED

SOV WHO BRIEFLY STATIONED LOND 61 WITH AELADLE. ASIDE FROM PICTURE APPEARING IN MIRROR 13 JULY WITH FACE COMPLETELY BLOCKED OUT, THUS MAKING IDENTIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE, NO PICTURES HAVE APPEARED IN PRESS. MIRROR PICTURES WAS CLEARLY SOME SOV PICKED AT RANDOM FOR TYPICAL SENSATIONAL PURPOSE.

5. BY SUNDAY THE STORY HAD PRETTY MUCH EXHAUSTED ITSELF. SINCE UNLIKE THE PROFUMO/KEELER/IVANO CASE IT HAS NO SEX ANGLE AND THERE WERE CLEARLY NO MORE FACTS AVAILABLE AND THE PRESS' OWN INVESTIVENESS WAS NEARING EXHAUSTION IT LOOKS NOW AS THOUGH THINGS WILL QUIET DOWN. THE PRESS SUNDAY DID COMMENT (TELEGRAPH, ESPECIALLY, OF ALL PAPERS) ON WHAT CURIOUS ACTION THE GOVT TOOK IN SLAPPING ON THE D NOTICE. THE EXPRESS TYPICALLY HAD A MAJOR ARTICLE STATING WHOLE AFFAIR WAS FURTHER ATTEMPT BY CERTAIN (UNIDENTIFIED) "HIGH LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON" TO PROMOTE RUMORS THAT AELADLE DISCLOSURES WILL LEAD TO EVEN WORSE BRITISH SPY SCANDALS AND ARTICLE THEN IN RETALIATION RECITES U.S. SECURITY FAILURES FROM ROSENBERGS THROUGH MARTIN AND MITCHELL.

6. DAILY HERALD 15 JULY CARRIES STORY THAT "AMERICANS ARE NOW ACCUSING [BRITISH SECURITY SERVICES]²⁴ OF STUPIDITY IN REVEALING DOLINYSIN'S DEFECTION AND NAME LAST WEEK. IN FACT THE ~~KIRILLOV~~^T BRITISH PRESS WERE ASKED^G ~~ASKED~~ NOT TO PRINT THE FACTS. BUT AFTER ONE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER (THE TELEGRAPH) PUBLISHED A REPORT IT HAD RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON, OTHER PAPERS ALSO PUBLISHED THE STORY. BRITISH OFFICIALS ARE FURIOUS THAT WASHINGTON IS ACCUSING THEM OF RELEASING THE FACTS TO BOLSTER [BRITAIN'S SECURITY SERVICES]²⁴ AND TO CLAIM A MAJOR INTELLIGENCE TRIUMPH."

7. STATION CHECKED WITH [SMIMPEDE]^{of} MORNING 15 JULY ON AELADLE CURRENT ATTITUDE BUT [SMIMPEDE]^{of} HAD NOTHING ADD TO WHAT STATION REPORTED REF F PARA THREE. [SMIMPEDE]^{of} SAID IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY DIFFICULTY AELADLE WOULD HAVE CALLED [SMIMPEDE]^{of}.

8. [JAGUAR]^{of} CONFIRM THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN SOVIET ATTACHE GENNADI STEPANOV'S RETURN MOSCOW AND AELADLE PUBLICITY HERE, THOUGH SEVERAL PAPERS TYPICALLY CARRY STORIES 15 JULY INSISTING THERE IS. ALSO HQS MAY NOTE THAT AELADLE NAME GIVEN TO PRESS NOT SAME AS IDEN DIR 34734 DUE TO SLIGHT GARBLE BY HOME OFFICE, BUT [JAGUAR]^{of} PREFER STRONGLY RESTRICT COMMENTARY ON THIS FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.

9. SUMMARIZING, IT IS STATION VIEW THAT BRIT AUTHORITIES ACTED TOO HASTILY AND IN SOME PANIC THIS WHOLE MATTER, ESPECIALLY IN GIVING NAME TO PRESS. WHETHER [SMARTY]^{of} WAS PUSHED BY HIS POLITICAL MASTERS INTO POSITION "NOT DELUDING PRESS" OR WHETHER IT HIS OWN IDEA IS STILL NOT CLEAR. HOWEVER, IRRESPONSIBILITY PRESS, AS TYPIFIED BY TELEGRAPH PUSHING STORY PLUS ITS INCREDIBLE FABRICATIONS, IS FACTOR NOT TO BE IGNORED IN THIS WHOLE PROBLEM PLUS FACT THAT THE BRIT PRESS SINCE RADCLIFFE INQUIRY PILLORING HAS NOT BEEN IN MOOD COOPERATE WITH GOVT ON ANYTHING (THIS APPLIES WHETHER PAPER IS TORY OR NOT). WHILE STATION CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY [JAGUAR]^{of} OR POLITICAL AUTHORITIES FELT NAME HAD TO BE GIVEN OUT, THE RELEASE OF A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INFO, AS WAS DONE, BY HOME OFFICE STATEMENT PROBABLY KILLED FURTHER DANGEROUS SPECULATION. HAVING CHEWED OVER WHAT WAS AVAILABLE, THE PRESS NOW SEEM TO BE LOSING INTEREST.

10. THE MOST LIKELY
BENEFICIARY FROM THIS UNHAPPY AFFAIR

WILL BE THE SOVS IF BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC KEEP UP THE
CURRENT STREAM OF CRITICISM AND ABUSE AS REFLECTED IN PRESS
STORIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, AMBASSADOR BRUCE EXPRESSED HIS
DEEP CONCERN TO ⁰⁶ [FELS] MORNING 15 JULY THAT THIS SITUATION SHOULD
NOT BE ALLOWED CONTINUE AND SAID HE HOPED NEITHER SIDE WOULD
BE SO SILLY AS TO PERMIT THIS SITUATION DETERIORATE INTO ILL-
TEMPERED NAME CALLING CONTEST. STATION DOUBTS THIS WILL HAPPEN
AND THROUGHOUT THIS MATTER AS IN PREVIOUS RECENT FLAPS HAVE
FOUND NO ILL FEELING IN EITHER ^{01, 01} [JAGUAR OR SMOTH.] THUS WE BELIEVE
THAT THERE IS MORE SOUND AND FURY BY THE PRESS, WHICH
LATELY HAS REACHED NEW DEPTHS OF IRRESPONSIBILITY ON BOTH SIDES
OF THE ATLANTIC, THAN SUBSTANCE WITHIN OFFICIAL BODIES,
ESPECIALLY OUR SERVICE OPPOSITES.

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C/S COMMENT:

COMPLETE PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH 6, LINE 4 AND 5 TO READ:

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