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Mr. Butler

Discussed with Sir Antony Duff.  
The operation has moved on. The  
target is an Iranian who has  
been moved to a place of safety.  
The terrorists are likely to be  
picked up by the police tomorrow.  
The Prime Minister, who earlier  
expressed concern, has been  
informed. A.S. Cole 3/5.

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Prime Minister

MR BUTLER

cc Sir Robert Armstrong

1. I attach a report from the Security Service about a possible Iranian and Libyan terrorist attack in London.
2. This is a preliminary report. The Security Service are involved in further investigations in co-operation with a liaison service, and will be sending a further report tomorrow. They have told us meanwhile that on current evidence they are inclined to think that the primary target of this group is Arab rather than British, although they do not exclude the possibility that a second attack on a British target is planned. They are keeping the Metropolitan Police fully informed, and involved in the operation where necessary.
3. In my view no further assessment is needed, or indeed possible, for the time being, while the initial Security Service operation is in train. We will of course convene a meeting if sufficient further information is forthcoming.

  
ANTONY DUFF

2 May 1984.

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IN CABINET OFFICE FOR DIO FROM F3/22

IN HOME OFFICE FOR MR R A HARRINGTON, MR R A MCDOWALL

IN FCO FOR PUSD/MR R G SHORT, SEC DEPT/MR D GOODSIR, MED/MR A

COLLINS

IN MOD FOR DMSI(O), NAVY LT COL G J H MACKIE RM, ARMY COLONEL C L

TARVER MBE, AIR AIR COMMODORE M E DAVID OBE, HQ MOD SECURITY MR A G

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SUBJECT : POSSIBLE IRANIAN AND LIBYAN TERRORIST ATTACK IN LONDON

SOURCE DESCRIPTION : DIRECT, BUT NOT FULLY ESTABLISHED

DATE OF INFORMATION : 27.4.84 - 1.5.84

1. AN IRANIAN NATIONAL, WHO IS A SUSPECTED AGENT OF THE IRANIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, IS CURRENTLY IN LONDON REPORTEDLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLANNING OF TERRORISM IN THE UK. OTHER IRANIANS AND LIBYANS ARE REPORTED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED OPERATION. THE TARGETS OF THE ATTACKS, MAY BE AN UNSPECIFIED SENIOR BRITISH OFFICIAL AND IRANIAN DISSIDENTS.

SECURITY SERVICE COMMENT

2. THE TARGETS OF THE PROPOSED ATTACK ARE NOT KNOWN. WE HOPE TO ASCERTAIN THESE DETAILS SOON.

3. WE ARE NOT YET ABLE TO VERIFY WHETHER THE LIBYAN NATIONALS ARE WORKING ON BEHALF OF THE LIBYAN REGIME IN COLLUSION WITH IRANIAN INTELLIGENCE, OR AS INDIVIDUALS RECRUITED BY THE IRANIANS FOR THE PROPOSED OPERATION.

4. WE DO NOT LINK THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE OCCUPATION OF THE IRANIAN CONSULATE BY THE ORGANISATION OF IRANIAN PEOPLE'S FEDAYEEN GUERRILLAS (MINORITY) ON 26.4.84, ALTHOUGH THIS CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED.

5. THE METROPOLITAN POLICE HAVE BEEN INFORMED.

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