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PRIME MINISTER

LIBYAN GUNS

The Home Office have just reported to me on a number of interesting developments in relation to the guns allegedly found by the Libyans in our Embassy in Tripoli. It seems that from the serial nos. of these guns, which the Italians were able to give us, the police were able to deduce that the guns were two of a number bought by the Libyan Embassy from a dealer in London. Another of the guns produced at the same time was evidently used in a shooting in Regent's Park and yet another was one of those found in the People's Bureau after its evacuation. All this is very mysterious; for example, the initial purchase of guns from a dealer in London. Moreover it suggests a quite extraordinary degree of incompetence on the part of the Libyans who presumably have simply transferred guns taken out of the People's Bureau to the safe in our Embassy. In any event, the police are going to be giving all this out to the media in the next day or so.

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it is still in  
this country  
not

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