

For

Reference our telegram and your telegram

1. I saw the Prime Minister last night concerning my submission proposing the continuation of your activities. I very much regret to say that he felt he was not able to approve my proposal. In saying this, he was most concerned that CIA should not interpret this decision as being an unfriendly gesture towards the U. S. in general or towards CIA in particular. He said that personally he would have wished to approve the proposal but that he was most concerned that the

I can assure you that this has been a most "agonising decision", to use the Prime Minister's own words to me.

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2. The Prime Minister said that now that he had made the decision he wanted us to cease our clandestine activity as soon as possible but not to do so [REDACTED]

3. To implement this decision, the Prime Minister has agreed that:-

[REDACTED]

4. I have noted the recommendations that you made in your telegram under reference covering [REDACTED] the withdrawal of the station staff and have put forward to the Prime Minister a proposal that:-

(a) [REDACTED]

These movements have been agreed in principle by the Prime Minister and the mechanics will have to be worked out with D. F. A., and you will be advised.

[REDACTED]

6. You will realise how very disappointed we in M. O. are about ~~the way in which this decision has come out~~ and I know you will be too.

Thank you.