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NOTE FOR RECORD

Lord Kagan's Association with Sir Harold Wilson

Sir Harold Wilson came in at his request on Tuesday, 16th December at 11.30 am to refresh his memory of 10 Downing Street papers relating to Lord Kagan, which he had seen during his Prime Ministership between December 1974 and February 1975. These papers arose from a letter which Mr. Winston Churchill MP had written to Sir Harold Wilson on 17th December 1974, suggesting that Lord Kagan had had as a house-guest a senior serving officer of the KGB named Lessiovsky. Mr. Churchill's information had appeared to be mistaken, as Lessiovsky had been refused permission to enter the country.

2. I took the opportunity of reminding Sir Harold Wilson that he had been interviewed by an officer of the Security Service at his own request in October 1972 and informed by him of Vaigauskas's intelligence function and of his friendship with Lord Kagan. He had volunteered to talk to Lord Kagan and to warn him about the dangers in any further dealings with the Russians. I also reminded Sir Harold that he had been reminded of the 1972 interview when he saw the then Director General of the Security Service in April 1974, shortly after becoming Prime Minister again. On that occasion he had confirmed that he had passed on a warning to Lord Kagan as promised.

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(Robert Armstrong)

18th December, 1980

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