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TELEGRAM NUMBER 264 OF 24 MARCH  
INFO SAVING BOMBAY

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT.

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF A PLAN TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN ON RACE RELATIONS, IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY DURING THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT, FROM MY DHC IN BOMBAY.

QUOTE:

PRAFUL PATEL CALLED ON ME AND PATERSON THIS MORNING. HE SAID THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO COORDINATE THE INDIAN PRESS BOTH IN BRITAIN AND IN INDIA TO LAUNCH A STRONG CAMPAIGN ON RACE RELATIONS, NATIONALITY AND IMMIGRATION AT THE TIME OF MRS THATCHER'S VISIT TO DELHI AND BOMBAY. HE INTENDED TO SEND SOMEONE OUT FROM UK TO "STIR THINGS UP" AND SUGGESTED THAT MARTIN OF JCWI MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

UNQUOTE.

2. THIS PIECE OF TROUBLE-MAKING COULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT, NOT LEAST TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S INDIAN HOSTS. YOU WILL WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER THERE ARE ANY STEPS YOU OR WE COULD TAKE TO MITIGATE THE RISK.

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