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TELEGRAM NUMBER 158 OF 2 NOVEMBER

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF DEPT WAS RECEIVED FROM PARIS TELEGRAM NUMBER 1233 OF 2 NOVEMBER.

PURPORTED IRA THREAT TO THE PRIME MINISTER

1. ONE OF OUR TELEPHONE OPERATORS HAS JUST RECEIVED A CALL FROM A MAN WHO SAID "THIS IS THE IRA. TELL YOU SECURITY THAT WE ARE SENDING A GUNMAN TO NEW DELHI AND HE WILL BE A THREAT TO MARGARET THATCHER". WHEN THE OPERATOR TRIED TO PASS HIM ON TO SOMEONE ELSE, HE RANG OFF.
2. THE OPERATOR, WHO IS FRENCH, THOUGHT THAT THE CALLER WAS A NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKER. HE SPOKE CLEARLY AND QUIETLY IN A CALM VOICE. HE SOUNDED LIKE A YOUNG MAN.

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