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DATE: 7 March 1985

Flag A 1. Sir W Harding asked for a further note.

Flag B 2. With my minute of 22 February, 1984, I submitted a draft  
letter to No 10 reporting on the visit to India.  
/ I attach a note on subsequent developments.

TOP SECRET AND PERSONAL

1. Subsequent to \_\_\_\_\_ visit, and in response to FCO telegram 362 of 11 May to Delhi, \_\_\_\_\_ asking for prior warning of military intervention in the Golden Temple and pointing out the importance of forewarning in the context. In the end we were not given any specific briefing until the day the actual invasion of the Golden Temple took place (5 June, 1984).

2. However, \_\_\_\_\_ (then Indian equivalent of our Intelligence Co-Ordinator) asked \_\_\_\_\_ in Delhi on 13 June, 1984 to express his gratitude to \_\_\_\_\_ the prompt and helpful response which resulted in the \_\_\_\_\_ report. Although some of \_\_\_\_\_ recommendations were used, the main concept changed once the Indian Army took over \_\_\_\_\_ who sponsored \_\_\_\_\_ visit). A frontal assault was attempted, using some of the Indian Special Forces and casualties were suffered. \_\_\_\_\_ emphasised that the large number of deaths was not the result of poor implementation of the \_\_\_\_\_ plans, nor of any deficiency in the plans but was due to the Army's decision to do it their own way.

3. We have received no specific comments \_\_\_\_\_ about the Army's assault on the Golden Temple.