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le 16 avril 1971

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Le 7 avril 1971 M. Pierre Mongeau du bureau du premier ministre m'a informé que 5. 19(1) avait organisé une discussion concernant le manifeste du F.L.Q. pendant ses s. 15 (1) 5.14

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At his request, I saw Martin O'Connell from the Prime Minister's office on the 13th of December. He told me that he had only recently become aware of the existence in the Privy Council Office of the group which was headed up by Mr. Mongeon. His initial reaction was that there were too many political risks associated with the continuance of this group but that, before making a final recommendation to the Prime Minister, he wanted to discuss the matter with me.

I reviewed for Mr. O'Connell the circumstances which had led to the creation of the group and explained to him the various misgivings which I had had about it at the time; and particularly the suggestion by Mr. Lalonde that the Security Service should have links with it. that from my viewpoint to attempt to associate the Security Service with an organization whose activities were so clearly tied to the fortunes of the Liberal Party in the Province of Quebec and in the Federal field, was extremely Indeed, I thought that the creation of such a group in itself in the Privy Council Office and in the Prime Minister's office was risky in political terms. For these reasons, I had made known my views to Mr. Goyer and, in turn, to the Prime Minister. As a result, the Prime Minister had instructed that the RCMP Security Service should have no contacts with the group. Any information that it might be expedient to exchange between this group and the RCMP would be filtered through the Solicitor General and the Prime Minister. Thus, there were neither formal nor informal links between the two groups and there could be no possibility that if the activities of Mr. Mongeon and his associates became public knowledge that the RCMP could be in any way

I went on to say that there had been evidence in the past year or so that the activities of the group were known to various people in Quebec. Indeed, on one or two occasions SPARG had been mistakenly identified as responsible for some of the activities which were properly attributable to the Mongeon group. It seemed to me it was only a question of time before the activities of the group became public and

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if the RCMP had had any association with them, this could lead to a first-class political row and, in some circumstances, to the downfall of the government.

- 4. For all these reasons, therefore, I could see why Mr. O'Connell had misgivings and I thought that he would be right in recommending to the Prime Minister that the group should be disbanded. Certainly, the circumstances in which it was created no longer existed. While there was a great deal that we did not know about subversive activities, and particularly among the FLQ groups in Quebec, we certainly know a great deal more about them and the situation generally in Quebec than we knew three years ago. I said that it seemed to me if the group was to be disbanded that it should be done in such a way as to avoid any of its members being embittered. I suggested that perhaps most of them could be absorbed somewhere or another into the bureaucracy in other capacities.
- 5. Mr. O'Connell thanked me for my comments, which, he said, seemed to bear out his own views. He said that he would be discussing the matter with the Prime Minister but he accepted a suggestion he made that he might first discuss it with Mr. Lalonde since the group bed been his brainchild.

John Starnes Director General Security Service

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21 December 1972

FAN TAN

I took the opportunity during our regular meeting with Mr. Allmand on December 19th to tell him of my conversation with Mr. Martin O'Connell about FAN TAN. As a background to that discussion, I showed the Minister my memorandum of the 21st of May 1971 which he initialled.

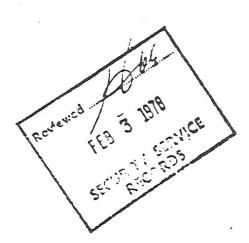
The Minister seemed relieved that this was one matter about which he would not have to worry.

John Starnes Director General Security Service

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When I saw Mr. Marc Lalonde of the Prime Minister's office on other matters this morning, I November discussed with him telegrams 15 (1) 19 (1) 9th, dealing with

Mr. Lalonde read the messages respectively. carefully and accepted that none of the allegations about the manner in which the investigations had been carried out were justified. Thus, as far as he is concerned, the matter is closed.

- He went on to say, however, that the reports I showed to him seemed to suggest that knowledge of the "Vidal group" was becoming more widely known. I said to him that there had been various signs in recent weeks, obvious to our representatives in Montreal, which would confirm his views on this score. It seemed to me only a question of time until the existence of the group became public. Mr. Lalonde said this probably was true. Indeed, he had warned the Prime Minister that there might be some publicity on this score. It had been agreed that if the existence of the group became known, the government would seek to avoid any detailed discussion of its functions and argue that, not surprisingly, the Prime Minister's office and the Privy Council office kept a close watch on developments in I said that as he knew, we had been very careful that there should be no direct link between the Security Service and Mr. Vidal's group. Certainly, it would be quite impossible to document any such links, and, at least on this score, the government could not be criticized.
- In the course of our discussion, Mr. Lalonde said that Col. Chasse was still a member of the Armed Forces. He seemed to suggest that this was an advantage. Although I did not say so, I am not sure that I agree since this fact seems likely to suggest a direct link between the Armed Forces and the activities of the group, with all that this implies.

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When the Commissioner and I had lunch with Generals Sharp and Dare on the 15th of June, we discussed, among other things, FAN TAN. We showed Generals Sharp and Dare the account given to Inspector Ferraris by Colonel Chasse of the role which he was playing in the group formed in the Prime Minister's office under Mr. Marc Lalonde to deal with the Separatist problem. We impressed upon them the importance of their not revealing their knowledge on this score in dealing with their Minister and with others if they should decide to review the arrangements under which Colonel Chasse has been placed on loan to Marc Lalonde's group.

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FAN TAN

The Commissioner told me today that he had an opportunity yesterday evening for a brief discussion with the Minister on the concern which we had expressed to him on the 20th of May about the relationship which it is proposed the Security Service should have with the group in the Prime Minister's office, under Mr. Marc Lalonde, dealing with Separatism. The Minister told the Commissioner that he had had an opportunity to discuss the problems we had raised with him with the Prime Minister. Prime Minister said that the Security Service was to have (no direct contacts with Mr. Lalonde's group. Such reports on the situation in Quebec as we thought might be of value to Mr. Lalonde and his group should be made available by the Solicitor General to the Prime Minister. It would then be for the Prime Minister to decide what, if any, of this material should be forwarded to Mr. Lalonde.

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In the light of the misgivings we expressed to the Minister, the Prime Minister's FON DOW? decision is a welcome one. However, it leaves up in the air the question of whether we can make arrangements to tap any sources of information about developments in Quebec which may become available to Mr. Lalonde's group. I will, in due course, explore ways and means of getting access to this kind of information.

In the meantime, I have told Inspector Ferraris of the Prime Minister's decision and I have advised him that in dealing with Col. Chasse or any other member of Marc Lalonde's group, he should simply indicate that the matter of relationship between the RCMP and the group has been discussed by the Solicitor General with the Prime Minister. Presumably, the Prime Minister will be informing Mr. Lalond?

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Re: FAN TAN

In a discussion which the Commissioner and I had with the Minister today, I recalled to him that in April he had asked me to explore ways in which the Security Service could co-operate with the unit established under Mr. Lalonde's control in the Prime Minister's office to deal with separatist activity, and, particularly, in the Province of Quebec. As a result of the Minister's request, Inspector Ferraris had met Mr. Claude Vidal and his associates to discuss the modalities of such co-operation. The nature of the arrangements for co-operation which had been discussed, and the proposals which had emerged from Inspector Ferraris' enquiries, had given me cause for uneasiness. I wished, therefore, to be sure that he and the Prime Minister, and Marc Lalonde, understood quite clearly the political risks which it appears to me are involved in the Security Service of the RCMP co-operating in the manner proposed with the organization in question. The Minister read Inspector Ferraris' memorandum to me on this score of May 11th.

I said it seemed obvious that there were considerable political risks involved in the establishment, within the Prime Minister's office, of a unit, the principal purpose of which was to carry out political action against a legally constituted political party in Canada, i.e., the Parti Quebecois. It seemed to me that given the lack of professional expertise among members of the group in question, and for other reasons, there were very real risks that its activities might become public knowledge. this happen, it seemed likely that the government could be accused of using government facilities and employees paid from the public purse for political purposes. in addition, it could be established that the Security Service of the RCMP had any links with such a group, the position of the government would be that much worse. Indeed, in some circumstances, I could see that it could lead to a political scandal of major proportions. was worried that even the few contacts we already had established with the group could lead to serious embarrassment for the government and for the RCMP. As a consequence, I was making sure that no correspondence which we had had to date with this unit remained on their files and that nothing further was done which could serve to document or to confirm such relationships as we already have had with the unit.

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It was one thing for the Liberal Party to use its apparatus to oppose and to defeat the aims of a political party such as the Parti Quebecois. It was quite another matter for the Security Service to assist those efforts and in such a way as to provide proof positive of that assistance. It seemed to me that the government could be seriously criticized for attempting to use the facilities of the Security Service to carry. out political action, of one kind or another, against a duly constituted political party in Canada. If it became known that the Security Service had provided such assistance, no doubt the question would at once be raised as to whether some similar use was not being made of the Security Service by the government vis-a-vis other political parties. I said that it was true that the Security Service had for some years taken an active interest in 'he Communist Party of Canada. However, in practical political terms, this was very different from directly supporting political action against the Parti Quebecois.

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In the circumstances, I suggested to the Minister that he might wish to raise the matter with the Prime Minister, and possibly with Mr. Lalonde. I said that while I assumed the Prime Minister was aware of the existence of the unit and of its aims, I doubted that he would be aware of the details of the arrangements which were being proposed between the RCMP and this group, and the implications of this in political and other terms. thought there should be a very sharp line drawn between the activities of this group within the framework of the Liberal Party and the legitimate interest of the Security Service in separatist activities in Quebec. I saw no reason why the Security Service should not benefit from whatever information such a unit might be able to provide to us about separatist and other such activity in Quebec. However, I thought it was a very different matter for us to be providing the unit, or members of the unit, with information from our sources which they then might use to initiate political action against the Parti Quebecois. I saw no difficulty in providing information about activities in Quebec to the Prime Minister's office through the usual channels, which could be used by Mr. Lalonde as he saw fit, subject to the usual precautions about safeguarding sources and restricted handling of sensitive material.

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The Minister agreed with the various points which we made to him and said that he would raise the matter with the Prime Minister upon his return from the Soviet Union. He said he saw no reason why we should not draw such information from this unit as would be helpful to our role as a security service. However, he felt that such regular reports as we might make about the situation in Quebec might best be provided through him to the Prime Minister. It would then be for the Prime Minister to make such arrangements as he thought suitable to pass these on to Mr. Lalonde.

6. The Minister agreed that until he had these discussions with the Prime Minister, we should take no further steps to follow up the arrangements discussed between Inspector Ferraris and Messrs. Claude Vidal, Jean-Pierre Mongeau and Col. Chasse.

John Starnes Director General Security Service

21 May 1971

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> On April 29, 1971 I met with Claude Vidal, Jean-Pierre Mongeau and Col. Henri Chassé. They are the nucleus of the new organism being set up in the Prime Minister's office under the direct control of Marc Lalonde. They occupy a suite of offices at 130 Albert Street, Room 1505. The name of this office is "Organisme Administratif du groupe de travail sur le fonctionnement du Fédéralisme".

- The purpose of this new apparatus is to coordinate all means of action against separatism in order to preserve Canadian-unity: Their method-of-operation-will be to gather information from other government departments where necessary but-more directly to operate-a-system of information-gathering. in the Province of Quebec making use, principally, of the Liberal Party organization.
- The total establishment of this office will be approximately twenty. They are under the direct control of Marc Lalonde who has an office within their premises. He is present there every working day from 10:30 to noon at which time this group holds meetings where situation reports are presented.
- Claude Vidal is the director of the operation. Jean-Pierre Mongeau is responsible for the gathering of TO INFORMATION information { 5. 15 (1) Chassé will have as one of his main responsibilities liaison with this office.

THIS RECORD IS DISCLOSED UNDER CANADIAN ACCESS TO INFORMATI The purpose of my visit was to establish the aims of this group and what if any contribution can be made by E o ≥the Security Service. It is realized that much of the Sactivities of the office in question will be strictly Reviewed _ Sparallel to ours in the Province of Quebec, it seems to me fig 3 1978 a gimperative that we maintain very close contact with these Speople. They will be gathering information through various SECURITY SERVICE

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- I have been assured that any information we supply to this group will be available only to Jean-Pierre Mongeau and Henri Chassé with Claude Vidal having general knowledge of it but not being actively involved in its analysis. No other members of this organism will even have knowledge that information is transmitted by the Security Service to it. Mongeau and Chassé have assured me that they will organize suitable security precautions in order to safeguard any information coming from us.
- 7. Under no circumstances will any information we supply be passed to a third party without our consent. Some of the information will obviously have to be used in the general context of papers etc. which will be prepared for the Federal Cabinet.
- 8. What I have seen of this group impresses me very much in that it will be much more than a straight advisory committee for the government. The people presently working there are very dynamic and their main occupation will obviously be a direct attack on separatism and subversion in Quebec through the many means at their disposal.

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or not this new operation is parallel to the Privy Council office or if it will replace if for certain matters. From what I know this group will certainly take over many of the responsibilities previously handled by the Privy Council office regarding separatism and subversion in Quebec and I would not be surprised, if eventually, they even took control of cases of separatists employed by the Federal Government.

10. Pending approval from this office I have agreed to the following exchanges with this group:

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- a) They will supply us with all information they obtain which has subversive connotations.
- 5. 15 (i) and 5. 16 (1) (b)
- c) When certain subversive activities come to their attention which require additional investigation, they will pass this information to us and we will investigate the matter.
- d) Twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays, we will supply Col. Chassé with a situation report as to what activities of a subversive nature are expected to take place in Quebec over the next few days.
- e) 5. 15 (1) and 5. 16 (1) (b)
- ll. As previously stated I have been assured that any information we pass to this group will be for the information of very few individuals and will not be in any way disseminated without our consent. Whenever use of our information is made operationally all necessary caution will be exercised in order that, at no time, will the Security Service be implicated with the group's activities.

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13. Although this project is very worthwhile, it must be stated that it will place an excessive burden on the already meager resources of my branch. This particular development was unknown when establishment requests were made and it is felt that if we are to co-operate fully with the people in question and do our share of the work, additional resources will have to be available to "G" Branch.

S/Insp.

J.A. Ferraris, Officer i/c "G" Branch

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Ottawa, April 20th, 1971.

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Mr. John Starnes, Director General, Security and Intelligence, 1200 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, Ontario.

Ref. No.: 5. 15(i)

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Dear Mr. Starnes:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 19, 1971 for which I thank you.

As agreed, no use will be made of the material transmitted to me without your knowledge and consent. For the time being, I intend to compare this material to the ones forwarded to me by other sources, and see if there is any presence of one group into other groups with which we have some communication. In such case, I will notify immediately your department.

I want to take this opportunity to express my wish to meet you and to explain the work we are actually doing. Would you be kind enough to call me when you are free.

In the meantime, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Tean. Pierre Mongean.

Jean-Pierre Mongeau, Special Assistant. FEB 3 1978

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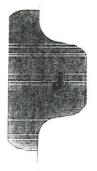
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April 19, 1971.

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M. Pierre Hongeau, Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister, Room 105 East Bloc, Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear M. Mongeau:

This has reference to your telephone conversation with Sgt. A.W. Cameron of the Security Service on April 16 concerning S. 15(1)

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Tours sincerely,

Foin Starnes,

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Re: Separatist/Terrorist Threat
Against the Prime Minister
of Canada and Members of
Federal Government Canada

In regard to the above, a meeting was held in Mr. Marc Lalonde's office in the East Block at 11:30AM (17-6-70) regarding the information that Mr. Lalonde's source had provided indicating that plans were underway to harm the Prime Minister. Present were:

Mr. Marc LALONDE (P.M. s office) Supt. PERRY Insp. FERRARIS Insp. BEGALKI

At the outset, I informed Mr. Lalonde that we do possess traces on s.(5(i))/s.(9(i)) which reflect FIQ connections and activities in 1964 and participation in demonstrations led by s.(5(i))/s.(9(i)) It was pointed out to Mr. Lalonde that our records also indicate s.(5(i))/s.(9(i)) was associated with the following persons:

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makes it ever more evident that the plans that sign / s.19(1) talked about are probably very real and should be taken most seriously. In this regard Mr. Lalonde was also appraised that steps had been taken through Supt. Perry and our "A" Division to have the utmost attention paid to security around the East Block Hill and Sussex Street.

- During the meeting Supt. Perry confirmed that the P.M. would be travelling by rail later this evening to Toronto and there was a need for having an additional Security Officer on the train in order that one could be fresh for the following day.
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Me pointed out that it was essential that the news media have some information as to the P.M.'s made of travel in order to have suitable media coverage of events, 5 is (c)

7. At the conclusion of the above meeting, Supt. Ferry, Insp. Ferraris and myself met with Mr. Don Beavis of the Frivy Council Office.

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