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Your telegram No. 629 of March 5th.

1. Reference your paragraph one, I agree best line is to refuse comment while matter sub judice.
2. Your paragraph two. May's arrest has in fact been taken as a result of Canadian enquiries into Soviet espionage network here, and in due course the Royal Commission here may include in a report some reference to certain evidence, including documentary evidence, regarding his activities. This will, of course, be done after consultation with United Kingdom authorities, and timed to avoid prejudicing his trial. However, it would be wiser to refuse comment than to deny any connection with Canadian enquiries.
3. Your paragraph four. I hope announcement about Moodie's plans can be made promptly and these rumours repudiated.

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