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**NEW DELHI TELNO 168: INDIA: HINDUJAS**  
**From: DUBAI**

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TELNO 62  
OF 230942Z MAY 01  
INFO PRIORITY ABU DHABI, ACTOR, GENEVA, HOME OFFICE, NEW DELHI  
INFO PRIORITY SNUFFBOX, WHIRL

*Jonathan Powell*

**SUMMARY**

1. S P Hinduja considering returning to UK.

**DETAIL**

2. S P Hinduja asked to meet me on 22 May. After checking with the department I did so.
3. After describing his current business interests in Dubai and commenting on press coverage of the Hinduja family's contacts with British Ministers, S P Hinduja came to the point. He was planning to leave for Geneva on 23 May and considering returning to the UK thereafter. He asked whether I thought he should postpone this until after the General Election.
4. I said that I had absolutely no advice to give him on the matter.

**COMMENT**

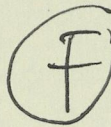
5. I can only assume that SP's purpose was to ensure his travel plans are reported. He gave no indication of timing.

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PHILIP HAMMOND M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

9<sup>th</sup> May 2001

The Rt. Hon. Tony Blair MP  
The Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1A 2AA

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Does this need a  
response? Can you?  
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1. Fax to Jonathan Powell  
2. No further action required.
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Dear Prime Minister,

At Prime Minister's Questions today I asked you why you had not disclosed to Sir Anthony Hammond's inquiry the fact that you were a guest of the Hinduja brothers at a private dinner party at their London home just six months before your Government awarded a passport to G.P. Hinduja.

In so far as I was able to hear your answer, I believe you indicated that I should refer any such complaint to "the appropriate authorities". Since Sir Anthony Hammond's inquiry has now been completed, it is not clear to me which "authorities" you had in mind when making your response.

Would you please, therefore, indicate to me the identity of the authorities to which you were referring and I shall then follow your recommendation.

Yours sincerely  
Philip Hammond

PHILIP HAMMOND MP



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STATEMENT BY KEITH VAZ MP

I was surprised that Andrew Lansley MP had chosen to write to Elizabeth Filkin, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, about my wife's company, Mapesbury Communications Limited.

Mr Lansley should be aware from the evidence published by the Committee on Standards and Privileges last week that I sought advice from the Registrar of Member's Interests and the then Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Sir Gordon Downey, whether or not there was a requirement to register the company (attachment to Annex 39 of the evidence). They confirmed that this was not necessary. I have never received any benefits or payments from Mapesbury..

Mr Lansley also refers to a lecture by the Sindhi philosopher, Swami Vaswami, in June 1995. I have today written to the Chairman of the Standards and Privileges Committee and seen Mrs Filkin, to confirm that Mapesbury undertook the public relations work for this non-profit making lecture in return for reimbursement of costs only. These costs were met by the Hinduja Foundation, which is a registered charity. There was no benefit to Mapesbury, to any member of my family, or to me personally.

Tim Livesey, No 10  
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