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During general discussion May 12 of Prime Ministers Conference currently in session London, head Foreign Relations Department CRO (Clark) told Embassy officer that plane incident had not been subject of any particular attention in Prime Ministers plenary meetings. Clark went on to state that there had been some dicussion, in context of dangers posed by communism generally and Communist China particularly, of espionage experienced by some of Commonwealth countries.

1. GOI had discovered (A) during Chou en-Lai's recent visit to India Communist Party was feeding material (misleading in its import) to CHICOMS about Indian public attitudes toward Indo-Chinese border troubles, (B) Indian Army staff officer had given information to Communists, (C) an Indian Foreign Ministry officer who handled Nehru's own papers had been giving information away to Communists.

2. UK had related recent incidents involving attempts to spy on Gan air base in Maldives. Few weeks ago Russians had arrived with so-called oceanographic vessel and had sought to land in Maldives ostensibly to collect coral specimens. Maldive Government had on its own turned them away and notified HMG after doing so. More recently there had appeared in harbor of Addu Atoll submarine which had for nearly an hour moved about harbor with periscope clearly visible obviously taking good look at harbor and British installations Addu. Most disturbing feature was fact that it appeared at one of few times, between flights, when there was no plane at Addu which would have been able to attack submarine.

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Clark thought that this discussion had set rather sophisticated tone for viewing espionage among Prime Ministers. He said Nehru had shown particular interest in submarine incident in Maldives.

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