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## DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

To: Prime Minister (for noting)

ALLEGATIONS OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS OF G20 MEMBERS BY ALLIED INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES IN LONDON IN 2009

PM&C Secretary NSA DNSA Ms Klugman Mr Sadleir Ms Wimmer Mr McFarlane

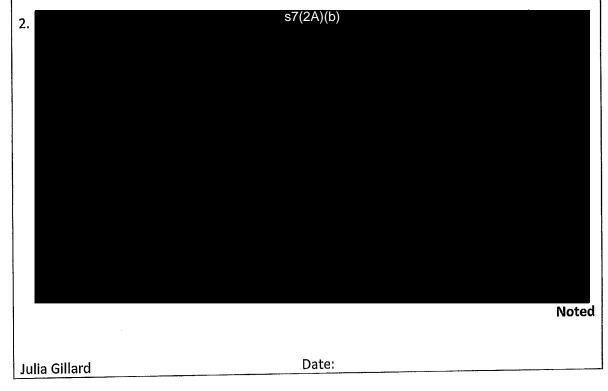
PMO Mr Robilliard

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**Recommendations** – that you:

 Note reporting today in the UK media (The Guardian) alleging that foreign politicians and officials who took part in two G20 summit meetings in London in 2009 had their communications intercepted by UK and US intelligence agencies.

Noted



## **Key Points:**

- 1. Media reporting today in The Guardian newspaper (at <u>Attachment A</u>) alleges that UK intelligence agencies monitored the phone calls and internet usage of foreign politicians and officials at two G20 meetings in London in 2009.
- 2. The report is based on documents supposedly leaked to the newspaper by US whistleblower Edward Snowden, and comes after earlier reporting that the US National Security Agency (NSA) has been monitoring millions of phone calls and tapping into the servers of internet providers in the US.
- 3. The Guardian report also references a document supposedly detailing the presence in the UK of interception specialists from the NSA and their efforts to target phone calls between London and Moscow, including by the Russian President.

Richard Sadleir
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Defence, Intelligence & IS
17 June 2013

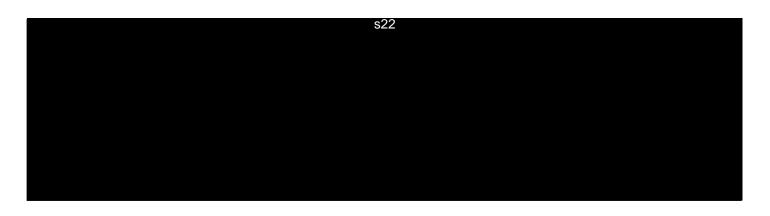
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Paul

Please see attached a signed brief from Richard Sadleir for the PM on media allegations of G20 communications interception in the UK.

s33(a)(i), s33(a)(iii) and s47C

Kind regards,

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