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NZSIS COVERAGE OF ANTI SPRINGBOK TOUR
PROTEST ACTIVITY

A meeting of CS [redacted], CT [redacted] and LO [redacted] was held yesterday to consider anti Springbok tour protest activity in relation to the Service's responsibilities in the areas of subversion, terrorism and sabotage.

From discussions the following conclusions emerged:

There is no evidence at present that political groups of security interest are pursuing or are likely to further subversive aims through their involvement in the tour protest movement. The SUPNZ is opposed to violence as a means of protest and the CPNZ, while extremist in the protest context, has shown historically no inclination to resort to violence or sabotage. It is considered these parties will have little opportunity to subvert the anti tour movement for their own purposes.

The Workers Communist League (WCL) in Wellington is a radical group and involved in COST.

COST can be viewed as a WCL 'front' hence coming within the Service's CS area of interest but there are no indications of violent activity emanating from this quarter. The Service has some peripheral coverage of this group.

Similarly there is no evidence that Ananda Marga plan to resort to violence or sabotage in protest against the tour. This organisation has been quiet for the last few years and it is considered there are insufficient grounds to justify technical coverage of Ananda Marg activities at present.

None of the groups involved in the anti tour protest movement, whether groups already of Service interest or otherwise, to our knowledge are planning to use violence or sabotage. Nor, with the possible exception of the WCL does it appear political groups of Service interest are likely to subvert the protest movement to further their own political aims.

The main tour protest groups are not advocating violence or unlawful activity per se to our knowledge. However they must foresee the strong likelihood of some protestors going beyond the law and in some cases becoming involved in violent activity.

The most likely sources of sabotage or violent activity are individuals or small informal groups of people acting on their own initiative. Isolated instances have occurred in past protest situations but there is no practicable way of identifying or monitoring the activities of these people in advance. While the likelihood of violence/sabotage occurring on the above basis is recognised we do not have any evidence suggesting

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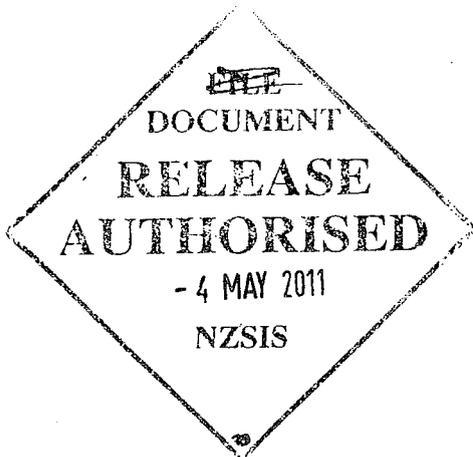
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organised violence or sabotage is being planned by organisations. The matter in our view is predominantly a law and order one hence no extensions of Service coverage with regard to the tour is considered appropriate.

In view of the express prohibition in Section 4 (2) b of the NZSIS Act against surveillance of lawful dissent it is felt some clear indications of likely acts of terrorism, sabotage or subversion, which are not evident, would be needed to justify an extension of the coverage presently given by the Service to anti tour protest activity.

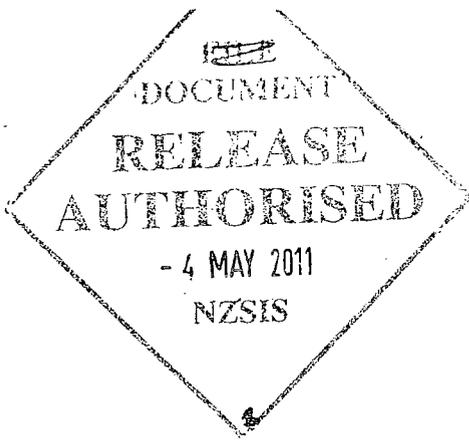
Attached is a brief appendix by CS on individuals involved recently in protest incidents directed at the Prime Minister.



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CS

CT



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This Service has no record of the four individuals on hunger strike in prison in Christchurch, nor of any of the three individuals involved in the 'Silver Coin' protest concerning the Prime Minister.

It is a good indication that protest of this nature does not all emanate from groups or individuals defined as 'subversive', and it lends emphasis to the considered opinion that the question is basically one of law and order.