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FXRS. THATCHER REJECTS SECURITY PROBE AFTER NEW SPY SCANDAL

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LONDON (AP) - PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER ON MONDAY REFUSED LEGISLATORS' DEMANDS FOR A NEW INVESTIGATION INTO BRITAIN'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES - DEMANDS PROMPTED BY THE DISCLOSURE LAST WEEK THAT ANOTHER WARTIME OPERATIVE HAD SPIED FOR MOSCOW.

ANSWERING SPECULATION THAT SOVIET PENETRATION OF THE UPPER ECHELONS OF BRITISH INTELLIGENCE MAY HAVE BEEN GREATER THAN SO FAR DISCLOSED; SHE CALLED FOR AN END TO ALLEGATIONS THAT THERE STILL WERE DOUBLE AGENTS AMONG BRITAIN'S INTELLIGENCE ELITE.

MRS. THATCHER'S STATEMENTS WERE CONTAINED IN WRITTEN ANSWERS TO LEGISLATORS' CHARGES THAT AN INVESTIGATION INTO BRITAIN'S SECURITY SERVICES SHE ORDERED LAST MARCH IN AN EARLIER SPY SCANDAL WAS NOT WIDE-RANGING ENOUGH.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS CANNOT BE CHALLENGED OR QUESTIONED BY LAWMAKERS FROM THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

HOWEVER; SHE WAS TO APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COMMONS ON TUESDAY; AND WAS EXPECTED TO FACE HOSTILE QUESTIONS.

OPPOSITION LABOR PARTY LEGISLATOR DENNIS CANAVAN; WHO LAST WEEK CHARGED MRS. THATCHER WAS INVOLVED IN A ''MASSIVE COVER-UP;'' SAID MONDAY THAT HER WRITTEN REPLY WAS ''LONG-WINDED AND DOUBTFUL.''

THE LATEST WAS TOUCHED OFF BY LAST WEEK'S DISCLOSURE BY FORMER FILM COMPANY EXECUTIVE LEO LONG; A WARTIME INTELLIGENCE OFFICER; THAT HE HAD SPIED FOR THE SOVIETS DURING WORLD WAR II. HE SAID HE CONFESSED IN 1954 AND HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE HE WOULD NOT BE PROSECUTED.

LEGISLATORS ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED THAT; FOLLOWING THE UNMASKING OF A STRING OF SOVIET SPIES IN BRITAIN'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES SINCE THE 1950S; AUTHORITIES GRANTED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION TO DOUBLE AGENTS IN RETURN FOR FULL CONFESSIONS.

CLASSIFIED CANADIAN DOCUMENTS RELEASED LAST MONTH INDICATED THAT SOVIET DEFECTORS CLAIMED HIGH-LEVEL PENETRATION IN BRITAIN.

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