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Labour MP calls for S African agents probe

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THE HOME SECRETARY has been asked by a Labour MP to investigate the possibility that South African agents in London have intercepted mail addressed to Mr. John Crundhill, of Argus South African Newspapers, in Fleet Street.

In a letter to Mr. Robert Carr, Mr. James Wellbeloved, Labour MP for Erith and Crayford (Kent), refers to evidence given by a police witness in the Johannesburg trial of South African journalist Mr. Patrick Laurence, accused of interviewing leaders of the banned Pan-African Congress.

The letter says the hearing was told that notes of the alleged interview were sent by Mr. Laurence in a letter to Mr. Crundhill but never reached him, and were returned from London in a letter addressed to the South African Police Commissioner.

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In his letter, Mr. Wellbeloved says if the evidence is correct, it indicates that South African agents are still operating in Britain in a manner contrary to repeated undertakings given by the government.

The Centrax (Newton Abbot) branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union have written to their local MP, Mr. Ray Mawby, and to the Foreign Secretary, calling on them to intervene to help the "Pretoria Six"—including Mr. John Hosey—now in jail in South Africa.

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MP queries apartheid spying here

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent

OPERATIONS in Britain by "insidious South African police spies" were referred to in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. John Fraser, a Labour spokesman on home affairs, demanded to know what had been the result of police investigations into an alleged raid by South African police spies on the home of a Mrs. Winer.

He asked whether immigration officers at ports and airports used the tough immigration laws to keep out South African spies.

Home Office under-secretary David Lane replied that the police had already written to Mrs. Winer, inviting her to get in touch with them so that she could help "clear up" the allegations made.