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ATTENDING ON PHONE INSPECTOR HOLMES OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE VICE SQUAD, REGARDING MY LETTER TO HIM OF THE 17TH FEBRUARY.

HE SAID THAT THE ANTI-PROSTITUTION RAIDS IN SOHO ON THE 16TH FEBRUARY HAD BEEN IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL COMPLAINTS THAT THE AREA WAS BEING OVERWHELMED. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE ARREST OF FEMALE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAD BEEN A BY-PRODUCT, NOT THE PURPOSE, OF THE RAIDS.

HE ADDED THAT PROSTITUTION HAD ALREADY SPREAD TO THE SUBURBS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO INCREASE THERE, IRRESPECTIVE OF POLICE ACTIVITY TO LIMIT IT IN THE WEST END. THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO SUPPRESS PROSTITUTION IN ANY PART OF GREATER LONDON, JUST TO AVOID EXCESSIVE CONCENTRATIONS WHICH UPSET RESIDENTS.

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