

6. This is a very difficult case, because the considerations are by no means all one way. The potential charges against Nelson are as serious as they could be, and there are grave political risks in not prosecuting him, and perhaps particularly so in the atmosphere created by the Birmingham Six case [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The best way of persuading the Attorney not to authorise prosecution, if that is what you and your colleagues decide to try to do, may be to lead him to the conclusion that, while the damage a prosecution would do to the intelligence effort is certain, the prospects of a successful prosecution are much less so.

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