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MINUTE SHEET

Reference FF.72493

74.

25.10.51  
10.51.

Note by B.2. re arrangements to be made at Ministry of Supply re CAIRNCROSS  
Copy of letter from [redacted] re HENDRY ment. CAIRNCROSS

74a  
74t

75.

29.10.51

Notes by B.2.a and B.2.b re Registry Action re CAIRNCROSS

75a

76.

1.11.51.  
5.11.51.

Ext. from T.C. on McGIBBON, ment. CAIRNCROSS.  
Ext. from T.C. on McGIBBON, ment. CAIRNCROSS.

76b  
76c

B.2.a.

*W. 8/11 B.2.a/A.F.13 77. Noted 10/9/11  
Please note.*

We discussed this case, together with B.2.b., today and agreed that, since there are some grounds for suspecting CAIRNCROSS of espionage, the further investigation of his activities is now the clear responsibility of B.2.a.

We also agreed that we must await the interrogation of HENDRY for further light to be thrown on the CAIRNCROSS case. The HENDRY interrogation is being carried out by B.2.b. (Mr. Martin), partly in aid of B.2.b.'s researches in connection with other cases, and partly in order to assist in clearing up the CAIRNCROSS case. In the latter respect, B.2.b. will be acting directly on behalf of B.2.a.

After the interrogation of HENDRY, it will be for consideration whether the CAIRNCROSS investigation should be intensified by use of additional resources, such as TABLE.

B.2.  
8.11.51.

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J. C. Robertson.

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14.11.51 Note by B.2.b on Interview with HENDRY on 13.11.51 men. CAIRNCROSS.

79a

80.

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(original OJ.307812)B.2

Please see at 79a a note on my interview with J.F. HENDRY.

In so far as it relates to the CAIRNCROSS case I am afraid it is not very helpful. I still feel convinced that CAIRNCROSS knows the origin of the unsigned letter and therefore that he must have lied deliberately when he gave me HENDRY's name. However, I do not see how this can be proved except by persuading CAIRNCROSS to talk. I suggest that the files for CAIRNCROSS and HENDRY should be passed urgently to B.l.e in case they have any other questions which they would like put to HENDRY when I see him on Friday. In any case, B.l.e will now wish to assess both cases for their own purposes. They should note CAIRNCROSS's present position at the Ministry of Supply as recorded at 74a on PF.72493.

B.2.b  
14.11.51A.S. Martin  
A.S. Martin

81.

~~B.1.c. Mr. Whyte.~~

Please see 79a, which you discussed this morning with myself, Mr. Simkins and Mr. Martin.

We agreed that the HENDRY interrogation has thrown no further light on the CAIRNCROSS case and that, since the suspicions of espionage against CAIRNCROSS are as yet unsubstantial, we should now concentrate primarily on getting CAIRNCROSS out of harm's way. Closer investigation of the espionage suspicion can follow when B.2.a. has more time to devote to it than at present.

You will therefore be taking over all negotiations with Ministry of Supply and Treasury in connection with this case, with the object of ensuring that CAIRNCROSS cannot have access to any Government secrets.

You agreed also to consider the case of HENDRY which, although of less importance, will probably call for a note to the Foreign Office summarising the reasons for which we have found it necessary to interrogate him, and of the conclusions we have reached on the basis of this interrogation and of his previous record.

B.2.

J. C. Robertson.

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Reference.....

83

20.11.51 B.2.a. minute to B.5. asking for particulars from Food Office re CHAPLIN. 83e

84

23.11.51 To M.O.S. re CAIRNCROSS. 84a

85

24.11.51 To Treasury enclosing a copy of 84a re CAIRNCROSS. 85a

86

22.11.51. To B.I.K. re misc. enquiries. 86a

88.

27.11.51. B.l. note on telephone conversation with Griffiths, Treasury. 88a.

28.11.51 Note of meeting to discuss CAIRNCROSS on 4.12.51. 88b

89

C.l.b., Mr. Beppers

To see this file. B.l. has asked me to invite you to attend the meeting to be held in his room on Tuesday, 4 December at 11 a.m., at which the disposal of CAIRNCROSS will be discussed.

B.l.e.  
29.11.51

30 11.51 Extract from telecehok on CAIRNCROSS mentioning BLUNT. 89b

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4.12.51 Note of discussion with Treasury and MOS representatives on CAIRNCROSS' case.

90a

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Mr. Martin, B.2.b.

Please see at serial 90a a note of a meeting held by B.1. concerning CAIRNCROSS. Could you please get in touch with Anderson as soon as possible in order to fix up an interview. Anderson suggested that it might take place early next week.

B.1.e.  
4.12.51

*D.H. Whyte*  
D.H. Whyte.

92.

5.12.51 Int. letter to CAIRNCROSS from "Elsie"

6.12.51 Note by B.1.k re CAIRNCROSS and HARLEY.

92a

92b

93.

10.12.51. Report on interview with CAIRNCROSS.

93a.

94.

~~10.12.51. To Treasury giving details of interview with CAIRNCROSS.~~  
Letter substituted by 97a.

10.12.51 Extract from BLUNDEN ~~f.c.~~ mentioning CAIRNCROSS

10.12.51 Int. Letter to CAIRNCROSS, from "Alex and Mary".

94a

94b.

96.

12.12.51 Int. letter to CAIRNCROSS from Barclays Bank.

96b

97.

13.12.51. To Treasury giving details of interview with CAIRNCROSS.

97a.

98.

~~B2a thro' B2b (Mr. Martin)~~  
*13.12.51*

Please see at serial 92a a note of my second interview with Cairncross.

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*D.H. Whyte*

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99.

14.12.51.

Ext. from T.C. o/g call from CAIRNCROSS. to Barclays Bank.

99a

100.

Int. to CAIRNCROSS from SCHEBEKO.  
Note re John CAIRNCROSS.

100z  
100a

9.1.52.

Copy of telecheck material for 4.1.52. re CAIRNCROSS

100b

101.

~~B.1.e.~~

*7.11.52  
14/1*

Please see serial 100a. My source has omitted to say that he understood CAIRNCROSS left the Foreign Office because of his disgust at the Munich agreement.

*R. Thistlethwaite*  
R. Thistlethwaite.

B.1.f.  
11.1.52.

11.1.52.

Int. letter to CAIRNCROSS from Basel

102z

14.1.52.

B.1.K. source report re CAIRNCROSS.

102a.

~~B.2.a. through B.2.B/Mr. Martin.~~

*Seen 24/1/52*

*103  
25.11.52*

You may be interested to see at 100a and 101 the result of ~~our~~ Cambridge enquiries.

B.1.E.  
14.1.52.

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D.H. Whyte.

104.

22.1.52. Int. letter to CAIRNCROSS from E.V. RIEU, Editor of The Penguin Classics

104a

105.

30.1.52. Int. letter to CAIRNCROSS from British-Italian Society

105a

106.

5.2.52. Int. letter to John CAIRNCROSS from British-Italian Society enclosing membership card

106a

15.2.52 To GPO temporarily suspending t/c no. 2179 until 22.2.52

107.

to

18.2.52 Int. letter to CAIRNCROSS from BBC  
18.2.52 Int. letter from BBC enclosing cheque

107b  
107c

19.2.52 Int. letter from Barclay's Bank crediting CAIRNCROSS with £38 from Mr. OPPENHEIM

107d

21.2.52 Int. letter from Dorothy JOHNSTONE  
21.2.52 Int. letter from Andrew Cairncross

107e

21.2.52. Ext: from T/C on MacGIBBON ment CAIRNCROSS.  
108.

107f

107g

26.2.52 Note by B.2.5 re CAIRNCROSS papers from Civil Service Commissioner.

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26.2.52 Requested Home Office file for Gabrielle S OPPENHEIM (wife of subject)

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108a

NOTE

I today consulted B.l.e / Mr. David Whyte, with a view to obtaining any papers held by the Civil Service Commissioners concerning John CAIRNCROSS.

Whyte considered that the best way of obtaining these papers would be through the Treasury, and he undertook to obtain them for me in this manner.

B.2.b  
26.2.52

*A.S. Martin*  
A.S. Martin

*[Handwritten signature]*

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26.2.52

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 72493. Name: John CAIRNCROSS.

Original in File No.:\* P.F. 51559. Supp. Serial: 805 Vol: 11 Receipt Date: 21.2.52

Original from: T/C on MacGIBBON. Under Ref.: No. 1792. Dated: 20.2.52

Extracted on: 15.4.52. by: AS. Section: B.2.A.

\* If the original is in the file of an individual include the name of the file owner

JAMES to SLO 8570 - Mrs. BUTOLO or BRUTOLOW (?ph).  
 He is ringing to know what she think of the translation.  
 Distant complains that there are a good many inaccuracies.  
 The translations in question is from the French into English.  
 John RUSSELL is apparently involved in this translation too  
 and, JAMES states, that Niemie' has already discussed it with  
 CAIRNCROSS. It is difficult to get full gist of this conversation  
 but it seems that CAIRNCROSS and RUSSELL are involved in the  
 translation of Niemie's book. JAMES would like to discuss the  
 whole thing and it is arranged that Distant will come along  
 at about six on Thursday.  
 N.T.S.

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20 John Bainross, Esq.

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Gardenside,

Uddingston,

Glasgow.

19. 2. 52

Dear John,

Some small points I've come upon:-

1. Ovid - Metamorphoses, which Sh. used in the original, as well as in Golding's translation, has an interesting opening, which Sh. uses in various places. It includes

l. 5. quod tegit omnia caelum - our hanging  
firmament 4 l. 52. Imitat his aet.

7 chaos ... indis indigestaque moles R. 3.  
3. 112.

9 } semina rerum - the seeds of things  
x 119)

73 caeleste solum - the floor of heaven M. V.

89 Golden age -- added to Montaigne in Temp.?  
101, 109 etc

106 Iovis arbor - the oak to.

131 amor sceleratus habendi

140 effodiantur spes, irritamenta malorum } Gold-  
Tison-

150 Terras Aestivas reliquit. Taurus (in Latin).

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21 FEB 1952

Letter of T.C. 1592

(a) Cost - Page = 1590-3.  $\frac{5}{12+4}$

(b) mit den Faustis (usually dated - Le Arden  
ed<sup>n</sup> - ed<sup>s</sup> Boas - 1592)

has this the face ---

I'll send on your W.S. shortly. The points you  
side-line, I have previously considered &  
decided to discard, or interpret otherwise. I  
used this intensively from the beginning; correct  
from Faiff's later work, so that I doubt if  
there is much more to be got from it for  
our purposes.

Check for  $\frac{5}{12+4}$  has been deposited at Bowley's

Yours,

Andrew.

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J. Cairncross, Esq  
# Lansdowne Crescent

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London W 8

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~~Surrey~~

by fto writer pl. for B2a/AFB.

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21 FEB 1952

Tel. No.: Whitehall 1234



Your Reference .....

Treasury Reference .....



TREASURY CHAMBERS,  
GREAT GEORGE STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

19/2/52

Dear Mr. Cairncross,

Many thanks for your letter. I'm so glad  
to know that you are feeling better, and if  
all goes well we'll look forward to seeing you  
again next Tuesday.

17 FEB 1952

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We've got the Estimates over and things  
seem relatively quiet at the moment - I  
hope they'll stay so for a little while to give  
you time to settle down again.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

X Dorothy Johnson

see LU for 27/2 r/jes

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The British Broadcasting Corporation



G. Baincross, Esq,

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J. Cairncross Esq.,  
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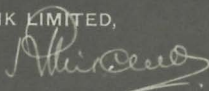
18th February, 19 52

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that we have to-day received for collection and credit of your account the sum of £38 by order of Mrs. K.E. Oppenheim.

Yours faithfully,

for BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED,



Manager.

J. Cairncross Esq.,

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T. Cairncross Esq.  
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15th February, 52

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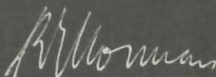
29th Jan., 1952

Dear Mr. Cairncross,

Referring to our conversation of yesterday over the phone, I find on examining your file that the double payment you say you made occurred in connection with the 1949-50 and the 1950-51 subscriptions. In point of fact, you paid one guinea in August 1949 and another guinea in October of that year, and you agreed in your letter of the 12th Nov., 1949 that the second guinea should be used for the 1950-51 subscription.

The subscription for 1951-52 is therefore still outstanding.

Yours sincerely,



(Reginald Norman)  
Secretary

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30 JAN 1952

THE PENGUIN CLASSICS

Editor: E. V. RIEU, Hon. Litt.D.

30 SHEPHERD'S HILL, HIGHGATE, LONDON N6, MOUNTVIEW 4178

20/1/52

Dear Mr. Cairncross,

I should like to hear about your  
Montaigne proposal & the other ideas  
you refer to, & to discuss these things  
at luncheon with you one day.

But I am extremely hardly pressed  
till about Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Would you mind  
ringing me up early in Feb. in the  
hope of fixing a day after that date?

Yours sincerely  
E. V. Rieu

5 5852 A

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23/1/52

SECRET

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Part 1.

Section and Officer of origin B.1.K./CTY Report No. Gen. A. /2001 Report

Action copy to B.1.E./DHW Information copy to

REPORT

14.1.52

With reference to your loose minute dated 22.11.51. I am informed by a reliable source at Trinity College that CAIRNCROSS as far as source knew, had no Communist connections while at Cambridge. Source always liked him, though he stated that he came from the Cleveland area and had the perfervidum ingenium of his race.

According to this same source, the man who taught CAIRNCROSS when the latter was at Cambridge, says that he believes that CAIRNCROSS then held pronounced left-wing views in politics. This man, however, had no reason to think that CAIRNCROSS was a Communist or fellow-traveller.

CTY/RP

Part II.

COMMENTS BY SECTION OF ORIGIN

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Part III.

COMMENTS BY CONSUMER SECTION

(Value, interest, probability, extent to which confirmed by other sources, etc.)

B.1.K.

Thank you for this report. has also reported "I always regard cannot recall reason for think



Gesundheit  
Lebensfreude durch  
WINTERSPORT



1022

J. Cairncross Esq.,  
16 Lansdowne Court,  
Lansdowne Crescent,  
London W. 11,  
England.

Handwritten initials in blue ink.

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HA

2 5172 H

11 JAN 1952

1022  
St. Albanring 187,  
Basel.

8.1.52.

Dear John,

Hope you and Gaby had a pleasant Christmas and New Year. Am writing this in great haste as I am very busy. My friend Else Drucker, who you once met here in Basel and also once by chance in London near Victoria Station, is starting a dress-designing business in England. She already has various clients and one or two contracts for regular work but is unable to cope with the administrative part as her English is not good enough and also because she has no time and is not sufficiently businesslike. Up to now a friend has helped her but now the work has become too much to do on this basis. As she asked me if I knew anybody in England who might be willing to take on this work, I thought it might possibly interest Gaby if she has no regular job. I know she is good in business and knows something about fashions. Else couldn't pay any fixed salary for the time being, but would give a percentage of the earnings so whoever took it on would have an interest in expanding the business. Else is coming to England on 19th January, so if Gaby should be interested or if you know of anybody else who might be, please drop me a line so that Else can then contact her or them when she gets to England.

Hope you got the last Liebesgabepaket safely. Else could probably bring something if you like.

I was in Rome for Christmas and New Year. Had a wonderful time and glorious weather. Was also trying to arrange for some more Italian performances of Michael's "Child" which went over quite well in Lugano.

If you are coming through Basel on your way to any skiing this year I shall be glad to see you here any time.

Yours,

*File*

*16/1/52*

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ARC - by hand to GIE Mr Whyte fl.

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NAME: CAIRNCROSS

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Tel. No.: PARK 7941

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Cairncross  
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Date: 4.1.52  
5.1.52

Responsible Section: B.2.a.

Nothing to report. 9 JAN 1952

4.1.52

Tele dir - Mrs Carl NYSTROM - JRS

Mrs. C. NYSTROM,  
311 Park West  
Edgewood Rd., Edgmont, Pa. 5.1.52

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(MACHEM)  
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1) Outgoing call CAIRNCROSS to PAD 1720 to KARL. CAIRNCROSS talked about his trip to Paris and about the translation which someone in Paris did under his supervision. CAIRNCROSS spoke very highly of Mr R.A. BUTLER his "boss" and remarked that he was one of the best men in the government and even listed as Churchill's successor. CAIRNCROSS thought we were definitely on the road to recovery, that the "mess" would gradually be cleared up now. He made inquiries about KARL's health. KARL would have taken a holiday and gone to Switzerland if it had not been for the fact that he had a job at the moment. They discussed film productions. Someone had told KARL what a grand idea it would be to have a film about the missing diplomats, and, it had struck him that such a picture would have great box office possibilities. He questioned CAIRNCROSS as to the exact line the story should take. CAIRNCROSS thought it should show a complete victory smashing Russian attempts to get hold of Allied secrets, showing us coming out completely on top. He thought though that they would have to be escaped scientists rather than diplomats. KARL appeared to agree, and, talked of wanting them to be persuaded right up to the time they got to the other side, and, then illustrate how they wished to God they hadn't done it. He suggested that two would have to escape from Harwell and a third was sent to make the chase. CAIRNCROSS would apparently undertake to write this story for him. 12.51

2) Conversation in progress between CAIRNCROSS and GABY's uncle HENRY. CAIRNCROSS was talking about the intended story for a film. HENRY pointed out the suspicious mind - character of the Russians saying that they would never trust people who had escaped to there. CAIRNCROSS did not think that their minds worked that way. They were prepared to use foreign communists to any extent provided these people did not have any individual responsibilities. They would for instance not tell them Russian state secrets. He pointed out the case of Togliatti, the Italian, who had lived in Russia for sometime, as did all their key men in Eastern Europe.



They had their own people who were absolutely a hundred per cent faithful to Russia, who were trained out there and then, who went back and acted as Russia's tools. If these people turned against the Russians then they were suppressed and were liquidated.

HENRY said that if people had betrayed their own country why should the Russians trust them.

CAIRNCROSS said that there were two different kinds of espionage. One, was the old style, the professional one where people did it for money and self interest. The other, was the modern ideological type where people did it for their ideas where they believed in some sort of creed like the nazis the fascists and the communists. The present type obviously the BURGESS and MacLEAN type belonged to the second type. They did it because they believed in something.

HENRY thought that these two had been annoyed by certain behaviour of other people.

CAIRNCROSS did not appear to ~~be~~ agree with him. He said that there was evidence that both of them had been mixed up in communistic activities fairly early on in their lives, particularly BURGESS, and, they had obviously got themselves involved in this network. If they had in fact got themselves involved in espionage it was because of ideas. The Russians knew that it was because these two people had ~~it~~ adhered to their ideas that they got information, and, they found this perfectly normal, because they (the Russians?) had been working this sort of racket for years, ever since they started.

That was their whole creed, that the supreme loyalty was to Russia and communism and not to ones own nation and, if someone acted in accordance with that, they were not surprised at it, they did not think that was a reason for distrusting people. They thought simply that these spies or agents were acting according to the real truth.

CAIRNCROSS pointed out that they had such a different mentality. It was terribly dangerous to apply our ideas to them. They had such an extremely peculiar type of mind which one could only understand if one looked at some of their very extraordinary writings in which they explained their ideas. Their basic ideas were extremely simple ones. What made it difficult for Westerners to understand was the rigour and logic and ruthlessness with which they carried them out.

HENRY (who could scarcely be heard) talked of a case of a journalist who had been to Russia.

CAIRNCROSS said that his articles had not yet appeared.

CAIRNCROSS talked of the general situation today and assured HENRY, who seemed rather pessimistic, that things were looking a lot better and that he himself was extremely optimistic for the first time since 1945.

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[Burgess  
Maclean]

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Information handed to Mr. Thistlethwaite on 8th January, 1952.

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John CAIRNCROSS.

I first met John CAIRNCROSS in December, 1933, when we were both competing for Entrance Scholarships at Trinity (Cambridge). He had already graduated at Glasgow and the Sorbonne and impressed by great competence (rather than brilliance) in French and German.

I knew him reasonably well from 1934 - 1936 and we kept up a desultory contact until the war broke out. I knew at second hand that he had moved from the Foreign Office to the Treasury at his own request after Munich. I saw him once or twice during the first year of the war when he was working in the Cabinet Office and again in (I think) 1942 when home on liaison from Cairo when he either still was or had been employed for a few months at Bletchley. He told me that once he had burnt the ropes he found the routine rather dull and gave me the impression that he did not consider he was furthering his career by doing such backroom work. I have seen him once since the war.

I never remember discussing "politics" with him. I always regarded him as progressive, but cannot recall any reason for thinking of him as extreme left-wing.

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February 3rd, 1952.

John Cairncross Esq.,  
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Dear Mr. Cairncross,

I am terribly upset to discover that I had not answered your letter of January 9th. I thought the matter over in detail as soon as I got your letter and was convinced I had written you.

One thing you had not told me when we met at Christmas time was that the contract with Defez had been signed some seven months earlier. It does make it extremely difficult to come back on its terms at such late a date.

The terms of the agreement are pretty stiff for the authors but I don't see what you can do about it now. The one really unsatisfactory point is obviously in the matter of the foreign rights. But if Defez is not ready to come back on it, I again don't see what you can do.

As regards the advance, the "additif à l'art. 3" does give you one if only on publication. It should about cover the expenses of the translation.

On this matter of your translator, I really don't at all see where she can have fetched ~~the~~ the Société des Gens de Lettres recommends 450 frs. per page. I called up upon receipt of your letter the General Secretary of the Association Professionnelle des Traducteurs who are, if anyone is, the most unlikely people to underrate translations. They assured me that they have never even ambitioned in the present state of publishing to obtain anything approaching 450 frs. 350 frs. is the top price and 300 frs. is a very good one for an unknown translator. Usual rates for other than well known translators range from 225-300 frs.

I don't know what to advise you to do with Defez. It will be more than delicate to offer the book elsewhere as you would have to tell the eventual publisher about your earlier agreement and I doubt that he would run the risk of doing the book in the circumstances. Also it is rather a specialized subject and pretty short which would make it difficult to fit it into a regular series of biographies.

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I can only see two ways open for you. The first is to let Defez publish the book on the terms of the agreement (you might have another try with him about foreign rights). The second one is to drop him and the idea of publishing the book in French, at least for a few years. I don't see how he can force you to give up the manuscript.

I shall certainly give you a ring when I come over and shall be delighted to see you both.

With renewed apologies for my long silence and my kindest regards to Mrs. Cairncross and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

*Maria Schcheko*

M. Schcheko.

Entre les soussignés :

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Extract from Telecheck on John CAIRNCROSS .

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 regarding his foreign currency - his signature would be required  
 for the travellers cheques. Mention also of a contract. CAIRNCROSS  
 believed they would be leaving ( for Paris ) on Saturday or Sunday  
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Dear Griffiths,

With reference to our discussion on the 4th December concerning John CAIRNCROSS, CAIRNCROSS has again been seen and the result of the interview was not entirely satisfactory, nor was it such as to clear up the doubts which we have concerning incidents in his past. On strict security grounds we must, therefore, regard him as a slight risk.

I realise, however, that from a practical point of view this places you in an embarrassing position since clearly purge action cannot be taken against CAIRNCROSS, nor can you find him a post where he will be completely denied access to secret information. I think I should add therefore that our view of the case is that if the explanation of the odd incidents in CAIRNCROSS's past is, as we think it is, that he did get himself involved in some form of intelligence activity, it is nevertheless quite probable that he did so through stupidity or naivete and is now ashamed to admit it. In these circumstances, and since there is no indication that he now has Communist views, and since moreover he is aware from the interviews which we have had with him that the eye of the security authorities is upon him, I feel that the practical risk to security is so slight that it need not cause you serious disquiet.

CAIRNCROSS has been told that if he wishes to get in touch with us again he can do so through Anderson at the Ministry of Supply. I hope you have no objection to this, but since contact with us had already been established through this link, it seemed unnecessary to involve you in any further interviews. It is quite possible that on our initiative we may wish to see CAIRNCROSS again and we shall not of course take any steps to this end without first consulting you.

Yours sincerely,

D.H. Whyte.

R.C. Griffiths, Esq.,  
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No doubt you will favour us with a call, bringing with you, your Passport in order that we can make the necessary entries.

In the meantime, we have ordered £4 of French Francs to the debit of your account.

Yours faithfully,

*Alfred Jones*

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Dear Jim & Joan,

I'm sorry that you haven't heard from us earlier either by way of  
thanks for your hospitality & advice about presents. May I briefly  
deal with this? I enjoyed my stay immensely - especially the "meals"  
- perhaps to repeat it. But when I'm next in town (Dec 18) it will be for the  
Xmas. As to presents, while I know the inevitable urge to buy Xmas  
presents on children, but we entertain the time? It becomes an almost  
intolerable burden to have to cram in shopping for one's relatives as well  
as for all the invariable neighbours & friends every Xmas & I really should  
welcome reciprocity in urgency. Besides, the children get an ambivalence  
of welcome & it builds up high expectations for this occasion. They are  
already spoiled by their grandfather, so if you can exercise some self-restraint  
for this sales we should feel happier not less happy!

I'm enclosing the cheque for £11 that I still owe. Meanwhile  
income tax has just put in a bid for <sup>some</sup> my spare cash so it was perhaps  
as well that I didn't cash it. By Jan 1, please, I shall be back  
in the heavily over-taxed state.

You will be glad to know that our programme is now being  
completed & that May will be having her fourth (4, all going according to  
plan, last) baby in August. This should let us get our summer holiday  
first, in May. But it will continue the poor load for a few years longer.  
Much love,  
Alice & May

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NAME: BLUNDEN

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Tel. No.: Welbeck ~~2136~~ 9841

Date: 7.12.51

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*PA Cairncross*

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i/c call for BLUNDEN from ALEX HALPERN. They refer to a lecture(?), and BLUNDEN remarks that he was 'terrified to see CAIRNCROSS in the audience'. Distant then ~~inv~~ invites BLUNDEN to dinner(?) on the 20th, and BLUNDEN accepts for 7.45.

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Nothing to report.

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Note for file PF.72493 - John CAIRNCROSS.

I saw CAIRNCROSS at the Ministry of Supply at 11 o'clock on the 10th December; Anderson of S.4. was present at the interview.

I explained to CAIRNCROSS that as a result of his previous interview with Mr. Martin, HENDRY had been seen and the latter had denied that he was the author of the unsigned letter of August 1938 addressed to CAIRNCROSS. CAIRNCROSS asked me if it was known where HENDRY was at the time the letter appeared to have been written, and he seemed anxious to find out more details about where it was posted and how it was addressed. I suggested to him that we had accepted HENDRY's denial and pointed out that it appeared that the writer was a foreigner and also that he was not particularly intimate with CAIRNCROSS since he used a fairly formal method of address. CAIRNCROSS was quite loquacious and said nothing which was very much to the point. He digressed to the subject of HAEFNER and asked what our attitude was towards his previous connection with HAEFNER. I said that we had an open mind and although the object of the interview was to try and discover the authorship of the letter I should be interested to hear anything which he might care to add to what he had previously said about his connection with HAEFNER. This appeared to incense CAIRNCROSS and he thumped the table. Anderson interposed some soothing words and I returned to the subject of the letter. CAIRNCROSS appeared to wish to know what was the evidence that he had tried to see HAEFNER while he was interned, and wanted to ascertain from us that he was cleared as regards the HAEFNER affair. I did not give him any such assurance. CAIRNCROSS

CAIRNCROSS thought that the author of the letter might be a German refugee, he had a number of acquaintances in German refugee circles, and it was possible that one of these might have passed his name on to a friend of theirs on the continent. Since CAIRNCROSS seemed unable to make any useful suggestion regarding the authorship of the letter I terminated the interview which had lasted approximately 25 minutes. CAIRNCROSS said that he would search his memory as to who could have written the letter. He agreed that the suggestion that the writer was a foreigner opened up new possibilities and said that it was a possibility which had not occurred to him before. I said that if he wished to get in touch with me would he do so through Anderson at the Ministry of Supply who would pass on any message.

I was not favourably impressed by CAIRNCROSS, who appeared to me an evasive character. It was clear that the previous interview rankled in his memory and he had come to the second one prepared to be contumacious. It did not seem to me a good moment for suggesting to him that we thought he was being evasive and that it would be to his advantage to be frank with us, though I still think that line might be adopted at a subsequent interview.

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5th August 1938

Dear Mr. Cairncross,

I have just heard the following piece of news which I think quite important:

A highly placed Italian visitor making an auto-tour of inspection through Germany. One of Himmler's Chiefs of Staff is in charge of the tour. Himmler's Staff Officer found dead, either in the car or in hotel at Frankfurt on Main.

Every effort being made to keep matter secret.

As far as I know the Italian visitor is missing and the intelligence and Gestapo are working at the top speed to solve the problem.

Supposed cause of death: poison.

I have had no chance of exactly proving this news but taking into consideration from where I obtained the information I have every reason for believing its authenticity.

I want to get this off quick and so will write you again later regarding things generally. • Fraternally.

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Note for file - John CAIRNCROSS, PF. 72493.

On 4 December a meeting was held in Mr. Marriott's room to discuss the case of John CAIRNCROSS. Those present were Mr. Marriott, Mr. Battersby, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Burbidge, Mr. Griffiths representing the Treasury and Mr. Anderson representing the Ministry of Supply. At the outset the circumstances were explained to Griffiths which had led us to revise the assessment of CAIRNCROSS which Mr. Mitchell had given Griffiths when he saw him at the Treasury on 30 April. Griffiths then explained that since it had seemed unlikely that CAIRNCROSS would get promotion in his own department, the Treasury, he had been transferred to the Ministry of Supply initially on a temporary basis. He had, however, just heard from Wilkinson that CAIRNCROSS had proved unsuitable for the work on which he was engaged in the Ministry of Supply and that the Ministry of Supply wished to transfer him back to the Treasury. This move by the Ministry of Supply had not been prompted by the security considerations which had arisen. Mr. Marriott said that although our grounds for regarding CAIRNCROSS as a security risk were rather indefinite, he felt that he should be employed in a post where he would not have access to secret information. Griffiths said that although it would not be easy to find a position of this kind in the Treasury, he had in mind a department where CAIRNCROSS would deal with Ministry of Works estimates and although about 10% of this work might be described by the Ministry of Works as secret, it would not involve much more than knowledge of building programmes which in certain cases might be for secret departments. It was agreed that this seemed to be a reasonable solution.

2. Griffiths explained that although CAIRNCROSS was brilliant intellectually, he appeared to lack the administrative ability which was necessary for him to make a success of his career in the Treasury. He also described CAIRNCROSS' character as known to him and said that he had a very wide circle of acquaintances and was the type of man who out of kindness of heart would help people like refugees who were in difficulties. Mr. Marriott explained that as a result of our investigations we might discover more about CAIRNCROSS' career as an undergraduate although it was doubtful whether that would really influence our present assessment of him in any way or the other. From what he had heard of the description which had been given of CAIRNCROSS' character he did not sound as if he was really a dangerous man, but he thought that he might have behaved foolishly at some period early in his career. He also said that he thought it desirable that CAIRNCROSS should be interviewed again as early as possible concerning the writer of the letter. Anderson said that he thought CAIRNCROSS would expect this since CAIRNCROSS had asked him on several occasions if he knew the result of the enquiries which we were making. It was agreed that arrangements would be made for CAIRNCROSS to be transferred back to the Treasury by approximately 17 December and that if possible an interview should be arranged before that date to take place in the same conditions as the previous interview. Both Griffiths and Anderson expressed the view, it might be put to CAIRNCROSS that it could only be to his advantage, as a Civil Servant employed in Ministries where most posts involved access to secret information, if he cooperated with us in clearing up the points concerning which we were in doubt.

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James Cairncross as Burns and Iris Russell as Clarinda, who are appearing at Ayr in Robert Kemp's new play, "The Other Dear Charmer," photographed during a visit to the Burns Museum at Alloway.

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I expect to be in here for around three weeks as I am to have preliminary iodine treatment lasting up to ten days before the operation. The sister has just come to tell me that I am to have a private room after the operation, so it wont be so bad after all.

Do write when you can spare the time as I welcome letters when lying in bed.

Mother is much her usual - very frail.

Thank you again for "the things of fate" and just post back the spacers to mother. Much love  
Elsie.

P.S. The photos I took of you were very good. I'll send them on next time I write.

Ward 6  
Block A  
Law Hospital  
Carlisle.  
3/12/51

Dear John and Gobi,  
Many thanks for both your letters. I know I'm a bit late in writing to thank you for the bloodless book part of which I've read and thoroughly enjoyed. The rest I shall read when I return home - I hope - in about three weeks time.

I came in here today for my third sojourn in Law. The other two times I had a private room as I asked for nursing home treatment. However, as I am to have an operation, I must come into the ward & life here isn't quite so pleasant, as there is no privacy. Still, one does see life! There are all sorts of types from young children to an elderly grandmother whose language is

3 mother would like for her birthday  
a box of stationery, as she writes  
quite a few letters, and she has  
nearly everything else one can think  
of. She still has some of the Advocate  
& brought her home from Stolland.

I hope the new flat in  
Stolland Park materialize and that  
all the toil over Phèdre & Shakespeare  
proves a lucrative prospect.

We haven't seen Andrew nor  
heard from him since he came to  
Lismahagow to see you at the  
beginning of August. The aunts at  
Maddington met Mr McLean one day  
in a shop and reports that he is  
quite well.

Alec is coming through some  
time this month. I see he was  
busy last week up north on the

I somewhat obscure!

As to the Shetland spencers, please  
just post them back to Lismahagow,  
as mother is just in need of two  
new ones. I'm afraid the blue dress, a  
lovely one too, won't fit me, as the  
surgeon promises to put pounds on me.  
As far as I can hear, most people put  
stones on after a thyroid operation, so  
that means a complete wardrobe for  
me.

I'm enclosing a cutting from the  
Herald which I promised to send on  
before, as you will remember Les Baux.  
I thought you would be interested, too,  
in the cutting of James Cairncross in  
the new Burns play. Also saw him  
in London in "Edward, my son!" and  
also met him at Harrogate. James  
has been getting very good critics since  
he came back to the Citizens as leading  
man. I haven't seen him at all.



# Seigneurs of Les Baux

NO visit to Provence should miss the ancient city of Les Baux. It is situated near Arles and clings to a rocky pinnacle in a region as desolate and arid as the Arizona Desert. All around, as far as the eye can see, stretch the infinite plains of the Camargue—that mysterious region at the mouths of the Rhone. In the foreground lies the Crau, a vast, pebbly desert which was once the bed of the river Durance. Away on the horizon lies the Etang de Vaccares, a tropical lagoon where the flamingo and the ibis live undisturbed in the marshes.

The pinnacle of Les Baux dominates the whole area, and here, in the Middle Ages, lived the Seigneurs. Here they built an immense citadel which remains now one of the most incredible relics of medieval times. The Seigneurs, called by a contemporary writer the race of eagles, ruled from their eyrie almost the whole of Southern France. The city was built in the ninth and tenth centuries, and its long and turbulent history extended over 600 years.

## Ghostly Ruin

In 1632 Louis XIII, having suffered much at the hands of the warlike Seigneurs, ordered its total destruction. It is now only a ghostly ruin: but although the ancient splendour has gone, the dead city teems with memories of the lords of Les Baux and their jesters and troubadours.

The Seigneurs boasted that they were descended from one of the Three Wise Men, but their rule was the rule of force and not of law. All they could see from their mountain top, and much of the land beyond the horizon, belonged to them. They ruled Marseille, Orange and Provence, and even claimed the resounding titles of Kings of Arles and Emperors of Constantinople. Such was their reputation, however, that they successfully allied themselves with most of the reigning houses in Europe.

Les Baux is the supreme example of the medieval fortified town. Most of the

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buildings are cut out of solid rock, but rising above the rock are the houses of the Seigneurs, the Church of St Vincent dating from the ninth century, and the old castle with its original Saracen tower still standing after 11 centuries. In the face of the rock are the houses where most of the 3000 inhabitants lived. On every side there are inscriptions and armorial bearings, and at one corner of a street there still hangs the *Lanterne des Morts*, lit to guide the souls of the dying.

To the student of the past every building is interesting. Here are Louis XIV chimney pieces and the original postern gate and guard room with the arms of the first marquis above the entrance. Here is the mansion of the House of Manville with magnificent crossbar windows. Here is the Tower of Brau, built in the thirteenth century and once famous as a meeting place of the Court of Love. Everywhere the visitor looks there are arched roofs, winding stairs, mazes of passages and underground houses.

## Yearly Revivals

The city is now deserted, but there are two occasions in the year when it becomes alive. At Christmas the shepherds from the surrounding plains arrive in hundreds at Les Baux to celebrate midnight mass, in a curious ceremony which has taken place every Christmas for 1000 years, and now attracts many visitors as well as local inhabitants. There is a procession to the church led by a small decorated cart drawn by a lamb, and the lamb is offered to the Christ Child by each of the shepherds in turn. This is followed by a medieval Nativity play.

The other ceremony, held in July each year, has no early origin. The old Church of St Vincent contains a statue of St Christopher, the patron saint of travellers, and each year a festival in his honour attracts visitors from all over France.

Apart from these two events the city is deserted, and this probably strengthens the impression that the visitor has stepped into the Middle Ages. The bakeries, for example, look as if the bakers had left them only yesterday and not 300 hundred years ago. In the narrow passages leading up through the rock to the battlements it would be no surprise if an armed guard appeared. The whole city transports the visitor back eight or nine centuries, and nothing is visible to remind him that he lives in a more modern age. This is part of the charm of Les Baux, and the natives say that many visitors return year after year to contemplate the centuries from the ramparts.

## Visions by Moonlight

The Provençal always advises strangers to visit Les Baux by moonlight. Then, he says, the long dead city comes to life again. The rock houses have lights in the little windows, the winding stairs and the passages; the armouries and the guard-rooms are alive with armed men, and in the Great Hall of the Kings the troubadours are singing. There is again activity in the bakeries and the guard is mounted at the postern gate. If the visitor's ear is keen he can hear, afar off, the chapel choir chanting a Provençal litany which the Crusaders might have heard on their journey to the East.

It may be that the Provençal is too imaginative. But even the Northerner, standing on the moonlit battlements of the long dead city, feels that he has, like Macbeth, seen a show of kings; and sensed, for a moment, the brilliance and splendour of the Middle Ages.

Plan for Cairness

## EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No. PF. 72,493 Name: CAIRNCROSS (main vol.)Original in File No. \* PF. 72,493/Supp Serial: 60 Vol: 2 Receipt Date: 30.11.51.Original from: telecheck on John CAIRNCROSS,  
civil servant with Comm. connections. Under Ref.: Dated: 27.11.51.Extracted on: 13.3.52. by: R.E.M. Section: B.2.a.

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Incoming call from STEFFIE to GABY to tell her about their (she went with CHARLES holiday in Paris. CHARLES had been buying quite a lot - it was great fun seeing all the art dealers etc. GABY mentioned that they had been to a lecture about Paris in the 17th century. It was given by a man called BLUNT. STEFFIE inquired whether it was ANTHONY BLUNT of COURTAULDS. GABY said yes. STEFFY went on to talk about Paris. GABY mentioned having had tea in the House of Commons this afternoon with MACAD...whom she had not seen for about two years. It seems, she wanted to see him in connection with her survey quiz. She said that they had had lunch with Adelaide and had helped her to write a letter to her local M.P. about the very high postage to Korea.

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Note.

It has been arranged that Mr. Anderson of the Ministry of Supply and Mr. Griffiths of the Treasury will come here next Tuesday, December 4th, at 11 a.m.

B.I. Sec.  
28.11.51.

*in F.*

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NOTE.

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Griffiths telephoned this afternoon to say that he would be available to discuss this case on any day next week except Monday afternoon.

I promised to get into touch with him as soon as we had heard from Anderson.

*J. H. Marriott*

J.H.Marriott.

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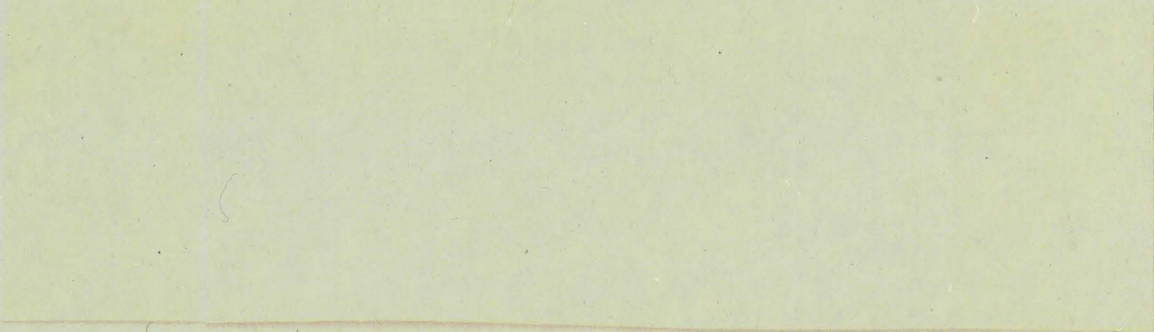
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*for*  
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Dear Griffiths,

John CAIRNCROSS.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I am sending to Anderson of the Ministry of Supply concerning John CAIRNCROSS.

2. Since Graham Mitchell discussed this case with you on 30 April, there have been certain developments as a result of which CAIRNCROSS was interviewed by a member of this office concerning his connection with Donald MACLEAN and concerning a letter addressed to CAIRNCROSS which, owing to the fact that it had been misdirected, came into the possession of the security authorities. The result of this interview, at which Anderson of the Ministry of Supply was present, was not entirely satisfactory and we cannot regard the case as closed.

3. I should be grateful if you could let us know whether it would be possible for you to discuss this matter with Anderson and John Marriott. Since I shall be away from 26 November until 1 December, perhaps you would be good enough to ring Marriott direct about this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

D.H. Whyte.

R.C. Griffiths Esq.,  
Treasury.

DHW/PAB

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23 November 1951

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Dear Anderson,

John CAIRNCROSS.

You will recall that I mentioned to you the other day the case of John CAIRNCROSS. You will understand that since we forwarded to you our assessment of his case in our letter of 8 May 1951, there have been developments as a result of which we are being led to revise our opinion as to his reliability. It is, of course, possible that these doubts may be resolved, but at present we should not feel happy if he was employed in a position where he had access to secret information.

2. Since he is at present on loan to the Treasury <sup>M.O.S.</sup> and I understand that there is a possibility of his being transferred back to that Department, I feel that it would be helpful if we could have a meeting to discuss further action and, at this meeting, the Establishment side of the Treasury should be represented. John Marriott has suggested that in the circumstances it might be more convenient if the meeting was held here and I should be grateful if you could let us know whether you have any objection to this suggestion.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter to Griffiths, of the Treasury. I shall be away from the 26th until 1st December so perhaps you could let John Marriott know your views of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

D.H. Whyte.

R. Anderson Esq.,  
Ministry of Supply,  
Shell Mex House, Strand, W.C.2.

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Note for File.

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HENDRY was interviewed for the second time at Room 055 on 16th November, 1951. I began the interview by saying that I was deputising for Mr. Martin.

HENDRY is a man of about 5ft. 6ins. in height, with dark hair, bespectacled, of slight build with rather a weak flabby face.

He said that he was returning to Vienna next Sunday, 18th November, to resume his present occupation of translator at the British Legation in Vienna.

HENDRY/SKUP/POLLACK Relationship.

I asked HENDRY to see if he could remember Stephan POLLACK, but the answer was entirely negative. I asked him if he knew a journalist called H. MILLER. He said that he had heard of MILLER. I then asked if he had heard of him in 1939 as living in Greece, to which he replied that he had in fact known, in about 1941 to 1942, that MILLER had been in Greece in 1939. On being asked about his original meeting with SKUP, HENDRY said that he first met SKUP more or less by chance in one of the two main Cafes in Ljubljana in September, 1939. He explained that the majority of foreigners in Ljubljana gathered together in one of these two cafes and that he had got talking quite naturally to Stefan SKUP. He described SKUP as about 5ft. 6ins in height, with dark almost negroid hair, sallow complexion and aquiline features, who at that time had a limp. He said that SKUP had a very wide circle of friends, including persons in high political circles in the Yugoslav Government.

A Few More Biographical Details.

HENDRY said that he had been to the U.S.S.R. once, in 1932, when he had spent a month there with a party of about thirty students and business men. Between 1936 and 1938 he worked in the Inland Revenue Department as an Assistant Inspector of Taxes. At the end of 1938 he went to Jugoslavia with his wife who wished to see her parents. At that time he was writing articles for various papers, such as the "Leeds Mercury" and the monthly magazine, "Nineteenth Century". HENDRY said that he had never been to Spain.

CAIRNCROSS.

HENDRY had a few more things to add about the anonymous letter. He said that he had been thinking about it a lot since the first interview and had come to the conclusion that CAIRNCROSS had given his name to Mr. Martin for some sinister reason. He explained that he himself, who knew CAIRNCROSS well, would never have begun a letter "Dear John CAIRNCROSS", and would certainly not sign off "fraternally". He suggested that the phrase, "at the top speed" was a phrase which would ~~not~~ be used <sup>not</sup> by an Englishman, but by a foreigner.

In about 1941 or 1942 HENDRY was invited to attend a social evening by members of the exiled Yugoslav Government in London. He presumed that he had been invited because of the series of articles on Jugoslavia which he had written in the past. A short time after this social evening he met CAIRNCROSS, who seemed to be annoyed with him and remarked, "I see you are now mixing with the wrong people".

In May, 1951, HENDRY went on to say, he had sent a pamphlet printed in Russian by the N.T.S. (National Workers Union), an anti-Bolshevik organisation, to CAIRNCROSS. He had sent this pamphlet with a covering note to CAIRNCROSS in England as a member of the Foreign Office, because a) he thought that the pamphlet might be of interest to the Foreign Office, and b) because he wanted to bring to the attention of Foreign Office officials the fact that the Americans in Austria were hindering the work of the N.T.S. by improperly treating deserters from the U.S.S.R. HENDRY said that he had asked a certain Richard HODSOLL of 8 Queens Court, Washam Road, South Croydon, who was, in May 1951, working with him in the Allied Secretariat in Vienna to take this pamphlet and the covering note to CAIRNCROSS. He later heard from HODSOLL that the pamphlet had been delivered to CAIRNCROSS and expressed a wish to meet

The interview produced in me, as in Mr. Martin, a certain sense of doubt with regard to HENDRY's integrity. His description of his original meeting with SKUP, including the date and the manner of meeting, does not tally exactly with the description given to Mr. Martin during the first interview. He was nervous and obviously very worried about his association with CAIRNCROSS, and in particular felt guilty about passing the latter the N.T.S. pamphlet.

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NOTE

I interviewed Mr. J.F. HENDRY at Room 055, War Office on 13.11.51 introducing myself as a member of the Security Service.

I explained to him that the questions he had been asked by the Head of Chancery in Vienna were for the purpose of identifying the writer of a letter addressed to Mr. CAIRNCROSS and dated 5.8.1938. I described how this letter had come into my possession and told HENDRY of the statement made by CAIRNCROSS that he thought HENDRY might have been the author. I then showed HENDRY the letter. He appeared to read it carefully and without hesitation to say that he had not written it. I then asked him why he had not been able to say at once when questioned in Vienna that he was not the author of the letter. He replied that when first asked about it the subject matter had struck a faint chord in his memory, and that he had not therefore wished to rule out altogether the possibility; moreover he had at the time thought it possible that his first wife might have written the letter. Having seen it he felt quite sure, from the method of address, that she could not be the writer.

HENDRY then described how he had come to meet CAIRNCROSS. He said that they were together at Glasgow University where they had become friends when both were studying for the Foreign Office entrance examination. CAIRNCROSS passed this examination while he failed and became a free-lance journalist. The two men kept in touch by letter. In 1936 he married his first wife who was an American citizen of Italian extraction. Between 1936 and 1939 he and his first wife travelled extensively on the Continent and particularly in Italy, he eking out a living from free-lance journalism. Early in 1939 he met CAIRNCROSS at a party in London and, in describing his travels, said that he thought something more could be done to help the people of Venezia Giulia. CAIRNCROSS apparently was interested in this idea and asked HENDRY to write him a letter describing his impressions of the people there. This HENDRY did ( and confirmed that serial 49b which I showed him, was a copy of that letter). (74b) in two PF

To his surprise HENDRY then received a request from an officer at the War Office, whose name he could not remember, to meet him at the Army and Navy Club.

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HENDRY said that he made his way back to England via Italy. While in Italy he obtained information from friends of his wife's indicating the date when Italy intended to enter the war. On arrival in London he wrote to CAIRNCROSS c/o Foreign Office giving him this information. He received a formal letter of thanks in reply.

In the summer of 1940 HENDRY said that he stayed in CAIRNCROSS's flat in London while the latter was on holiday in France. He remembers this because CAIRNCROSS only just succeeded in returning to England before the fall of France. HENDRY said that he described his experiences in Yugoslavia to CAIRNCROSS, but that the latter appeared to take little interest in the story. He remembers that when he asked whether the information he had passed to CAIRNCROSS had been useful, CAIRNCROSS said that he passed it on to the "right quarters" mentioning the name of Sir Gladwyn Jebb.

HENDRY then set about joining the Army and was in fact enlisted in the Intelligence Corps. In 1941 while serving in Cornwall he received a message that his wife was ill. He returned to London and found that his wife had in fact lost her reason. He arranged for treatment for her. HENDRY mentioned that he had been extremely worried at the time by something which his wife had said during one of her outbursts of hysteria which indicated that she might have been associating with a man named "John". He jumped to the conclusion that this might be John CAIRNCROSS. Very shortly afterwards his wife was killed during an air-raid in London.

After her death he decided to tackle CAIRNCROSS about his suspicions. He visited CAIRNCROSS's flat and there noticed in a book-case a particular book which he had bought for his wife and which had disappeared. He confronted CAIRNCROSS with his suspicions which CAIRNCROSS dismissed as absurd, but HENDRY said that nevertheless he had never been able to accept this denial because of the presence of his wife's book in CAIRNCROSS's flat.

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I then pointed out to HENDRY that he had mentioned the name KLUGMAN in his written statement and asked him what he knew of KLUGMAN. HENDRY seemed rather taken aback by this question but replied that he did not know KLUGMAN except by reputation. I asked how he had ever heard the name and after some hesitation he said that he thought Dorian COOKE might have mentioned it. I asked him why he had remembered the name and he said that he thought he had read articles written by KLUGMAN. I asked him if he knew that KLUGMAN was a Communist and he answered that he had thought he was and that Dorian COOKE had described him as "an up-and-coming man".

At this point I asked HENDRY how he would describe his own political views in 1939. He answered that he would now describe them as "left-wing would-be-intellectual". He added that he now realised that his own ideas at this time had been half-baked and inspired by a hatred of Nazism. He realised now that he had then been incapable of seeing deeply enough into the political forces at work. I asked him whether he had ever been a member of the Communist Party or any Popular Front organisation. He said that until 1942 or 1943 he had never been a member of any political organisation, although he had sympathised with any that was left-wing. In 1942 or 1943 ( he could not remember the precise date ) while he was in the Army, he joined the Communist Party in company with another soldier in his unit. He received his Party card which was valid for one year, but did not renew it and said that he had never been pressed to do so.

I then asked him whether he would be prepared to talk to me concerning CAIRNCROSS's political views. He seemed unsure how to answer and I asked him therefore how he would describe CAIRNCROSS at the time he knew him. He said that CAIRNCROSS was a left-wing intellectual. I asked him whether CAIRNCROSS had ever been a member of the Communist Party or left-wing organisation. He hesitated for a long time and I asked him whether this was because he felt himself unable to answer this question out of loyalty towards CAIRNCROSS. He appeared to pull himself together and said that if he had positive information that CAIRNCROSS had ever been a member of such an organisation he would certainly have told me. In fact he had no such evidence but he would not be surprised to learn that CAIRNCROSS had had such associations. In order to explain his own lack of knowledge he said that CAIRNCROSS was intellectually a far more

mature person than himself who had moved in circles for which he (HENDRY) felt himself unfitted.

The interview left me not wholly satisfied with HENDRY's integrity. I found it very difficult to pin him down to precise statements but I am not sure whether this was due to deliberate evasiveness or to a genuinely woolly mind. I feel reasonably satisfied however that he was not the author of the unsigned letter to CAIRNCROSS.

I arranged to see HENDRY again on Friday 16th November 1951 before his return to Vienna.

B.2.b  
14.11.51

*ASm*  
A.S. Martin

## EXTRACT.

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PF 45515  
Original in File No.: PF 54559 Supp. Vol. 9 Serial: 697 Receipt Date: 5.14.54  
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Extract from t.c. on CHA:5872/HOL:7332, office of James MacGIBBON, publisher and communist  
I/c call from Mrs. Jean MacGIBBON to James MacGIBBON.

Jean rings James. Jean had rung up Hope this morning, who had agreed that CAIRNCROSS couldn't do the thing (translate the book). She (Hope) had suggested Erik DE MAUNY. She had rung up STEINHOUSE, who was against him at first, but admitted after a bit that DE MAUNY had been doing it under difficulties, that he and Peggy MATHIESON had been working on it with him and they felt they had had enough of him. Jean had then rung up John LEHMANN, who had never, to his knowledge, used him (DE M) for translations but did think he could write. Hope was all for him. She thought he was quite approachable. James thought the idea of RUSSELL and Robert KEE would be the safer bet. Hope had said Philip TOYNBEE was the real answer. James would ring him up and try. They discuss the pros and cons. James says that Archie COLQUHOUN had asked him to go to the Italian Institute tonight at 6.30 where he was giving a lecture. James had accepted. Jean urges him to have dinner out too. James says that John LEHMANN was talking at the Book Society on November 8th.

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O/G Jean rings (Sloane 8580) to Hope.\*  
 Long talk on a translator. John CAIRNCROSS was not good enough.  
 Hope suggests Erik de MAUNY at the B.B.C. Foreign News Service  
 Dept at Bush House, his home no. was 3 Frobisher 8782, 39  
 Courtfield Road. He was absolutely bi-lingual. He had  
 written novels himself.  
 Jean knew his name quite well.

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SLOane 8580: Alan LANCASTER, 1, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

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Early on in the CAIRNCROSS file there is a registry action slip (signed by me), directing the extraction from PF. -? of certain traces for CAIRNCROSS and adding that others could be ignored. The perspective of 1951 is so different from that of 1948 that I feel these last mentioned traces ought to be looked at again. I am quite willing to do this myself, but I rather think you have the file at the moment.

PF 47562  
att'd

*C.A.G. Simkins*

B.2.a.  
22.10.51.

C.A.G. Simkins

I looked again at these traces all of which occur in PF 47562 Victor HAGNER and concern CAIRNCROSS' sponsorship of this gentleman in the U.K. I do not think it is necessary to have them all extracted into PF 72493 - but the whole HAGNER file is relevant to CAIRNCROSS.

A.S.M.

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NOTE

On 23.10.51 I saw Mr. Anderson, the Security Officer at the Ministry of Supply. Anderson enquired about the progress made in the case of CAIRNCROSS, and explained that he had just discovered that independently of his own interest in CAIRNCROSS the Administrative Branch of the Ministry of Supply had decided that CAIRNCROSS was incompetent and must be removed. Anderson said that he was quite prepared to advise the Administrative Branch not to take action to remove him while our own investigations were in progress.

I told Anderson in general terms of the results of our enquiries, and said that I anticipated we would be ready to deal with CAIRNCROSS in three or four weeks; I added that I thought it would be preferable if CAIRNCROSS could remain in the Ministry of Supply for that time. Anderson agreed to make the necessary arrangements.

I later confirmed with both B.2 and B.1.e that they agreed with this advice.

B.2.b  
25.10.51

A.S. Martin

*A.S. Martin*

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