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MINUTE SHEET

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6.3.52.

Summary of current activities and associates of John CAIRNCROSS

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28/10/52
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~~B.2. through B.2.b. and B.2.a./Mr. Simkins~~

An interim report on the results of investigation of CAIRNCROSS to date is filed at serial 127a. It is not comprehensive but is intended to give an impression of CAIRNCROSS' recent views and activities.

Since the discovery of the CAIRNCROSS document amongst BURGESS' effects throws a more serious light on his case, B.2.a. will re-examine more closely those of his contacts who did not on first sight appear significant.

A.F. Burbidge
A.F. Burbidge

B.2.a.
7.3.52.

129.

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~~B.2.a./A.F.B.~~

D.B. tabled the letter at 124a at a meeting with the Foreign Office on March 5th. The Foreign Office representatives expressed the provisional view that they would be prepared to give the necessary evidence, but the point would have to be submitted formally to their legal advisers and finally decided at a high level.

After discussion, it was agreed that it would be premature to obtain a decision now, and D.B. withdrew the letter. D.B.'s opinion is that we can safely hold the threat of prosecution over CAIRNCROSS without misgiving that this is a bluff which could be called.

C.A.G. Simkins
C.A.G. Simkins

B.2.a.
7.3.52

*original now p.a'd with file copy at 124a

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7.3.52. Int. letter to John CAIRNCROSS from B.B.C.

130a

7.3.52. Note by B.2.b/ASM re CAIRNCROSS's employment in R.5.

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11.3.52. Note by B.2.b re CAIRNCROSS mentioning HAEFNER & RAAB

132a

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13.3.52. Extract from TC on McGIBBON re CAIRNCROSS.

133z

13.3.52. From A.L.O. Scotland in reply to 131a.

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13.3.52. Report by Mr. Hedger on writing at 111a.

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14.3.52. Extract from letter from Foreign Office re O'NEILL ment. CAIRNCROSS

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Reference.....

- 18.3.52. B.2.a. note re possible relative of CAIRNCROSS in Home Office 136b
- 18.3.52. Loose minute to B.2.b. from B.2.a. enclosing copy of 136b 136c
- 18.3.52. Extract from t/c on PEACH ment. CAIRNCROSS 136d
- 18.3.52. B.2.a. note giving names and traces of officials in Government Departments who are shown from the t/c to have been in touch with CAIRNCROSS 136e

137.

- 9.3.52. C.I. note re meeting at Treasury concerning CAIRNCROSS 137a
- 9.3.52. Ext. from telecheck. 137b

138.

D.B.

At your request I discussed this case with Winnifrith. Please see note at 137a.

G.R. Mitchell

G.R. Mitchell.

C.I.

19.3.52.

- 19.3.52. Note by B.2.b on message from P.M's office.

139.

- 19.3.52. Summary of CAIRNCROSS case

140.

- 19.3.52. Note re meeting in B.2.a. with Mr. Mann re enquiries into the CA family background

- 19.3.52. Statement by Mr. K [redacted] on CAIRNCROSS' Communism at C

- 19.3.52. Note on meeting with Mr. [redacted] K [redacted]

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D.G. *2/3*

After discussing the case with you we have passed to Mr. Colville a note on John CAIRNCROSS, a copy of which is at 139a. Although this was an unofficial request by Mr. Colville, on behalf of the Prime Minister, you felt that the passing of the note at 139a to the P.M.'s office might result in further enquiries from the P.M.

In addition to the facts contained in the note, you may wish to know that the Treasury has been informed of the case (137a) and that we are making plans to interrogate him as soon as possible. On the advice of S.L.B. his interrogation may have to be cleared with the D.P.P.

D.B. *D.G. White.*
21.3.52.

142.

Note for ALO Scotland re CAIRNCROSS.

142a

B.2.A. note re Mr. Hall.

142b

143.

Telegram to Int. Div. re FROELICK.

143a

To Mr. Colville, Downing Street re CAIRNCROSS.

143b

B.2.A. note on discussions re CAIRNCROSS.

143c

Minute to D.B. from B.2.A. enclosing note on CAIRNCROSS.

143d

B.2.A. note on meeting with Mr. K. re CAIRNCROSS.

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144.

3. Note of Mr. Skardon's and Mr. Hill's interview with P.P. re interrogation of CAIRNCROSS.

144a



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Reference.....

145.

B.2.

Please see at 144a note of interview with the Director of Public Prosecutions on 26.3.52.

B. A. Hill

S.L.B.
27.3.52.

B.A. Hill.

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27.3.53.

B.2.A. note on discussion with D.B. re CAIRNCROSS.

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27.3.52

Note prepared for D.G. to hand to Home Secretary on 27.3.52

146b

27.3.52

Int. letter from ALG CAIRNCROSS ~~dated~~ postmarked 25.3.52

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29.3.52

B2a note of discussion with Winnifriith re CAIRNCROSS

147a

148,

31.3.52

B2A note re. searching CAIRNCROSS's desk at the Treasury together with photographs of some of the contents

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31.3.52.

Int. to CAIRNCROSS from "Dick",

148b

1.4.52

B5 observation report no. F.180/1

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31 MAR 1952

28 Mar '52

MONTE ESQUINZA 30

Madrid

My dear John

Antonio Ibernou, our head
Factotum, who has been pushing your
claim with great zeal, now advises that
a letter sh. be written to:-

Sr. Jefe de ~~la~~ Explotacion y Comercio
de la 2^a Zona
Avenida de Barcelona, 6

Madrid

detailing the sums which you are claiming.

Would you care to compose a letter for
us to deliver to this official? The enclosed
would be a peg to hang it on - I
see it is addressed to you. Your two
1st Class tickets to Barcelona, which I
have, seem to be worth P400.50 between
them & your sleeping car ticket P305.

You said in your letter of Jan 30
that your total claim including
compensation for inconvenience was about
£20. I imagine you have given details
in the complaints book, but they seem
to want it all over again.

Your letter showed I think also
contain an authority to the Jefe
de Expl. y Com. to pay the compensation
claimed to me.

I hope you will enjoy doing this!

In case they quibble, would you
let me know what is the least you
are prepared to accept?

I think we ought to pay the
good Antonio a percentage, say 10,
as he has paid quite a number of
visits to the different offices.

Our love to Gali - I'm so sorry
we were so rushed in England that we
couldn't all meet
Yours ever
Dick

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NOTE FOR FILE

CAIRNCROSS's desk at the Treasury was searched on Friday March 28th between 20.15 and 22.00 hours. Mr. Griffiths of the Treasury was present. Little of interest was found, but certain items were photographed, and are in the attached envelope.

Among the property not photographed was what appeared to be a typescript of a book entitled "Evolution of Revolution" by ~~S.N. HOWELL~~ A.T.

There was nothing to suggest what CAIRNCROSS's current political interests are - if any. There was a good deal of evidence that he has an erudite taste in literature.

C.A.G. Simkins

B.2.a.
31.3.52

C.A.G. Simkins

148a

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

CONTENTS OF ENVELOPE

PHOTOSTATS OF DOCUMENTS FOUND WHEN CAIRNCROSS'S DESK WAS
SEARCHED AT THE TREASURY ON 29.3.52 - SEE ATTACHED NOTE

1480

3008 So. Abingdon St.
Fairlington, Va.

January 23, 1952

Dear John,

Your recent card and note were a delight
to receive.

Congratulations on your marriage! I see
that you also married a Californian!

My Margie comes from Los Angeles. Her
family name was Walters. Perhaps they
may know each other.

How ambitious of you to be writing a
book for publication in France! Au
quel sujet, Monsieur? I always knew
that you were especially fond of
French, but I didn't realize that you had
any idea of publishing "vos oeuvres" in
French.

Just a year ago this month, I was recalled to active duty in the Navy. Since that time, I've been stationed here in the Pentagon Bldg. in Washington. Of course, I hated to give up my school, but our defenses had to be tightened up by someone. Now that we are here, we are beginning to enjoy the life of work. I am also enjoying my present work with the Navy.

So you are now with the Treasury. Interesting as it must be, you no doubt find the work endless. I'm quite alarmed by the announcement of a proposed \$85 billion ^{budget} for fiscal 1953. It seems quite out of line to me, although I approve of the uses to which it is to be put. Let us know if you ever get over here. Meanwhile, all our very best wishes to both of you. Sincerely, Leo Allbee

Tally Ho! Come (M. Dudley)
Gardner



8 1/2 miles

From
Cathie
Dudley

3007 So. Alhambra St.
Fairfield, Va.
January 23, 1925

Dear John,

Your recent card and note were a delight
to receive.

Congratulations on your marriage! I see
that you also married a Californian!
My Marie came from Los Angeles. Her
family name was Weston. Perhaps that
may have been the other.

How ambitious of you to be writing a
book for publication in France! Our
day isn't just, Monsieur? I always want
that you were especially fond of
French, but I don't realize that you have
any idea of publishing "in French" in
France.

Townsend St, 1825
Fairfaxton, Va.
3002 20. April 24

Dear John,

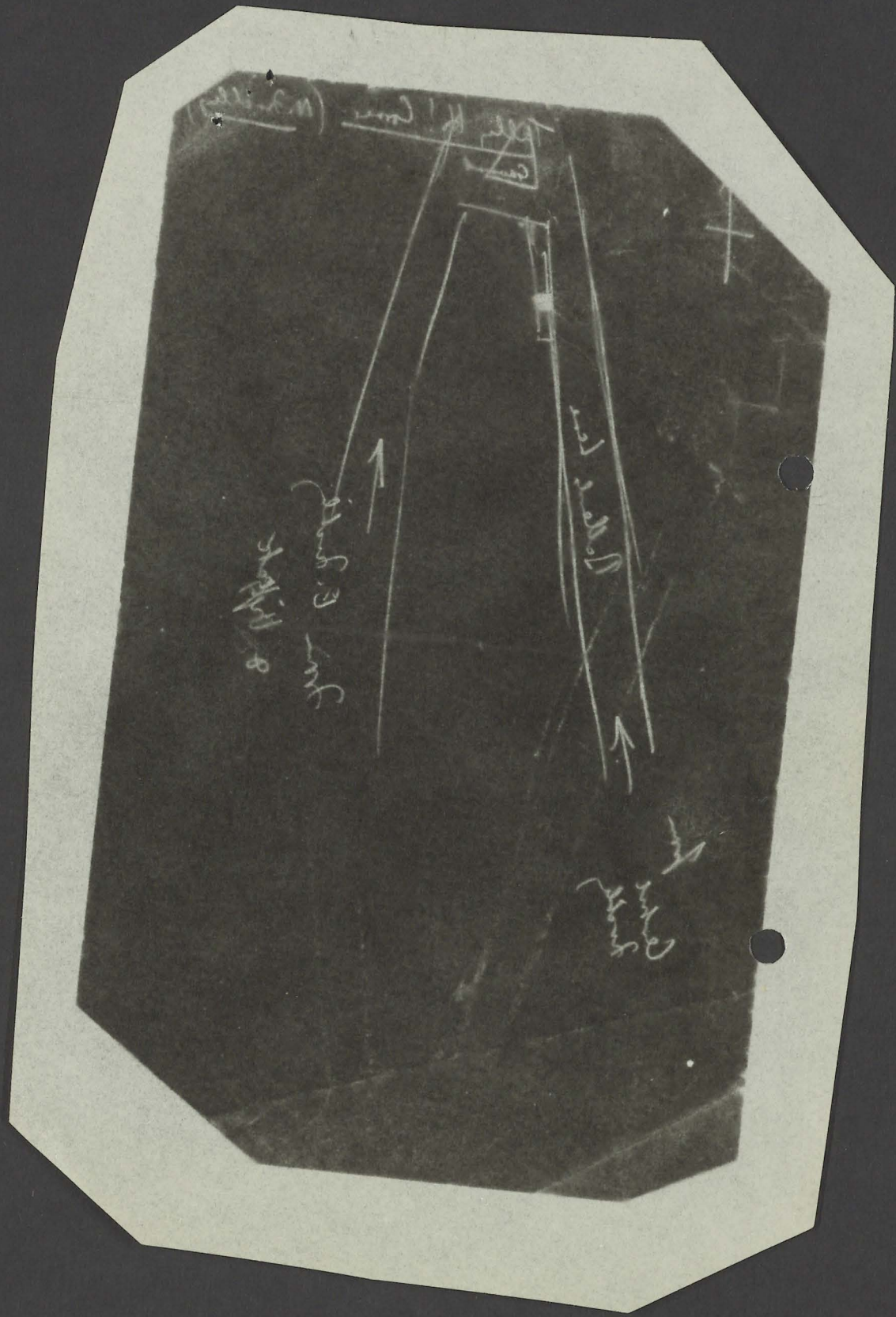
You went out and made me a delight
to receive.

Congratulations on your marriage! I see
that you also married a Californian!
My Marie comes from Los Angeles. Her
family name was Walker. Perhaps that
name has been with other.

How ambitious of you to be writing a
book to distribute in France! On
your part, Monsieur? I always knew
that you were especially fond of
France, but I didn't realize that you had
and idea of publishing "Les Femmes"
in French.

even if, if there's any more to say
 I'll be in good luck, at least
 and I hope to see you soon.
 I'll be in good luck, at least
 and I hope to see you soon.
 I'll be in good luck, at least
 and I hope to see you soon.

I'll be in good luck, at least
 and I hope to see you soon.
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 and I hope to see you soon.
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Ball Joint
Control Arm

Spring
Shock

D. Ball Joint

C. Control Arm

Miss 1507

Bennett 1753

Carlett 1857

Subitini 1187

Barker 1644

~~Ray 1504~~

Miss 1572

Miss Neale 1648

Stewart Miss 5030 / 165

W. Reid

Creamer 1644



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INFORMATION.

MINISTRY OF SUPPLY T.T.3. (S.S.), I.V., BERKELEY COURT,
GLENTWORTH STREET, LONDON, N.W.1. WELBECK 4446.

Telephone Extension No.

ORDER No.

FILE No.

To

Factory or Units Reference No. which
must be quoted on all ADVICE NOTES.

Running Contract No.

Please Supply Goods under to :

Goods Supplied on behalf of :

(If Different to Consignee).

Quantity

Description

Part No.

Handwritten notes in the table area, including "1830" and "1930".

Required for Make

Model

Year

Chassis No.

Engine No.

This copy is sent to the Consignee for information only.

Consignee must not write direct to the supplier except for the purpose of returning the receipt.

Any queries arising must be dealt with through M.O.S., T:T.3 (S.S.), I.V., Berkeley Court, N.W.1.,
quoting order number and file number.

Date

Assistant Director of Mechanization.

Date

Plotting order number and the number.

Any queries arising must be dealt with through M.O.S. I.L.3 (S.S.) I.A. Berkeley Court, W.M.T.

Consignee must not write direct to the supplier except for the purpose of returning the receipt.

This copy is sent to the Consignee for information only.

Class No.

Engine No.

Required for Make

Model

Year

Quantity

Description

Part No.

(If different to Consignee)

Please supply goods under to:

Goods supplied on behalf of:

To

Shipping Contract No.

Telephone Extension No.

Must be noted on all ADVISE NOTES: Factory or Unit Reference No. which

AGENTMORVIN STREET, LONDON, W.M.T. MEGBECK 4418
MINISTRY OF SUPPLY I.L.3 (S.S.) I.A. BERKELEY COURT

PLT No.

OBDEK No.

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Form No. 100 (Rev. 1-1-53)

Assistant Director of Procurement

Date

[Handwritten signature]

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Quoting order number and line number.

Any queries arising must be dealt with through W.O.S. 1-1-53 (S.S.) I.A. Berkeley Court, W.M.T.

Consignee must not write direct to the supplier except for the purpose of returning the receipt.

This copy is sent to the Consignee for information only.

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Class No.

Engine No.

Required for Make

Model

Year

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Please supply goods under to:

To

Telephone Extension No.

(If different to Consignee)

Goods supplied on behalf of:

Buying Contract No.

Must be quoted on all ADVANCE NOTES.

Factory or Unit Reference No. which

BERKLEY COURT, W.M.T.
 1-1-53 (S.S.) I.A.
 MINISTER OF SUPPLY

File No.

Order No.

INFORMATION

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NOTE FOR FILE

1. Mr. Winnifrith telephoned on March 27th to say that he would like to discuss our plans before we went into action with CAIRNCROSS. Mr. Skardon and I accordingly saw him at the Treasury on March 28th.
2. Winnifrith said that Sir Edward Bridges thought that CAIRNCROSS must be got rid of in one way or another, and asked what developments we expected to follow the forthcoming interrogation. We replied that our objective was to obtain a confession and the largest possible intelligence dividend. The D.P.P. had said that he thought a prosecution under Section ~~III~~ for a comparatively minor offence committed twelve years ago was unlikely, but if CAIRNCROSS confessed to espionage activities of a more recent date, the question might stand differently. The D.P.P. had left it to Mr. Skardon to use his judgement about administering any necessary caution. We thought there was a fair chance of getting some kind of admission from CAIRNCROSS about his association with BURGESS, but we could not put it higher than this. The way forward was therefore by no means clear, but we did not think that we could put ourselves or the Treasury in a better position by continuing the investigation. CAIRNCROSS had already been thoroughly alerted about our interest in him.
3. Winnifrith said he agreed that we should go ahead on this footing. Mr. Skardon will report the result of the interrogation to him on Monday. We suggested that if a confession was obtained it might be proper to suspend CAIRNCROSS while future action was considered, and that if he did not confess but failed to give any satisfactory explanation of the very compromising BURGESS document, suspension might again be the proper course to take.

Mr. Skardon also pointed out that more than one interview might be needed.

B.2.a.
29.3.52

C.A.G. Simkins

C.A.G. Simkins



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LONDON

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16 Lansdowne Court,
Lansdowne Road, London W. 11
~~Dr. A. K. Cairncross C.M.C.~~
The University,
Glasgow.

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27 MAR 1952



N. B. HOTELS.

CALEDONIAN HOTEL

INVERNESS

TELEPHONE 1300

Dear John,

I was mistaken in thinking that the
travellers in the East were all Frenchmen. They
were of various nationalities and the excerpts
in the volume that I have are taken from
Hakluyt (1598 edn. &c.) and are by :-

Johannes de Plano Carpini

William de Rubruquis

Odooric of Pordenone

The second of these travelled to Persia on behalf of
Louis IX in 1253, Carpini on behalf of Pope Innocent IV
in 1246. Odooric, an Italian, travelled a hundred
years later, as far as Java.

You should also see the references in Silesius
Lavi's "Medieval Regis" - essay on Marco Polo.

I can send the volume (really on Nansen & Co.)
containing the 700's stories but I imagine that
you can lay hold on Hakluyt if you are

interested. Rubingius is very readable but he discusses
the Tartars, not the Indians.

I expect to call early on Sunday morning
with 40 degrees - the air again will be for the
Indians.

Yours,

Allen

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Note prepared for D.G. to hand to
Home Secretary on 27.3.52.
Copy held D.G. secretary.

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JOHN CAIRNCROSS

(This man, who is currently employed as a Principal
at the Treasury, is under investigation for espionage.)

1. Personal Details

Born: 27.7.1913

Educated: Glasgow
The Sorbonne
Trinity College, Cambridge

2. Career

Joined the Foreign Office in April 1936. Since then
has served with the Treasury, M.I.6 and the Ministry of
Supply. He is now again with the Treasury.

3. Security Case

CAIRNCROSS's name was found in Donald MACLEAN's office
diary under the 20th April 1951 (MACLEAN disappeared on
25th May 1951). When the Security Service interviewed
him on this matter he admitted that he had been a casual
friend of MACLEAN, whom he had known as a colleague in
the Foreign Office since about 1937. CAIRNCROSS also
admitted knowing BURGESS vaguely since that year but had
not counted him amongst his friends owing to the absence
of mutual interests. Neither this nor a subsequent
interview satisfactorily resolved the Security Service
misgivings about CAIRNCROSS, and his investigation was
therefore continued.

Enquiries have disclosed that CAIRNCROSS belonged
to the Communist Party when at the University, and have
suggested that, shortly before the 1939 war, he was
apparently engaged in some kind of intelligence activity.
Research into the papers found amongst Guy BURGESS's
possessions after his disappearance resulted in the ident-
ification in February 1952 of a document in CAIRNCROSS's
handwriting. The latter comprises a fifteen-page report
on some seven conversations which CAIRNCROSS had apparently

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had with a number of well-placed members of Government Departments in the early part of 1939, and bears the appearance of an intelligence report.

It is planned to submit the papers to the D.P.P. this week and, subject to his instructions, to interrogate CAIRNCROSS early next week.

March, 1952.

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NOTE

on 26th March 1952

D.B. discussed the position of the CAIRNCROSS case with Messrs. Simkins, Skardon and Stephens of B.2.A. and Mr. Hill, S.L.B. He stated that the Treasury is anxious for this matter to be expedited and in the course of discussion it was agreed that our main object in this enquiry is to expose the BURGESS network and to find out, if possible, from CAIRNCROSS what part he played in it, who else was in the network, and what BURGESS's connection with the Russians was. It was agreed that the intelligence aspect of this enquiry is more important than the question of the ultimate prosecution of CAIRNCROSS. Mr. Hill stated that on the available evidence, a prosecution under Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act would appear to be sustainable, but that evidence is lacking for prosecution for the major offence under Section 1 of the Act, which would, of course, be the more desirable Section to use if the requisite evidence is forthcoming.

It was agreed that action should be taken as follows:-

1. A very early interview with the D.P.P. should be arranged so that we may be guided so as to ensure that nothing is done in our pursuit of intelligence in the BURGESS context, to prejudice the possible prosecution of CAIRNCROSS. It was also agreed that Messrs. Hill and Skardon should see the D.P.P. and that possibly D.B. would accompany them.
2. Over the question of timing the contemplated interrogation of CAIRNCROSS it was tentatively agreed that this should take place on 31st March, 1952, probably at the Treasury, but that it should be clarified from the D.P.P. what other evidence should be secured as delays on this account might conceivably ensue. It was considered that evidence from the Foreign Office to the effect that the documents in CAIRNCROSS' handwriting are damaging for the purpose of Section 1 of the Official Secrets Act could be obtained without undue delay, although undoubtedly the Foreign Office would require to consult their legal advisers.
3. It was agreed that the question of the taking out of a search warrant on CAIRNCROSS' residence, if at all, should be further considered after the consultation with the D.P.P.
4. It was agreed that the question of the manner of approach to CAIRNCROSS at the projected interrogation whether it should be hostile or friendly would have to be left largely to the discretion of the interrogating officer, but would be considered further in due course.
5. D.B. stated that Mr. Winnifrith had offered to provide facilities for the examination of the contents of CAIRNCROSS' office desk out of office hours, and it was agreed that Messrs. Simkins and Skardon should pursue this.
6. It was agreed that Mr. Mann, A.L.O. Scotland, should be asked to expedite his enquiries regarding the background of the CAIRNCROSS family, and to let us have his report if possible by Friday, 28th March, 1952.
7. It was agreed that Mr. K [redacted] should be asked to signal the results of his interview with FROELICH.

17.3.53

Hill 2/3/52

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Mr. Skardon, B.2.a., and Mr. Hill, S.L.B., saw the Director of Public Prosecutions on 26.3.52.

We discussed with the Director the case of John CAIRNCROSS. I stated that we had reason to believe, though no evidence to prove, that CAIRNCROSS in 1939 at least was operating as an agent for the Russians, he being a member of the BURGESS group. I told the Director in particular that CAIRNCROSS had met MACLEAN a few days before MACLEAN's disappearance, and further that search of BURGESS' effects had disclosed, amongst other things, the memorandum filed at 112b, which we were in a position to prove was in CAIRNCROSS' handwriting. I showed him, and the Director glanced at, the memorandum. I indicated that we were unable to fix with any certainty the date when this memorandum was prepared, but from the context of the memorandum it would appear to have been sometime during 1939, at which time CAIRNCROSS was employed as an official at the Treasury. At this time BURGESS was not in any form of Government employ. I further indicated to the Director that, enquiries which we had subsequently made merely proved that CAIRNCROSS, during his Cambridge days, was known to be a Communist, and we had reason to believe that the document at 112b was not the only communication he had made to BURGESS. I indicated to the Director that we were seeing him because prima facie the case had been established to show CAIRNCROSS had committed an offence against Section 2 (1) (c) in that he had failed to take reasonable care of the information he had obtained in Government employ.

I submitted to the Director that the fact that the document had been found in BURGESS' possession was not conclusive evidence that he had communicated that document to BURGESS contrary to the provisions of Section 2 (1) (a). I further told the Director that Sir Edward Bridges had been acquainted with the facts of the case and had expressed the view that CAIRNCROSS was not a fit person to remain in Government employ.

I indicated to the Director that the course we now wished to pursue was that Mr. Skardon should interrogate CAIRNCROSS with a view to obtaining intelligence information from him about the part he played in the BURGESS network, but I did not want to take this course without the Director's approval, particularly as it was necessary in this case for Mr. Skardon to have a free hand in the interrogation, which might conceivably result in no caution being made when there was evidence that an offence had been committed under Section 2(1) (a).

The Director stated that in his view the Security Service would be perfectly justified in going ahead with this interrogation, and that he was confident that an experienced officer like Mr. Skardon would have no difficulty in conducting the interrogation in such a manner as would not prejudice any prosecution for a minor offence.

The Director went further and stated that he would want very strong persuasion and very clear evidence before he would think of instituting a prosecution for a minor offence which took place so many years ago, and even before he would consider a prosecution he would

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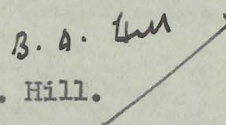
insist upon CAIRNCROSS being seen and his explanation sought as to the document being found in BURGESS' possession.

We further indicated to the Director that it had been suggested that we should apply for a search warrant. I stated ~~though~~, and Mr. Skardon concurred ^{for} in my view it would be too early to apply for a search warrant in this case. The Director stated that he fully agreed with these views.

The position thus is, to sum up, that as a result of this conference the Director has given his blessing for Mr. Skardon to interrogate CAIRNCROSS, and that Mr. Skardon should be given full discretion as to the manner in which this interrogation should be conducted; in particular it should be for Mr. Skardon to decide whether he should caution him or not in respect of the minor offence.

Later in the day I gave the gist of our conference with the Director both to D.B. and D.G.

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Mr. C. A. B. King,
was briefed by Messrs. Simkins and Stephens on
25.3.52. to interview Paul FROELICH, consequent on the
decision that he should, after all, be interviewed.
Mr. King
at Cologne in order to see FROELICH, and mentioned that
he felt he would be able to extract from FROELICH all
he knew of CAIRNCROSS without exciting undue interest
in the topic. It was impressed on him that circum-
spection would be necessary as it was undesirable that
the approach should get back to CAIRNCROSS.

Mr. King stated that he considered FROELICH
reliable in every way and was confident that he is not
a Communist and has never been one. The possibility
that FROELICH was the author of the anonymous letter
addressed to CAIRNCROSS in 1938 was mentioned, but
Mr. King stated that in his view such was not likely,
as it was quite out of keeping with FROELICH as he
knows him.

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D. Stephens.

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D.B.

Herewith a note on the CAIRNCROSS case against the D.G.'s forthcoming visit to the Home Secretary.

C.A.G. Simkins

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C.A.G. Simkins

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JOHN CAIRNCROSS

1. Personal Details

Born: 27.7.1913
Educated: Glasgow
The Sorbonne
Trinity College, Cambridge

2. Career

Joined the Foreign Office in April 1936. Since then
has served with the Treasury, M.I.6 and the Ministry of Supply.
He is now again with the Treasury. He is a Principal.

3. Security Case

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N O T E.

The position of the CAIRNCROSS case consequent on the disclosure on 20th March, 1952, by [redacted] K [redacted] that CAIRNCROSS was a Communist whilst at Cambridge, was discussed by Messrs. Robertson, Simkins, Burbidge and Stephens on 21st March.

There was some difference of opinion as to whether [redacted] K [redacted] should be briefed to contact Paul FROELICH with a view to questioning him as to his knowledge of CAIRNCROSS, and whether FROELICH was the author of the anonymous letter addressed to CAIRNCROSS in 1938. After some discussion at which Mr. David Whyte was also present, it was decided not to approach FROELICH at this stage on the grounds that the risk of leakage must be avoided, but that there should be a routine check on FROELICH's antecedents. It was agreed that a brief should be prepared in the light of:-

- a. His Communist activities at Cambridge, and
- b. The recovery of the documents in his handwriting from the diary of BURGESS.

It was further agreed after discussion with Mr. Martin that if his current enquiries do not reveal further lines of investigation, a digest of the case against CAIRNCROSS should be prepared by 31st March next, for submission to the D.P.P. in view of the possibility of legal action arising from the interrogation.

It was decided to expedite the points for enquiry still outstanding as follows:-

1. A.L.C. Scotland - background of the CAIRNCROSS family through the Chief Constable, Fife, who comes from the same village and overlapped some of the CAIRNCROSS brothers at school (Hamilton Academy) and University (Glasgow), and an established source in Glasgow University - he is also pursuing enquiries regarding Alexander CAIRNCROSS who is a lecturer at Glasgow University and is shortly going to the Economic Conference in Moscow.
2. Mr. Martin - [redacted] and CAIRNCROSS' connection with HAEFFNER and his possible complicity with RAAB and SYERS in the smuggling of arms to republican forces in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. In a separate discussion between Messrs. Robertson, Martin and Stephens, it was decided that as RAAB is now in Italy and SYERS is in Germany, their interrogation in the CAIRNCROSS context would be ruled out by the time factor - Mr. Martin undertook to pursue his enquiries as quickly as he could, but stated that they might possibly give rise to further enquiries which would inevitably take additional time.

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22nd March, 1952.

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Dear

I am enclosing a short summary of the case of John CAIRNCROSS, about which you asked by telephone.

Yours sincerely,

A.S. Martin.

J. R. Colville Esq., C.V.O.,
10 Downing Street,
London S.W.1

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John CAIRNCROSS.

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..... Date..... 21. 3. 52. Signed..... D. L.

Inf.:..... Copy to..... D. Stephens.

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our telegram

Grateful for information regarding background, present activities and political outlook of Paul FROELICK of Boisseree Strasse No. 1/5, Koln, a school teacher by profession. He was a student at Cambridge 1934/1935.

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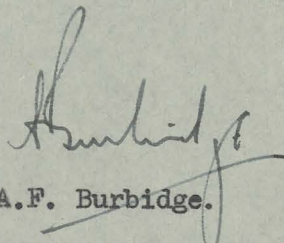
NOTE

C.I., Mr. Mitchell, informed me today that Mr. Winnifrith with whom he discussed CAIRNCROSS at the Treasury on 19th March, had stated that if the Security Service was interested in any of CAIRNCROSS' brothers we could obtain information about one of them, Alexander CAIRNCROSS, from Mr. Robert Hall, a highly placed official in the Cabinet Office. Mr. Hall, who is an Australian, and who is said to be approachable by Winnifrith, could be contacted either directly or through Winnifrith.

The Civil Service List (52) describes Mr. Hall as follows:

R.L. Hall, C.B.
Salary: £2,750 per annum.
Director of the Economic Section of the
Cabinet Office.

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A.F. Burbidge.

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John CAIRNCROSS

A.L.O. Scotland (by hand)

As you will remember from our meeting on the 20th Marcy, you undertook to make discreet enquiries in Scotland into the background and family of CAIRNCROSS.

So far we have identified the following members of his family:-

- a) John CAIRNCROSS' wife Gabrielle Susannah
- b) Mrs. CAIRNCROSS (mother). Still alive and living in Lesmahagow, Lanarks.
- c) Alexander (Alec) Kirkland CAIRNCROSS (brother). Born Lesmahagow 11th February 1911. University Lecturer Glasgow University. Worked in Ministry of Aircraft Production during the war. Wife (?) Mary.
- d) Andrew CAIRNCROSS (brother) living at Gardenside, Uddingston, Glasgow. Some aunts of John CAIRNCROSS are also believed to live at Uddingston.
- e) Elsie CAIRNCROSS (? sister). In December 1951 she was about to undergo an operation in "Law" Hospital, Carlisle (? Wishaw, Lanarks).
- f) A.G.B. CAIRNCROSS (relationship not clear but possibly identical with (c) above). Wrote an article on Provence (Les Seigneurs de Baux) in the ?Glasgow Herald some time in the last few months.
- g) James CAIRNCROSS (relationship not clear but possibly a cousin). Actor. Formerly in Glasgow Citizens Theatre.

You also agreed to ask if the Glasgow Police had any up-to-date information about the following contact of CAIRNCROSS:-

James Findlay HENDRY,
Born Glasgow, 12th September 1912.

We have the following Glasgow references for HENDRY:-

A/167 of 6th February 1934 and 8th June 1936.

A/595 of 6th November 1940 and 14th November 1940.

HENDRY has, as you know, been interviewed by the Security Service and has given an account of himself. We have also made enquiries of the various Government Departments which have employed him and are thus reasonably well documented on him as the attached very brief summary will show. For the present, therefore, I think we should confine ourselves to a record check with the Glasgow Police and not ask for any special enquiries to be made.

On 19th March we received an indication that HENDRY might have returned

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to the U.K. from Vienna where he is employed as an interpreter to the British Legation. His wife's address in this country to which certain of his letters have been readdressed is:-

9 Drimvargie Road,
Oban, Argyle.

It may, of course, be that he is merely on leave.

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James Findlay HENDRY

In 1934 and 1936 HENDRY came to notice on account of his connection with the Scottish Defence Force (which we understand was a militant Scottish nationalist organisation modelled on the I.R.A.).

In 1940 we had information (C.C. Glasgow) that he was interested in the Scottish Nationalist Movement.

HENDRY was interviewed by the Security Service in November 1951. This interview produced more detailed information about his earlier activities. He stated, amongst other things, that he had visited the Soviet Union in 1932 with a party of students and businessmen. He described his political views before the war as "left wing would-be intellectual" and admitted in 1942 or 1943 while in the Army he joined the Communist Party and received a Party card. He did not renew this card and was never pressed to do so. In the interview he denied having written the anonymous intelligence report which was sent to CAIRNCROSS from Holland in 1938.

HENDRY stated that he and CAIRNCROSS had been together at Glasgow University and had become friends when both were studying for the Foreign Office examination. HENDRY failed the examination but kept in touch with CAIRNCROSS by letter afterwards. They met again in 1939 at a party.

HENDRY worked in the Inland Revenue Department between 1930 and 1938, after which time he worked as a free-lance journalist.

He has apparently been married twice, first to an American woman of Italian extraction and later to a woman of Yugoslavian origin.

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To see. I do not think ~~it would~~ the slight
risk involved ~~in~~ seeing FROELICH is well while
B2A are however on balance in favour of his
being seen by K

Please see the attached note.

What do you think of the suggestion that K [redacted] should
see FROELICH about CAIRNCROSS ?

K [redacted] is likely to be here until early next week and I
promised him definite instructions.

B2A (CAGS)

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20.3.52

DB is in favour of FROELICH ^{at Simkins}
has advised for
to call on you early on C.A.G. Simkins
Thursday afternoon. He will not have Committee handed to
his

C.A.G.S.

[redacted] K [redacted] phoned to say
that he would be coming to see you in
the morning of 25.3.52 instead of the
afternoon. His train from Bristol gets
into Paddington at 11.20 and he intends
coming straight here from the station.
Mr. Robertson and Mr. Whyte have been
informed.

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I confirm information given in discussion today with Mr. David Whyte and Mr. Simkins, that I knew John Cairncross and his elder brother (whose surname I can no longer remember) to have been members of the C.P.G.B. Cambridge University branch at the end of 1934 and early 1935.

My information derives from the fact that I was myself a member of the Party at Cambridge from November, 1934 to April, 1935.

I have no definite information regarding the length of period, after I left the Party, for which John Cairncross may have remained a Party member but I have the impression he continued in the Party at least until the end of his University career.

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NOTE

Mr. [redacted] K [redacted] came here on 20th March 1952 and was interviewed by me and Mr. David Whyte with regard to his knowledge of John CAIRNCROSS.

After I had outlined the present position in the CAIRNCROSS case, K [redacted] said that he had not a great deal to tell us. He ought to start by saying that the background of his knowledge was that he had himself been a member of the Communist Party from about December 1934 until April 1935. He remembers that at this time John CAIRNCROSS was also a member of the Communist Party at Cambridge. He made an impression on K [redacted] because of his red head, his Glasgow accent and the fact that he was voluble at meetings of the C.U.S.S. He was then a freshman but was regarded as one of the Party's promising recruits.

After K [redacted] had left the Party he continued to hear from time to time of CAIRNCROSS from a mutual friend, a German named Paul FROELICH* whom K [redacted] had met when studying at Bonn and who had come over to this country with his fiancée at K [redacted]'s instigation. FROELICH knew CAIRNCROSS and regarded him as one of the more mature and promising of his undergraduate friends. K [redacted] saw FROELICH (who returned to Germany) from time to time right up to the war and believes that FROELICH continued in touch with CAIRNCROSS. K [redacted]'s impression is that CAIRNCROSS continued in the Communist Party for the rest of his time at Cambridge, but he could not be sure of this nor could he speak as to the subsequent development of CAIRNCROSS's political views.

K [redacted] stated that John CAIRNCROSS had an elder brother who was also up at Cambridge and a member of the Communist Party.

K [redacted] suggested the possibility via Cologne where FROELICH is now living and ask FROELICH some questions about CAIRNCROSS. K [redacted] said that he was virtually certain that FROELICH was never a Communist. Indeed, he returned to Germany after a period at Cambridge because he did not want to forfeit his position as a schoolmaster and be reduced to the hand-to-mouth existence of a political refugee. He was here almost immediately before the outbreak of war and insisted again on returning to Germany. He was not fit for military service and continued his career as a schoolmaster, which he is still pursuing. K [redacted] had seen him since the war when he had asked about CAIRNCROSS but K [redacted] did not believe that these two have ever resumed contact.

K [redacted] told us a good deal more about the developments of his own views and gave the names of other people whom he could remember as being Communists at the University. Guy BURGESS was one of these.

I am leaving it to Mr. Whyte to record the Communist angle of these discussions.

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STATEMENT BY Mr. [REDACTED]
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NOTE:-

A meeting was held in B.2.a. to-day between Mr. Simkins, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Mann (A.L.O. Scotland) and Mr. Burbidge.

Mr. Mann was given a review of the CAIRNCROSS case of which he had already been given an outline in a recent letter. He was informed for the first time of the connection between CAIRNCROSS and HENDRY, of the BURGESS document and of the reason for the contact between CAIRNCROSS and QUINN.

He was asked to make enquiries in Scotland with a view to obtaining as much useful background information about the CAIRNCROSS family of Lesmahagow as possible, which would help us to prepare a comprehensive brief for a further interview with CAIRNCROSS which is to be arranged in the near future.

Mr. Mann stated that he was well placed to make these enquiries owing to his good liaison with the Chief Constable of Fife, whose home was in Lesmahagow and who had attended Hamilton Academy and Glasgow University at the same time as CAIRNCROSS. Mr. Mann felt that the CAIRNCROSS family would very probably be known to the Chief Constable of Fife, if the latter did not know John CAIRNCROSS personally. At the same time, Mr. Mann undertook to make enquiries through a source of Capt. Derbyshire, now employed as a lecturer in psychology at Glasgow University. This source, he thought, should be able to provide information about Alexander CAIRNCROSS who was also a lecturer at Glasgow University.

Mr. Mann fully appreciated that these enquiries had to be made with the utmost discretion, having been warned that the CAIRNCROSS family might be the kind of people to cause embarrassment should the Security Service enquiries about CAIRNCROSS become known to them.

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A.F. Burbidge

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19 March 1952.

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NOTE

Mr. Colville in the Prime Minister's office telephoned me yesterday. He it was who helped us to identify the originator of the documents found in BURGESS's possession as John CAIRNCROSS.

Mr. Colville explained that he had recently mentioned this fact to the Prime Minister who had shown considerable interest. The Prime Minister had asked him to obtain from this office a report on the CAIRNCROSS case, dealing particularly with his present employment and access to secret information. Colville asked whether I could let him have a short summary which he could have by him in case the Prime Minister tackled him on the subject again. He explained that he did not propose to raise the matter himself with the Prime Minister, but he wanted to ensure that he was informed in case of need.

I said that I would take the matter up this end.

I afterwards spoke to B.2 saying that in my view it would be more satisfactory if the report was made direct to the Prime Minister, and that in this case I would telephone Mr. Colville and explain what we were doing. B.2 said he would go into the matter and let me know how I should reply to Mr. Colville.

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A. S. Martin
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DB. is as you know taking this up with
the D.G. The note which you have prepared
is not to go to Colville until DB gives clearance
The 19/13

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Extract for File No.: PF. 72,493 Name: CAIRNCROSS

Original in File No.*: PF. 72,394/Supp Serial: 103 Vol: 2 Receipt Date: 19.3.52.

Original from: t/c on above Under Ref.: Dated: 18.3.52.

Extracted on: 21.3.52. by: REM Section: B.2.a.

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Incoming call from GRINDLAY's Bank to GABY to say that they had received a cheque from her and had been unable to trace an account in her name. GABY explained there must be some mistake owing to the fact that she had addressed her envelope to Lloyds Bank, Westminster Hall, Millbank. It had been delivered to GRINDLAY's Bank, 54 Parliament Street.

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NOTE.

Today I gave Winnifrith an outline of the case against John CAIRNCROSS, with particular reference to the papers in his handwriting found among BURGESS's possessions. Winnifrith, naturally enough, took a very serious view of the case. He understood our need to investigate it a little further and subsequently to interview CAIRNCROSS again. He asked only that the delay before doing so should be as short as possible, partly because it might prove very embarrassing to the Treasury if they later had to defend keeping this viper in their bosom for an unnecessarily long time, and partly because CAIRNCROSS, although the work he is actually engaged on is not of a very secret nature, could perfectly well be maintaining departmental contacts of various kinds in the same way as he seems to have done in 1939. I told Winnifrith we appreciated these points and would keep him in touch with any ~~major~~ developments in the case. I said we would also let him know when we wanted to interview CAIRNCROSS again.

G.R. Mitchell

G.R. Mitchell.

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NOTE:-

The telephone check on John CAIRNCROSS has shown that he is in touch with the following persons, apparently on a social as well as an official basis, who are employed in various Government Departments:-

1. Arthur PROPPER (Ministry of Food)

PROPPER (an M.B.E.) is a Principal in Group D (Import Programming and Overseas Negotiations) at the Ministry of Food.

2. Mr. ASTBURY (Ministry of Supply)

Probably S.J. ASTBURY, a Chief Executive Officer (salary £1,100 to £1,325) at the Ministry of Supply in the Planning Programming and Statistics Division.

3. Eric WOOD (Ministry of Supply)

E.S. WOOD is a Principal in the Engineering Industries Division at the Ministry of Supply.

4. Ian MONTGOMERY (Admiralty)

There is an I. MONTGOMERY who is an Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, and an A.R.T. MONTGOMERY, A.M.I.C.E., who is a Civil Engineer in the Admiralty's Liverpool Works District. It is reasonably clear that the MONTGOMERY contacted by CAIRNCROSS at the Admiralty is the Ian MONTGOMERY, who is currently listed as being at the Ministry of Defence.

5. Mr. FRASER (Treasury)

There are the following FRASERS at the Treasury:-

Dr. T.A. FRASER, M.D., CH.B., a medical officer in the Treasury Medical Service.

B.D. FRASER, an Under-Secretary at the Treasury.

6. Bernard SIMMONS (Treasury)

There is no SIMMONS, SIMMOND, SIMONS or SIMONDS listed in the Imperial Service Calendar as belonging to the Treasury.

All the above names and the circumstances of CAIRNCROSS' contact with them can be found on the contact sheet of the CAIRNCROSS Supp. Vols. The above details have been taken from the British Imperial Calendar and Civil Service List for 1952.

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A.F. Burbidge

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A.P.B. to see ✓

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Extract for File No.: PF.72,493 Name: CAIRNCROSS John
 Original in File No.: PF.604,584 PEACH Supp Serial: Receipt Date: 18.3.52
 Original from: T/C on PEACH Under Ref.: Dated: 17.3.52
 Extracted on: 19.3.52 by: PL Section: B2a

Outgoing call by KIM to Malcolm MUGGERIDGE at the Daily Telegraph..... MUGGERIDGE said it was a mercy KIM had rung. A chap who used to be at Ryder Street with a name like CLEAN CROSS had asked him to lunch tomorrow, but MUGGERIDGE could not remember his name exactly. KIM said it was CAIRNCROSS. MUGGERIDGE asked if CAIRNCROSS worked in the Treasury. KIM thought he had at one time, but had been turned out of there for inefficiency. From the Treasury CAIRNCROSS had gone to the Foreign Office. On being turned out of the Foreign Office, CAIRNCROSS had been sent along to "us". KIM said for all he knew, CAIRNCROSS might be back at the Treasury by now. KIM thought CAIRNCROSS's first name was John.

"KIM" is Kim PHILBY, an ex-employee of S.I.S.

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We spoke and you said you
 would contact them.

To see the attached.

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Do you think this is worth making enquiries about?
 It is possibly one of CAIRNCROSS' other brothers, of which I
 believe there are ~~three~~, excluding John.

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A.F. Burbidge
 A.F. Burbidge

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NOTE:-

Mr. Mann, A.L.O. Scotland, pointed out to-day that, while he had had no success in tracing the name CAIRNCROSS in the records of the Glasgow Police, he believed that there was a person of this name, which was apparently an uncommon one, in the Home Office.

The British Imperial Calendar and Civil Service List, 1952 Edition, gives the following details:-

N.F. CAIRNCROSS,
a Principal working in the Criminal Division
of the Home Office under Sir Ernest Holderness.

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A.F. Burbidge.

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Extract for File No.: PFR. 1620 PP. 72 193/Main Vol. Name: HALPERN CAIRNCROSS

Original in File No.:* PP. 72493 Supp. 1013 Serial: 101 Vol: 2 Receipt Date: 16.3.52.

Original from: T/C on CAIRNCROSS. Under Ref.: 2179. Dated: 14.3.52.

Extracted on: 19.3.52. by: AS Section: B.2.a.

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Outgoing call CAIRNCROSS to ALEX HALPERN who had returned from Paris yesterday.

CAIRNCROSS explained that "a friend of mine" was going to Moscow to the economic conference which was being held there, and he wished to have his advice as to things to see and things acceptable by them as presents - for instance, the interpreters or members of the committee who might be helpful.

ALEX, who first of all saw no reason for taking presents to people they did not know, agreed that nylons and whiskey might be a useful thing to take. CAIRNCROSS asked if they might drop in one evening next week for a drink. ALEX invited them to tea on Sunday. They would discuss the matter further.

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

Original in File No.:* P.F. 153638. Serial: 12a Vol: - Receipt Date: 14.3.52.

Original from: Foreign Office letter. Under Ref.: Dated: 12.3.52.

Extracted on: 19.3.52. by: AS Section: B.2.a.

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4. I do not think there is any immediate hurry and it may well be that something will come out of your intended interrogation of Cairncross. Indeed, it might even be possible to find out from Cairncross something about O'Neill's association with Burgess. We should like, therefore, to hear the result of that interview and then pursue further the question of an interrogation by you of O'Neill. I should be grateful for your views.

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Your Ref: PF.72493 (111a)
Our Ref: SS/425/35

Scientific Services.

ENCL 10 pages 12th March, 1952.

A.S. Martin, Esq.,
B.2.b.

RE 13 MAR 1952
TO B2b

REF PF 72493

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A comparison has been made of the handwriting of the letter with that of the batch of notes.

The handwriting of the letter is characterised by its overall smallness, lightness of touch, general uprightness with however frequent letters and words sloping strongly to the right and by unevenness of base line, particularly towards the ends where there is a strong tendency to drop.

A wide margin is maintained down the left-hand side and words themselves are well spaced. This handwriting gives the impression of being freely and naturally written, although lacking any special emphasis.

The handwriting of the notes shows general features strongly coinciding with those of the letter, but noticeably with even greater variation of slope, particularly when veering to the right, probably as a result of more speedy action.

Also conspicuous in this writing are the left-hand margin, unevenness of base line with the tendency to drop at the ends and the well spaced words.

This handwriting also gives the impression of being free and uninhibited.

A comparison of the corresponding individual letter structures employed in the two writings furnishes further striking evidence of identity. For example, the capital "I" in both frequently occurs, usually standing alone, as a block form and written like a Roman numeral. A normally written form is however used when beginning a word.

This tendency to use block forms is also apparent in the use in both writings of a block form of capital "T".

The capitals "D" also show strong identity, particularly in respect of the form of small loop drawn at the conclusion of the letter before proceeding to the next letter.

The respective capitals "J" further show strong evidence of similarity, particularly in the long curved initial upstroke, making a sharp angle with the main downstroke in place of the more usual loop.

The more striking and characteristic similarities are however to be found in the respective forms of small letters employed.

It is to be noted in both writings that certain letters such as the "p" and occasionally the "t" and "w" begin with marked disproportionately long initial upstrokes.

Again, the small "f" has no upper loop, the straight initial upstroke usually turning abruptly at a very sharp angle to form the main downstroke which continues to form in the usual manner an anticlockwise lower loop. Curiously a half loop is often added in a separate movement to the normally formed loop.

Several forms of small "t" occur in both writings. Sometimes with the sweeping initial upstroke referred to and often with no tail to the main downstroke, which occasionally terminates abruptly, the cross stroke being separately applied. At other times the main downstroke turns sharply with a slight looping action and proceeds to form a curving cross stroke by a continuous action and finally, a more normal form appears with well defined tail and separately attached cross stroke.

The small "p" apart from the very characteristic initial

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upstroke, has identical open body form in the two writings consisting of little more than a simple curved movement detached from the main downstroke.

The letter "h" is also distinctive for its relatively loopless downstroke and widely diverging movement when this downstroke turns to form the body.

Again, the small "r" is usually drawn extremely small, of upright type and while the down and upstrokes only occasionally diverge, the latter is frequently drawn somewhat longer than the former.

Numerous other features of similarity may be found in these writings. The various striking similarities both of general style and notably individual letter structure, added to the fact that no feature of fundamental divergence can be found, furnish the strongest evidence that the letter and the notes were written by the same hand.

R. E. Hedges.

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Room 21,
York Buildings,
Queen Street,
EDINBURGH. 2.

PF.72,493/B2a/CAGS.

12th March, 1952.

Held R5

ENCL _____

Dear Tony,

John and Isabella QUINN.
John CAIRNCROSS.

RE 13 MAR 1952
TO B2A P.A
REF PF 72493

Thank you for your interesting letter on the activities of the above-named people.

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I have covered the two points raised by you with the following result. John QUINN and his wife are still estranged from the local Communist Party and still hold Tito views. Nevertheless they continue to be on friendly terms with one or two members of the Party. In view of this and of the active part taken by the Quinns in communist affairs hitherto, the Glasgow Special Branch feel that Quinn would be a most difficult person to interview and probably would give no assistance in any enquiry of the nature you relate in your letter.

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[S.B. records in Glasgow have been searched without trace of any person named CAIRNCROSS.

I shall be in London next week and shall be glad to discuss this case with you.

Yours sincerely,
Jack Mann
R.J. Mann.

A.F. Burbidge, Esq., M.B.E.,
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Original in File No.:* PF. 51559 Supp (McGIBBON) Serial: 819 Vol: 11 Receipt Date: 13.3.52.

Original from: T.C. on McGIBBON Under Ref.: Dated: 12.3.52.

Extracted on: 13.3.52. by: SW Section: B.2. a.

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Incoming call to James MacGIBBON from John CAIRNCROSS to invite him to a small party on Friday the 21st at 8.30. James said he would love to accept and confirmed that he had the address. John told him how to get there and gave the telephone number - PAR 7941. James remarked that it would be awfully nice to see them both again. They discussed a book which Sir John RUSSELL was doing. John was very interested and said he would like to see the proofs.

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Copies on P.F. 72,493. CAIRNCROSS. ✓
P.F. 47,562. HAEFNER.
RAAB.
Letter Book.

I have been considering the question of whether there may have been a somewhat closer and more ~~substantial~~ association between CAIRNCROSS and HAEFNER than has been thought in the past.

The facts of their association as described by CAIRNCROSS are as follows:-

CAIRNCROSS first heard of HAEFNER through his friend M. Etienne TAMBOURI a French advocate who was also a friend of the HAEFNERs. In 1937, when CAIRNCROSS was at the Foreign Office, he received a letter from HAEFNER from Spain asking him to intervene to cause arms to be supplied to the Republicans. CAIRNCROSS ignored the letter. Early in 1939 CAIRNCROSS learned from TAMBOURI that HAEFNER had invented a device in connection with radar. He mentioned this to Watson WATT at the Air Ministry. As a result HAEFNER was brought to the United Kingdom and interviewed at the Air Ministry, where it was decided that his invention was valueless. Afterwards HAEFNER remained here because he had no passport and because he was persona non grata all over Western Europe. CAIRNCROSS admitted that he was aware of HAEFNER's dubious background, but visited him socially for a time until he became bored with HAEFNER's endless pestering for assistance.

CAIRNCROSS told this story to the police at an interview in August 1942, and repeated it ~~substantially~~ during his interview with Mr. Martin in 1951, except that at the second interview he failed to mention HAEFNER's letter from Spain in 1937.

It is recorded on the file that CAIRNCROSS tried to get into touch with HAEFNER by telephone shortly after HAEFNER had been arrested in September 1939.

When HAEFNER was interrogated on 8.12.39, he mentioned CAIRNCROSS, and his story did not differ materially from CAIRNCROSS' own. No mention of the letter from Spain was ever made by HAEFNER.

HAEFNER was in touch in 1939 with a certain Antonius RAAB, ~~the~~ a notorious arms dealer of German origin. At the time RAAB was established in Athens with a firm called AEKKEA. HAEFNER's association with RAAB seems to have dated from 1937 when both men were in Spain, engaged in providing arms for the Republican Forces. There is no doubt that HAEFNER was attempting to do business with certain arms dealers in London on RAAB's behalf in 1939. A letter check produced some correspondence between HAEFNER and RAAB, and one letter contains a reference to CAIRNCROSS which suggests that he had been in some way involved in their business activities.

HAEFNER'S property, taken from him on arrest and now unfortunately destroyed, contained correspondence between HAEFNER and RAAB and CAIRNCROSS' name was mentioned, again in such a way as would suggest that he was or had been doing business with both men. Our only record of this is in the notes made by the officer who was in charge of the property.

Antonius RAAB is German by birth and is reported to have been the owner of an Aircraft Factory which was confiscated by the Nazis in 1933. RAAB escaped from Germany and in 1937 he was in Spain supplying arms to the Republican Forces. According to his own story, he was arrested by the O.G.P.U. in Spain but again managed to escape and somehow acquired a Costa Rican passport and settled in Greece, where he had an interest in the Aircraft firm of AEKKEA. RAAB was evacuated from Greece to Egypt, and in 1943 he arrived in India where he and his wife were interned. They were released from internment in 1946 on condition that they left the country within three months, they failed to do this and were eventually

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deported in 1948. When last heard of in April 1950 he was living at 3, via Urbana Rattazzi, Torino, Italy.

The Serials in HAEFNER's files which are of interest in connection with CAIRNCROSS, are as follows:-

Bucks Constabulary Interview with John CAIRNCROSS.	327a.
Interrogation of HAEFNER.	69a.
S.B. Report mentioning John CAIRNCROSS.	52a.
S.B. Report on interview with a certain Pease (HAEFNER's credentials from RAAB)	Attachment to 54b.
Letter from HAEFNER to RAAB.	42x.
Mr. Craufurd's notes on HAEFNER's property.	Page 2 of 65a.
Further notes on HAEFNER's property.	340a.

The best summary of HAEFNER's story is contained in a letter at Serial 358a.

RAAB's file does not help in establishing the connection between RAAB, HAEFNER and CAIRNCROSS.

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Copy n. 84,077 (Quinn)

10th March 1952.

Dear

John and Isabella QUINN
John CAIRNCROSS

The QUINNs have been the subject of a series of correspondence between ourselves and the Chief Constable of Glasgow since 1942. Glasgow's latest references are A/34/800/1078 A and B of the 8th December 1950. Briefly, QUINN, a teacher employed by Glasgow Corporation at Bellahouston Academy, joined the Communist Party in 1941 and, after eight years activity in the Party, particularly in educational circles in Glasgow, resigned, together with his wife Isabella, over the TITO issue. They were reported by Glasgow in December 1950 to be pro-TITO and as such sympathetic to communism though outside the British Communist Party.

John QUINN has now come to our attention owing to his contact with John CAIRNCROSS, an official of the Treasury whose activities are currently under investigation. CAIRNCROSS's particulars are as follows:-

Name:	John CAIRNCROSS
Nationality:	British
Born:	Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire
Date of birth:	25.7.13.
Occupation:	Principal, Treasury
Wife:	Gabrielle Suzanna (nee OPPENHEIM) German by birth, British by naturalisation (1946)
Family: Mather:	Alexander Kirkland CAIRNCROSS
Mother:	Elizabeth CAIRNCROSS nee WISHART
Parents' address:	8 Carncourt Road, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire.
Address of John CAIRNCROSS:	16 Lansdowne Court, Lansdowne Crescent, London W.11.

CAIRNCROSS is believed to be one of five brothers, and comes from a family of relatively humble origin. He was educated at Hamilton Academy (1928/30); Glasgow University (1930/32); the Sorbonne (1932/34); Trinity College, Cambridge (1934/36). He speaks a number of languages fluently and, both for interest and profit, undertakes translation of classical and other works for publication. From time to time he participates in B.B.C. broadcasts of a political and literary character.

CAIRNCROSS joined the Civil Service in 1936 after passing out at the top of the competitive examination for that year. He joined the Foreign Office, but was subsequently transferred to the Treasury, whence he was lent to the Ministry of Supply. He is now back at the Treasury.

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CAIRNCROSS first came to notice between 1937 and 1939, when he was friendly with a German named HAEFNER, whose visit to this country in 1939 he sponsored. HAEFNER, who has a criminal record, appears to have engaged in espionage on behalf of various governments from 1923 onwards, but it is not possible to say what political views he held when associated with CAIRNCROSS.

In December 1947 CAIRNCROSS was reported by a source of unknown reliability to belong to a group of near-communists and to hold fairly advanced left-wing views. In addition, CAIRNCROSS is known to have been associated with both Donald MACLEAN and Guy BURGESS, the two missing Foreign Office officials. It is for this last reason that we are now examining his case, which will be explained in greater detail when you next visit Head Office.

As a preliminary to any enquiries to be made in Scotland, we have thought it best to advise you of the case in this manner rather than to initiate action directly with the police in Glasgow, since the case is one of some delicacy. As we have reason to believe that CAIRNCROSS's brothers, Andrew and Alexander, the latter a member of Glasgow University staff, are reasonably well-known Glasgow personalities, we are anxious that any enquiries concerning CAIRNCROSS's activities and background should not come to their attention. We should therefore be most grateful if you could make the following initial enquiries personally with the Glasgow Police:-

- (a) Have the Glasgow Police any up-to-date information on John QUINN? It is just possible that at some future stage we may wish to interview him, and any information bearing upon his attitude to such an interview would be appreciated.
- (b) Have the Glasgow Police any records of John CAIRNCROSS or of Andrew and Alexander, his brothers?

Until we have had an opportunity of discussing the case with you, we should like to restrict our enquiries to the above record check with the Glasgow Police.

Yours

A.F. Brubidge

R.J. Mann Esq.,
A.L.O. Scotland,
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NOTE

I asked [redacted] of S.I.S. at a meeting this morning if he would consult the S.I.S. file for CAIRNCROSS and discover how he came to be employed in R.5.

[redacted] later telephoned that the file did not show who recommended CAIRNCROSS, but the first entry on it was a note by [redacted] secretary. It seems likely, therefore, that CAIRNCROSS entered R.5 as the direct result of the work he had been doing in Hut 3 at G.C. & C.S.

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French Section, Room 433 - Extension 218

6th March, 1952.

Dear Mr. Cairncross,

This is to remind you that you have agreed to take part in a recording of "Point de Vue". The subject to be discussed will be: Que pensent les Anglais de la crise française?

There will be a preliminary discussion on Monday, 10th March, at 2.30 p.m., and the recording will take place on Tuesday, 11th March, at 1.45 p.m. in Room 431.

Mr. John Weightman will be in the chair.

Yours sincerely,

John Rother

(Secretary)

Mr. Cairncross, Esq.,
10 Lansdowne Court,
Lansdowne Crescent,
W.11.

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PHOTOSTAT COPIES OF DOCUMENTS FROM HOME OFFICE

FILE NO. 137/2 FOR Gabrielle Susanne OPPENHEIM

P.F.72,493.

Photostat copies of documents
from Home Office File No. O.137/2
for Gabrielle Susanne OPPENHEIM.

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7.3.52.

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Nationality Division,

O.157/2/Nat.Div.

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January, 1951.

Sir,

With reference to your telephone call to the Home Office this morning, I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that a certificate of naturalisation number A.Z.19028 was granted on 12th August, 1946, to one, Susanna Gabriele Oppenheim, known as Gabriele Susanne Oppenheim, of 2, Parsifal Road, London, N.W.6, who stated in her application that she was a subject of Germany, born at Frankfurt-Main, Germany, on 23rd April, 1914, that she was by occupation a secretary and foreign correspondent and that she was not married.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

W. F. LEEY

J. Cecil Incross, Esq.

BS

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Special Report }

8th day of July 1946

SUBJECT

OPPENHEIM

Gabriele Susanne.

With reference to the application for a certificate of naturalization by Gabriele Susanne OPPENHEIM, of 2, Parsifal Road, N.W.6., a German, serial No. EZ.230928:-

Reference to Papers

The application form has been truthfully and correctly dealt with apart from the following:-

O/46/1109

Para 1. Should read Susanna Gabriele OPPENHEIM, and the words in brackets deleted.

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Para 6. The nationality should read German, and the address No. 9, Adamson Road, N.W.3.

Para 7. Should read Karoline Emma TUCHMANN, German, of No. 9, Adamson Road, N.W.3.

Para 11. The words in brackets should have been deleted.

Paras 14(b) and (c) should read Gabriele S. OPPENHEIM since early childhood.

Para 14 (g) Applicant has no documentary proof of loss of German nationality.

Applicant produced her birth certificate showing she was born on 23-4-1914 at Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany. Her German passport No. 1091/34 issued in London on 27-7-1934 is attached to Home Office correspondence No. O.137/3

Applicant is employed by L.S. Meyer (London) Limited, manufacturers of leather goods, Sackville House, Piccadilly, W.1., as private secretary to the managing director, Fred Silberman, British born, at a wage of £7 per week.

She has £96 in a satisfactorily conducted current account at Lloyds Bank Limited, Millbank, S.W.1., and £651 to her credit at the Swiss Bank Corporation Limited, 99, Gresham Street, E.C.2. The latter bank also hold the following securities on her behalf:-

£100 Argentine 4% 1933
28 Electricque de la Loire
Rights Coupons ditto.

Present value.
£102.
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	Present value
25 Fusion de Gaz Rights Coupons ditto.	£47. £9.
50 International Holding Ltd. Common shares.	£160.
£300 Italian Credit Consortium 20 years 7%	£256.
£300 Peruvian Corporation Ltd. 6% 1st Mortgage Debenture	£261.
Total	£864.

The rent of the self contained flat she occupies is £84 per annum inclusive. She shares this with a Miss Yolande VEITCH, British born, who pays £1 per week towards the rent and cleaning expenses. Miss VEITCH appears to be a respectable person and nothing is recorded to her detriment by Metropolitan Police.

Applicant is well regarded at her place of employment. As far as can be ascertained she is free from debt and lives within her means.

Applicant attended the Girls High School at Frankfurt-on-Main until March, 1933, when she was obliged to leave owing to racial laws. She thereupon went to Italy where she continued her studies in modern languages, and remained there until she arrived in this country on 20-1-1934, being landed for one month on a no-employment condition. The landing condition-s were varied from time to time until they were finally cancelled vide Home Office letter O.137 dated 9-2-1937.

Following her arrival here she studied English and underwent a course of secretarial training until February, 1936, when she obtained clerical work in the Emigration Department of the Jewish Refugees Committee, Bloomsbury House, W.C.1. She left there in December, 1937, and was then employed as a secretary and translator with commercial firms in London. In December, 1940, she returned to the Jewish Refugees Committee at Bloomsbury House, but stayed there for only a few months, when she again obtained work with a commercial firm in London. In March, 1943, she obtained clerical employment in the office of the "Fight For Freedom" Editorial and Publishing Services Limited, 39, Berkeley Court, Baker

Street, N.W.1. This organisation was formed in January, 1942, with the support of prominent Labour Members of Parliament, to promote world unity against aggression and the recourse to war to settle international disputes, but has been dormant since August, 1945. In that month applicant left, and obtained her present employment.

On 21-12-1939 she was granted exemption from internment and the special restrictions applicable to enemy aliens.

During the war she performed the usual firewatching duties, and also passed the Home Nursing Examination of the British Red Cross Society. In addition, she was a voluntary helper at the "Cornhill Kitchen" for City firewatchers and at the "Stage Door Canteen".

Applicant is a studious and serious minded person. In addition to pursuing her study of modern languages she is now attending evening classes at the London University with a view to obtaining the Diploma of Social Science. She has an adequate knowledge of the English language and appears to be of good character.

She expresses adherence to established forms of Government in this country, and declares that she has not made, and in the event of a certificate of British nationality being granted to her, does not intend to make, application to the competent German authority to retain her German nationality.

No information has been obtained to show that applicant has ever been a member of any foreign subversive or political organisation, or holds extreme political views.

Metropolitan Police records show that on 30-12-1936 she was verbally cautioned by police for late notification of change of address, and on 16-7-1941 was cautioned on behalf of the Bath City Police for a breach of Article 7 of the Aliens Order, 1920. The latter incident occurred when applicant described herself as "formerly German" when giving particulars of herself at a hotel during a visit to Bath.

The referees are:-

Herbert Mortimer GUITERMAN, Amesbury House, Frogna1, N.W.3.
William KAULA, 11, Kings Gardens, West End Lane, N.W.6.
Albert Ewart WEBB, South View, Stanley Avenue, Chesham, Bucks., and
Robert Guy LONGMAN, 32, Aubrey Walk, W.8.

Metropolitan Police records contain nothing to the detriment of any of the referees, but KAULA came under notice on 28-5-1942 when he attempted to commit suicide whilst in a state of acute mental distress following the death of his wife.

No agent was employed in this case. Applicant prepared the application form without assistance.

C. Ward
Inspector.

Submitted

William Rogers

Inspector.

H. Jones
SUPERINTENDENT.

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Germany	17.12.1934 - 10.1.1935
Spain	26. 7.1935 - 3.10.1935
Germany	21.12.1935 - 6. 1.1936
Holland	11. 4.1936 - 15.4.1936
Holland	23.12.1936 - 28.12.1936
Switzerland	12.2.1937 - 28. 2.1937
Belgium	26. 3.1937 - 29. 3.1937
Sweden	26. 7.1937 - 7. 8.1937
Belgium	3. 9.1937 - 7.9. 1937
Italy	18.12.1937 - 2. 1.1938
Holland	14. 3.1938 - 24. 3.1938
France	3. 9.1938 - 19. 9.1938
France	23.12.1938 - 27.12.1938.

My stay of two months in Spain in 1935 was for the purpose of studying Spanish, and most of the other trips abroad were made in order to meet my relatives.

(2) Name in Block Capitals WILLIAM KAULA
Full postal address 11. King's Gardens, West End Lane, London, N.W. 6.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a natural born British subject; that I am a householder; and that I am not the solicitor or agent of Miss Gabrielle Oppenheim whose application for naturalization I am prepared to support from personal knowledge of, and intimate acquaintance with, the applicant for twelve years. I can vouch for his (her) good character and loyalty.
Date May 20th, 1946 Signature William Kaula
F.R.I.B.A.

(3) Name in Block Capitals WEBB, ALBERT EWART
Full postal address South View, Stanley Wagon, Shepsham, Bucks

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a natural born British subject; that I am a householder; and that I am not the solicitor or agent of Miss Gabrielle Oppenheim whose application for naturalization I am prepared to support from personal knowledge of, and intimate acquaintance with, the applicant for twelve years. I can vouch for his (her) good character and loyalty.
Date 24th May 1946 Signature W Webb

(4) Name in Block Capitals LONGMAN, ROBERT GUY
Full postal address 32 Aubrey Walk, London W. 8

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a natural born British subject; that I am a householder; and that I am not the solicitor or agent of Miss Gabrielle Oppenheim whose application for naturalization I am prepared to support from personal knowledge of, and intimate acquaintance with, the applicant for eight years. I can vouch for his (her) good character and loyalty.
Date 2nd Nov 1946 Signature R Longman

This form when completed should be forwarded to the Under Secretary of State, Finance Branch, Home Office, S.W. 1, together with the fee of £1 payable on submission of an application and copies of two issues of a newspaper or newspapers circulating in the district in which the applicant resides, each containing (clearly marked) an advertisement in the following form:-

"Notice is hereby given that.....of..... is applying to the Home Secretary for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Under Secretary of State, Aliens Department, Home Office, London, S.W. 1." (See paragraph 15 of the Instructions.)

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APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

I, the undersigned, to whom the following particulars relate, hereby apply to the Secretary of State for the grant of a Certificate of Naturalization.

If, at any time before a certificate is issued to me, the accuracy of any of the following particulars is affected by an alteration in circumstances, I undertake to inform the Secretary of State in writing forthwith.

Date May June 3rd, 1946 Signature of Applicant G. Oppenheim

PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE APPLICANT

- My full name in my country of origin was* GABRIELE SUSANNE OPPENHEIM
†[and I am still commonly known by that name.]
- My present private address is ‡ 2 Parsifal Road, London N.W. 6.
- I am by occupation a Secretary and Foreign Correspondent
My place of business is at ‡ L. S. Mayer (London) Ltd., Sackville Ho., 38-40 Piccadilly, W. 1.
- I was born on (date) 23.4.14 at ‡ Frankfurt-Main, Germany
- At birth I was of § German nationality † [and I still am.]
- My father's full name in his country of origin was* Sebastian Oppenheim
His nationality is (or was at the time of his death) § formerly German
He is now † dead, living at 4 Adamson Road, London N.W. 3.
- My mother's full name in her country of origin was* Emma Carola OPPENHEIM
Her nationality is (or was at the time of her death) § formerly German
She is now † dead, living at 4 Adamson Road, London N.W. 3.
- I am † single, married, a widower, a widow, divorced from my wife/husband.
- I am of good character, and have an adequate knowledge of the English language. yes
- To the best of my belief, I am financially solvent. yes
- I intend, if this application is granted, to reside permanently within His Majesty's dominions † [or to enter or continue in the service of the Crown]
- I have resided for one year immediately preceding this application in the United Kingdom, and for an additional period of four years within the last eight years either in the United Kingdom or in some other part of His Majesty's dominions as follows:-

From	To	At ‡	Years.	Months.
20.1.34	29.1.34	13 Hanover Square, W. 1.		
29.1.34	7. 3. 34	98 Church Road, Richmond, Surrey.		1 1/2
8. 3. 34	23.6.34	Holywell Ford, Oxford.		3 1/2
23.6.34	24.10.34	2 Craven Hill Gardens, W. 2.		4
24.10.34	12.10.35	4 Netherhall Gardens, N.W. 3.		1
12.10.35	22.12.36	21 Frogna, N.W. 3.		1
22.12.36		2 Parsifal Road, N.W. 6.	11	5

- My total residence in the United Kingdom amounts to twelve years.
† [and elsewhere in His Majesty's dominions to years.]

* Give names in full and in CAPITAL letters.
† Words in [] should, if not applicable, be struck out and initialled by the applicant.
‡ Give full postal address.
§ Describe nationality by reference to a Sovereign State, e.g. "Russian," not "Russian Pole."
|| Strike out words which do not apply

If any of the following clauses is not applicable, it should be struck out and initialled by the applicant.

- 14. (a) I have previously applied for naturalization about the year...1939
- (b) My original name has been altered, and since (date)..... I have been commonly known as* GEO
- (c) I have also used for private purposes the name(s)* GEO
- (d) Since (date)..... I have been trading under the name* GEO
- (e) I have also used for business purposes the name(s)* GEO
- (f) Since my birth I have acquired..... nationality by virtue of ¶ GEO
- (g) I am now of no nationality, having lost..... the German..... nationality by reason of ¶ expatriation
- (h) During my residence shown in paragraph 12 I have visited the following foreign countries for the period stated:—
see attached schedule.
- (i) The following proceedings and no others (civil or criminal) have been taken against me in Courts of Law:—

Nature.	Date.	Place.	Result.
/	/	/	/

- (j) I made a composition with my creditors on (date) GEO
- (k) I was adjudicated bankrupt on (date)..... and was granted my discharge as from (date) GEO
- (l) I was married at (place) GEO on (date) GEO
- (m) My wife's full maiden name was* GEO
Her nationality before marriage was GEO
- (n) My husband's full name was* GEO
His nationality was GEO
- (o) My wife, husband died at (place) GEO on (date).....
- (p) My marriage was dissolved at (place) GEO on (date).....

* Give names in full and in CAPITAL letters.
 § Describe nationality by reference to a Sovereign State, e.g. "Russian," not "Russian Pole."
 ¶ Strike out words which do not apply.
 ¶ State how, and the date and place of issue of any relevant document

(q) I have the following legitimate children: GEO

Full name* of each child.	Date and place of birth.	Where now resident.

(r) I desire that the certificate of naturalization, if granted, should extend also to my minor child, children who does, do not already possess British nationality. GEO

15. The printed words and clauses struck out on page 2 of this form do not apply in my case.

STATUTORY DECLARATION

TO BE MADE BY THE APPLICANT IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION.

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this application are true; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835.

Signature of applicant G.S. Oppenheim

Declared at 14 Sackville St W this 3rd day of June 1946

Before me St. Helen Parish { A Commissioner for Oaths. / A Justice of the Peace for.....

This declaration must not be made before a person who is the solicitor or agent of the applicant.

CAUTION.—Section 23 of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, provides that:—
"If any person for any of the purposes of this Act knowingly makes any false representation or any statement false in a material particular, he shall in the United Kingdom be liable on summary conviction in respect of each offence to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding three months."

REFERENCES

(1) Name in Block Capitals. HERBERT MORTIMER GUTERMAN
Full postal address. Amesbury House
Frognal N. 21. 3

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a natural born British subject; that I am a householder; and that I am not the solicitor or agent of Fabriele Susanne Oppenheim whose application for naturalization I am prepared to support from personal knowledge of, and intimate acquaintance with, the applicant for twelve years. I can vouch for his her good character and loyalty.

Date 27th day 1946 Signature H.M. Guterman

SEE OVERLEAF for further References.

* Give names in full and in CAPITAL letters.
 ¶ Strike out words which do not apply.

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An Interim Note on Current Activities and Associates ofJohn CAIRNCROSS

This report is intended to give an impression of CAIRNCROSS' activities as seen from a routine investigation of him conducted by B.2.a. since July 1951. Owing to the discovery amongst Guy BURGESS' effects of a document bearing every sign of being an intelligence report which has recently been identified as the work of CAIRNCROSS, a more detailed examination of some of his contacts, as revealed from the last few months' B.2.a. investigation, is being made.

Character of CAIRNCROSS

CAIRNCROSS was born in 1913 in Scotland and comes from a relatively humble family. He has succeeded, through hard work and innate scholarliness, in securing for himself a first class education at Glasgow University, the Sorbonne and Cambridge. He is a person of high intelligence and well-developed intellectual powers. He is not, however, particularly well suited to the type of administrative work which he has been called upon to do in the various Government departments for which he has worked and, despite his extremely high academic qualifications and the fact that he passed out at the top of the Foreign Service Examinations for his year, he has made remarkably little headway in the Civil Service. He is now only a Principal in the Treasury.

It seems quite probable that this lack of promotion has affected his attitude towards his work. The telephone check has revealed that he borders on the unscrupulous when it comes to taking time off for sickness and he has not hesitated to remain at home on the slightest excuse of ill-health.

It is reasonably clear that he regards his work as a necessary evil to secure for him a basic and steady income. His main interests lie in the cultural field and the greater part of his spare time is taken up with translating classical works from the Latin and French, partly for his own edification and partly for the financial reward involved. His translations have been published and he has achieved a minor reputation for this work. In addition, his fluency in German and French has put him in some small demand by the B.B.C., who have asked him on an ad hoc basis to take part in discussions in French on their overseas services. He has also broadcast in English programmes of a political nature. CAIRNCROSS' interests also embrace the visual arts in which he is encouraged by his wife, a German Jewess, who was formerly an assistant at a Bond Street Art Gallery.

Financial Position

His Treasury salary, together with his income from publications, the B.B.C. and occasional assistance from his mother-in-law, have placed CAIRNCROSS in reasonably comfortable surroundings. Until recently he has been able to run a car (and may still be doing so). During a recent illness he was able to go to several coastal resorts to recuperate, while towards the end of 1951 he took his wife for a holiday in Spain, spending some time in France during his return. He is contemplating going abroad again in the foreseeable future.

Honesty

As mentioned above, CAIRNCROSS has few scruples about taking office time off. There are several instances recorded on the telephone check which show that he is not above sharp practice. For example, on the 29th November 1951, in discussing what appeared to be a publishing matter with James MACGIBBON, he asked the latter to make a sum of money due to him payable through a cheque to his (CAIRNCROSS') wife "for reasons which would be obvious" to MACGIBBON. From the context it was clear that CAIRNCROSS' object was to avoid paying income tax on the sum. Again, on 11th December, CAIRNCROSS and his wife appeared to have agreed to participate in a deal involving the fraudulent sale of a picture (possibly a faked Corot) for which the CAIRNCROSSs' commission was £50. CAIRNCROSS was anxious that this sum should not feature in his books and Mrs. CAIRNCROSS wished the amount to be paid in cash.

Politics

According to the B.4.b. Monitor, CAIRNCROSS gives the impression in telephonic discussions of deliberating carefully before voicing any opinions, especially political ones. Every word appears to be specially selected. It may be, therefore, that such indications as the telephone check has given of his political opinions, may not represent in any way his true state of mind. The following indications, however, have occurred:-

- a) The CAIRNCROSSs' holiday in Spain was not an unqualified success - in fact they do not appear to have enjoyed themselves for reasons which are not clear. CAIRNCROSS, himself, however, on being asked by a friend stated that it was not connected with the regime and had "nothing at all to do with the political angle", though he proffered no further explanation for his dislike of Spain.
- b) There is probably no significance, apart from a cultural one, to his request to a friend to buy a copy of Voltaire's "L'Histoire de la Russie" in Paris.
- c) On 21st October 1951 CAIRNCROSS agreed to step in to a political debate broadcast by the B.B.C. to replace John Forster, a Conservative M.P. He appeared pleased to accept the offer.
- d) On 27th November 1951 he was asked by an American friend to go to the Cinema. His reaction on learning that the film was called "My Favourite Spy" ^{was} ~~he remarked~~ "Oh well, just my cup of tea". However, this can hardly be said to be significant and can scarcely be held against him.
- e) CAIRNCROSS gives the impression that he is slightly favourably inclined towards the new Government. He assured his wife's uncle on the 5th January that "things were looking a lot better and that he himself was extremely optimistic for the first time since 1945". On 29th January he agreed that the Chancellor's broadcast concerning capital expenditure had been a good one and that Mr. Butler "was a good man for the job".

a Bob Hope film

Significant Contacts

A feature of the present examination of CAIRNCROSS has been the discovery that he associates with what is perhaps an unusually high percentage of current B.2.a. suspects. These, together with a number of other persons with Security Service records, are listed below:

- a) The present investigation of CAIRNCROSS was undertaken after his name had been found in Donald MACLEAN's desk diary, showing that they apparently had a non-official appointment on the 20th April 1951. CAIRNCROSS when interviewed admitted knowing MACLEAN as a former Foreign Office colleague.
- b) A document resembling an intelligence report identified as the work of CAIRNCROSS dating from early 1939 was found amongst the possessions of Guy BURGESS. CAIRNCROSS has not been questioned about this document but, when interviewed in another context, admitted that he had possibly met BURGESS on some occasion but that he was not the sort of person with whom he, CAIRNCROSS, would have associated.
- c) On 19th September 1951 CAIRNCROSS rang Goronwy REES. The context suggested that REES was giving an opinion on some literary work which CAIRNCROSS had done and which he wished to pass on to ELIOT (? T.S. ELIOT).
- d) On 7 December 1951 in a conversation between BLUNDEN and HALPERN, BLUNDEN remarked that he was "terrified to see CAIRNCROSS in the audience" at a lecture which BLUNDEN had apparently given shortly before. BLUNDEN is given to talking in somewhat extravagant terms and it is difficult to assess the significance of this remark, except that it shows clearly that BLUNDEN knows CAIRNCROSS. BLUNDEN's name has also been mentioned, apparently innocently, in a conversation between Mrs. CAIRNCROSS and Mrs. MAISON (see below).
- e) CAIRNCROSS and his wife are intimates of Alexander and Salome HALPERN, with whom they are in frequent touch.
- f) On 20th November 1951 CAIRNCROSS was in touch with Lucia MOHOLY-NAGY (CC.413,318), a photographer from Prague, who arrived in the U.K. in 1934. This woman is a microfilm expert by profession. She was in 1943 alleged to be a Communist and in 1945 was reported to be an associate of Edith TUDOR-HART. In December 1949 MOHOLY-NAGY succeeded in travelling to Czechoslovakia. It is perhaps significant that in January 1945 MOHOLY-NAGY wrote a letter couched in unusual terms to Herta WESCHER, then in Switzerland. The latter was an intimate friend of Simon GUTHMAN, reliably reported to be a G.P.U. agent.
- g) CAIRNCROSS has several times been in touch with James MACGIBBON. This contact is possibly significant since MACGIBBON, so far as is known, does not publish the kind of classical translations which CAIRNCROSS undertakes. However, there has been nothing in their conversations to suggest that their business is connected with anything but publishing.
- h) The first call on the first day of the telephone check disclosed that Mrs. CAIRNCROSS was in touch with the wife of George HOELLERING. This contact appears to be coincidental, since the evidence suggests that CAIRNCROSS and HOELLERING themselves only recently became acquainted but that their wives knew each other before the CAIRNCROSSs were married.

- i) The CAIRNCROSSs are very friendly with Karl and Stephanie MAISON (PF.149,275), who are connected with an Art Gallery. In 1931, when he first visited the U.K. Karl MAISON, who was then a traveller in antiques and paintings, wrote to the Soviet Trade Delegation in Berlin concerning the sale of Soviet books in the U.K.
 - j) CAIRNCROSS and his wife have been in touch periodically with Ricardo PRIULI-BON (PF.60,889) and his wife Olga. PRIULI-BON came under suspicion in 1939 but enquiries indicated that they were anti-Fascist. In 1941 he was on the Free Italy Government Committee and in 1943 was employed by the Political Warfare Executive.
 - k) On 23rd October 1951 CAIRNCROSS lunched with Maurice ABRAHAMS (PF.87,192), a solicitor, who in 1947 was Honorary Treasurer of the Communist dominated Haldane Society and in 1949 was the Legal Advisor to the Bulgarian Legation to which, according to one unsubstantiated report, he was supplying military information.
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- m) A recent intercept letter from John QUINN (PF.84,077) shows that CAIRNCROSS, apparently in an effort to identify the writer of his anonymous letter, has been in touch with QUINN, who is a former Communist but who now holds pro-Tito views (see Minute 115).

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