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- 1.4.52. Ext. from T/C on CAIRNCROSS. 149. 149v.
- 1.4.52. From [redacted] re FROELICH
- 1.4.52. B.5. Observation re port No.F.180/1. 149z
- 1.4.52. B2a/WJS report on preliminary interview with CAIRNCROSS 149a
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- 152.
- 2.4.52. C.1. note re Treasury request for further information concerning CAIRNCROSS before decision as to manner in which he leaves the C.S. 152a.
- 153.
- 2.4.52. Typescript of CAIRNCROSS statement to Mr. Skardon on 2.4.52 together with original M.S. signed statement in envelope 153a
- 2.4.52. B.5. observation report. 153b
- 154.
- B.2.A. note on meeting to discuss the position of the CAIRNCROSS case. 154a
- 155.

S.L.B.

Please see serials 153a and 149b - you may wish to advise the D.P.P. of these developments in this case in continuation of serial 144a.

B.2.A.
3.4.52.

D. Stephens
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D. Stephens.

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3.4.52. To Treasury forwarding copies of three documents concerning the CAIRNCROSS case.

156a.

3.4.52. B.5. observation report.

156b

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4.4.52. C.1. note re interview with Treasury representative concerning CAIRNCROSS.

157a.

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Please see note at 157a.

CI
4.4.52

G.R. Mitchell

159.

4.4.52. B.5. observation report.

159a

160.

4.4.52. To A.6. re "The Modern Quarterly".
4.4.52. Int. letter to CAIRNCROSS from G. DAVID.
4.4.52. Int. letter to CAIRNCROSS from E. BAER.
4.4.52. Report on Second Interview with CAIRNCROSS.
4.4.52. To B.1.F. re FORSYTE.

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160b
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5.4.52. To D.P.P. enclosing copy of Statement (153a).

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You may care to see the letter at 161a, which I have addressed to the Director of Public Prosecutions, sending him a copy of CAIRNCROSS' statement.

S.L.B.
5.4.52.

B. A. Hill
B.A. Hill.

163.

5.4.52.

B.5. observation report.

163a

164.

5.4.52.

Copy of B.2 note on investigation of BLUNT etc. and possible information obtainable on them from CAIRNCROSS.

164a

7.4.52.

NORTH material re CAIRNCROSS.

164b

7.4.52.

To B.5. re CAIRNCROSS.

164c

7.4.52.

B.5 observation report.

164d

7.4.52.

B.5. observation report.

164e

Skardon
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D.B.

165.

Mr. Skardon's reports on his two interviews with CAIRNCROSS are filed at 149b and 160d. A copy of CAIRNCROSS's signed statement is at 153a. You have of course been informed of the contents of these papers, but you will no doubt wish to have an opportunity to read the original reports.

You should also see Mr. Hill's letter to the Director of Public Prosecutions at 161a. My only comment on this letter is that, whereas I agree that it is unlikely that further interviews between Skardon and CAIRNCROSS will carry the case further from the point of view of any possible prosecution, I am reasonably sure that CAIRNCROSS has more information to give us, and that Mr. Skardon will in due course be able to obtain it.

Mr. Skardon hopes to see CAIRNCROSS again before the Easter holiday, but will not make definite arrangements to do so until we have heard from the Treasury regarding the action they propose to take for the termination of CAIRNCROSS's employment. Mr. Winnifrith has of course been fully informed, and we should have the Treasury decision very shortly.

We agreed today that the instruction to Special Branch officers at the ports, to report immediately should CAIRNCROSS attempt to travel, should remain in force only until such time as the Treasury have made their decision and the decision has been put into effect. (In this connection see last paragraph of Mr. Skardon's report at 149b.)

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J. C. Robertson
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D.G.

You may care to see the ~~two~~ original statements
taken from Cairncross at 153A.

Further action is summarized in minute
above.

D.G. White 74

167.

8.4.52. B.5. observation report.

167a

168.

8.4.52. Minute to B.2.a. from B.1. re FORSYTE, KERMAN and PHILLIPS.

168a

169.

8.4.52. Telegram from Int. Div. re FROELICK.

169a

171.

9.4.52. From Director of Public Prosecutions re CAIRNCROSS. - no prosecution.
9.4.52. To G.P.O. re [redacted] on CAIRNCROSS.
9.4.52 B5 observation report F.180/9
9.4.52 B2A note re CAIRNCROSS's plans for Easter
10.4.52 B5 observation report F.180/11
10.4.52. To D.P.P. concurring with decision not to prosecute CAIRNCROSS.
10.4.52. B.5. report on car no. BGX 19.
15.4.52. Copy of Treasury memorandum on CAIRNCROSS.

171z.
171a
171b
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15.4.52. C.I. note re interview at Treasury concerning their proposed action
over CAIRNCROSS.

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174.

D.B. (through B.2.A.).

Please see Winnifrith's memorandum at 172A and my note at 173A.

G.R. Mitchell

G.R. Mitchell.

C.I.
15.4.52.

175.

15.4.52.

B.2.a. note re CAIRNCROSS case and future action to be taken in it

175a

15.4.52.

From A.6. re "The Modern Quarterly".

175b

176.

SW 17/4
D.B.

Please see my note at 175a.

C.A.G. Simkins

C.A.G. Simkins

B.2.a.
15.4.52.

15.4.52.

B.5. observation report.

176b

177.

15.4.52

B5 observation report F.180/13

177a

15.4.52.

NORTH material re CARINCROSS.

177b

15.4.52.

NORTH material re CAIRNCROSS.

177c

15.4.52.

Interview with CAIRNCROSS on 9.4.52.
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177e

16.4.52.

C.I. note re agreement with Treasury about bringing to their notice indiscretions of certain individuals.

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6.4.52. To C.C. Worcester re 176b. 179a

16.4.52. B.5. Report F.180/14. re CAIRNCROSS. 179c

180.

16.4.52. Loose Minute to B.2. from B.2.B. re CAIRNCROSS. 180b

181.

16.4.52. B.5. Voters List particulars. 181

16.4.52. B.5. observation report.

16.4.52. B.5. Observation Report No.F.180/16.

182.

17.4.52. B.5. observation report. 182a.

183.

17.4.52. From Treasury enclosing copies of correspondence re CAIRNCROSS' resignation. 183a

184.

17.4.52. Report of interview with CAIRNCROSS on 16.4.52 - re movements on 7.4.52. 184a

185.

D.G. 18/4

Since writing my minute 166, which you have not yet seen, there have been further developments in this case.

CAIRNCROSS has twice been interviewed and reports on these interviews are at 177e and 184a. The second interview was the result of a B.5 observation report on his movements on 7.4.52 which is at 167a. You will note that he has since rung up and said that he wishes to give some further information in this connection and Mr. Skardon is to see him again this afternoon.

You will also wish to see the letter from the D.P.P. at 171e and the note of Mr. Mitchell's

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discussion with Mr. Winnifrith about Treasury action in this case at 173a.

D.B. *D.G. write.*
17.4.52.

186.

17.4.52. 17.4.52 Int. to CAIRNCROSS from "B. & T."

186a

187.

17.4.52. Int. to CAIRNCROSS from Treasury.

187a

189.

17.4.52. 17.4.52 B.5. report re "D".

189a.

190.

17.4.52. To A.6. re 175b.

190a

17.4.52. B.5. Observation Report No F.180/20 dated 18.4.52.

190b

191.

18.4.52. Extract from S.B. Report re CAIRNCROSS.

191z

18.4.52. Interview with CAIRNCROSS on 17.4.52.

191a

19.4.52. B.5. Observation Report F.180/22 dated 21.4.52.

191b

19.4.52. B.5. Observation Report F.180/23 dated 21.4.52.

191c

19.4.52. B.5. Observation Report F.180/21 dated 19.4.52.

191d

19.4.52. Letter from R.J. Mann re John CAIRNCROSS encl: 1951 "The College Courant"

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Letter from Worcestershire Constabulary re Motor Car BAB 414.

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Letter from The Registrar Gen: of Shipping & Seamen to P.S. Joce.

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Note. Re serial 128/Supp vol 3 (MA) ment Marceline ROBERTSON.
Ext: from Report on interview with BLUNDEN on 21.4.52.
Letter from R.E. Hedger enclosing "The Modern Quarterly".

192z
192a
192b

193.

22.4.52.

Letter to S.B. re Owner of Car No. BAB 414.

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22.4.52.

B.5. report - voters list for 68, Queens Gate, S.W.7.

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PA.

22nd. April, 1952.

68, Queens Gate, S.W.7.

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Voters' List shows:-

CLARK Marjorie
 X CLARK Percival X
 FLOWER Peter H.
 HOOKWAY Florence M.
 HOROBIN Alice M.
 HOROBIN Eric F.
 HOROBIN Erica M.
 X MURPHY Frederick X
 PRICE Joan
 ROSS Eileen M.
 STEWART Louisa M.

Flat 2. CUTTER Mary
 MENASCE George.

A.R.E.H.

B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens). *dm/ly*

serial 179E

PF. 72493.

John CAIRNCROSS.

Our report F.180/14 dated 16.4.52, refers.

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D. Storrier.

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 F.180/24.

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PF. 72493/B2A/DS.

Commander,
Special Branch.

I should be most grateful if you could obtain for me the name of the owner of the following motor car which is at present registered with the Surrey County Council.

Car No: B.A.B. 414.

22nd April, 1952.
DS/AS

D. Stephens
D. Stephens.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Telephone Nos.
REGENT 6050.
WHITEHALL 6789.

BOX No. 500,
PARLIAMENT STREET B.C
LONDON, S.W.1.

Your Ref: PF.72493/B2A/DS. ENCL _____ Scientific Services.
Our Ref: SS/425/41

Re 21 APR 1952
TO B2A
REF PF 72493
B2A1814
Held R5

Dear Stephens,

Herewith as requested, the copy of "The Modern Quarterly."

In the absence of more specific information it would certainly seem that the time and labour expended in a full search for all known forms of secret writing is unjustified.

Yours sincerely,

R. E. Ebedege.

Returned to
Ab on 10/7/52
See Vol. 6.

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D. Stephens, Esq.,
B.2.A.

✓
DER
22/11/52

192a

P.A. FF.72493 - CAIRNCROSS.

(Original in FF.604582 - BLUNDEN).

Extract from Report on interview with BLUNDEN on 21.4.52.

..... BLUNDEN said that it was true that BURGESS had created a good deal of embarrassment for his friends, and I remarked that this was a gross understatement. I added that the repercussions were still manifesting themselves, and questioned him about the extent of his knowledge of John CAIRNCROSS. He remembered that CAIRNCROSS had rooms on his staircase at Trinity and that he was a friend of BURGESS, but mentioned that his most recent contact with him had been at Prof. HALPERN's house some two years ago, when he had, being like CAIRNCROSS considerably under the influence of drink, engaged himself in the most violent argument with CAIRNCROSS on matters concerning 17th century French literature. I remarked that this was a subject about which CAIRNCROSS has some knowledge and BLUNT agreed that this is so. He failed to recall the luncheon party at which Helmuth KATZ was present and said that the only KATZ he remembered was Rolf KATZ.

B.2.a.
21.4.52.

W. J. Skardon.

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NOTE FOR FILE.

Re serial 128/Supp vol 3 (MA)

With reference to the possibility of MA's being identical with Marceline ROBERTSON mentioned in serial 191a - enquiry from B4E/JBB reveals that there were no sailings for Hong Kong on 9th April 1952, but that the Chusan (P&O), ex London, and the Pyrrhus (Alfred Holt), ex Liverpool, sailed for Hong Kong on 10th April 1952.

B4E report that no one named ROBERTSON was a passenger on board the Chusan, and Liverpool Special Branch report that there was no one of this name either as a passenger or as a member of the crew on board the Pyrrhus.

B.2.A.
21st April, 1952.

[Handwritten signature]
D. Stephens.

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see
29.4.52

Telegraphic Address : Registrar Seamen, Cardiff.
Telephone No. : Llandaff 1130.

MEMORANDUM

B2A / W Stephens PAP/1

From

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF SHIPPING
AND SEAMEN,
LLANTRISANT ROAD, LLANDAFF, CARDIFF.

To

B. Jee Esq.
Box No. 500.
Parliament Street
London

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19 APR 1952

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18th April

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52 TO

Dear Jee

Confidential REF

Reference to telephone conversation of this afternoon, I am sorry but the opening Agreements for the "Chusan" and "Pyrobus" have not yet come to hand, although we are expecting to do so daily. I will, however, let you have the information the same day as the documents are received.

If, on the other hand, the matter is an urgent one and you would like me to phone the Ports concerned and obtain the necessary details over the telephone, perhaps you will ring me.

Yours Sincerely

J. J. Rushworth

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WORCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY.

191F

Criminal Investigation Department,

Station: Head Quarters,

Hindlip Hall, Nr. Worcester.

17th April 1952.

SECRET

Subject: Motor Car B.A.B. 414.

Examined:

Sir,

I beg to refer to the letter from Sir. Percy Sillitoe, dated the 16th April 1952, asking for the name of the registered owner of motor car B.A.B. 414, and to say that I have made enquiries at the Local Taxation Office, and from their records, they say that the car is a Singer Saloon, and is at present registered with the Surrey County Council.

I understand that this vehicle was transferred to the Surrey County Council from Dorsetshire on 31st December 1945.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

W. Williams
Detective Superintendent,

17.4.52.

ENCL 2/14

Pnc 19 APR 1952

TO B2A B2A 18/4

REF PF 72493

Held 18/4

Submitted:

Superintendent:

The Chief Constable.

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Forwarded for the information of Sir Percy Sillitoe, Box 500, Parliament Street. B.O. LONDON in reply to your reference No.P.F. 72493/B2A/DS.

Ref. No. C.I.D. Z. 1188.

Criminal Investigation Department,
County Police Headquarters,
Hindlip Hall,
nr. Worcester.

L. L. L.
18.4.52.

Captain

Chief Constable of Worcestershire

17th April 1952.

Handwritten: ~~DS~~ ^{diary.} to see
9 BA



Handwritten: 91E

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

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17th April, 1952.

Handwritten: DS 19 APR 1952
TO B2A B2A 18/4

Dear *Handwritten:* Tony,
Handwritten: 2/4

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Handwritten: Held R5

John CAIRNCROSS.

With reference to previous correspondence concerning the above-named, I thought the attached might be of interest to you since the Professor recently paid a visit to Moscow.

John CAIRNCROSS paid a visit to his home towards the end of March but I understand the visit was wholly on family matters. He is looked upon by the locals as being somewhat eccentric.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Jack Mann

R.J. Mann.

A.F. Burbidge, Esq., M.B.E.,
B.2.A.

Handwritten: 29/4/52

Extract from Whitsun 1951 "The College Courant"

NEW PROFESSOR

Alexander Kirkland Cairncross, C.M.G., M.A., Ph.D.

Last term we were happy to welcome the return of a distinguished native. In 1950, Alexander Kirkland Cairncross, C.M.G., M.A., Ph.D., was appointed to the new Chair of Applied Economics (including the direction of the Department of Social and Economic Research). In a rather bleak January he arrived with his wife and three children, and immediately set to work.

One of a distinguished band of brothers from Lesmahagow and Hamilton Academy, he left us in 1939 for Government service. His record since is one any merely academic economist will envy. Work at the War Cabinet Offices, Director of Programmes in the Ministry of Aircraft Production, an Advisory Mission to Berlin on the level of German industry, an independent membership of the Wool Working Party along with a six months' spell on the staff of the 'Economist', Economic Adviser to the Board of Trade, and finally Economic Adviser to O.E.E.C. in Paris: such a wealth of experience gives him a flying start in the kind of practical research with which he will be mainly occupied. In Glasgow, he has the rich, largely unexplored raw material of a varied community life, and the invaluable support of Mr. Cunnison's pioneer work. A happy team of researchers awaits him, and scope for unique achievements stretches ahead, especially in the description and analysis of industrial structure and relations, and in the health and cultural strength of a virile colourful city.

We who appreciate Professor Cairncross's quick and friendly vigour, his acuteness, immense capacity for work and rich experience, anticipate a bumper harvest. He and his family have all our good wishes. And it is delightful to have him home again.

191d

B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens). *S. Storrier*

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John CAIRNCROSS.

As spoken the gates of Gunnersbury Park are closed each evening thirty minutes before sun-set so that on 7.4.52 this would be at about 6.15 p.m.

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There are no other parks within ten minutes walk of the spot where CAIRNCROSS waited i.e. junction of Pope's Lane and Gunnersbury Avenue, W.5.

The nearest open space is Ealing Common, which is not enclosed, and this is situated nearly one mile north of Pope's Lane.

D. Storrier

D. Storrier.

B.5.
19.4.52.
F.180/21.

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16 KEATS GROVE, N.W.3.

Voters' List shows:-

GILES Isobel C.
BESTERMAN Evelyn M.
BESTERMAN Theodore D.
BREMNER Margaret S.C.
CHAMPION Edward M.

L.W.C.

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B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens) *D. Stephens*

FF. 72493. John CAIRNCROSS.

Our F.180/14 of 16.4.52 refers.

D. Storrier

D. Storrier.

B.5.
21.4.52.
F.180/23.

29.4.52

1918
19th. April, 1952.

13 COLLEGE COURT,
COLLEGE CRESCENT, N.W.3.

Voters' List shows:-

x REIZENSTEIN Charlotte. x

L.W.C.

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B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens). *D. mlu.*

PF. 72493. John CAIRNCROSS.

Our F.180/14 of 16.4.52 refers.

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Storrier

D. Storrier.

B.5.
21.4.52.
F.180/22.

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29.4.52.

Interview with John CAIRNCROSS on 17.4.52.

I saw the above-named by appointment at Room 055 at 2.15 p.m. on the 17th April. He was in an extremely distressed condition and I had great difficulty in understanding the story which he propounded. He prefaced it by saying that he wanted me to understand that since what he was going to tell me had no bearing upon the case which we were investigating and had not the slightest interest for the Security Service, he hoped that word of it would not go back to his wife and disturb his very happy married life. He was also abjectly apologetic for having lied at the interview the previous day, but excused himself on the score that simple moral issues were involved which were of no real interest to us. Actually having told his wife that he had finished with the Civil Service and finding this fact to be accepted by her with complacency, he had felt emboldened to telephone me and attempt to put right the misleading story told on the previous day.

He then explained that when he first met his wife, who is of German origin though she has lived in the U.K. for many years, he fell for her in a big way. She did not at first reciprocate his feelings and he was obliged to press his suit with some ardour before making the desired impression upon her. Finally he succeeded, and indeed though not married they were on intimate terms and were man and wife in everything short of the marriage contract. On his part there was an anxiety to regularise the situation, but his wife resisted the final act on the score that she was uncertain whether she wished to settle permanently in England. She has brothers in the U.S.A. and having been there she was somewhat attracted to the possibility of settling in the congenial surroundings of California. In order to resolve this matter finally, his wife decided in April 1950 to go to the U.S.A. and there was a tacit understanding that within a month or two she would be able to tell him her decision. She actually sailed on the 23rd April, 1950.

Left on his own in London CAIRNCROSS, who was at that time living at the same address as he occupies today, late in April or early in May met a Frenchwoman. He did so at the Studio One or Academy Cinema when he went there for the purpose of seeing a French film. The Frenchwoman, who had a positive Parisian middle-class accent, became known to him as Marceline ROBERTSON. He describes her as follows. Aged 30, 5' 7", plump build, black hair not curly rather lank, brown eyes, unusual pinkish complexion for a Frenchwoman, attractive appearance, always well dressed in a modest way, married and wore a wedding ring. Having struck up an acquaintanceship with this woman, who gave him her name as Marceline ROBERTSON with a smile which he thought indicated that it was not the correct one, he provided her with his telephone number at Treasury and later with particulars of his address and they met from time to time. They were quickly on intimate terms.

During June 1950, because he had not received positive assurances from his wife, he made a telephone call to New York and learned that she was still undecided and was going on to California for a month or two before making up her mind. This lack of decision left CAIRNCROSS, so he thought, freer to conduct this irregular liaison with Marceline ROBERTSON, and in July he invited her to take dinner at his flat. They dined on the balcony, and he thought it possible that a neighbour may have witnessed this event. From the middle of August until mid-September 1950 CAIRNCROSS was on holiday in France. The news from his wife was still very vague and he continued to see Marceline ROBERTSON from time to time until during October he heard from his wife that she had decided to return early in 1951. In these circumstances he explained the position to Marceline ROBERTSON who accepted it, and before his wife returned their meetings came to an end. She had never encouraged him to enquire into her status and background, and all that he had been able to learn was that she probably lived in West London, since he always met her on the underground routes from that direction, and when leaving him she always proceeded by train in a westerly direction. Moreover when she left his address at Nottinghill Gate she boarded a 'bus for Shepherd's Bush where she said she would be able to change for Hammersmith.

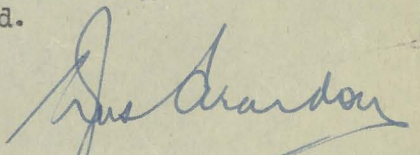
His wife returned to this country on January 10th, 1951, and they were married within a few days and have lived together very happily from that time.

In November 1951 he had a telephone call at the Treasury from Marceline ROBERTSON, who begged a single meeting with him. They met one evening at Ealing Common Station and made free of Ealing Common before parting once more. He did not expect to hear from Marceline again.

During January and February 1952 he was ill with jaundice and upon his return to the office was informed by his junior that a foreign lady had been telephoning him, and he guessed that this might be Marceline ROBERTSON. Very late in March his guess was confirmed when she telephoned him to say that she was about to go out of London and made an impassioned plea for a last meeting with him, which they agreed should take place at 8 p.m. on the 7th April at the entrance to Gunnersbury Park. After making the appointment CAIRNCROSS was interviewed by me and became aware that he was under observation, and on the night of the 7th April, in order to avoid the watchers, he travelled by the curious haphazard route described in the B.5 report. He waited for 25 minutes for Marceline, who failed to turn up.

This was not a pretty story for CAIRNCROSS to tell, and he advanced it with diffidence and considerable embarrassment. At its conclusion, and after questioning him to elicit as many details as possible, I told him the matter was left in an extremely unsatisfactory state. I assured him that it would be of no interest to us to make known to his wife any moral shortcomings on his part, and gave him a positive undertaking that we should not do so. I adjured him to give me every particular possible, pointing out the advantage of having some named and identifiable person as the central point of his story, rather than the nebulous character who existed on the particulars which he had already supplied. CAIRNCROSS thought that it would be possible to confirm his story at some points by checking with perhaps neighbours for the July 1950 dinner party on his flat balcony, or with his junior at Treasury who must have been aware of protracted conversations between CAIRNCROSS and some caller which were of an affectionate character and in the French language. He assured me that he had given me every detail that he could think of, and he recognised that it was the sort of story which would encourage further enquiries. He accepted my word that this would not reach his wife's ears and promised, should any detail which might serve to confirm his story or identify the woman come to his mind, he would communicate it to me forthwith. As he was leaving War Office he expressed the hope that having got off his chest (a) the fact of his departure from the Civil Service to his wife, and (b) the admission that he had lied to me, he would now be able to relax for a few days. He seemed to be in a completely easy mental condition when he left.

I gained the strong impression that this story may be safely separated from any investigation into his life as a possible spy. I accept CAIRNCROSS's apologia for the reasons which he advanced, namely that this was purely a domestic issue without significance and without interest to the Security Service. When I questioned CAIRNCROSS about the events of the 7th April, I produced as big a bombshell and created nearly as much alarm and anxiety for him as had been engendered at our very first meeting, but the matters, I submit, are completely unrelated.


W. J. Skardon.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No. P.F. 72,493. Name CAIRNCROSS, A.K.

Original in File No. : * Unfiled Serial: Vol: Receipt Date: 18.4.52.

Original from: S.B. report. Under Ref.: Dated: 16.4.52.

Extracted on: 23.4.52. by: P.A.C. Section: B.2.A.

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

Alexander Kirkland CAIRNCROSS, Government official, born 11.2.11. at
Lesmahagon, British passport No. 76220 issued London on 5.7.46.
Address - Wendover, Lenzie, Scotland.

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17th April 1952

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Re:- Motor Car, K.L.O. 965

The above-mentioned index mark and number is allotted to a Standard 'Vanguard' car, green saloon, which is registered with the London County Council and owned by ^XEDWIN MELVILLE MACK BESTERMAN, ^XM.A., M.B., M.R.C.P., 25 Park Crescent, London, W.1.

10 see 698/8

B.2.A. (Mr D. Stephens)

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PF. 72493

John CAIRNGROSS

Our report F.180/14 dated 16.4.1952 refers.

D. Storrier
D. Storrier

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17th April, 1952.

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SS/425/40

Dear Hedger,

—1756.

Thank you for your letter reference SS/425/40 dated 15th April, 1952.

As there are at present no reasons to believe that more elaborate and comprehensive testing than the methods already applied will produce results of interest, I shall be grateful if you will return the copy of "The Modern Quarterly" so that it may be retained on the appropriate file here.

Yours sincerely,

D. Stephens

D. Stephens.

R. E. Hedger, Esq.,
A. 6.

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CAIRNCROSS "D".

16.4.52.

This man left Shell
Mex House, Strand, W.C.2. at
5.30 p.m. and was traced to
'Farend', 21, Ganghill, London
Road, Guildford, Surrey.

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~~D. Storrier.~~

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J. Cairncross, Esq.

16 Lansdowne Court,

~~Travellers Club,~~

Lansdowne Crescent,

Pall Mall,

W.11.

S.W.1.



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A. J. D. W.

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Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street,
S.W.1.

15th April, 1952.

Dear Cairncross,

Bridges has now considered the results of the recent investigation into your conduct, including your own statement of April 2nd, 1952. He has decided that in the circumstances he should call for your resignation from the Civil Service. Please therefore let me have your formal resignation.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. D. Winniford

J. Cairncross, Esq.



Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street,
S.W.1.

15th April, 1952.

Dear Cairncross,

I have your letter of
14th April. I do not think that
your suggestions are desirable.

I shall inform the head of
your division that you have resigned
and the monthly office notice will
include your resignation.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. D. Winniford

J. Cairncross, Esq.

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Mr. John & Ann
Flat 2, 15
Rue de la
Liberté, 15
Paris 15^e

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Mr. John Cairncross
16 Lansdown Court
Lansdown Crescent
London W11

1952

VIA AIR MAIL - PAR AVION

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Mon cher John.

Je n'ai pas eu de vos nouvelles depuis fort
long temps et moi, je suis si ennuyé de ce
que j'ai à vous dire, que j'écris depuis
deux jours à vous écrire.

Je n'ai pas pu me libérer à la date prévue
de mes occupations immédiates et à caractère
d'urgence; alors voilà, Pâques est arrivé
et j'ai dû quitter Paris, dans un état de
fatigue extrême, sans avoir encore travaillé
pour vous.

Pour être tout à fait franc, je ne pourrai
m'y remettre qu'au début du mois prochain.
Je vous prie que vous n'en voyez pas trop
ennuyé. Je me dis pour me rassurer que
si le temps vous était vraiment pressé,
vous m'auriez écrit un mot après
ma dernière lettre, pour vous assurer
que la traduction était de nouveau sur
le chantier?

Je crois que le travail ira

attends vite quand je n'y serai collée -
Impossible d'en reprendre d'une façon facile.
il faut que je n'y replonge -

Je vous trouve. Vous devez être silencieux
et, en dehors de la question Shakespeare, j'
aimerais savoir ce que vous devez et
comment vont les autres respectifs de
Merrill -

Écrivez-moi vite et dites-moi. Je vous en
donne - que vous ne m'en voyez pas de
mon retard -

Le printemps précocement et brutal est très
beau mais très éprouvant -

Amitiés sincères à tous deux.

Marcelle B & T.

le 15 avril 1952

Interview with John CAIRNCROSS on 16.4.52.

On the 16th April I saw the above-named at Room 055 at 4 p.m. by appointment. I commenced the interview by discussing with him the latest information on the employment front, and he informed me that although he had, at rather a late hour, deposited with Treasury a plea for a Sabbatical year, he had heard from a junior colleague to whom he spoke on Tuesday that his resignation was being sought. Furthermore he believed the letter announcing this decision was awaiting him at the Travellers Club although he had not then seen it.

I then said to him that I was going to ask him a question quite out of the blue, and added, "What were you doing on last Monday week?" He appeared for the moment to be non-plussed and said that this was very much out of the blue and then began to think aloud, wondering whether it was the day upon which he had, with a view to resolving his future, gone out into the country to ponder upon it. I told him that I was anxious that he should inform me as clearly as possible what happened from his own memory, and as the result of his applying his mind to the subject the following story emerged.

Between the time that I had seen him and taken a statement in writing and the date of our next interview which took place on the 9th April, CAIRNCROSS was in some difficulty for there was no-one with whom he could discuss the affairs which were giving him so much concern. It had long been his habit when matters of importance had to be resolved to get away from people, especially from the chance of meeting friends, and into the country where possible for this purpose. The whole question of his future was and still is in the melting-pot, and he has to try as best he may to decide whether to attempt to force an entry into commerce or industry, to devote himself to a career in broadcasting and literature, or to seek employment in the purely academic field in University surroundings. These were the subjects uppermost in his mind on Monday, 7th April, and he would have me believe that from the time of our first interview he had been under considerable emotional stress. In these circumstances he would not regard himself as completely responsible for any particular series of actions, and he had the general recollection that having decided to get away and think these matters out, he would commence from the starting-point most readily associated in his mind with the country, namely Hammersmith. He recalled that he had taken more than one vehicle to reach the district of Acton, in the general area of which he believed to exist a large park. He went there and then, having it in his mind to get home before his wife, he travelled back by rail to a point near his home and succeeded in arriving ahead of Mrs. CAIRNCROSS. He assured me that in making this trip he had no ulterior motive whatsoever, and denied that it was in his mind to meet anybody, to attempt to meet anybody, or to perform any act at all. His one object he said was to get away from people who would know him, so that he might think. I then took him carefully through his movements as known to us, pointing out that he had taken taxi cabs between the Travellers Club and Hammersmith, sandwiching between these rides an abortive attempt to take a train at Gloucester Road Station, that he had proceeded from Hammersmith by rail to Acton Town and from this point by bus to Pope's Lane. He affected to be unaware of the names of these roads, and indeed claimed to be unaware also of the fact that he stood for 25 minutes on The Pavement. I ought to mention that whilst pondering upon his story, he volunteered the information that he believed that this was the evening upon which he felt uneasy, having a sense that he was being watched, and later in his halting description of events he recollected that it must have been this evening, because he recalled that whilst standing at Acton he observed a man on the other side of the road make some sort of gesture or signal, apparently to a colleague down the road. CAIRNCROSS claimed that he did not consciously take evasive action to outwit any follower, but said that his actions were dictated simply by a confused and distracted frame of mind. He agreed with my version of the events of his journey, and pointed out that I must be cognisant of the fact that he had not been in contact with any other person during that evening. He protested throughout that there was no sort of design in his movements on the evening of the 7th April.

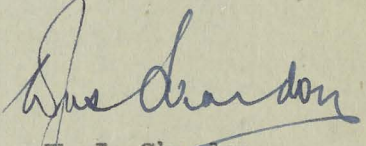
I told CAIRNCROSS that the pattern of his behaviour, tracing through the years from the time in 1939 when he was positively passing official secrets to the agent of a foreign power and relating those events to his present behaviour for which he had tendered an unsatisfactory explanation, would leave my colleagues with an extremely suspicious view of his actions. He recognised these facts but assured me on his word of honour, offering to satisfy me by putting his hand in the fire or any other way I thought useful, that he had told the whole truth and had nothing to add to the information already given at previous interviews and on the present occasion. It will not be out of place to mention that although he has been under considerable mental stress from the time of our first meeting, there was some change in his condition quite apparent when I put the question about Monday, April 7th to him. During the course of the interview the colour returned to his cheeks and he became more composed.

The attitude that I finally adopted with him was that the explanation of his conduct was unlikely in all the circumstances to satisfy my colleagues, and I indicated to him in terms that he had provided me with a pretty rotten brief to present on his behalf. He agreed with this, but said that he was unable to add to the information already proffered, and he was sure that I would not expect him to invent anything. The interview was terminated with an understanding that he would telephone me early in the week commencing 20th April to discover when next I wanted to see him. He was proposing to discuss his future immediately with his wife, since the way was now open for him to tell her the Treasury decision, and she would help to resolve the situation with him. He claimed to have no immediate financial worries, for he told me that an aunt who died recently had left a legacy to him. This seemed to be the sort of legacy that would enable him quite gayly to spend a holiday, certainly in Italy in June, and possibly in the U.S.A., and he felt that he ought to take a few months rest to recover from recent shocks.

I was left with the impression at the conclusion of this interview that there was little more to come from CAIRNCROSS. I had the positive feeling that the barriers were down, that he is under control and that he had nothing more to tell me. In other words I believed him. — you idiot.

On the morning of the 17th April CAIRNCROSS telephoned me and said that he would like to see me at 2.15 p.m. that day. He said that he had news for me and in response to my enquiry indicated that he wanted to elaborate upon the matters discussed at our meeting on the 16th, and asked me to hold my horses in connection with that, pending our further meeting.

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17.4.52.


W. J. Skardon.



Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street,
S.W.1.

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With Mr. Winnifrith's compliments.

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15th April, 1952.

Dear Cairncross,

I have your letter of 14th April. I do not think that your suggestions are desirable.

I shall inform the head of your division that you have resigned and the monthly office notice will include your resignation.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. D. WINNIFRITH

J. Cairncross, Esq.

15th April, 1952.

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Yours sincerely,

A.J.D. WINNIFRITH

J. Cairncross, Esq.

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G.R.

Travellers' Club,
Pall Mall,
S.W.1.

PERSONAL

14.4.52.

Dear Winnifrith,

I gather from Skerdon that he has raised with you the question of making my departure seem as natural as possible and that you are broadly speaking in agreement with the points which he has represented to you.

It is, I think, in the interests of the Treasury, as well as of the Security Service and of myself, that I should be able to present my "resignation" as being based on plausible motives, and I am accordingly venturing to put forward the following suggestions for such consideration as you may feel able to give them.

My absence so far has been justified by a pretext of illness. Would it be possible for you to take the line that my present post is superfluous (which, in my opinion, it undoubtedly is) that you have offered me some other post (which need not be specified), that I have refused it and that I have therefore asked for and been granted a year's sabbatical leave as from 1/5/52. By 1/5/53 people will have forgotten about the episode and I can definitely disappear.

This would, I am afraid, necessitate my receiving a salary for April, but I am perfectly prepared to repay the net amount paid me, either to the Treasury or to a specified charity. The

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grant of April's pay would, of course, have the advantage that fewer people would be puzzled by the fact that my pay had suddenly been stopped.

I realise that it is asking rather a lot of you to fall in with these suggestions, but I do believe that a solution on these lines would cause all concerned, including the Treasury, the minimum of embarrassment.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. CAIRNCROSS

P.S. I should be grateful if letters could be sent to me at my club.

J.C.

B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens). *d. 17/4* *182a*

PF. 72493.

John CAIRNCROSS.

16.4.52.

Mrs. CAIRNCROSS left home alone at 9.30 a.m. and went off in the car. Shortly afterwards CAIRNCROSS could be seen on the flat roof of Lansdowne Court reading a book in the sunshine.

At 12.15 p.m. he came out carrying an electric toasting machine which he left at F. Connor & Son, Electrical Engineers, 6, Clarendon Road, W.11. He posted a letter afterwards going to Barclays Bank, 227, Holland Park Villas, W.1. and then returning home to Lansdowne Court.

At 2.25 p.m. he left again, walked to Dolland and Aitchison's, Notting Hill Gate, where he either sold or left for repair a camera.

CAIRNCROSS travelled by 'bus to Marble Arch and entered "Edwards", Jewellers, 9, Edgware Road, W.2. and here handed in a gold watch for repair. He travelled by 'bus to Piccadilly and went into the London Library, St. James's Square, S.W.1. at 3.20 p.m.

At 3.40 p.m. he came out, went to the Travellers Club, remained until 3.45 p.m. and returned to the London Library.

CAIRNCROSS left here at 4 p.m. called in at the Travellers Club, stayed a matter of seconds and then went to the War Office, entering at 4.10 p.m.

Observation was withdrawn.

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P.A. vol. 5 Cairncross.

16th. April, 1952.

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16, Portobello Road, W.11.
Flat 4. 43, Courtfield Road, S.W.7.

Voters' List shows:-

16, Portobello Road, W.11.

HERBERT Marion
X HERBERT Walter H. *ch/ly 18/4*

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Flat 4. 43, Courtfield Road, S.W.7.

WHYTE Eva. *DOB 18/4*
X WHYTE Lancelot L. *ch/ly 18/4*

P.H.J.N.

B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens). *D. 18/4*

PF. 72493.

John CAIRNCROSS.

Our reports F.180/11 of 10.4.52 and F.180/9 of 9.4.52 refer. The highest number in Portobello Mews is 7.

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D. Storrier.

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Please L. U. as
marked.

B. 2. A. / DS.
17.4.52.

16th. April, 1952.

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12, Pembridge Gardens, W.2.

Voters' List shows:-

x ADLER Eleonor R.C. x
x ADLER Melanie x
BOYCOTT Percy B.
BOYD Grace
DRURY Phyllis E.
JELAJIAN Vahe
MITCHELL William P.
x MOODY Loreli A. x
NORMAN Norah
PRICE Leah
THOMSON Oona
WALKER Elizabeth D.
WALKER George B.

J.B.B.

D. 17/4.
B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens).

PF. 72493.

John CAIRNGROSS.

Our report F.180/13 of 15.4.52, refers.

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42, Lansdowne Road, W.11.

Voters' List shows:-

BEITH Ian A.
HEYDON Denise R.
HOPE-JOHNSTONE William V.
JONES Jacqueline
MITCHELL Elizabeth K.
MITCHELL Joan A.
PARKER-WRIGHT Godfrey
PARKER-WRIGHT Nancy
THOMPSON Angela R.

P.H.J.N.

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B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens).

PF. 72493.

John CAIRNCROSS.

Our report F.180/11 of 10.4.52, refers.

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(W.S.S.)~~

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A.S. for K.A.~~

I have read Mr. Skardon's report of his interview with John CAIRNCROSS on 31.3.52. and also CAIRNCROSS' statement made on 2.4.52.

My first impression is that CAIRNCROSS has been at most excessive pains to present himself as a simpleton in his younger days.

There are certain points in the interview and the statement which do not tally with one another.

Agreed

At the interview CAIRNCROSS said that he thought the document was written to "assist his own reasoning" (it does not appear to me that the notes are written in such a style.) In his statement CAIRNCROSS admits that he made the notes at BURGESS' request and handed them to BURGESS.

At his interview CAIRNCROSS said that he thought BURGESS was interested in political matters on his own account only. In his statement CAIRNCROSS says that he believed BURGESS to be employed in a secret department.

One point in the statement which I regard as quite nonsensical is CAIRNCROSS' remark that when he handed over the notes to BURGESS, he regarded it as an interdepartmental exchange of information. I simply do not believe this remark from a man who had served his apprenticeship in the Foreign Office.

Another point which does not make sense is the alarm which CAIRNCROSS alleges he felt when BURGESS failed to return the papers to him. Why should he feel any alarm when he believed BURGESS to be in a British secret department and considered the exchange of information to have an almost official basis.

I do not understand CAIRNCROSS' mention of EWER's name (in the statement). There seems to be no reason for EWER to have been brought into the statement without further explanation. EWER is no doubt Dennis William EWER (PF.55,637) son of William Norman EWER. D.W. EWER is a scientist who had an active Communist Party record. He left the United Kingdom on 20.3.46. to take up employment in the department of Zoology, Natal University College, Pietermaritzburg.

I have not seen CAIRNCROSS' file for a considerable time and have based these remarks solely on the two reports above mentioned.

Evelyn H.B. Barnett
E. McBarnet.

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PF. 72493.

John CAIRNCROSS.

15.4.52.

CAIRNCROSS left home at 9.45 a.m., travelled by train and 'bus to Westminster and went into the Treasury, Great George Street, S.W.1. at 10.10 a.m. He remained two minutes and then went to Bush House, W.C.2. going up to the fourth floor and entering room 431 which is the office of Mr. DAVISON of the European Section of the B.B.C.

At 1.5 p.m. he came out, visited several bookshops in the Charing Cross Road and returned to Bush House at 2.20 p.m. He re-appeared at 3.30 p.m. and went home.

Motor car, bearing foreign mark 2887 TTLY, stopped outside Lansdowne Court at 4.25 p.m. and the driver, a man, who looked 33-36, round face, dark skin, clean shaven, black hair, foreign appearance, went in but left almost immediately with CAIRNCROSS. The two men entered the car, in which there was sitting a woman and child, and travelled to Notting Hill Gate where CAIRNCROSS alighted, waved goodbye to the others and entered the saloon of B. LEVIN, Hairdresser, 14, Pembridge Road, W.11.

At 4.40 p.m. CAIRNCROSS came out of the hairdressers, bought an 8/- postal order and went home. He left again at 6.30 p.m., posted a letter and went by 'bus to College Court, College Crescent, N.W.3., going in at 6.55 p.m.

He left with his wife at 7.15 p.m. and drove in J L P 633 to 16, Keats Grove, N.W.3. Motor car K L O 965 was parked outside this address during the evening.

The CAIRNCROSSES came out at 11 p.m. with a man ("E") and drove to Notting Hill Gate where this contact alighted and was traced to 68, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. where he entered by key at 11.40 p.m.

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Besterman, MA.M.C. MR.C.S. (N.T.)

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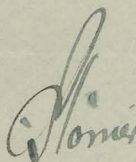
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- Flat 1. Mrs. P.G. Stone CLARKE
- " 2. ^{see LU SF 18/4} G. de MENASCE
- " 3. Mrs. Dennis PRICE
- " 4. ^{see LU SF 18/4} Colonel Eric Ford HOROBIN *

Meanwhile the others garaged J L P 633 and both entered Lansdowne Court at 11.30 p.m.

"E" is described as:-

Looks 37. 5 ft. 9-10 ins. Slim to medium build.
Black hair brushed back. Dark complexion. Oval face.
Clean shaven. Long straight nose.
Wore horn-rimmed spectacles.
Dressed in dark suit, white shirt, black tie, light
brown raincoat, black shoes.



D. Storrier.

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FF. 72493/B2A/DS.

16th April, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I should be most grateful if you could obtain for me the name of the registered owner of the following:-

Motor Car, B.A.B. 414

1766

Yours faithfully,

Percy Sillitoe

Sir Percy Sillitoe.

The Chief Constable,
County Constabulary,
WORCESTER.

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PF 72493 .. John CAIRNCROSS.

NOTE.

Having been authorised by D.B. to do so, I told Winnifrith today that we had no objection to the officials who in 1939 had given information to CAIRNCROSS being told of its ultimate destination, and so having their indiscretion brought to their notice. On D.B.'s instructions I added that we would prefer not to rely on these officials having no motive to mention the matter further, but that each should be told not to do so. This warning should be made particularly clear in the case of COLVILLE.

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Interview with John CAIRNCROSS on 9.4.52.

On the 9th April, 1952, with Mr. Anthony Simkins, I saw the above-named at Room O55, War Office. I told him straight away that his statement of the 2nd April had been passed to Treasury for their consideration, and enquired whether he had heard anything from his employers. It appeared, as we well knew, that he had not, and it seemed that he believed we would be aware as soon as he was of any development.

I sought to convey the impression that our dealings with Treasury in this matter were at an end, and I told him that his statement had been examined quite critically by a number of my colleagues, and it was thought that there were certain matters in connection with it which were contradictory and required explanation. He expressed himself completely willing to assist in any way, and I immediately pointed out to him that there was an inconsistency shown in those paragraphs of his statement which detailed his unease at the non-recovery of the document from BURGESS after he had passed it, as he had said, to a person employed in secret work. I emphasised this point by reminding him that, although it did not appear in his statement, he had underlined his anxiety by saying he had thought that such a document might prove a useful instrument of blackmail in BURGESS's hands, the possession of which would enable him to enforce further disclosures from CAIRNCROSS. CAIRNCROSS thought that we were reading too much into his statement; in fact his attitude towards this matter at the time was much the same, so he said, as though it were an unpaid debt. He had lent the document to BURGESS, and it was an untidy situation that the latter should not have returned it to him. Those were his feelings then, but in the course of time, and certainly to-day, he was horrified to learn that it should have been found in BURGESS's possession, knowing now what BURGESS must have been.

It was quite impossible to shake him on this, and he seemed to be quite unaffected by the direct attack made upon him.

I then tried to clear up certain points in his statement which required, so it seemed, elucidation and gained from him as a result information concerning the people already mentioned in his statement. In addition I went through the list of BURGESS's contacts dated 5.7.51 to be found on the BURGESS P.F.604529. The results of these researches are summarised hereunder.

Membership of the Cambridge University Communist Party.

During his membership (1934-35) the following individuals were also actively associated with the Party:-

PF 421262
John CORNFORD
James KLUGMANN
PF-45597

"Jake" EWIER
---- BARLOWE

It was not a very big membership, and CAIRNCROSS thought he might remember the names of other people, particularly one who was a student of medicine, given more time. He has the strong impression that amongst the Party circles he heard BURGESS's name discussed, but he was referred to as a person who had "ratted" from the Party, and it was generally believed that he had done so because of homosexual relationships with non-Party members.

Anthony BLUNT (FF.604582).

As is said in his statement, CAIRNCROSS occupied rooms above those used by Anthony BLUNT. He knew him quite well and whilst he believed that he was thoroughly Communist in his outlook, it was a Communist Party slant on art and letters rather than upon matters of politics. BLUNT was always something of a patrician, very stand-offish and not very accessible to undergraduates outside his immediate circle. CAIRNCROSS, as reported elsewhere, met BLUNT again in the company of BURGESS, and also knew of his

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 association with the Bentinck Street flat during the war. With this flat CAIRNCROSS associates Lord ROTHSCHILD, Kim PHILBY who was the link between Ryder Street when he was there and M.I.5, and David FOOTMAN. He also remembered the present Lady ROTHSCHILD as a member of this menage.

CAIRNCROSS was uncertain that BURGESS and Countess EUDBERG were intimates. He himself knows the Countess and has attended her salons, having found such people as Robin CHANCELLOR there, and having been first introduced to the circle by HALPERN.

Alexander HALPERN (PFR.1620).

CAIRNCROSS met the HALPERNs through David FOOTMAN. This international lawyer is so very Bolshevik in his politics as to be unbelievable. He is an extremely pompous person who claims friendships on the Prime Minister level in all walks of life, perhaps with some justification and possibly due to the fact that he was once a Minister in the Kerensky Government. He has found HALPERN to be extremely hospitable, especially in Russian emigre circles. He takes a wide interest in people of all shades of opinion, particularly in the worlds of art, literature and other cultural activities. He (CAIRNCROSS) has never seen any evidence that HALPERN has cultivated his society or friendship, or that of anybody else, for any subversive motive. It is true that he would not hesitate to seek information which might assist him in his professional interests as an international lawyer. It was through HALPERN that CAIRNCROSS was introduced to B.B.C. officials and has since been provided with broadcasting work on the Third Programme and in certain foreign services.

Freddy KUH (PF.PP.19500).

CAIRNCROSS once met the above-named at a party given by George MEIER, at Matlock Court during the war. He is able to date the occasion since he remembers that KUH was attacking the Government's policy in failing to open a second front.

James MacGIBBON (PF.51559).

His only contact with MacGIBBON, gained through the HALPERNs, with whom he is on terms because of his literary associations, has been to undertake a small piece of translation into the French as a sample for MacGIBBON. At one time it was proposed to translate the whole of a work into French and to publish it in Paris. The project came to an end before reaching fruition. I asked CAIRNCROSS if he had realised that MacGIBBON was a member of the Communist Party, and he expressed great surprise to learn this to be the case. This surprise seemed to be quite genuine, and I think that he does not know MacGIBBON very well.

Wolfgang FUTLITZ. (PF.48846).

CAIRNCROSS only recalls meeting him once and believes that he was the domineering foreigner at a party in BURGESS's house in Chester Square referred to elsewhere as the occasion upon which CAIRNCROSS met Harold NICOLSON.

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Garonwy REES (PF.604583).

CAIRNCROSS has met REES casually, he believes through who worked with FOOTMAN in M.I.6. He believes that he met him in the company of Professor Freddie AYRE, the logical positivist expert at London University.

Professor Alexander Kirkland CAIRNCROSS.

CAIRNCROSS's brother and a Professor at Glasgow University. He was at Cambridge with PHILBY. CAIRNCROSS remembers this to be the case because PHILBY once mentioned to him, after making enquiries about Alexander, that his brother was so much better at economics than he (PHILBY) turned out to be. CAIRNCROSS said that his brother was very far removed from being a member of the Communist Party, and he indicated that he held quite contrary views.

Fred WARNER. (PF.604585).

CAIRNCROSS had some slight knowledge of WARNER, gained as a result of working with him in Foreign Office in his early days there.

Tom WYLIE.

His only association with Tom WYLIE was as described elsewhere, that he met him at a luncheon with BLUNT, Helmuth KATZ and BURGESS.

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David LAYTON.

I explored with CAIRNCROSS his recollection of a club run by the above-named, and it is CAIRNCROSS's recollection that the meetings took place somewhere in North London at Lord LAYTON's home. He knew that it was near a Green Man public house somewhere, without being able positively to pinpoint the locality. This club had a very mixed membership and it was in no sense dominated by members of the Communist Party.

I pressed CAIRNCROSS to discover whether he had given BURGESS a sight of the diary which he kept and which he told me had been destroyed in 1941. He swore that BURGESS had not seen it. In order to persuade him to be a little more forthcoming in his estimate of the character of BURGESS, I tried to assure CAIRNCROSS that no harm would accrue to him by being frank in discussing this matter with me. In spite of my inducements and blandishments, CAIRNCROSS averred that he had nothing to add. He assured us that at no time until the publicity of 1951 did he realise that he was in contact with the agent of a foreign power when he met BURGESS. Never by any word or action did BURGESS create this impression upon his mind, and he swore that, unlike the manner in which he had developed other sources (Garonwy REES), BURGESS had never hinted at his possible association with the Communist Party. All his talk was in direct contrast to the sort of conversation to be expected from a member of the Communist Party.

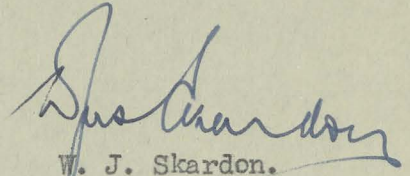
Throughout the interview CAIRNCROSS behaved as though he had nothing to hide, and eventually satisfied me that he was "coming clean" at every point. After an hour and a half I brought the interview to an end and it was arranged that CAIRNCROSS should telephone me at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16th, for information and any further instructions. I have the very pronounced feeling that he is completely under control.

I discussed with him at the suggestion of Mr. Simkins his plans for Easter, and discovered that he intended to go away on Thursday April 10th, returning to London on Easter Monday, and to stay in the meantime in the Cotswolds. I told CAIRNCROSS that I was only really interested in any project for foreign travel, and pointed out to him that his employers would undoubtedly regard with disfavour any foreign journey at the present time. He fully saw the point of this, and speculated as to whether he would be free to undertake a holiday in Italy in perhaps June. He had no plans for

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any earlier foreign travel than that. I did not ask him to surrender his passport, for in the circumstances I do not think it is justified or necessary.

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W. J. Skardon.

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The CAIRNCROSSes appeared to be packing. JOHN said that he hoped they might be able to leave early tomorrow. He spoke of intending to look at bookshops (tomorrow?) and for this reason hoped to get away early. According to the notes he made some remark - "if we go to Oxford we won't need -"

The line was out of order at various intervals during the evening.

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Following a call from the B.B.C., regarding his going there on Tuesday morning, CAIRNCROSS said to GABY that he was rather pleased about it and that they could return on Monday night. GABY asked him whether he was taking leave now - was this his leave. He replied "Well I don't want - the point is that I don't want to give this chap the idea that I am really ill." (the man from the B.B.C. had asked if he was ill as he was at home and he replied that he was taking some leave).

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They talked about people who were at the party (WHYTE). CAIRNCROSS mentioned he had talked to someone BERNAL (ph). GABY remarked that he had a taxi which he drove about London. She spoke of the terrific trouble he had in making it start. CAIRNCROSS appeared to be very hungry and was busily getting himself some food when GABY informed him that she also had not eaten anything.

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B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens). ⁸ 10/4

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John CAIRNCROSS.

10.4.52.

Mrs. CAIRNCROSS left home at 10.50 a.m. and drove away in J L P 633. She returned at 11.45 p.m.

CAIRNCROSS and his wife came out at 12.15 p.m., with suitcases, canvas holdalls and tennis rackets. They stopped at a local shop where CAIRNCROSS bought cigarettes and newspapers and before setting off he posted a letter

We followed them as far as Denham and withdrew when they were heading towards Oxford.

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CAIRNCROSS and his wife returned home in their car at 5.15 p.m. and carried into Lansdowne Court various articles of luggage.

At 8.5 p.m. CAIRNCROSS came out alone and drove to 12, Pembridge Gardens, W.2. where he was admitted by a woman at 8.10 p.m. This house appears to be let off into flats.

He left this address at 9.40 p.m. carrying a bundle of papers and drove back to Lansdowne Court, going in with the papers. Almost immediately he came out and garaged the car, then walked home, entering at 9.55 p.m.

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The original registration authority is the Worcestershire C.C., through whom particulars of the registered owner can be obtained.

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B.2.A. (Mr D. Stephens)

PF. 72493

John CAIRNCROSS

Our report F.180/11 dated 10.4.1952 refers.

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TO *B2A h.n.l.n*
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15th April, 1952.

BUA 1014

Dear Stephens,

See 160a

The copy of "The Modern Quarterly", Winter 1951 - 2, received from you, has been generally scrutinised and subsequently some tests have been applied on a number of pages for the possible presence of elementary secret writing.

Nothing suspicious was found with these simple tests.

The question that now remains is whether the case justifies the expenditure of much time and labour on more elaborate and comprehensive testing for the more complex methods of secret writing.

See 190a

Perhaps you would kindly consider this point and let me know your opinion. I should add that the booklet is already somewhat damaged with the present tests so that it is proposed it should remain here in the event that we go no further or find nothing after application of more tests.

Yours sincerely,

R. S. Medley

D. Stephens, Esq.,
B.2.A.

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NOTE FOR FILE

CAIRNCROSS returned from his Easter holiday on Monday evening and has to telephone Mr. Skardon on Wednesday afternoon. As he has recorded at 173a, Mr. Mitchell has learned from Winnifrith that the Treasury has decided to "call for" CAIRNCROSS' resignation. Briefly, the case now stands as follows:-

CAIRNCROSS has contrived to give Mr. Skardon and me the impression that he has come under control. Allowing for his desire to put what he has done in the best possible light, he has told a story which is credible and consistent with our view of the way in which BURGESS operated. CAIRNCROSS has appeared to answer questions frankly and, although he has supplied little information of value, this is attributed to inability rather than unwillingness. On this footing, there is not a great deal more intelligence product to come, and the case could be finally disposed of in the fairly near future.

To set against this, there is CAIRNCROSS' early career, including the anonymous letter, the internal evidence of the documents as analysed by Winnifrith and, particularly, there is CAIRNCROSS' extremely sinister behaviour when under observation on April 7th, which raises the gravest doubts about his truthfulness. Unless and until this is explained, we cannot close the case and, if this behaviour was indeed of espionage significance, the exploitation of the case has hardly yet begun.

There seem to be two courses open to us:-

- (a) to behave to CAIRNCROSS as if we believed him, but to continue intensive investigation by all available means for an indefinite - and perhaps lengthy - period in the hope of catching him out in espionage, or -
- (b) to tax him with his behaviour on April 7th, hoping that he will either explain it satisfactorily and enable us to close the case, or to be driven to admit guilt and thus open up new prospects of exploitation.

B.2.a favours course (b).

(dictated by) C.A.G. Simkins

B.2.A.
15.4.52

I agree.
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NOTE.

I saw Winnifrith at his request about this case today. He repeated that Sir Edward Bridges had been much concerned over this case, sometimes taking the view that to allow CAIRNCROSS to resign would be too lenient a step, sometimes that it would be too harsh. Bridges had consulted Sir Thomas Barnes, the Treasury Solicitor, who had recommended that CAIRNCROSS should be allowed to resign. Unsatisfied with this, Bridges had consulted Sir William Strang who had said that in the Foreign Office they felt very strongly about malefactors of this sort and that if CAIRNCROSS had been a Foreign Office official he, Strang, would have dismissed him. This conversation apparently decided Bridges to let CAIRNCROSS resign. He has instructed Winnifrith to call for his resignation and Winnifrith showed me a draft letter in which he did this and requested CAIRNCROSS's formal resignation from the Civil Service in writing.

Meanwhile, a letter from CAIRNCROSS has reached Winnifrith suggesting that, since it is in everyone's interest that there should be the minimum publicity over this matter, he, CAIRNCROSS, should be sent on "sabbatical leave" for a year. The letter suggested that his salary should be paid him until the end of April, 1952, and that he should not be formally removed from the strength of the Treasury until the end of April, 1953. Winnifrith asked what I thought of this proposal. I said that, in my view, there were no advantages in complying with it. Winnifrith agreed to send his letter as drafted and to reply in a separate letter to CAIRNCROSS to the effect that his suggestion could not be entertained. Winnifrith thought that there would be some office gossip about CAIRNCROSS's sudden disappearance, but that, since he was known to be odd, interest would soon die down.

Winnifrith handed to me two copies (see 172a) of his memorandum to Bridges dated 7.4.52. He referred me to the proposal in paragraph 23 that the officials who gave CAIRNCROSS information should be told that he made a record of what they said and gave it to BURGESS. He asked for my comments on this. I said that while I thought that in the general interests of security this was an admirable idea, there was, I believed, a strong desire in our office that the activities of BURGESS should not receive more publicity than was absolutely necessary. Winnifrith understood this but pointed out that if the officials in question were spoken to on these lines the circumstances would be that they were "on the mat" and that they would have no motive for mentioning the matter any further. I undertook to give Winnifrith a ring on this point when I had been able to consult my colleagues.

Winnifrith undertook to let us have copies of:-

- (1) CAIRNCROSS's letter asking for the year's extension;
- (2) Winnifrith's letter to him calling on him to resign; and
- (3) CAIRNCROSS's reply to this.

At the end of the interview I told Winnifrith how far we had got in investigating this case and, in particular, of CAIRNCROSS's peculiar behaviour on 7.4.52 (report at 167a).

G.R. Mitchell

G.R. Mitchell.

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C.

1. I have already reported that I suspended C on 31st March as soon as I had heard of the statements made by him to Mr Skardon of M.I.5.

We must now decide what we are going to do with him. At the interview when I suspended him C agreed with me that the least penalty he deserved was to be allowed to resign. He was in a state of abject terror and clearly feared a heavier penalty. (See the note of my interview attached) But a more drastic punishment may be required.

The case against C.

2. Our case against C is

(a) that in 1939 he passed intelligence to the now notorious Burgess;

(b) that in recent months he has been in contact with associates of Burgess and other known Communists.

3. The conveyance of intelligence to Burgess in 1940 is proved by our discovery in Burgess' possessions of a m.s. report which C admits is in his handwriting. (Photostat copy attached) C argues that, though criminally indiscreet he was not treacherous and that it was not an intelligence report. And in support of his case he argues further that he thought Burgess was in a secret branch of the Government service. We do not accept these arguments.

4. The second charge of current association comes from secret sources and is not, of course, a criminal charge nor has it been discussed with C.

5. I examine in turn the significance of the two charges.

Was the provision of the intelligence report in 1940 a grave offence?

6. This report records conversations with the following officials.

Mr. Higham* (Assistant Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty (Lord Stanhope))

Mr. Colville^x (3rd. Secretary in Eastern Department, Foreign Office)

Mr. Speaight (? 1st Secretary, Central Dept. F.O. - I can't find him in the reference books).

Mr. Roberts (3rd Secretary, Foreign Office)

Mr. Barclay (3rd Secretary, Foreign Office)

Mr. Pitblado^x (Assistant Principal, Dominions Office and probably a Resident Clerk)

Mr. Hankey (3rd Secretary, Central Dept., Foreign Office)

Mr. Drew (Resident Clerk, War Office)

* The name in the report is given as Hyam in the margin, probably in Burgess' writing.

^x Now Principal Private Secretaries to the P.M.

7. In his statement (copy attached) C maintains (pages 3 and 4 of his statement) that these reports of conversations were not an intelligence report but were intended to do no more than counter Burgess' thesis that Mr. Chamberlain was 'deliberately trying to direct German expansion to Russia'. He sought to do this 'in the light of my knowledge of official policy, stressing Chamberlain's lack of understanding of the aggressive dynamism of Hitler and the military unpreparedness of France and ourselves and the lack of understanding on the part of the Dominions in the European crisis'.

8. It is relevant that C put this construction on what he had written in 1939 after a gap of thirteen years with only a cursory glance at the photostat to remind him of what he had written. Does this construction bear examination? Can you say that the report was no more than an essay to convince an acquaintance that he held a wrong headed view of current Government policy?

9. There are a number of passages that might be interpreted in this way. On page 1 (perhaps significantly, one of the few pages in the transcript that C had time to read properly and therefore a passage that might have suggested this line of defence) there is a report of Mr. Chamberlain's determination to maintain his policy of checking Germany. On page 6 there is a report that Poland would be ready to

accept Russian arms, that the Russians had been stadd-offish and rude to the F.O. three days before (and therefore presumably that any impression of Mr. Chamberlain's anti-Russian approach was their own fault). Again, on page 8 there is Mr. Roberts' defence of the Chamberlain policy, including a suggestion that H.M.G's failure to intervene was in part the result of faulty intelligence which led them to suppose that Hitler would not invade Czechoslovakia. Finally on page 12 there is a report that the Poles and Chamberlain were sincere in their desire to oppose Germany.

10. But was it necessary, if the object of the report was simply to demonstrate that Mr. Chamberlain did not intend to appease Hitler by the sacrifice of Russia, to set down a number of intelligence reports without any bearing on this thesis. For example

(a) on page 1 a reference to the Italian peace feelers and the Foreign Office's conviction that Italy would keep out of war.

(b) On page 3 a reference to a Chiefs of Staff report that this country's military situation had improved considerably and to the fact that the ultimatum to Roumania had been delivered two weeks before the news was published.

(c) On page 4 a reference to the fact that the original conversations with M. Beck contained no proposals for a mutual aid pact.

(d) On pages 8 and 13 reference to the receipt in the F.O. of intelligence that Hitler was going to invade Czechoslovakia - intelligence which the F.O. deliberately disregarded.

11. And nowhere in the report is there anything bearing on C's claim that his reports were to bring out 'the military unpreparedness of France and of ourselves and the lacking of understanding in the Dominions on the European crisis'.

12. My submission is that these reports contained all the secret intelligence that C was able to glean from his acquaintances. And they were very carefully selected. They were all juniors (apart possibly from

Speaight) but they all had access to authentic top secret information. The Assistant Private Secretary in the Admiralty would see all the Cabinet papers and telegrams, the Resident Clerk in the War Office quite a few of the top secret papers, and all the Foreign Office juniors would see the telegrams if nothing else. C's first line of defence seems to me to be quite untenable. And at the time in question/^{war}was imminent. Any snippet of information was of vital importance to a foreign power.

13. The second line of defence is equally unsatisfactory. C believed that Burgess was in a secret Department and the passing of this intelligence was 'so to speak, an interdepartmental exchange of information'. Throughout the material period (apart from September 1939) from September 1938 to April 1939 C was in the Treasury. Swapping intelligence on foreign policy was clearly no part of his departmental work. And even allowing for his youth (25) and inexperience, how could he have believed that an official in a secret intelligence department should be provided as part of a system on 'interdepartmental exchange of information' with intelligence of what was going on in the Foreign Office?

14. Finally there is the plea that he gave this information out of vanity 'to show that he was as knowledgeable as Burgess'. This is just possible but is no defence for ferreting out secret intelligence and passing it on to a man whom he could not have really believed needed it for official purposes and for doing this on the eve of war.

The charge of current associations with contacts of Burgess and with other Communists.

15. We know from secret sources that C has in recent months been in touch with a contact of Burgess and with a number of other known Communists. These contacts are not a criminal offence, though they would justify us in removing C from any secret work. The relevance of this information is

(a) that this is odd company to be kept by one who describes himself (page 3 of Mr. Skardon's report) as a Churchillian who has 'never failed

since leaving the University to follow and agree with the beliefs and politics advanced and practiced by the present Prime Minister;

(b) that given the opportunity of getting secret information, C might well oblige these contacts as he obliged Burgess in 1939.

16. But, I must emphasise, we have no proof that C has passed any secret intelligence since 1939.*

Are we morally justified in terminating C's career in the Civil Service.

17. I have no doubt that we have. I believe that the 1939 incident was an act of treachery. If it was not, it was scandalous conduct. He deliberately ferreted out secret information and he passed that on to a third party at a time when there was special need to safeguard intelligence. With the utmost allowance for the indiscretions of youth, I do not see how you can retain such a person in the public service. And his present contacts show that he is liable to misconduct himself in the same way.

What penalty should be imposed.

18. There are three possible course

- (a) to prosecute under the Official Secrets Acts
- (b) to dismiss him
- (c) to let him resign.

19. Prosecution. This is out of the question. The D.P.P. has been consulted and is not willing to take proceedings.

20. Dismissal. In favour.

(a) This seems to be the fitting penalty granted that we cannot prosecute. C's conduct in 1939, on the eve of war, was a very serious offence. Public opinion would, if it knew the facts, think that this was the smallest price that should be paid.

/(b)

* There is no evidence of suspicious conduct after 1939 but in 1939 we know that
(a) C was in touch with a notorious international crook and secret agent
(b) he received a letter from abroad, now in our possession, which looks like and intelligence report, though the intelligence is of no great value or significance.

(b) It labels C publicly as an unreliable person and may prevent other misguided persons from giving him secret information.

21. Against dismissal.

(a) This is an excessive penalty to impose for an offence committed thirteen years ago by a young and inexperienced man whom we cannot convict of any offence thereafter. I don't think this argument need be taken seriously. This was a very serious offence even if it occurred so long ago.

(b) Far more important, if we dismiss C we increase the risk of this incident becoming public property. If it does, the Americans will seize on this as another example of our lax security - another traitor harboured in the Treasury and (during the war) in the Secret Service in SIGINT.

We may even get demands that the six officials who supplied C with his information should also be punished. And, of course, it will revive interest in the Burgess Maclean affair.

22. Resignation

No-one can say that this is excessive. C himself acknowledges that this is inevitable. And it avoids the practical objections to dismissal.

23. Conclusion

I recommend that C should be told that we are willing to accept his resignation. This will involve the loss of all pension rights and we shall be unable to give him a satisfactory reference. I also recommend that the officials who gave C the information recorded in his report to Burgess should be told in confidence the use to which that information was put. They have certainly learned to be more discreet by now, but I do not think that we can pass over their breach of the rule that secret information must not be passed on to a colleague just because he is a colleague, unless he requires it for his official job.

24. I have, as instructed, not consulted the Foreign Office and I have not been able to check up from official sources on the chronology of the events referred to in C's report to Burgess. I don't think this is essential but my appreciation of the value of the information disclosed depends in part on the exact juncture at which the information was given. I think that

/Sir William Strang

Sir William Strang should at some point see the papers.

7th April, 1952

9th April 1952

171f.

Re:- Motor car, index B.G.X. 19

The above-mentioned car, an Austin landaulette, colour blue & black, is registered with the Middlesex County Council, and owned by Rafael Martinez NADAL, 22 The Park, London, N.W.11.

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B.2.A. (Mr D. Stephens)

PF. 72493

John CAIRNCROSS

150.171B.

Our report F.180/9 dated 9.4.1952 refers.

Storrier
D. Storrier

B.5.
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D.B.
B.2. To see.

P.A.

171E

10th April 1952.

PFY.72493/SLB

1/1309/52

My dear Director,

I thank you for your letter dated 8th ^{-1712.} April. I need hardly add that I am in entire agreement with the opinion you have expressed.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Hill

B.A. Hill.

Sir Theobald Mathew,
K.B.E., M.C.,
Director of Public Prosecutions,
12 Buckingham Gate,
S.W.1.

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PF. 72493.

John CAIRNCROSS.

9.4.52.

CAIRNCROSS left home with his wife at 12.50 p.m., collected their car and went in it to the Monte Carlo Restaurant, Queensway, W.2. where they lunched together. After the meal they went to the Kenya Coffee Restaurant, had coffee and at 2 p.m. drove into Hyde Park.

They sat in the car near to the Serpentine until 2.30 p.m. and then drove to Sloane Square Station. CAIRNCROSS alighted, went by train to Westminster and at 3 p.m. entered the War Office.

He came out by the staff entrance at 4.20 p.m. and went home by train, reaching Lansdowne Court at 5.15 p.m.

At 8.10 p.m. CAIRNCROSS left and walked to Portobello Mews, W.11. where he was heard asking for a Mr. HERBERT who lives at 16, Portobello Mews or 16, Portobello Road. He was next seen at 8.30 p.m. driving out of Portobello Mews in his own motor car and returned in it to Lansdowne Court.

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A / Shortly after this an unknown woman could be seen in the flat with Mr. and Mrs. CAIRNCROSS and all three came out at 8.40 p.m. Little could be seen of the woman, who proved to be a neighbour, and was traced to 42, Lansdowne Road where she opened the door with her own key and entered this address.

B / The CAIRNCROSSES travelled in J L P 633 to Talgarth Road, W.14. and CAIRNCROSS went into block 17-24, Talgarth Mansions where he is believed to have entered a flat on the second floor.

A = Adelaide : ? Mrs. Adèle Julius BERGER.

B = Gene BENAÏN.

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Five minutes later he re-joined his wife, who had remained in the car, and went to the Italian Institute, 39, Belgrave Square, S.W.1. Some kind of function was being held and quite a number of persons were attending.

At 11 p.m. CAIRNCROSS came out with his wife and a man, the latter driving away alone in motor car B A B 414, which we will trace.

The others returned to their Clarendon Road garage and reached Lansdowne Court at 11.15 p.m.

This evening's movements are identical with those suggested by you for 7.4.52, which did not take place on that day.

D. Storrier

D. Storrier.

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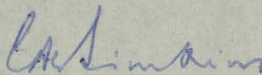
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NOTE:-

Mr. Mitchell informed me to-day that he had learned from Winnifrith that the Treasury had not yet decided how to dispose of CAIRNCROSS. Sir Edward Bridges had said that he had had to take the case to the Chancellor and it was unlikely that we should have a decision before Easter.

Later in the day I was present when Mr. Skardon interviewed CAIRNCROSS. Mr. Skardon asked him inter alia what CAIRNCROSS intended to do during the Easter holidays. Did he, for example, mean to go abroad, as if so his employers might have something to say. CAIRNCROSS said that he quite realised that it was out of the question for him to go abroad at present: he and his wife intended to take three days in the Cotswolds leaving on Thursday April 10th.

I subsequently telephone this news to Mr. Storrier suggesting that, as D.B. was not available for consultation, B.5. should probably be prepared to house CAIRNCROSS to-morrow. We should, however, be asking for directions about the handling of the CAIRNCROSS case over Easter first thing in the morning. Mr. Storrier said that he would be sticking to CAIRNCROSS until he was released.



C.A.G. Simkins

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B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens).

John CAIRNCROSS.

PF. 72493.

8.4.52.

Mrs. CAIRNCROSS left home at 9.20 a.m., collected J L P 633, and drove away.

CAIRNCROSS came out at 11.15 a.m., walked to Lex Garages Ltd., 7, Pembridge Villas, W.11. where J L P 633 was waiting for him, having presumably been driven there by the wife for repair. He drove off in the car to North Row, W.1. and met his wife to whom he handed over the car. CAIRNCROSS went by 'bus to Lower Regent Street Post Office and posted two air mail letters, one to ~~FREUNDLISH~~, Forest Hills, Long Island, U.S.A. and the other to South America. He also dispatched a book by parcel post.

At 12.5 p.m. he left the Post Office and went to the Travellers Club where he stayed about five minutes before leaving and walking to the Civil Service Supply Association, 425, Strand, W.C.2. He handed in a watch for repair and then made his way to the Strand Palace Hotel where at 12.45 p.m. he was joined by a man ("D").

They lunched together and at 1.40 p.m. walked to Louis Meier, books and antiques, 23, Cecil Court, W.C.2. after which they visited the reference section of Westminster Public Library.

At 2.15 p.m. they parted and the man "D" was traced to Shell Mex House, where he entered a ground floor office, room S.O.(a) which, according to a wall chart, is occupied by C.F. HOWARD.

Meanwhile CAIRNCROSS returned to Cecil Court, went into John M. WATKINS bookshop and afterwards returned home by train, reaching Lansdowne Court at 2.50 p.m.

Mrs. CAIRNCROSS arrived in the car at 3.20 p.m. and left again with her husband at 6.15 p.m. when they

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went to 43, Courtfield Road, S.W.7., the address of
L. L. WHITE.

A number of other people arrived at about the same time and a note pinned to the outside door read "Come straight up to flat four".

At 8 p.m. the party broke up and in the darkness we could not be sure whether CAIRNCROSS had entered his own car, driven by his wife, or entered B G X 19 with several other people. This latter vehicle was originally a taxi cab but is now used for private purposes.

After a short run it was seen that Mrs. CAIRNCROSS was alone in the car and she returned home.

Observation was maintained at the home address and Courtfield Road and at 9 p.m. CAIRNCROSS returned on foot to Lansdowne Court.

We withdrew observation an hour later.

"D" is described as:-

Looks 40. 5 ft. 8 ins. Medium build. Dark brown hair, left parting. Sandy military moustache. Round face. Very ruddy complexion. Bulbous nose. Fat cheeks. Smokes pipe. Dressed in slate blue striped suit, fawn raincoat, black homburg, black shoes.

Checked by Raphael Martinez NADAL (and 17/11/52)

Storrier

B. 5.
9.4.52.
F. 180/9.

D. Storrier.

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9th April, 1952.

FF. 72493/B2A/DS.

Dear Colonel Allan,

I confirm my telephone conversation with you of even date regarding the application of [redacted] on John CAIRNCROSS, in respect of whom an appropriately worded H. O. W. No. 11238 dated 23rd August 1951 is in force.

I enclose a specimen of CAIRNCROSS' handwriting.

Yours sincerely,

D. Stephens

D. Stephens.

Colonel M. F. Allan, M. B. E.,
G. P. O.

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My dear Hill,

Thank you for your letter dated April 5th which I received today and the enclosure.

In my opinion the case is, if anything, weaker now than when we talked, because Cairncross has been apparently completely frank in his statement. If he were believed, and there is no obvious reason why he should not, as to why he made the communications to Burgess, I am by no means sure that a prosecution would succeed.

In these circumstances and having regard to the date at which the communications were made, I am clearly of opinion that this is not a case for prosecution.

Yours sincerely,

Thos Gaud *Father*

B.A. Hill Esq.,
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LONDON, S.W.1.

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Your telegram DS/34 of 21st March.

Following information obtained on Paul FROELICK. Born 24 October 1902 in Basel. Profession teacher. Religion Catholic. Married Paula SCHMIDT in 1936. Lived in Steinwingert (Westerwald) till transferred to Koeln in 1950. Now employed at the Gymnasium Koeln. Zulpicherstrasse. At present on holiday in Westerwald until end of April. Nothing detrimental known. Appears to be politically inactive. Considered reliable and correct. □

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B.1.F.

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Would it be possible to ascertain the general standing and reputation of FORSYTE, KERMAN and PHILLIPS, Solicitors, 44 Brook Street, W.1., which firm was contacted recently by a person who is the subject of current investigation by this office.

B.2.A.

5.4.52.

J. S. L.

D. Stephens
5/4/52
D. Stephens.

B.2.a., Mr. Stephens.

This firm is about as hot as any in the profession. KERMAN is a relative (I think nephew) of one of the biggest money lenders in London, and a good part of their practice arises out of money lending transactions. I am told that FORSYTE never existed but was introduced because the name looked respectable. I assume that you have already done a look-up on the firm and its partners, as I feel sure the office must have come across them before.

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8.4.52.

See L.H. J.
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J.H. Marriott
J.H. Marriott.

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B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens).

(See also 191d)

PF 72493.

John CAIRNCROSS.

7.4.52.

CAIRNCROSS left home at 12.45 p.m., collected his car and drove to Barclays Bank Ltd., 227 Holland Park Avenue, W.11. where he cashed a cheque and returned to Lansdowne Court.

He came out at 2.55 p.m. with his wife and travelled in the car to the Wellcome Historical Museum, 28 Portman Square, W.1. CAIRNCROSS entered alone at 3.10 p.m. and his wife drove off.

At 3.25 p.m. CAIRNCROSS left and walked to 39 Harley Street, W.1. going in at 3.35 p.m. and remaining until 4.10 p.m. when he went by 'bus to the Travellers' Club. He came out of his Club at 4.35 p.m., visited the London Library, St. James' Square, S.W.1., went to H.M. Fletcher's bookshop, Cecil Court, W.C.2., made a call at Joseph's Bookshop, Charing Cross Road, where he bought a book, eventually going into Lyons, Coventry Street Corner House, for a meal.

He entered this restaurant at 5.15 p.m. and remained half an hour, after which he returned to the Travellers' Club.

CAIRNCROSS re-appeared at 7.10 p.m., travelled by taxi to Gloucester Road Underground Station, examined the railway guide, bought a three-penny ticket and went down to the platforms. By this time he was becoming a little agitated and seemed to find himself on a platform just as a train had pulled out.

He hurriedly left the Station, travelled by taxi to Hammersmith where he boarded a train to Acton Town and travelled by 'bus to Popes Lane, Gunnersbury. Although he appeared more conversant with this area he did travel past his intended alighting point and had to hurry back, running part of the way to Lionel Road, Gunnersbury, where he stopped just round the corner from Popes Lane and opposite Gunnersbury Park. The stretch of road in Popes Lane near Lionel Road is named The Pavement.

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CAIRNCROSS reached his destination at 8 p.m. and stood in the shadows smoking cigarettes continuously.

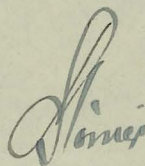
He remained at this spot until 8.25 p.m. and although it was not possible for us to have him in view throughout the whole twenty-five minutes we feel confident in saying that he did not make any contact. There were not many people walking past and those who did so were observed closely by our assistants.

At 8.25 p.m. CAIRNCROSS made his way to South Ealing Station, travelled by train to Notting Hill Gate and reached Lansdowne Court at 9.20 p.m.

Mrs. CAIRNCROSS arrived home at 9.45 p.m. after garaging the car.

Neither was seen again.

B.5.
8.4.52.
F.180/8.



D. Storrier.

B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens). *D-14.*

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PF. 72493.

John CAIRNCROSS.

As spoken, herewith description of contact
"C" who is known to you:-

Looks 38-43. 5 ft. 6-7 ins. Medium build. Dark brown hair, receding at temples. Sallow complexion. Clean shaven. Short straight nose. Small mouth. Dressed in grey single-breasted overcoat, blue suit with stripe, white shirt, red tie, black shoes.

May we please have his full particulars and three copies of his photograph, if available?

D. Storrer

D. Storrer.

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B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens).

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PF. 72493.

John CAIRNCROSS.

5.4.52.

CAIRNCROSS left home at 12.5 p.m. carrying his briefcase and went to Clarendon Cross Post Office where he bought a book of stamps and a 3/- postal order. He then joined his wife at the garage and went with her in the car to Barkers Stores, Kensington.

After purchasing a quantity of groceries in Barkers and some cloth material at Storey's, High Street, Kensington, they travelled in the car to the London Library, St. James's Square, S.W.1. where CAIRNCROSS entered.

He re-joined his wife, after a stay of only two or three minutes, and they lunched together at the Vega Restaurant, Whitcomb Street, S.W.1.

At 2.20 p.m. they left the restaurant, bought more groceries in Soho and at 2.40 p.m. went to the Treasury, Great George Street, S.W.1.

CAIRNCROSS entered alone, with his briefcase, and at 2.55 p.m. came out carrying two or three parcels and by this time his briefcase was well filled.

The Night Duty Officer was informed of CAIRNCROSS' visit to the Treasury.

With his wife CAIRNCROSS went by car to the Victoria and Albert Museum and visited the Indian Exhibition which is being held in Imperial Institute Road, S.W.7.

4/23 They left the exhibition at 3.50 p.m. and returned home, taking into Lansdowne Court, their purchases and the parcels collected from the Treasury.

CAIRNCROSS came out alone at 5.15 p.m., drove to the local shops, garaged his car and returned home on foot at 5.35 p.m.

Observation was withdrawn at 10.30 p.m.

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W. Jones
D. Storrer.

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B.5.

John CAIRNCROSS.

A and B of your reports reference F.180 appear to be CAIRNCROSS' uncle and aunt - Mr. and Mrs. WISHART.

C appears to be identical with Arthur PROPPER who resides at 11 Chyngton Court, London Road, Harrow, and he is employed at the Ministry of Food, Dean and Bradley House, Horseferry Road, S.W.1.

G. DAVIS, Great Edward Passage, Cambridge, referred to in your report reference F.180/5 of 4th April, 1952, is probably identical with G. DAVID, second-hand bookseller of 16 St. Edward Passage, Market Hill, Cambridge. The packages he has collected from the Treasury probably contain second-hand books which he is in the habit of receiving from a number of dealers.

Handwritten initials

B.2.A.
7.4.52.

D. Stephens.

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19.10 GABY, who had been to the airport to collect TRAUDE, came home with her.

CAIRNCROSS told her that he had started to prepare the meal, he had not done much thought because he had not been home very long.

He joked with TRAUDE saying that he had had a beard which was now shaved off.

GABY asked him if he had bought any books while he was out today. He said no. He mentioned having been to the club. He went on to talk to TRAUDE about books. He spoke GERMAN which he speaks fairly well.

CAIRNCROSS appeared to be quite cheerful and laughed frequently.

They went on chatting, while having a meal, until 10 o'clock when they started to ~~mak~~ play the grammophone.

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29.4.52 [Handwritten signature]

FF.604582 - ^{BUNDEN} [redacted]
(Copies in: FF.72493 - CAIRNCROSS ✓
FF.604589 - [redacted] FLANNAGAN
FF.604643 - [redacted] HONEY
FF.604584 - PEACH.
FF.604583 - REES.)

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NOTE.

B.2.a.

D.B. asked me on 3.4.52 whether I considered it necessary to maintain telephone checks on [redacted], REES, PEACH, [redacted] and [redacted] and if so for what purpose this was being done. ^{BUNDEN} HONEY FLANNAGAN

I said that these checks were being maintained as adjuncts to a plan of investigation. This plan was:-

- (a) To obtain as much information as possible from John CAIRNCROSS (whose investigation we regarded as by no means concluded) about BURGESS's circle of acquaintances in general, with particular reference to the persons named above, who are still under suspicion of having been members of the network of Soviet agents described by VOLKOV, whether or not they were conscious spies.

(While it was perfectly possible that the "BURGESS Network" may have been less well defined than the term "network" would suggest, and equally possible that a number of its members may have been no more than unconscious sources of BURGESS, our view was that BURGESS did have at his disposal several fully conscious spies in the full sense of the term. I considered that we should in no way relax our efforts to identify these spies, if they exist. In pursuing this task, I said that we were being guided by the personal and political records of the individuals whom we had had under scrutiny in this context, and in particular by their frankness or lack of it when interviewed by us. We did not consider that either REES or [redacted] had been frank, and new information seemed likely to be forthcoming from CAIRNCROSS to justify our distrust of [redacted].)

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- (b) Having assessed such further information as we are able to obtain from CAIRNCROSS, and also from Mr. Courtenay Young's interrogation of Humphrey SLATER (q.v.), we intend to reinterview [redacted] making it clear to him that we do not accept his account of his relationship with BURGESS, or of his own early political development, emphasising that these were matters which we should not leave alone, that in due course we should arrive at the truth, and that if [redacted] himself has not so far told us as much of the truth as he knows, he will be well advised to be frank with us before we arrive at the truth by our own means, as we shall in due course inevitably do.

I reminded D.B. that we had already submitted to him our recommendation that [redacted] be interviewed again, and that the decision had been in favour of postponing it until we are better able to assess the product of the CAIRNCROSS enquiry. D.B. confirmed this decision, and agreed in principle with the plan to interview [redacted] in the near future.

BUNDEN

I agreed with D.B. that the position as regards the telephone checks on these persons would be regularly reviewed, and that if the plan outlined here comes to nothing they would be suspended or cancelled. They should not in any circumstances be maintained unless in aid of a positive operational plan.

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I later informed Mr. Skardon of my talk with D.B., and of the fact that we aimed to interview ██████ again, and that Mr. Skardon will be asked to undertake the interview. Mr. Skardon expressed himself in general agreement with the view which we are taking of the persons named above, insofar as they may have been connected with BURGESS's espionage, and said that he would be prepared to undertake the ██████ interview when we are ready.

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B.2.
5.4.52.



J. C. Robertson.

B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens).

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PF. 72493.

John CAIRNCROSS..

4.4.52.

Mrs. CAIRNCROSS left home at 11.25 a.m. and walked to the garage, followed shortly afterwards by her husband who was carrying his G.R. briefcase. They set off from Clarendon Road and travelled to the New Caledonian Market, Tower Bridge Road, S.E.1., parked the car and wandered around the market stalls making several small purchases of old jewellery, coins, oriental hand carvings etc.

During their visit to the market, CAIRNCROSS had left his brief case in the car.

At 12.50 p.m. they returned to the car and with Mrs. CAIRNCROSS at the wheel, travelled to Jermyn Street, S.W.1. where CAIRNCROSS alighted hurriedly and entered the L'aperitif Grill. He spoke to the head waiter, came out and re-joined his wife who then drove to Lower Regent Street.

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While stationary in a traffic jam CAIRNCROSS jumped out of the car carrying his briefcase, went to the Lyons Coventry Street Corner House, searched the L'aperitif Bar and then waited in the entrance until joined by his wife.

By this time it was obvious they were intent on making contact with someone and not being successful were getting a little panicky. In Lyons they asked the whereabouts of a public telephone and upon seeing that these were under the control of a telephone operator refused to make the call.

It was now 1.15 p.m. and from this time until 2 p.m. they visited the following restaurants in each of which CAIRNCROSS remained only long enough to make an enquiry from a waiter or look quickly around to see if his 'friend' was present, Veraswamy's, Swallow Street, Koh-i-noor, Rupert Street, Shafi's, Gerrard Street,

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Taj Mahal, Romilly Street and the Bombay in New Compton Street.

Somewhat exhausted they finally went to La Belle Etoile in Frith Street and had lunch together.

At 2.45 p.m. they left the restaurant and parted, Mrs. CAIRNCROSS drove off in her car we followed her husband, who, still carrying his briefcase, went to Colletts Bookshop, Charing Cross Road.

He was seen to pick up a pamphlet and also speak to one of the young lady assistants. After a few minutes here he went to two other bookshops, Fletchers and Colin Richmonds, both in Cecil Court, W.C.2. and at 3.10 p.m. arrived at the Travellers Club.

He came out after a few minutes carrying the two brown paper parcels he had been seen to collect the previous day from his old office. These appeared to contain books, addressed to CAIRNCROSS at the Treasury and were from G. Davis, Great Edwards Passage, Cambridge.

CAIRNCROSS was picked up by his wife at 3.30 p.m. and driven to the Victoria Coach Station where Mrs. CAIRNCROSS bought a ticket for Walmer, Kent, dated 8.4.52, on the coach which leaves Victoria at 2.30 p.m.

They afterwards went to 149, Sloane Street, S.W.1. and disappeared into the rear of an antique shop named Primavera, specialising in china and glass.

After a stay of one hour they came out and drove home.

At 10 p.m. CAIRNCROSS came out and garaged the car then returned home.

This is the first occasion that CAIRNCROSS has been seen to drive J L P 633, although as previously reported it is registered in his name.

D. Storrier
D. Storrier.

B.5.
5.4.52.
F.180/5.

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5th April 50

PFY.72493/SLB

My dear Director,

I would refer you to the case of John CAIRNCROSS, which Skardon and I discussed with you in conference on the 26th March last.

You will remember that it was then agreed that Skardon should go ahead with his interview. Following this conference, Skardon in fact saw CAIRNCROSS on two occasions, namely on the 31st March and on the 2nd April.

At the interview on the 31st March, Skardon formally cautioned CAIRNCROSS and put the document in his own hand-writing (which you will remember was found in BURGESS' flat) to him. The production of this document came as a major shock to CAIRNCROSS, and he admitted that the document was in his hand-writing and that he had passed it to BURGESS. He gave to Skardon, however, a categorical assurance that he then had no idea that BURGESS was interested in obtaining this sort of information for the purpose of passing it to any other Power. CAIRNCROSS told Skardon that he believed, at the time that he was talking to BURGESS, that he was merely discussing political matters with an individual who was vitally interested in them on their own account.

This interview ended by CAIRNCROSS undertaking to tell Skardon the whole truth about his association with BURGESS, and a further meeting was then arranged to take place at the War Office on the 2nd April. At this second meeting, Skardon took the formal statement of CAIRNCROSS, copy of which I enclose.

After perusal of this statement I think you will agree that apart from obtaining an admission from CAIRNCROSS that he did in fact write and pass this document to BURGESS, the case stands no stronger now than when we discussed the matter in conference with you, and I have no doubt that after perusal of this statement you will decide that in view of this long lapse of time, this is hardly the type of case upon which you would advise the Attorney-General to grant his fiat for a prosecution under Section 2 of the Official Secrets Acts.

As CAIRNCROSS is, however, a Treasury official, I think it only right that I should let you see the case

Sir Theobald Mathew, K.B.E., M.C.,
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as it stands today. I should add that we do not apprehend that any further interview which Skardon may have with CAIRNCROSS will carry this case further, and it seems indeed extremely unlikely that we shall obtain any admission which would justify any prosecution under Section 1.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Hill

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Would it be possible to ascertain the general standing and reputation of FORSYTE, KERNAN and PHILLIPS, Solicitors, 44 Brook Street, W. 1., which firm was contacted recently by a person who is the subject of current investigation by this office.

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Second Interview with John CAIRNCROSS on 2.4.52.

On the 2nd April I saw John CAIRNCROSS as arranged at War Office at 3 p.m. He said that he had spent the period between our meetings in making rough notes of his recollections of events in the years before the war, and would like to crystallize his thoughts by reciting the story to me orally before it was reduced to writing. I agreed to this course, and asked him certain questions arising out of the recital to clear up ambiguous statements, and he then dictated the statement which he read through and signed when it was complete.

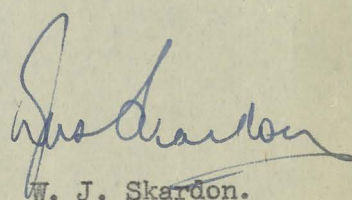
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There are certain discrepancies between this statement and my report concerning the interview with him on the 31st March which ought to be clarified. At our first interview he said that Mounsey of Foreign Office was present with Harold NICOLSON, whereas in fact that was a faulty recollection. Mounsey was at the time the Under Secretary whose name CAIRNCROSS gave to NICOLSON in connection with his enquiries on behalf of KOESTLER.

I ought to mention as well that in describing his anxiety after passing the report to BURGESS he said that his worries were to some extent engendered by the fear that BURGESS might, through the possession of such a paper, have a hold over CAIRNCROSS as would enable him to blackmail CAIRNCROSS into providing further secret information. This I feel almost certainly betokened a knowledge of the sinister possibilities of his association with BURGESS. At the very least it demonstrates that whatever he may have heard about BURGESS being employed in a secret department, he was not completely satisfied that BURGESS was entirely loyal.

The proceedings at Room 055 continued until 5.45 p.m. and at their conclusion CAIRNCROSS referred to his interview with Winnifrith of the 31st March, and indicated that whereas he was prepared to offer his resignation to Treasury, he thought that his employers would want to sack him. He told me that he had expressed the view to Winnifrith, and he certainly made it clear to me, that he believed that to discharge him would lead to unnecessary and undesirable publicity. He thought that a formula for requiring his resignation could easily be found to satisfy, for example, his wife, in his associations with BURGESS and MACLEAN, whose behaviour is sufficiently notorious to provide sufficient reason for such a step.

I arranged with him that I should be communicating with him in due course to exploit his knowledge of people in whom we are interested, and we agreed that if I telephoned him at home I would do so in the name of SEDDON, for he has some fear that the mention of my proper name might create some alarm in his wife's mind.



W. J. Skardon.

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If you are interested in French explorers, I should like to draw your attention to the following book, which might have escaped your attention: FAY (B.) Bibliographie critique des ouvrages franç. relat. aux Etats-Unis. Paris, 1925, a rather interesting book.

With kind regards to you and your wife,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Hedger,

As spoken - herewith a copy of the Winter 1951-2 issue of "The Modern Quarterly" which was thrown into a wastepaper basket in Hyde Park on 2nd April, 1952, by a person who is the subject of current investigation.

While there are no reasons for believing that this magazine has been marked, in view of the fact that a similar technique has been adopted in other cases, the magazine is sent to you for favour of examination.

Yours sincerely,

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R. E. Hedger, Esq.,
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John CAIRNCROSS.

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Mrs. CAIRNCROSS left Lansdowne Court with a woman at 11 a.m., collected J L P 633 from the garage and drove away.

At 12.25 p.m. CAIRNCROSS came out, travelled by train from Holland Park Station to Leicester Square and entered Jimmy RUSSELL'S "pub" at 12.55 p.m. He met a man ("C") who appeared to be well known to him and, after a few drinks, they had lunch together.

To-day CAIRNCROSS appears to be in a more contented frame of mind, much relieved, and at times quite jovial.

He left with "C" at 2.20 p.m. when they walked together to Parliament Street, S.W.1. where they parted and "C" was traced to offices of the Ministry of Food, Dean Bradley House, Horseferry Road, S.W.1. where he is, apparently, employed. He showed a pass upon entering at 2.55 p.m.

Meanwhile CAIRNCROSS went to the Treasury and collected two brown paper parcels which he took with him to the Travellers Club.

He left the Club, minus his parcels, at 3.15 p.m., travelled by taxi to the Green Line Coach Terminus, Eccleston Bridge (not the Victoria Coach Station) and there met the man and woman "A" and "B".

The three then walked to Buckingham Palace Road and into Allington Street, S.W.1. where CAIRNCROSS pointed out to "A", Watney's Brewery.

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In Buckingham Palace Road they engaged a taxi and were driven to the Tate Gallery, remained here from 4 to 5.5 p.m. at which time they went by 'bus to Lyons Strand Corner House.

After a meal in this restaurant, lasting until 6.5 p.m. CAIRNCROSS, with his friends, boarded a No. 11 'Bus. At Westminster CAIRNCROSS alighted but the other two continued to Eccleston Bridge and boarded a Farningham coach.

After alighting from the No. 11 'bus CAIRNCROSS appeared undecided as to his next move. He walked towards Westminster Station but changed his mind and went by taxi to the Travellers Club, going in at 6.15 p.m.

At 7.30 p.m. he re-appeared and walked to the Istanbul Restaurant, Frith Street, W.1. where he met his wife, who had arrived driving J L P 633.

They dined together in this restaurant alone and at 8.20 p.m. went to the Academy Cinema, Oxford Street, W.1.

After the film they came out at 10.55 p.m. and drove home, stopping on the way at John Bell and Croyden, Chemists, Wigmore Street, W.1. where CAIRNCROSS entered but remained only a minute or two.

Mrs. CAIRNCROSS garaged her car and walked with her husband to Lansdowne Court, entering at 11.30 p.m.

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D. Storrier
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NOTE.

Mr. Skardon and I discussed this case today with Winnifrith in the light of the papers handed to him with the covering letter at 156a. It had been expected from the note at 152a that Winnifrith and Bridges would need to be convinced that to allow CAIRNCROSS to resign would not be too lenient a course to adopt. In point of fact, what Winnifrith wanted was to be sure that this would not be too harsh. He said that Bridges, who was fussing about the case, might take the line that a youthful indiscretion was being punished too severely by allowing CAIRNCROSS to resign. Loss of pension rights follows resignation from the Civil Service.

Skardon succeeded to Winnifrith's entire satisfaction in explaining that it would not be too harsh in all the circumstances of the case to allow CAIRNCROSS to resign. This will be represented to Bridges. Skardon said that from our point of view the sooner resignation took place the better.

G.R. Mitchell.

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3 April, 1952.

Dear Winnifrith,

John CAIRNCROSS.

As you already know, CAIRNCROSS has been interviewed by Skardon on two occasions. The first was on 31 March, 1952, when he admitted the authorship of an original document, a photostatic copy of which is attached as "A". Also attached, at "B", is a report of the interview prepared by Skardon. (1496)

In the second interview, which took place at the War Office on 2 April, CAIRNCROSS made a signed statement, a copy of which is attached at "C". (153a)

While there are inconsistencies in the statement, it is submitted that you may find yourself sufficiently informed by the contents of the three attached documents to decide the future of CAIRNCROSS in the Civil Service. He will be further examined by the Security Service, but these proceedings will not impede your disciplinary action in any way.

It is felt with some certainty that the case is no stronger now than when originally presented to the Director of Public Prosecutions, who then decided that it was not the sort of offence upon which he could advise the Attorney General to proceed.

Yours sincerely,
G. R. MITCHELL
G.R. Mitchell.

A.J.D. Winnifrith, Esq., C.B.,
Treasury Chambers,
London, S.W. 1.

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John CAIRNCROSS.

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Mrs. CAIRNCROSS left home at 9 a.m., walked to the garage at the rear of 79, Clarendon Road, and shortly afterwards drove away in J L P 633.

At 10.10 a.m. CAIRNCROSS came out and it was at once noticed that he had shaved off his moustache and beard. As he was similarly dressed to yesterday, we had no difficulty in picking him up and we make no conjecture on his tonsorial operation.

CAIRNCROSS seemed deep in thought, walked with his hands clasped behind his back, head down, and presented a rather dejected appearance.

He travelled by 'bus to Hyde Park Corner, entered the park and walked towards the Serpentine. After a while he stopped and threw a book he was carrying into a waste-paper basket. After a little lapse of time the book was picked up by our assistant and is enclosed. No other persons were in the vicinity.

Leaving the park CAIRNCROSS engaged a taxi and was driven to the Travellers Club, 106, Pall Mall, S.W.1. where he entered at 10.45 a.m.

At 11.45 a.m. he came out, lunched alone in the Vega Restaurant, Whitcomb Street, W.C.2. from 12.5 to 12.30 p.m., and returned to the Travellers Club.

CAIRNCROSS left the club at 2.45 p.m. and walked to the War Office, going in by the Horse Guards Avenue door at 2.55 p.m.

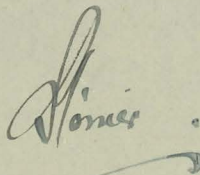
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He re-appeared at 5.45 p.m., walked to Trafalgar Square and travelled by taxi to within fifty yards of his home address. After paying off the taxi he walked to Lansdowne Court, entering at 6.10 p.m.

Mrs. CAIRNCROSS was seen garaging her car at 7 p.m. after which she went home.

During the evening the CAIRNCROSSES could be seen in their flat and at 11 p.m. observation was withdrawn.



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The position of the CAIRNCROSS case was reviewed by D.B. on 3rd April at a meeting attended by Messrs. Robertson, Mitchell Simkins, Skardon and Stephens, at which Mr. Skardon related the results of his interview with CAIRNCROSS the previous day (see serial 153a). It was agreed that:-

1. Mr. Mitchell should give the Treasury a copy of CAIRNCROSS' signed statement dated 2nd April, 1952, and a photostat copy of the document in CAIRNCROSS' handwriting recovered from BURGESS' papers, informing them that having regard to the D.P.P.'s opinion at serial 144a, we could see no objection to CAIRNCROSS being allowed to resign from the Treasury.
2. CAIRNCROSS should be interrogated further after his signed statement has been scrutinised and appreciated.
3. B.5. observation should continue for the present.
4. D.P.P. should be acquainted with the results of the interviews with CAIRNCROSS on 31st March, 1952, and on 2nd April, 1952.

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John CAIRNCROSS.

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Observation was taken up at Lansdowne Court, Lansdowne Crescent, W.11. at 7.30 a.m. and at 1.50 p.m. CAIRNCROSS left with his wife. They walked to a garage at the rear of 79, Clarendon Road, W.11. and left in motor car J L P 633 driven by Mrs. CAIRNCROSS.

We are experiencing some difficulty in following this car while Mrs. CAIRNCROSS is at the wheel. She drives in a most erratic fashion, giving hand signals of her intention to turn right and immediately turns to her left. This our drivers naturally find disconcerting.

The car was followed through Notting Hill Gate to Marble Arch and, while stationary in heavy traffic, CAIRNCROSS must have alighted, as soon after entering Oxford Street, Mrs. CAIRNCROSS was seen to be alone in the car. A search was made at Marble Arch and hotels nearby but without success.

Mrs. CAIRNCROSS drove into the car park of Selfridges and entered this store, visiting the food department.

At 2.45 p.m. she drove to the Green Line Coach terminus at Eccleston Bridge and enquired about the coach from Farningham, Kent, which she was told was due in at 3.15 p.m.

She left to make another enquiry at Olley Air Service Ltd., 7b, Lower Belgrave Street, S.W.1. where a counter clerk, after referring to a typed sheet of paper, said to her "10.30 at Kensington Air Station".

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Mrs. CAIRNCROSS returned to the Green Line terminus and at 3.30 p.m. met a man ("A") and woman ("B") who had alighted from the Farningham coach. They had with them one suitcase and a canvas bag.

All three went off in the car to Westminster Abbey and on to St. Paul's Cathedral where John CAIRNCROSS was found sitting on the steps reading a leather-bound book.

This he showed rather proudly to his wife and the new arrivals. There is some resemblance between the two men and it is presumed that "A" is a relative.

After a short visit to the Cathedral all four went in the car to the Tower of London, stayed only twenty minutes and then travelled to 44, Brook Street, W.1. where CAIRNCROSS entered and received from a *Shirley* commissionaire, apparently employed by Forsyte, Kerman *3/4* and Phillips, *Solicitors*, a large buff-coloured envelope. *Shirley 3/4*

The party then drove to Selfridges, bought a quantity of foodstuffs and returned to Lansdowne Court, going in at 5.40 p.m.

At 6.55 p.m. all four came out and went off in the car to Notting Hill Gate where our own vehicle was held at traffic lights and contact was lost. When last seen J L P 633 was travelling to Marble Arch.

After a search of all likely places, including Kensington Air Station, observation was resumed at Lansdowne Court at 8.30 p.m. when the lights in Flat 16 were all on.

At 10.45 p.m. all lights were extinguished and observation was withdrawn at 11.15 p.m.

Mrs. CAIRNCROSS is described as:-

Looks 36-40. 5 ft. 7-8 ins. Medium build. Oval face. Stern expression. Sallow complexion. Brown untidy hair, cut short. Dressed in brown fur coat, darker brown felt hat, flesh-coloured stockings, brown shoes.

"A" is described as:-

Looks 60-65. 5 ft. 6 ins. Slim build. Thin pale face. Straight nose. Grey, clipped moustache. Grey hair. Dressed in navy blue raincoat, grey suit, grey trilby, drab appearance.

"B" is described as:-

Looks 50-60. 5 ft. 6 ins. Heavy build. Large round face. Pale complexion. Dark brown hair. Dressed in brown coat, plum-coloured hat, flat brown shoes, drab appearance.

D. Storrier

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2nd April, 1952.

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STATEMENT of John CAIRNCROSS, Principal H. M. Treasury, who SAITH:-

I am thirty-eight years of age. I went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, in September 1934 after previous education at Hamilton Academy, Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Glasgow University and the Sorbonne, Paris. Prior to going to Cambridge I had no pronounced political views, but I had absorbed a fairly anti-German attitude and indeed a marked hostility to Nazism while in Paris. In Cambridge I came under Communist influence very gradually and ultimately attended two or three Party Member meetings, but thereafter I was repelled by the unrealistic and conspiratorial aspects of the doctrine. I should add that I was attracted to Communism in the first place by its clear desire to secure a line-up against Germany and also by its approach to the study of literature and philosophy whereby social developments were linked with the evolution of thought and art. While at Cambridge I was studying French and German and my studies brought me into contact with Anthony BLUNT (who occupied the room below mine) and James KLUGMAN - both at Trinity. Without any open breach with the Communist Party I dropped my association with it. I graduated in French and German in June 1936.

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I entered the Foreign Office via the usual exam in October 1936 and was posted to the American Department. In March 1937 or thereabouts I was transferred to the Western Department where I made, for the first time, the acquaintance of Donald MACLEAN to whom I worked. I never had any inkling that he was currently or since a Communist. On the contrary he seemed to me to be fairly markedly to the right, in particular he was very enthusiastic about the need to re-arm. I had however heard that he had associated with the Communist Party while at Cambridge.

While in my first stages at the Foreign Office I used to take part in a club run by ^{Gen. 468/b4/HA/MON.} David LAYTON (Lord LAYTON's son) to discuss rather vague and idealistic plans about social developments and welfare. At a few of these meetings which took place at LAYTON's home

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I was asked by EWER "whether I had anything to report". Following my usual tactics of avoiding a showdown and argument I always replied that I had nothing to report or possibly on one occasion had resort to some publicly known piece of information. Thereafter the attempts ceased. EWER it should be explained knew me during my Party days at Trinity.

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I cannot exactly pinpoint either as to time, place or occasion the start of my acquaintance with Guy BURGESS. However, I can remember meeting him, I think, in the Spring of 1937 in BLUNT's room in Trinity, where ^{Sac} [Louis MacNICE] ^{RF 604. 898} was also present. This meeting was not however the main object of my trip to Cambridge, which, I think, was to see my very close friend and French tutor Dr. ASHTON. I made the trip back to London in Guy BURGESS's company. I remember he asked me whether I thought there was any glamour in being attached to the Foreign Office. I told him that, as far as I was concerned, it was solely a case of doing a job, on questions which interested me. We also discussed the role of Communism, particularly in this country - apparently because he knew of my previous association. I expressed the view that Communist agitation, particularly in this country, was perfectly futile and the one thing that counted was to get as many Powers together, whatever their political views, to resist Nazi aggression. He agreed with this. I also had lunch at about March 1937 with BURGESS. The others present were BLUNT, ^{See 60} Tom WYLIE and Helmut KATZ, ^{X See 10} a dapper young man who had been in Finland and spoke both Finnish and Swedish fluently. He was a German refugee. The atmosphere of the party was markedly and unpleasantly homosexual. Politics were not discussed. At some point thereafter, BURGESS was in Paris at the same time as I and left a message at my hotel asking me to contact him at the Select (a homosexual cafe). I did not go, as I had neither the wish nor the time to do so.]

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Round about September 1937 he asked me to a party at his flat in Chester Square at which a number of celebrities including ^{RF 604. 870} Harold NICHOLSON were present. NICHOLSON, who had been told I worked in the P.O. Department dealing with Spain, asked me about KOESTLER

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who was then imprisoned by the Franco authorities. He asked if I could do anything to help, and when I said I doubted it, he asked for the name of the Head of the Department and the Under Secretary, which I gave him.

I saw BURGESS at intervals which varied from twice or thrice a fortnight to once in three months, to the best of my recollection. We occasionally discussed politics and I was much impressed by his wide and apparently inside knowledge of what was going on and of the elevated and influential circles in which he moved. Round about the time of Munich we had one or two vigorous arguments about British foreign policy. By this time I had moved to the Central Department of the Foreign Office. BURGESS alleged that Chamberlain was deliberately trying to divert German expansion to Russia. I endeavoured to counter this view in the light of my knowledge of official policy, stressing Chamberlain's lack of understanding of the aggressive dynamism of Hitler and the military unpreparedness of France and ourselves and the lack of understanding on the part of the Dominions on the European crisis. I also revealed to him that I was keeping a diary (which I destroyed in 1941) summarising current events in Central Europe. He himself volunteered information to me about these happenings. There was therefore a two way flow. I was under the impression that he was in a secret department (an impression confirmed by some third party whose identity I cannot remember) and imagined that I was possibly ingratiating myself with someone in M.I.5 who might stand me in good stead if ever my Communist associations were brought up against me. It was also possible, I thought, that his relations with senior Foreign Office officials might one day prove helpful to me. My description of Government policy was not in great detail and in giving it I was, among other things, yielding to the rather foolish impulse of showing myself as knowledgeable as BURGESS.

In October 1938 I moved to the Treasury but continued in the normal course of social relations to see something of my Foreign Office friends. I also carried on the habit of making

occasional entries on European events in my diary on the basis of my discussions with these friends. Round about Easter 1939, after the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Hitler, BURGESS and I had lunch together and the previous argument about Chamberlain's intentions came up. He asked me to substantiate my views and I made notes, both of recent conversations and some held immediately after seeing BURGESS, and let him have access to them. I identify the originals which have now been shown to me. He promised to let me have them back but delayed doing so and when finally I insisted, he told me, if I remember correctly, that he had accidentally burnt them with some other papers of his. I was somewhat alarmed about this and saw very much less of him thereafter. I did, however, run into him late in 1940 soon after I had been bombed at Dolphin Square when he commiserated with me. I saw him once or twice thereafter but was distinctly reserved and I saw nothing of him for the rest of the war. I did, however, see him socially on one or two social occasions after the war.

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This statement has been read over by me and it is true.
I am quite prepared to offer any further information which I may
possess.

(signed) J. CAIRNCROSS.

2.4.52.

Statement taken down, read over and signature witnessed
by me at Room 055, War Office, on 2nd April, 1952.

(signed) W. J. Skardon.

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War Office
Room 055.
2nd April 1952.

Statement of John Cairncross, Principal
H.M. Treasury who saith:—

I am thirty eight years of age. I went up to Trinity College Cambridge in September 1934 after previous education at Hamilton Academy, Hamilton Lanarkshire, Glasgow University and the Sorbonne, Paris. Prior to going to Cambridge I had no pronounced political views, but I had absorbed a fairly anti German attitude and indeed a marked hostility to Nazism while in Paris. In Cambridge I came under Communist influence very gradually and ultimately attended two or three party member meetings, but thereafter I was repelled by the unrealistic and conspiratorial aspects of the doctrine. I should add that I was attracted to Communism in the first place by its clear desire to secure a line up against Germany and also by its approach to the study of literature and philosophy whereby social developments were linked with the evolution of thought and art. While at Cambridge I was studying French and German and my studies brought me into contact with Anthony Blunt (who occupied the room below mine) and James Klugman — both at Trinity. Without any open contact with the Communist Party I dropped my association with it. I graduated in French and German in June 1936. I entered the Foreign Office via the usual exam in October 1936 and was posted to the American Department. In March 1937 or thereabouts I was transferred to the Western Department where I made, for the first time, the acquaintance of Donald Maclean whom

I worked. I never had any inkling that he was currently or since a Communist. On the contrary he seemed to me to be fairly markedly to the right in particular he was very enthusiastic about the need to re-arm. I had however heard that he had associated with the Communist Party while at Cambridge.

While in my first stajps at the Foreign Office, I used to take part in a club run by David Beighton & Hayton (Lord Hayton's son) to discuss rather vague and idealistic plans about social developments and welfare. At a few of these meetings which took place at Hayton's home I was asked by Lewis "whether I had anything to report". Following my usual tactics of avoiding a showdown and argument I always replied that I had nothing to report or possibly on one occasion had resort to some publicly known piece of information. Thereafter the attempts ceased. Lewis it should be explained knew me during my Party days at Trinity.

I cannot exactly pinpoint either as to time place or occasion the start of my acquaintance with Guy Burgess. However I can remember meeting him, I think in the Spring of 1937 in Blunt's rooms in Trinity, where Louis MacNeice was also present. This meeting was not however the main object of my trip to Cambridge which, I think, was to see my very close friend and French tutor Dr. Ashton. I made the trip back to London in Guy Burgess's company. I remember he asked me whether I thought there was any glamour attached to being attached to the Foreign Office. I told him that as far as I was concerned, it was solely a case of doing a job, on questions which interested me. We also discussed the role of Communism, particularly

influential circles in which he moved. Round about the time of Munich we had one or two vigorous arguments about British foreign policy. By this time I had moved to the Central Department of the Foreign Office. Burgess alleged that Chamberlain was deliberately trying to divert German expansion to Russia. I endeavoured to counter this view in the light of my knowledge of official policy, stressing Chamberlain's lack of understanding of the aggressive dynamism of Hitler and the military unpreparedness of France and ourselves and the lack of understanding on the part of the Dominions on the European crisis. I also revealed to him that I was keeping a diary (which I destroyed in 1941) summarising current events in Central Europe. He himself volunteered information to me about these happenings. There was therefore a two way flow. I was under the impression that he was in a secret department (an impression confirmed by some third party whose identity I cannot remember) and imagined that I was possibly ingratiating myself with someone in M.I.5. who might stand me in good stead if ever my Communist associations were brought up against me. It was also possible that his relations with senior Foreign Office officials might one day prove helpful to me. My description of Government Policy was not in great detail and in giving it I was, among other things, yielding to the rather foolish impulse of showing myself as knowledgeable as Burgess.

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in this country - apparently because he knew of my previous association. I expressed the view that Communist agitation, particularly in this country, was perfectly futile and the one thing that counted was to get as many Powers together, whatever their political views, to resist Nazi aggression. He agreed with this.

March 1937

I also had lunch at about this time with Burgess. The others present were Blunt, Tom Wylie and Helmyth Katz, a dapper young man who had been in Finland and spoke both Finnish and Swedish fluently. He was a German refugee. The atmosphere of the party was markedly and unpleasantly homosexual.

Politics were not discussed. At some point thereafter, Burgess was in Paris at the same time as I and left a message at my hotel asking me to contact him at the Select (a homosexual café). I did not go, as I had neither the wish nor the time to do so.

Round about September 1937 he asked me to a party at his flat in Chester Square at which a number of celebrities including Harold Nicholson were present. Nicholson, who had been told I worked in the F.O. Department dealing with Spain, asked me about Koestler who was then imprisoned by the Franco authorities. He asked if I could do anything to help, and when I said I doubted it, he asked for the name of the Head of the Department and the Under Secretary, which I gave him.

I saw Burgess at intervals which varied from twice or thrice a fortnight to once in three months to the best of my recollection. We occasionally discussed politics and I was much impressed by his wide and apparently useful knowledge of what was going on and of the high elevated and



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FF 72493 .. John CAIRNCROSS.
-----NOTE.

Winniffrith rang up yesterday evening to refer to the case of CAIRNCROSS. He said that Sir Edward Bridges was still fussing about the implications of this case although, in Winniffrith's opinion, he ought to be pleased at the progress made in it by the Security Service. Bridges foresaw that, now that it had been decided by the D.P.P. that there would be no prosecution, the possible action in CAIRNCROSS's case would be either to allow him to resign or to dismiss him from the Civil Service. A decision between these two alternatives would be made after Mr. Skardon's next interview with the man. Bridges feared that if CAIRNCROSS were allowed to resign, there was a chance of our later obtaining further material incriminating him much more seriously. In that event the Treasury might be open to criticism for having dealt with him too leniently. (I suggested at this point that these apprehensions did not seem very realistic. If new information were received it would always be open to the Treasury to draw a distinction between the material on which they took action at this stage and the new incriminating information.)

On the other hand if CAIRNCROSS were dismissed he might, after a few months' recuperation, change his tune and represent that his treatment had been excessively harsh. Bridges wanted to be convinced that a decision to dismiss would not be too harsh in all the circumstances of the case. For this he needed further information and Winniffrith asked for it on his behalf. I told Winniffrith that he might have, for the information of himself and Bridges, all relevant material. He should have, for example, copies of the interrogation reports, a photostat of the notes found among BURGESS's belongings, and other Security Service material having an important bearing on the case.

I reported the above to D.B. on 1.4.52, and to B.2.A./Mr. Skardon on 2.4.52.

G.R. Mitchell

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GABY CAIRNCROSS is evidently preparing to leave the house on her way to meet her friend TRAUDE at the airport. She was heard chatting to JOHN. She said she thought it best if he did go to the office. Some indistinuishable chatter followed which appeared to be about TRAUDE and about having dinner this evening, then GABY said:- " I mean, I can reach you in the office in the afternoon if needby. I'll try".

J. No.

G. No?

J. No. You can't - eh - I'll ring you instead. I don't know.....

He said goodbye to her and then remarked -

J. I don't know why you're worried (about me forgetting??) you look quite fantastically....

GABY then left. CAIRNCROSS was later heard talking to the woman who cleans and appeared to go out after.

11.24

GABY and TRAUDE are there.

L.E.

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CAIRNCROSS was home.

GABY asked him how he felt. He complained of having a headache. He thought it was a cold. She asked if he had it this morning. He said ~~no~~ no, that it came on during the day. She asked him if he would be going to bed. He did not think so. She offered him some tea but he appeared to decline this and said he thought he would go out for a little walk. He seems to have gone shortly after this.

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CAIRNCROSS returned. Shortly afterwards GABY asked him what was the matter, but his reply, if any, was inaudible. GABY's mother was there.

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CAIRNCROSS went out. GABY mentioned something to her mother to the effect that he was going to see to the car. Nothing more of any interest was heard. They were out during the evening and returned

at about 11 pm.
L.E.

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Room 21,
York Buildings,
EDINBURGH.

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29th March, 1952.

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Dear Tony,

John CAIRNCROSS.

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PF 72, 493 27/3

Please refer to your letter of 10th March and to our conversation when I was in London recently, concerning the above-named.

The following are the particulars of the Cairncross family:-

Father:- Alexander - deceased. Owned a General Store in Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, for many years. Well respected. A staunch Conservative.

Mother:- Elizabeth - Still resides in Lesmahagow.

Son:- Andrew - Dr. of Philosophy. Schoolmaster in Dazell High School, Motherwell.

Son:- William - Killed on War Service. This son while a youth had treatment on two occasions in a Mental Hospital.

Daughter:- Died at an early age in a Mental Hospital.

Daughters)2):- Both School Teachers.

Son:- Alexander K. - Senior Lecturer in Economics at Glasgow University.

Son:- John - Treasury.

Daughter:- Annie - Graduate of Glasgow University. Married.

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All the family had both a brilliant scholastic and University career.

They were brought up in very comfortable circumstances and so far I have been unable to trace that any of the family had communist leanings while at Glasgow University, or that those still resident in Scotland are that way inclined.

I spoke to the Glasgow Police S.B. about James Findlay HENDRY but they have no up to date information about this person. He has not come to their notice for years.

Yours

sincerely,

Jack Mann

R.J. Mann.

A.F. Burbidge, Esq., M.B.E.,
B.2.A.

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in: PF.604529 - BURGESS).

Interview with John CAIRNCROSS on 31.3.52.

On the 31st March I saw the above-named in Mr. Jupe's office which was made available for me at the Treasury. He was called to the office by Mr. Griffiths who left us the moment the preliminary introduction had been effected. I told CAIRNCROSS my name and explained that he had already been seen by Mr. Martin and Mr. Whyte, colleagues of mine, but there were certain further matters which I wished to discuss with him. Before I did so I was anxious to clear up one or two matters arising from the earlier interrogations.

I reminded him that he had volunteered to Mr. Martin the information that he had known BURGESS casually "since about 1937". I told him that Mr. Martin had reported that CAIRNCROSS had said that the latter had not counted Guy BURGESS among his friends but regarded him as a glib gossip who was unlikely to have any interests in common with his own. CAIRNCROSS thought this was quite an accurate report of what he had said, and I then asked him whether he would enlarge upon this so as to inform me fully of his relationship with BURGESS.

CAIRNCROSS said that he had not met BURGESS by the time that he came down from Cambridge and went to work at Foreign Office. He met him some time later and thought it must have been during 1937, and so far as he could recall the meeting came about through some Foreign Office link. Following their first meeting BURGESS invited CAIRNCROSS to more than one party but this was hospitality which CAIRNCROSS never thought it necessary or desirable to return. Some time in 1937, though he cannot remember precisely the circumstances in which it happened, CAIRNCROSS travelled with BURGESS from Cambridge to London by train. He recalled also that he visited BURGESS's Chester Square address and was somewhat flattered to find himself being asked to meet people of the calibre of [Harold NICHOLSON] and MOUNSEY of Foreign Office.

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He also remembered a luncheon at a restaurant at which he felt singularly out of his element when the other people present were BURGESS, BLUNT, Tom WYLIE and Helmuth KATZ. The other four were clearly a homosexual gathering and the extravagant language was a considerable surprise to CAIRNCROSS.

Though he was mildly surprised at the interest shown in him by BURGESS, the friendship was not developed to any very considerable extent and their meetings were widely spaced over the two or three years up to the outbreak of war. Even reviewing the situation to-day CAIRNCROSS was unable to recall any incident which with the latest information about BURGESS would indicate that he was engaged in any subversive activity. BURGESS was a voracious collector of political gossip and was violently interested in political affairs. His own political line was difficult to assess but it did not follow any positive course and nothing that he said or did at that time indicated to CAIRNCROSS that he was a member of the Communist Party or held similar views. Any impetus given to the relationship was generated by BURGESS, and CAIRNCROSS felt somewhat flattered as a provincial finding himself with a certain cachet through his Foreign Office employment in London.

CAIRNCROSS said that he had not indulged in any correspondence with BURGESS nor could he remember having any official relationship with him which would require him to make reports to BURGESS. I then showed him the 14 page document traced to BURGESS's possession and which was clearly in the hand-writing of CAIRNCROSS. I handed to him to peruse a photostatic copy but gave him a sight of the original which I retained in my possession. I asked him immediately if he recognised the writing and he thought it slightly familiar. I then said to him, "I have some considerable experience in the examination of hand-writing and I have no doubt that the document was written by you. My opinion has been confirmed by independent experts and I want you to tell me the circumstances in which this paper was passed to BURGESS." He asked to be allowed to examine it and as he did so it became apparent that he had suffered a major shock by the production of this document. He read the first page of two carefully and then passed

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quickly to the end, and he was practically speechless. I thought it was opportune at this juncture to caution him, and I did so quite formally. He then said that he was at a loss to know what to say, since the legal position was not entirely clear to him and he would prefer to think before he made any precise statement about the document. I told him that I thought it quite possible that I could be helpful to him in this matter. I proposed, for the purpose of enabling us to continue the interview untrammelled by legal obligations, for a short time to discuss this matter with him off the record if he were prepared to trust me to that extent. He said that he felt no difficulty in following this course of action, and he then said that the document was clearly in his writing, and he had written it to the best of his recollection to assist his own reasoning, for it was prepared in a style which he adopted when considering any academic subject. This situation, immediately after the invasion of Czechoslovakia, was one which had ceased to interest him in so far as his official duties were concerned, for by this time he had left the Foreign Office and gone to the Treasury. At the same time he continued to take an active interest in political affairs and remained in touch with numerous contacts of similar rank who were still working at Foreign Office. He denied that he had particularly or purposely sought out the individuals named in the report but assured me that the report was of conversations which took place as the result of chance meetings. Everybody at this time was discussing the political situation, which was truly a matter of life and death.

The thing that shocked him most was that the document should have been found amongst BURGESS's belongings. If he had ever thought about it at all, he was sure that he had recovered it from him. Certainly he had a recollection of being vaguely uncomfortable for a short time that it had not been returned. This was the only paper that he had ever passed to BURGESS, and he made this statement in a confident way, even though I pointed out that there remained a vast amount of correspondence still to be processed.

CAIRNCROSS assured me that he had no idea that BURGESS was interested in obtaining this sort of information for the purpose of passing it on to any other power. He believed at the time that he talked to BURGESS that he was merely discussing political matters with an individual who was vitally interested in them on their own account. He was at a loss to explain why such words as "my informant" should appear in this document, and thought he would take a day or two to arrange his thoughts in a sufficiently orderly manner to give a cogent and reasoned explanation of the circumstances in which he passed the document to BURGESS. The relationship, casual though it was, ceased so far as he could recall with the outbreak of war. They may have met during the course of the war but he does not recall an occasion, and he only remembers one positive meeting with BURGESS since the end of the war, when he met him along with David FOOTMAN.

CAIRNCROSS assured me that he had done nothing which might be urged against him at any time since this document was passed to BURGESS, and I told him plainly that if this were so there would be no chance of his being prosecuted. I added that should further information come to hand to indicate other or similar activities of a later date, he would undoubtedly be proceeded against. CAIRNCROSS was confident that no such circumstances would be discovered and was grateful that he would not suffer prosecution. I hastened to add, hoping that he would appreciate that I was anxious to be patently fair in the matter, that it was unlikely that his employers, who, at the highest level, were aware of this enquiry, would be agreeable to his continuing in their service in the light of his admissions. CAIRNCROSS understood this and said that he was not particularly alarmed at the prospect of losing his job. His career was of slight importance but he did not fear that he would be unable to make a living in other fields, and so long as he could preserve his good name unscathed by convictions he was satisfied that he could face the future with equanimity. Having resolved the position I told CAIRNCROSS that it would be my duty to report to my colleagues the nature of his admissions, and I indicated that I should require him to provide me with the fullest possible information regarding his relationship with BURGESS and those of BURGESS's

circle with whom he came in contact. CAIRNCROSS gave me an undertaking that he would tell me the whole truth about these matters, and expressing gratitude for the fair manner in which I had put the case against him, he promised to attend Room 055 at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2nd, for the purpose of making a full statement.

We spoke about the immediate future and when I said that I thought that his presence was likely to be an embarrassment at Treasury whilst these matters were being resolved, he indicated that he was quite prepared to go on holiday while they made up their minds in the matter.

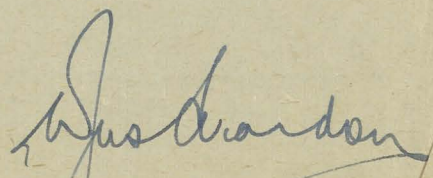
CAIRNCROSS indicated that though it was difficult to believe when one looked at the document again that the most that could be urged against him was that he had been indiscreet. He said that he would not expect the authorities to regard this indiscretion either as such, or of such a character as would permit his continued employment in work of a confidential nature.

Before we parted I questioned CAIRNCROSS as to his political views and he described himself to me as a Churchillian. Admitting that whilst at Cambridge he had attended a couple of meetings of the Communist Party, he claimed that he had quickly seen the fallacy of believing that there was any room for Communism in the political structure of this country. He has never failed since leaving University to follow and agree with the beliefs and politics advanced and practised by the present Prime Minister.

At the conclusion of the interview I suggested that CAIRNCROSS might like to note down my name and telephone number, whereupon he said that he had recognised my name upon being introduced to me, and believed that he had read of it in the context of cases in the public eye in recent years. The interview lasted from 11 a.m. till 12.10 p.m. and CAIRNCROSS was fairly well recovered by the time that he left my company.

At 2.30 p.m., in accordance with arrangements made with Mr. John Winnifrith, Mr. Simkins and I saw him at the Treasury. I told him what had transpired at my meeting with CAIRNCROSS, and he expressed his appreciation of the fact that I had kept Treasury so firmly in mind in dealing with the subject. Mr. Winnifrith endeavoured whilst I was with him to find CAIRNCROSS so as to suspend him from duty in my presence, but unfortunately he could not be found. I heard at 4 p.m. that CAIRNCROSS had returned to the office shortly after 3 p.m. from lunch, that Mr. Winnifrith had seen him, suspended him, and that CAIRNCROSS had accepted his congé without comment. Mr. Winnifrith, wondering whether it was the right word, said that CAIRNCROSS was "looking forward to his interview with Mr. Skardon at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd April".

At 5 p.m. I saw Chief Supt. Evan Jones in Special Branch and arranged that CAIRNCROSS's description, passport particulars, etc. (without mentioning his occupation) should be circulated to Special Branch officers at all ports asking that, should he arrive at a port to embark for abroad at any time during the next ten days, a rigorous customs examination of his effects was to be sought and his presence at the port reported immediately by telephone to New Scotland Yard.


W. J. Skardon.

B.2.A. (Mr. D. Stephens).

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John CAIRNCROSS.

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Observation was taken up at 10.50 a.m. at exits to Government offices in Great George Street and Parliament Street, S.W.1. nearest to the junction of these two streets.

At 12.45 p.m. a man answering the description, as that given of CAIRNCROSS and closely resembling the photograph of him, left by the Great George Street door and went to Westminster public library, Great Smith Street, S.W.1. Shortly after this we were informed that CAIRNCROSS had a red beard and as the man, then still in the library, had only a small moustache, observation was resumed at Great George Street.

At 3.45 p.m. a man, identified as CAIRNCROSS, was seen in Great George Street, walking from the direction of Storey's Gate. He had not left by either of the exits we were covering.

CAIRNCROSS went into Parliament Street Post Office, bought a postal order and walked to Trafalgar Square. During this walk he behaved suspiciously, looking back and apparently expecting to be followed away from his office.

At Trafalgar Square he boarded a 'bus and was allowed to proceed alone. He alighted at Holland Park and reached Lansdowne Crescent, W.11., entering the block housing flats 10-16 at 4.35 p.m.

He came out at 5.40 p.m. and explored the local streets for five minutes, returning home apparently satisfied that all was quiet.

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At 6.5 p.m. CAIRNCROSS left hurriedly and entered motor car J L P 633 which had been parked outside the flats since our arrival. The car was driven away, we think, by a woman but of this there is some doubt; it may have been a man sitting at the wheel.

The anxiety shown by CAIRNCROSS had necessitated our own vehicle being kept some distance away and when J L P 633 was driven away we found it impossible to make contact in the back streets of Notting Hill Gate.

At 11 p.m. CAIRNCROSS returned in the car which was driven off and ten minutes later a woman entered and may have been Mrs. CAIRNCROSS.

The lights in the flat were extinguished at 11.45 p.m. when observation was withdrawn.

It has been ascertained that J L P 633 is owned by John CAIRNCROSS, 16, Lansdowne Court, Lansdowne Crescent, W.11 and is a Hillman Minx, black, saloon. In February, 1952, the L.C.C. had enquiry about this vehicle from Tottenham Court Road Police Station, the reason not being divulged.

CAIRNCROSS is described as:-

Looks 36-40. 5 ft. 10-11 ins. Medium build. Ginger hair, moustache and small pointed beard. Long, thin face, very lined. Straight nose. Freckled complexion. Long thin neck. Wears horn-rimmed glasses. Dressed in blue striped suit, blue melton double-breasted overcoat, grey wide-brimmed trilby, black shoes, blue woollen scarf. Carried black leather official brief-case.

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31st March, 1952.

Dear James,

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FROEHLICH said John CAIRNCROSS paid regular visits to Germany between 1936 to 1939 and often visited him and his wife in Cologne. In discussion he spoke as Marxist and Left Wing Socialist but never admitted he was a member of the Communist Party. FROEHLICH did not believe he had been a party member. FROEHLICH then said that he remembered Cairncross appeared to have wide spread anti Nazi contacts in Berlin, many of whom were Jews, and some of whom "could well have been Communists." He added that he had neither seen nor had a letter from CAIRNCROSS since the outbreak of war. "

Yours *over*

[Redacted]

James Robertson Esq.,
M.I.5.

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Extract for File No. : Name : Ernest Richard GIMPEL

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Extract from T.C. on John CAIRNCROSS, suspected of Espionage.

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Outgoing call CAIRNCROSS to WES: 1244 to KAY KANTELL ?? CAIRNCROSS invited her to come with her husband to dinner on Saturday. It would not be possible. She talked of her husband having some sort of sports engagement. CAIRNCROSS hoped to arrange something after Easter.

GABY (CAIRNCROSS' wife) took over and talked to her of a suggestion she had once made about seeing a flat in Oakwood Court.

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NOTE: Subscriber to WES: 1244 = E.R. GIMPEL, 180 Oakwood Court, W.14.

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