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24.10.55.

Int. letter to John CAIRNCROSS

396a

398.

~~27.10.55.~~

~~Secret Cross reference re CAIRNCROSS. Replaced by note~~

398a

399.

4.11.55.

Note re int. letter from Gabi to her mother

399a

400.

5.11.55.

To G.P.O. with copies of the CAIRNCROSS' writing

400a.

401

11.12.55

Int. letter to CAIRNCROSS

401b

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402.

16.12.55 To G.P.O. cancelling H.O.W. on 28 Mapesbury Road, N.W.2.

402a.

403.

16.12.55 To G.P.O. cancelling H.O.W. on PARK 7941

403a.

404.

26.3.56. Ext. from note on discussion with Goronwy REES ment. CAIRNCROSS.

404a.

405.

*D.1.*

*copy*  
For the sake of completeness I have filed at 404a an extract from our conversation with Goronwy REES which took place on 21 March. It adds nothing to the information that we have on record about CAIRNCROSS's espionage activities, but I think it is as well to get on this file a note that REES also shared suspicions of CAIRNCROSS.

*D.1.A.*  
*6.4.56.*

*R. T. Reed*  
R. T. Reed.

406.

18.6.56. Vet for CAIRNCROSS - Refugee Relief Program

406a.

407.

22.6.56. Draft summary on CAIRNCROSS

407a.

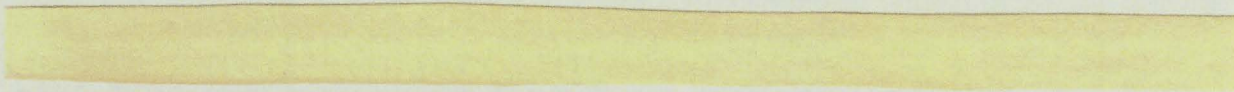
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D.1.

Please see 406a. C.3./Miss Lister tells me that this is virtually an immigration visa to America although I cannot understand how CAIRNCROSS qualifies as a refugee.

I can find no evidence on this file that we have ever told the Americans about CAIRNCROSS. We must clearly do so now and I have therefore placed a short draft summary at 407a; this can be amplified if necessary. Should we inform Cimperman separately about this?



*A.A. Crassweller*  
A.A. Crassweller.

D.1.A.  
22.6.56.

409.

22.6.56. Alternative draft summary. 409a

410.

3.6.56. Loose Minute to C.3. 410a.

411.

7.6.56. To American Embassy re vetting for CAIRNCROSS 411a

412.

28.6.56. To C.I.A. with inf. further to 411a. 412a

413.

28.6.56. To [redacted] enclosing copies of 406a, 411a and 412a. 413a

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To see 412a and 413a.

In view of the wide range of CAIRNCROSS's former Government employment (see Para. 3 of summary at 392a) I consulted D.D.G. before seeing Schor yesterday. D.D.G. did not consider that there was any objection to my giving Schor the additional information about CAIRNCROSS, as recorded in Para.2 of the draft at 409a. Nor did he think that [redacted] had any cause for misgiving, since the application at 406a would be dealt with by the American authorities among hundreds of others, and would be unlikely to be the object of any special attention or interest.

Schor assured me (without being asked the question) that the additional information would not be sent to Washington. He would however like to record it accurately in the C.I.A. office in London, and it was for this reason that he asked me to confirm our conversation with the letter at 413a.

*[Handwritten signature]*

J. C. Robertson.

D.  
29.6.56.

415.

9.7.56.

To [redacted]

415a.

416.

24.7.56. D note re conversation with C.I.A.

416a.

417.

*[Handwritten notes: 118, 257, 25]*  
D.1 (for information).

With reference to the C.I.A. enquiry at 406a, in view of the fact that the reply at 411a was despatched through C.3, you may wish to see my note at 416a.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
J. C. Robertson.

D.  
25.7.56.

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10.56. From A.4. re Marriage Certificate.

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532/15/F2  
**URGENT A. 4. ENQUIRY.**

Name of Officer..... C.J.H. Foulkes.....

File No... L. 412/3452.....

Section... F.2.....

Date... 27.9.56.....

**Information required** (mark with cross) :

Copy of Certificate of :  Birth  Marriage  Death

Particulars of :  Company or Business Names Registration

Monomark Registration

Friendly Society Registration

ENCL. as stated

2 OCT 1956

TO F.A. 1/29

REF. L. 412/3452

Voters List as at 20th Nov. 19.....  
(only in Metropolitan Police District)

Hotel Register

Now in PF 762986

F21/10

Motor Car Registration (London, Middlesex  
or Surrey County Councils only —  
state which, if known)

\*In respect of:

John CAIRNCROSS - born 25.7.13.  
Married to Gabrielle Susannah OPPENHEIM or  
OPPENHEIM.

Place of marriage unknown but probably in the  
U.K. on 26.1.51.

Cert. attached.

A.4.  
2.10.1956 W. J. Skardon

Signature of Officer.....

C.J.H. Foulkes.

\*Provide all possible information to assist this enquiry.

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27/11/56  
F21/10



417b - 421y

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(CAIRNCROSS)

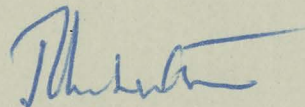
416a

NOTE.

Reference 406a and 411a.

Cram telephoned me today, and apologised for the fact that the enquiry at 406a had been sent to this office, explaining that this was an error which had taken place during his absence from the country.

I understood from Cram, that the enquiry in question related to the possible employment of the subject in a local international organisation and not - as might appear - to any question of immigration. Cram said that he had issued instructions that enquiries of this type are not in future to be referred to the Security Service.



J. C. Robertson.

D.  
24.7.56.

DE 28.7.56  
found  
25.7.56

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415A

FF.72,49/D.1.A/A.A.C.

9 July, 1956.

Dear [REDACTED]

Please refer to our letter of 28 June, 1956.

You may like to know that CAIRNCROSS' present address in Switzerland is Vilette Pas Conches, Geneva. We believe that as a permanent forwarding address CAIRNCROSS and his wife use that of Salle de Presse, Palais des Nations, Geneva. It is believed that Mrs. CAIRNCROSS has a job with some international organisation in Geneva, but so far as we know CAIRNCROSS himself is still acting as a free lance journalist and author.

Yours sincerely,

A.

A.A. Crasweller.

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413a

PF.72493/D.

28 June 1956.

Dear

John CAIRNCROSS.

As I informed you on the telephone this morning, CAIRNCROSS has been the subject of a recent enquiry by the C.I.A. representative in London, with reference to his application for a U.S. visa under the "Refugee Relief Program".

I attach copies of:-

- (a) The C.I.A. enquiry. — 406a
- (b) The routine Security Service reply. — 411a
- (c) My personal letter of today's date — 412a addressed to Schor, confirming the additional information which I gave him orally today.

In my conversation with Schor, no mention was made of CAIRNCROSS's former employment, other than his Treasury employment in 1952. This, as you will see, was given in the original American enquiry. Schor informed me that there would be no necessity for the additional information which I had given him to be transmitted to Washington.

Yours

J. C. ROBERTSON.

J. C. Robertson.

*[Handwritten signature and initials]*

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412a

PF.72493/D.

28 June 1956.

Dear Mr. Schor,

John CAIRNCROSS.

Please refer to our PF.72493/C.3/  
ML/CR dated 27 June 1956.

The following is the additional information about CAIRNCROSS, which I gave you orally this morning, and which I agreed to send you for record purposes.

As an associate of both MACLEAN and BURGESS, CAIRNCROSS's activities were closely investigated following the disappearance of these two officials. The conclusion was reached that CAIRNCROSS had acted as a source of information for BURGESS on one occasion in 1939.

CAIRNCROSS resigned from Government employment in 1952.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. ROBERTSON.

J. C. Robertson.

H. Clark Schor, Esq.,  
American Embassy,  
71 Grosvenor Street, W.1.

27/6  
J.C.R.  
June 28  
28.6.56

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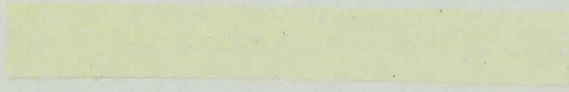
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Signature..... *H. Clark Schor*

411A



PF.72,493/G.3/ML/CR

No. 45744

H. Clark Schor, Esq.,  
American Liaison Section,  
American Embassy,  
71 Grosvenor Street, W.1.

John CAIRNCROSS.

Please refer to your Refugee Relief Program  
check No. 45744, dated 6 June, 1956.

John CAIRNCROSS is known to have been a  
Communist sympathiser while at Cambridge in 1934 and  
1935. In 1947 he was reliably reported to belong  
to a group of near Communists and to hold left wing  
views of a fairly advanced nature.

A police check has revealed nothing detrimental.

*rw*  
M. Lister.

27 June, 1956.

Enc: 1.

ML/CR

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**SECRET**LOOSE MINUTE.

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C.3. - Miss Lister.

I attach the two American vetting forms for CAIRNCROSS.  
The summary of our information about CAIRNCROSS is as follows:

John CAIRNCROSS is known to have been a Communist sympathiser while at Cambridge in 1934 and 1935. In 1947 he was reliably reported to belong to a group of near Communists and to hold left wing views of a fairly advanced nature.

Would you please let me have back the form(s) for filing, together with the file copy of the letter which you write to the Americans. As agreed on the telephone this morning, would you also please let me know immediately the letter to the Americans is dispatched.

A.A.Crassweller.

D.I.A.  
23.6.56.

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*Handwritten:*  
B. M.  
2-1-56.



Draft Letter/Minute to

Grading

Date

22.8.56

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Our Ref. PF.72493

Their Ref.

For Signature by

Approved by

Alternative Draft.

Serial 140c.1

John CAIRNCROSS is known to have been a Communist sympathiser while at Cambridge in 1934 and 1935. In 1947 he was reliably reported to belong to a group of near Communists and to hold left-wing views of a fairly advanced nature.

As an associate of both MACLEAN and BURGESS, his activities were closely investigated following the disappearance of these two officials. The conclusion was reached that he acted as a source of information for BURGESS <sup>on one occasion</sup> in 1939. He resigned from Government employment in 1952.

Draft Letter/Minute to

Grading

407A

Date 22 June, 1956.

Copies to

Our Ref. PF.72,493

Their Ref.

For Signature by

Approved by

<sup>As</sup> ~~CAIRNCROSS~~ was an associate of both MACLEAN and BURGESS. While his friendship with the former might have been innocent, there is no doubt that on one occasion in 1939 he acted as a source of information for BURGESS.

After the disappearance of MACLEAN and BURGESS, an investigation into CAIRNCROSS' activities showed that there was a possibility that CAIRNCROSS was in touch with the Russian Intelligence Service as recently as 1952. The investigation also showed that CAIRNCROSS had been a communist sympathiser while at Cambridge in 1934 and 1935.

In 1947 CAIRNCROSS was reliably reported to belong to a group of near communists and to hold leftwing views of a fairly advanced nature.

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Continue overleaf if necessary.

**REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM**

45744

6 JUN 1956

IRP NO. ....

DATE .....

NAME CAINROSS John .....  
Last First Middle

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 25 July 1913, Lanarkshire, Scotland

PRESENT NATIONALITY: British

PRESENT ADDRESS: Vilette Pas Couches, Geneva, Switzerland

LAST PRIVATE ADDRESS IN U.K.: 16 Lansdowne Court, Lansdowne Crescent, London W.11

RESIDED IN U.K.: FROM 1913 TO 1956

LIST NAME AND NATIONALITY AT BIRTH OF:

FATHER Alexander CAINROSS - British HUSBAND

MOTHER Elisabeth WISHART - British WIFE Sabriole OPPENHEIM - German

PRESENT OR LAST EMPLOYER: Treasury, Whitehall, London

No trace in C.R.O.  
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Check requested by Refugee Relief Program, American Embassy, London.  
Reason for Check : Subject is applicant under Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

**REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM**

45744

56 JUN 1956

*Oba*

IRP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME

*slu 8/18/56*  
CAIRNCROSS

John

Last

First

Middle

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 25 July 1923, Lomahogow, Lanarkshire, Scotland

PRESENT NATIONALITY: British

PRESENT ADDRESS: X Villetta Pas Conches, Geneva, Switzerland X

LAST PRIVATE ADDRESS IN U.K.: 16 Lansdowne Court, Lansdowne Crescent, London W.11

RESIDED IN U.K.: FROM 1913 TO 1956

ENCL. ....

18 JUN 1956

C 3

LIST NAME AND NATIONALITY AT BIRTH OF:

FATHER Alexander CAIRNCROSS - British HUSBAND

MOTHER Elizabeth WISHART - British WIFE Sabriole OPPENHEIM - German

PRESENT OR LAST EMPLOYER: Treasury, Whitehall, London

*Re Rf*  
*2-7-56*

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EXTRACT FROM NOTE ON DISCUSSION WITH REES ON 21.3.56. MENTIONING  
JOHN CAIRNCROSS

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I then asked REES if he could think if people who in his opinion might have been working with BURGESS in his espionage organisation. I realised that this was the "sixty-four dollar question" and that he might want to think about it carefully before he made any reply.

REES asked me if we had ever considered John CAIRNCROSS. I told REES that he had certainly hit the nail on the head for we were quite sure that CAIRNCROSS had indeed been working for BURGESS. I asked REES why he had mentioned CAIRNCROSS as his first candidate. REES replied that CAIRNCROSS was a person whom BURGESS was constantly talking about before the war. He was a person whom BURGESS over-praised so much that REES thought the praise suspicious. This of course was one of BURGESS's most annoying characteristics. He was constantly seizing upon the name of some fairly intelligent individual and maintaining to his friends that the person was the most remarkable man he had ever met. In the case of CAIRNCROSS he was no doubt a brilliant man but not nearly so brilliant as BURGESS constantly claimed.

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26.3.56.

*Handwritten notes:*  
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DAG/B  
6.4.56

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*Cancellation approved by D and M.  
AK.*

403a

H.O.W. No. 1272

File No. EE. 72. 493/D. 1. A

A.2.A. for :

G.P.O.:—~~Mr. SAFFERY~~ MAJOR A. E. DENMAN.

*Held RS  
DIB 29/11*

Please cancel the operation of the H.O.W. on the following:—

Name John CAIBWORSIS

Telephone No. PARK 7941

Date 16 December 1955 Signature A.A. Canneler

*[Handwritten signature/initials]*

*DIB/RML  
30.12.55*

Cancellation approved by D and D 1.  
H.R.

402a

**SECRET.**

H.O.W. No. 11238

File No. HR. 72, 493/D. 1. A

**A.2.C.** for :

G.P.O.:—MR. G. A. HARLOW.

Please cancel the operation of the H.O.W. on the following:—

Name..... John CAIRNCROSS .....

Address..... 38, Maresbury Road, N.V.2, .....

Date..... 16 December 1955 .....

Signature..... A.A. Cammelle .....

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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20.12.55

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*man*



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*15 DEC*

*W. J. Hebes*

*HOLY*

John Cairncross, Esq.,

16, Lansdowne Court,

Lansdowne Crescent,

LONDON, W.11.

12 DEC 1955

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Lansdowne Crescent,  
LONDON, W.11.

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Dear Mr. Cairncross,

This is to inform you that the original screen material entitled "Where there's a Will", registered by you on 1st February, 1952, has now been on our sealed files at the Bank for over the stated period of three years.

If you wish to re-register this material for a further three years, please would you send us a fee of 5/- so that it arrives not later than Friday, 23rd December, 1955.

If we do not hear from you by this date, we will take it that you do not wish to renew Registration of this MS, and the material, still sealed, will be returned to you.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Greenwood  
Secretary.

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PF.72,493/D.1.A/A.A.C.

I.B.48273

5 November, 1955.

Dear

I promised to let you have a copy of Gabi and John CAIRNCROSS' writing. These I now enclose, John's being Example A and Gabi's Example B.

At the moment the CAIRNCROSSs are in Italy and at the beginning of December they will be moving to Switzerland.

Yours

A.A. Crassweller.

G.A. Harlow, Esq.,  
G.P.O.

Encs.

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82/85  
9/11/55

Reference.....

399A

PF.72,493.

Note.

The attached photostat copy letter from Gabi CAIRNCROSS to her mother is confined almost entirely to matters of no interest to us. There is, however,:

- (i) A very rough sketch map showing where the CAIRNCROSSs are living in Rome.
- (ii) A statement that John CAIRNCROSS is writing a lot and is broadcasting about Southern Italy, F.A.O. etc.

*A. A. Crassweller*  
A.A. Crassweller.

D.L.A.  
4.11.55.

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Mrs C. Oppenheim  
16 Lansdowne Court  
Lansdowne Crescent  
London W 11

Inghilterra England

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5 NOV 1955

Sunday night

Dearest mother,

Of course, I am all against forgetting or suppressing your birthday - you are so full of activity, of making life for your friends pleasant, for appreciating life and its beautiful sides that your birthday ought to be celebrated and I sincerely hope that your friends and the family will take care of that! My birthday kisses are paper only - very regretfully that I can't be there to give them to you and to arrange a birthday table - but it's a long time since we ~~have~~ been together on a 2nd Nov. and my thoughts have been with you all the more trying to think how I could make you feel that I am all with you, that I want you to know how highly we all think of you, your ability, your warmth, your thought -

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fitness, your vitality - your life ought  
to be made as beautiful as possible -  
and here I am, far away, contributing  
so little to it! I miss you every day in  
Rome - but on the other hand, I know  
that if you were here - when would I  
see you? I am working all day and  
not just from 9 to 6 - often, of course,  
enjoyable duties - but every moment  
is full. I hope no more night work  
this week. I have to save my strength for  
Friday and the next 3 weeks - my boss,  
Chairman of Conference's New Zealand  
Minister of Agriculture - managing the  
work of 71 nations delegates (with a  
number of ministers amongst them).  
He will arrive Thursday - I am a bit  
frightened but it will be alright. This  
week I am sort of welfare advisor  
to all those girls working for FAO -  
who have come from abroad & don't  
know their around - I feel like a

international agency - "Where can we have  
dinner?" "Where shall we go for a bike  
on Sunday?" "Where do I find a reliable  
doctor who speaks English?" "What about  
a hairdresser?" "Who will help preparing  
a cocktail party for 50?" "Where do I  
find a tablecloth for dining table for 30?"  
The latter question is Jole's - she is going to  
have a lot of parties + needs tablecloth -  
I thought of the large damask tablecloths  
we have somewhere from John's sister -  
do you remember it? I would give her  
2 as gift - of course she wants to buy  
one which costs Lit 50000 - all  
embroidered but hasn't got the cash.  
She also wants a new watch but will  
only want one for 35000 - but hasn't  
got the cash - she wants a new hat  
costing Lit 15000 but hasn't got  
the cash. Eventually she'll get it all,  
but the frig is still missing, so is the  
washing machine which she realizes  
are far more important! Agnese will  
leave as from 1 Dec - she would like  
a German maid - whom can we  
recommend? Agnese will sleep there.

6 6149 D



but be out all day. Andrea is full of  
 nice sayings - I don't see him often as he  
 is in bed when I see Jole. Giovanna very  
 intelligent + quick. Marco was naughty  
 at table and they sent him out of the  
 house - Andrea started crying quietly  
 saying "Stupidi, Ignoranti, brutti -  
 i bambini non si mandano fuori la  
 casa - si mandano fuori della stanza  
 da camera di pranzo, con una sedia -  
 ma non fuori di casa." How right  
 he was! When Agnese dressed him yesterday  
 he patted her face and said: "Sai che  
 vuole dire questo? Questo si fa alle  
 persone a chi se vuole bene - hai capito?"  
 4 1/2 years old!

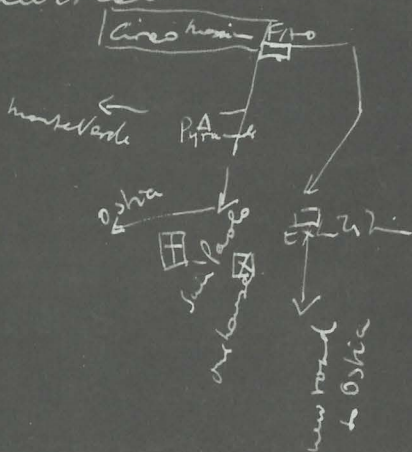
I am glad Herbert came to see you -  
 I like him too - As to giving present,  
 do please be careful! He is always careful  
 with presents and it is not up to you to  
 fill his new house -

Did you answer my questions re finance  
 in your letter to Palermo? The Post Office  
 has not yet forwarded the letter to me  
 and I am anxiously waiting for Lisel's  
 article etc. But please take my old

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letter re money paid out + bills + answer  
in detail - must know because of account.  
I don't know what is wrong with Lisel?  
No news from them.

As to us: Basilica San Paolo - behind the  
Pyramid - where road to Ostia starts - not  
far from Exhibition



we went to Basilica S.P. last year, do you  
remember? We are on a new road, only  
built up on one side, opposite us still open  
country except for one very square modern  
church which one sees from Ostia road  
driving to town - I know the landmark.  
We have one room w/ balcony -  
nicely furnished, old furniture - one  
couch, 1 <sup>Kleppstuhl</sup> ~~compleat~~ which we fold up

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in daytime - a covered balcony -  
 a large built-in wardrobe - bathroom  
 next door, almost used exclusively  
 by us. Next to it kitchen - we only  
 have breakfast, for occasionally lunch.  
 or meet 5 min from office - 9 min.  
 from station, much faster than by car!  
 We leave car at FAO most nights. When  
 I work late I take taxi (office expenses)  
 as I can't drive about alone at night.

Moss: They repaid debts + we found  
 the nice valet-chauffeur of Nones (the  
 little friendly one) is new porter. In  
 future he'll take care of our mail which  
 so far got lost. He was so sweet when he  
 saw us -

If you can, forget about the slow  
 optician and buy night driving glasses  
 at Boots - 13/- I think I paid +  
 send them to me, registered letter.

cj.  
 Spriggs.

No thanks, no barley juice now.  
 Toothpicks please. No tea thank you -  
 will drink FAO tea here.

We are invited many evenings - Friday at Mrs

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Barone - she really looked a light  
dinner after I have always pressed her to  
do so. The old Admiral & his nervous is  
he has not yet his contract renewed (but this  
is not to be mentioned). My boss Henry gave  
nice party - but such dull English food!  
They have managed to produce the most  
un-Italian buffet I ever saw.

Judith Bogomolova was interpreting for  
orthopedic congress - I found out that Housman  
was present - I went there to meet him &  
offer to take him out today - I just caught  
him after his lecture but he was only here  
until last night & very busy - did not have  
any time to spare. Asked very much how you  
were. His wife here too. They left on last  
night's train - too bad.

Thursday night at Israeli Press Attache.  
I met a man on way home to Ramat Gan  
& he promised to give my greetings to Seppebelliger.  
Letter from Franke - of course unhappy  
about developments.

dearing letter from Franke - she flew to  
Wisconsin to see her boy who is studying there -  
staying with a professor w. lots of children -  
had to get into house because of toys,  
bicycles, books & tools - but Frank's  
happy. Thank you to librarian school,  
Richard is taking a course too. -

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American school fees" she says -  
 G.L. told her that "again our plans  
 did not work out" - what nonsense -  
 we are doing what we planned to do  
 + even fixed house in Geneva for 1 Dec -  
 John writing lots, broadcasting on  
 Southern Italy, on FAO etc. etc. All  
 all journalist friends glad to see us again.

I think I'll buy sweats for John  
 here. What colour was the one you saw?  
 What I should want is a suit w-pleated  
 skirt - but I expect I can do without.  
 I lost little cap to go with black/white tweed  
 coat w red lining bought at Peter Robinson's  
 a "Dannimac" coat - I wonder whether they  
 may have a replacement?

Life is dear here - eating out of course  
 more expensive than cooking but I have  
 no time and kitchen not yet well equipped  
 here. Hilde the housekeeper comes to take  
 of our clothes + wash (apart from nylon)  
 I have recommended her to ale parties who  
 give parties, she is so good for that + might  
 earn better money than as help -  
 she is really a great help - pressing drycleaning  
 mending everything.

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Now, dear mother, let's hope this will  
have brought me 'into your present for  
a little while during your birthday -  
All my best wishes and affection

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I forgot: Our gift to you Gubi  
(together w. EL) a watch!

Dear Cecilia,

We have bought it but I have  
to find somebody to take it  
to you

This is just to wish

You a hearty "augur" for your  
76<sup>th</sup> birthday. It's quite wrong not  
to celebrate it with champagne or  
the equivalent. Birthdays get more  
important, the older one gets.

lots of love  
with

We had a nice trip out to  
Civita Castellana today and to an  
old Roman town called Fabia

— now a terribly poor and squalid  
village. But the main street is still  
called Via FABIANA, no doubt — in  
Roman times and the main square —  
in front of the castle — is Piazza  
Anguillari, the noble family who once  
stayed there, their coat of arms —  
2 anguilla or eels — is still to be seen  
on a few buildings. But the dirt  
and smell was out of this world.

We are both enjoying Rome and the  
October sun here. A pity you cannot be here

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Let me know about dancet tablecloth  
whether I got some  
what size.

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Note for PF 604,558 Supp. E.  
Copy to: PF 72,493 - CAIRNCROSS  
Sec. X Ref. PF 604,662 - DRYDEN

Dryden came to see me upon G.C.H.Q. business two days ago. I told him then that we were still making enquiries into the activities of people who had been at Cambridge and I wondered whether he had anything to add to the conversations that had taken place between him and Thistlethwaite some time ago. Apart from a few general comments he could not then think of anything which would help.

I saw DRYDEN again today. He said he had remembered something which might be of interest to me and that it might fit in with something else that I knew.

DRYDEN knew John CAIRNCROSS at Cambridge and has met him from time to time over the last 20 years. He remembers that CAIRNCROSS called in at DRYDEN's house in about 1946 or 1947 and that they did not then meet for a year or two until in about the spring of 1949 CAIRNCROSS telephoned to DRYDEN at G.C.H.Q. CAIRNCROSS said that he had been trying to get hold of DRYDEN and invite him to lunch at the Travellers Club. Shortly after the meal began and, DRYDEN thinks, in the middle of the soup course, CAIRNCROSS said rather pointedly "Are we having any success on Russian cyphers now". DRYDEN mumbled some sort of non-committal reply, bringing in the phrase "one-time pad" and tried to give the impression that one could not do anything to make progress. CAIRNCROSS made one more attempt to find out something and then dropped the subject.

I told DRYDEN that this was very interesting and might well fit in with other items of information bearing upon the case of BURGESS and MACLEAN.

D.1.A.  
27.10.55.

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