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JOHN.

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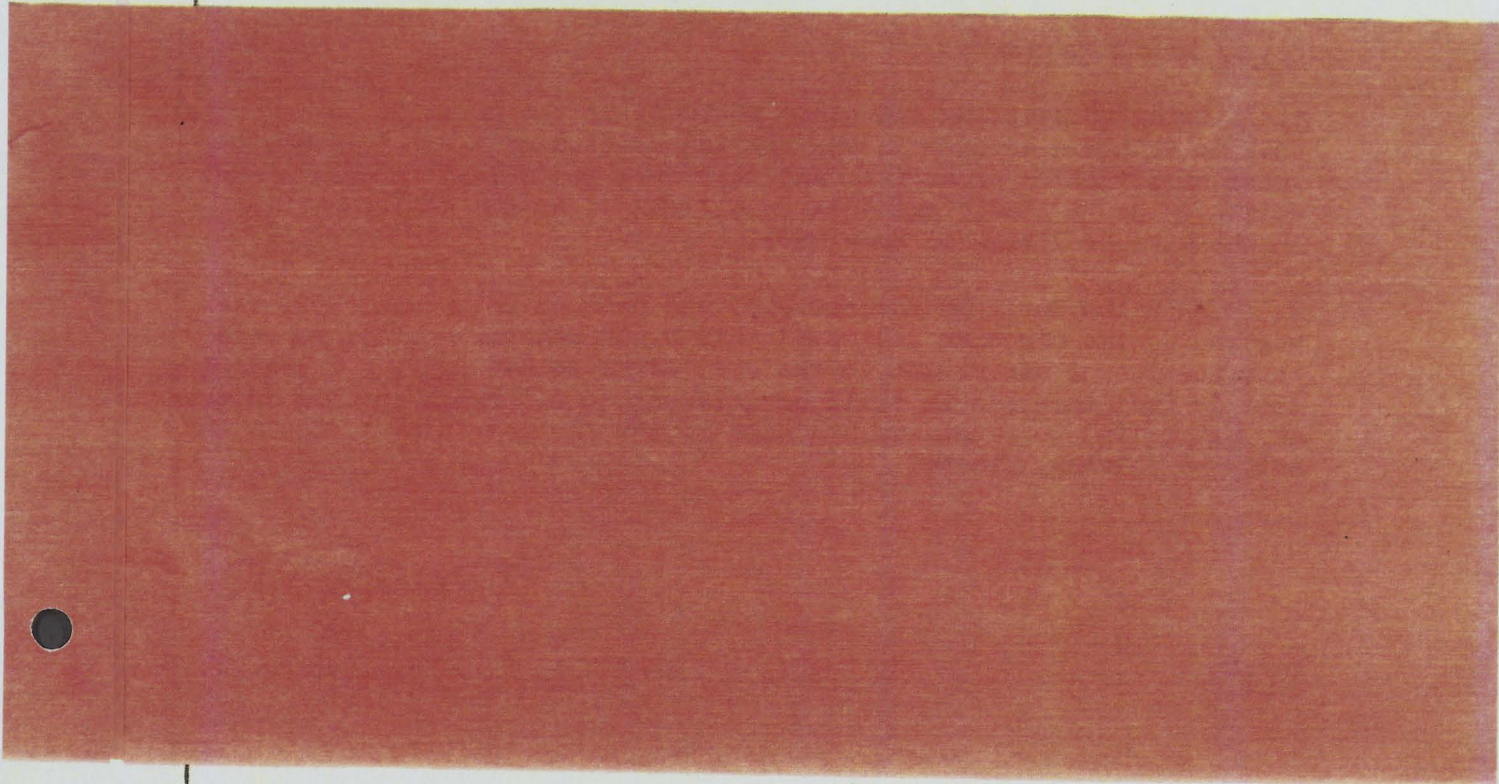
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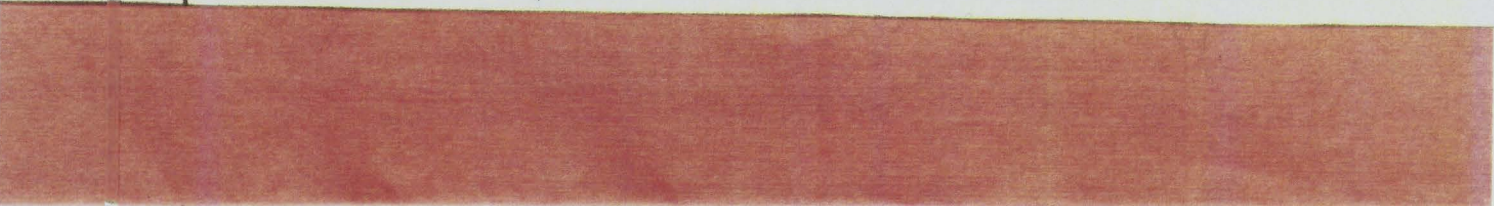
Copy of Minute 49. in PF. 62,681. OWEN.

F.2./RACH.

Please see serial 48a. Since David Owen has been in touch with John Cairncross who is a D.1. case, this file has been brought to my notice. He does not seem to have a very substantial security record but you may think that something should be said to the Foreign Office. He appears to be in a senior post.

D.1.
12.12.56.

Sgnd. D.H. Whyte.



429.

29.8.57.

N.D.O's Travel report.

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2.9.57.

From S.B. (London Airport)

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Handwritten initials
D.1 / Mr. Battersby

1. Owing to staffing and other problems at the ports it is essential only to maintain entries in the British section of H.O.S.I in cases where notification of arrival and departure would lead to some useful action or be in itself valuable intelligence, or the individual is in the U.K. or likely to come here.

2. When the entry in the H.O.S.I. was made on 28th June 1952, the wording of the circular indicated that D. branch was anxious to have notification of his return to the U.K. in September 1952. I realise that in fact this man is still of interest to D. branch but the interest may not extend to retaining his name in the Suspect Index. Could the entry be deleted, please?

C.1.A
 20.1.58

F.G. Johnstone
 F.G. Johnstone,
 Cdr. R.N. (Retd)

432.

C.1.A/Commander Johnstone.

I have spoken to David Whyte whose case this is about your Minute 431. While we are most sympathetic to your desire to keep entries on the H.O.S.I. to the very minimum, we feel that this case is an important one and that CAIRNCROSS's name should as the exception to the general rule, be kept on the Index.

E.W. Battersby
 E.W. Battersby.

D.1
 27.1.58

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.9.58 From SLO Hong Kong re approach by Ledward

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.9.58 To SLO Hong Kong re 440a

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21.7.59.

To S.L.O. India.

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Note

The entry in Host. has been maintained.

S. K. M. S.

AIA
13/10/60

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22.2.61

To [redacted] giving particulars of wife

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14.6.61. N.D.O. travel report 453a

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16.6.61. S.B. travel report 454a

458.

13.10.61 F.2 note 458a

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19.10.61 To Min. of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food 459a

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24.10.61. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food 460a

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461.

Copy on PF.702,335 (Alexander
CAIRNCROSS)

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Please see [redacted]
[redacted] an account of the investigation of
CAIRNCROSS at 208a and an account of a subsequent
interview with him at 357a.

2. [redacted] wish to inform the Italian
security authorities of our suspicions of
CAIRNCROSS since as "Commonwealth Economic
Adviser" to Italconsult, CAIRNCROSS "is likely
to travel considerably in Africa and have access
to classified economic and financial information
both Italian and British". If we do nothing more,
I think we should allow [redacted] to warn their
Italian liaison that CAIRNCROSS was a Communist
and that we suspect he may have been a spy.

3. I am wondering, however, whether this
does not provide us with an opportunity to
re-interrogate CAIRNCROSS. I confess that I have
very little hope of success but it is just possible
that, from the safety of Rome and with his liveli-
hood again in jeopardy, he might be prepared to be
frank with us. For the interrogation to have any
chance of success I think we would have to make no
bones with him about our intention to tell the
Italian and African authorities about his past
unless, by making a clean breast of the whole
affair, he convinced us that he was no longer a
security risk.

4. I have also toyed with the idea of
trying to enlist the aid of his brother, Professor
Alexander CAIRNCROSS, now a senior official at
the Treasury, in persuading John CAIRNCROSS to
make his peace with us. Alexander CAIRNCROSS
is in the process of being P.V.d and F.2. are
exercised about what is to be said and who is
going to conduct the P.V. interview. [redacted]

[redacted] I am wondering
whether advantage may be taken of the P.V. inter-
view to sound out Alexander about his knowledge
of his brother and his willingness to help in
persuading him to talk.

5. If this were agreed then I would suggest
the sequence of action should be :-

- (a) Allow [redacted] to inform the Italians
now of our record of John CAIRNCROSS.
- (b) Interview Alexander CAIRNCROSS as
soon as the P.V. procedure allows.
- (c) In the light of what we learn from
Alexander, interview John CAIRNCROSS.

6. Can we discuss.

D.1.
7.11.61.

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A.S. Martin
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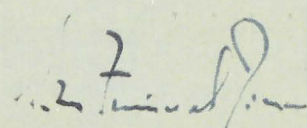
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Copy in PF.702,335 - Alexander
CAIRNCROSSD.1.

We discussed minute 461. I agree with the action proposed at 5(a). The first statement to the Italians should be brief and on the lines of the last sentence of paragraph 2. I think [redacted] should refer back before giving the Italians any more information and should refrain from expressing opinions on the merits of the case. It is to be hoped that the Italians will tell us what they are going to do about CAIRNCROSS in the light of the information.

I agree that it would be sensible for you to interview Alexander CAIRNCROSS, at least with a view to discovering what he knows about his brother. Whether he could be used to persuade his brother to make his peace with us must depend on a number of uncertain factors but I would see no objection to your putting the point to Alexander CAIRNCROSS if it seemed to be worth doing. It seems to me that there is a good deal to be said for this interview being separate from any interview of him under the P.V. procedure. Perhaps you will discuss this with F.2. Before going ahead I should want to mention the matter to the D.G. who might very well wish to say something to Sir Norman Brook.

We agreed that a decision on 5(c) should be postponed.


E.M. Furnival Jones

D.
9th November 1961

*Further Action being taken
on PF 702,335*

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22.11.61. Copy of F2 note for file
 29.11.61. Note for file re conversation with G.P.O.

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 466b

con 22.11
This should be in Ind. communication
See 466B 467
CA 29/11
D.D.G. through D. and D.I.

I wish to apply for a Home Office Warrant, letter check, on John CAIRNCROSS, c/o Lombardi, Via dei Pamphili 6, Rome.

2. John CAIRNCROSS is a former Civil Servant of the Foreign Office and the Treasury whose resignation from the Treasury was accepted in 1952 after he had been interviewed in connection with his known contact with BURGESS and his own suspected activities as a spy for the R.I.S.

3. Since his resignation CAIRNCROSS has been living in Rome and Geneva as a free-lance journalist and translator. In 1957 he joined E.C.A.F.E. as "Editor of Documents". He is now living in Rome and is said to be employed by Italconsult as "Commonwealth Economic Adviser".

4. As suggested in paragraph 5 of minute 461, series of interviews are contemplated. The first of these, the F.2. P.V. interview with CAIRNCROSS' brother, Alexander CAIRNCROSS, is due to take place on Friday, 1 December, and it is desired to know whether Alexander CAIRNCROSS makes any communication to his brother as a result of his own interview.

5. I suggest as a short reason :

con
Guy
 " John CAIRNCROSS is known to have been a Communist in his youth and later a contact of BURGESS. He is suspected of being a spy for the R.I.S. *It is desired to examine his correspondence*"

E. McBarnet
 E. McBarnet

D.I.

29.11.61.

29.11.61. To Home Office - short reason for H.O.W.
 29.11.61. To G.P.O. re H.O.W. on John CAIRNCROSS

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4.12.61.

Int. letter.

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D.D.G. through D. and D.1.

We have just learned that Mrs. John CAIRNCROSS is receiving mail at the Viale Quattro Venti, 5, Rome (see serial 468a). May I have your approval for adding this address to the warrant, in addition to the address previously given, c/o Lombardi, Via dei Pamphili 6, Rome.

E. McBarnet
 E. McBarnet.

D.1.

5.12.61.

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6.12.61.

Amendment to H.O.W. No. PS/12635

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13.12.61.

Extract from note of DG's discussion with Sir Norman Brook.

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Note for file

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3.1.62. Intercept letter

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25.1.62. Intercept letter

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6.2.62. Note for file re G Circular

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7.2.62. Int. letter

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W.S.



To: DI/EMCB
7 FEB 1962
P.A. no.

Mr. + Mrs. John Ceirucross,
Viale dei ~~Maestri~~ Beati 5,
Monteverde Vecchio,
Rome,
Italy.

4/2/62

Dear John + Gail,

Thanks for the 2nd book, really you must stop now, to keep the store for you as definitely no way no work for me. I hope the matter is settled satisfactorily to both sides by now. As you see I am writing the letter after the word has gone down, newspapers here were full of the event, mostly hoping that the Indians would make a fool of themselves. Did people pray - St. Peter's Square? The weather is as usual at this time of the year miserable at one thinks of holidays. Alice has to go to America - August or September for her father's 80th birthday. I suppose - go before all of us to Linton - had. I have booked provisionally in Fling. Unless of course Alice wins the football pools or some gives me a present (substantial)! Frank's Egyptian pharaoh and the other day you can see the whole thing. It is terrible for you. The book, completely - at least, but the mind.

see last para.

John

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Feb. 7th. 1962.

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18. Maida Bae
London, W.9.

gone; that we go on for years still in
my opinion. Day & Night music; the things
money is long.

I hope you are all well with best regards

Alice

Dear Rabi and John,
we have had children in
bed and Receptionist sick, but
now everyone is about his
business again. It is indes-
cribably dreary outside. I feel
like going into hibernation for
a long and sunny holiday.
Brossing in his Hebrew Grammar
is fun with its explanations, and
for the Dictionary Anthony will
be grateful, too. We have one for
the modern language which never
helps with his problems. Are you
going to come here soon, John?
It would be so nice to see you.
My love to both of you and
to your mother, Rabi.

Yours Alice.

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Feb. 7th. 1962.

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As I was about to seal his
letter your letter arrived.
I then, your remarks reminded
me of the Computer which,
when asked for advice on
Stock exchange matters,
replied: "Buy low, Sell high".
It is after the first £100,000
that it appears to become
decidedly easier to operate
successfully. It is this
firm conviction which prompted
me since a few weeks
to "invest" - as they say -
in football pools. The first
few thousand I shall win
are already bespoke!
Herman and I may

030

Feb. 7th. 1962.

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take a very few days off
next week and travel
west to Bath or somewhere
from Monday to Friday to
be back with the boys at the
week - and ^{we shall} even let them
join us on Friday evening.
Woh soll das schlechte Leben
mitzen! Mrs. Lock just called
to see Herman. She sends her
regards to all of you. It is
still early morning. I have
taken to dealing with correspon-
dence early after Anthony is
off to school at 7⁴⁵.

we shall see you soon then,
John. With kisses and ~~poodle~~
Labi will have to stay home,
I suppose!

A ricorderci.

Alice.

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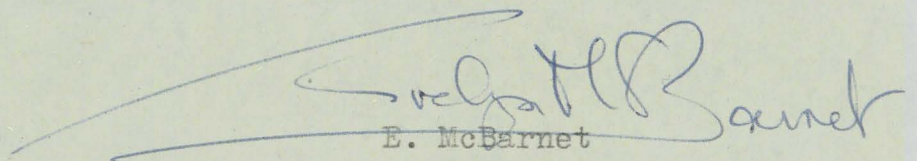
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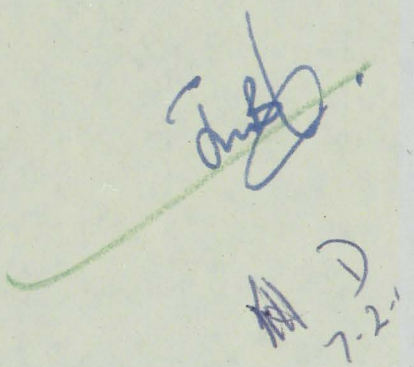
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I telephoned A.1.a,
about the G Circular on CAIRNCROSS and
asked him to add the new passport number
C 217101.

later telephoned to say
that he had checked up on the G. Circular
and had given Special Branch a reminder
about it, which is always desirable in the
case of a long standing G. Circular on a
British subject.


E. McBarnet

D.1.
6th February 1962


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PUTNEY 9490

31 Curlew Drive
London SW15
31/12/61

Dear John Gali,

I meant to reply at once to your last letter but at the moment possible the consequence I expected that I should find no opportunity later.

First, let me deal with Frances as you will want to know what her position is. She was not interviewed for New Hall & Co for St Anne's in about 12 or 13 weeks but as there are 1000 candidates for 50 places she is not very hopeful. However, if she is successful she will want to go abroad for a spell from about the middle ^{or} end of March. If you found it possible to have her in Rome

To EMCB
- 3 JAN 1962
P.A. in

Italy

Monteverdi, Vercelli

Roma

Vol. des Quotidien Vercelli 5

J. Carver,

9 45 AM
2 JAN 1962
S.W.15

Jan. 3rd. 1962.

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That would be splendid. If she is unsuccessful she will want to accept an invitation from Elsie to go to Jersey for a short holiday & then set to preparations for A level exams at the end of June. So as to be able to meet entrance requirements for London & Paris universities. She won't know the result of her & Ann's exam until March, especially if she gets an interview.

Near Christmas. We've had a very happy week. & Nannie was here for a few days. Now we have no help for the time being so we're kept busy & there's still a lot to be done at the house. The cat's health, however, is already paying off in this very cold spell & the kitten at least is proceeding in fine shape.

Ray & I had a week in the Dordogne, walking from Sarlat in mid December & had constant sunshine. We finished with a day at Rocamadour & home in Paris, getting back on Dec 21 just in time for Christmas. We'll probably try to spend Easter in the Solway although I won't myself get more than a well-earned rest at this stage.

The children are all well & the boys are finishing their school. Sandy goes on a cycling tour from a youth hostel with the rest of his physics class on Jan 8. They are all out in the garden snarballing at the moment.

The next few months look like being pretty bleak. There's no one for anybody in the Treasury & I'll be glad to get Jan & Feb over without major trouble.

Jan. 3rd. 1962.

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Let me know if there is any chance
that you will be coming over in 1962 for a
spell.

Love from all here,

Blue

— Alexander LAURIN ROSS

Jan. 3rd. 1962.

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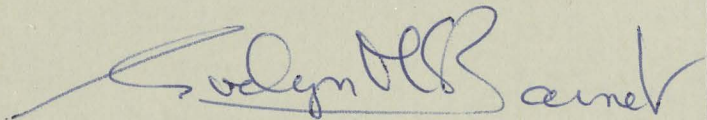
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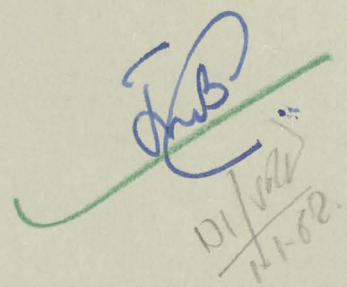
The Home Office Warrant, letter check, on John CAIRNCROSS is due to expire on the 15th January, 1962.

The check was imposed in connection with a series of interviews which were contemplated with CAIRNCROSS and with his brother Alexander CAIRNCROSS. The Warrant has been in operation for too short a time for the results to be assessed and re-validation for six months is requested.



E. McBarnet.

1st January, 1962.



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Seen by D

Extract from note of D.G.'s discussion with
Sir Norman Brook.

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Complete copy on SF.311/79.

Copy on PF.702335 (Alexander CAIRNCROSS)

I called on Sir Norman Brook this afternoon

2. I then spoke to him about the CAIRNCROSS case (PF.702335), saying that his name had not been submitted to us for vetting before the appointment was made. Brook took note of this. He said he had been reading the report of de Wesselow's interview with CAIRNCROSS and felt it was necessary to have a talk with CAIRNCROSS about it. He intended that he and Sir Frank Lee should see CAIRNCROSS together as CAIRNCROSS was very much more closely associated with Lee in his work. He proposed to tell CAIRNCROSS that when he accepted the job with the Treasury he accepted at the same time certain obligations to observe the Government's security procedures and standards. He intended to make a reference to CAIRNCROSS' own remark that John CAIRNCROSS had left the Treasury because it was 'not at all John's cup of tea'. He would ask him why he said this when he surely knew that John CAIRNCROSS had left for security reasons, and he surely must have guessed in addition that the Security Service officer questioning him also knew this. If CAIRNCROSS showed an inclination to talk about his brother, Brook would encourage him and would ask him whether he was prepared to discuss the matter with a representative of the Security Service. He did not feel that he could go beyond this and press CAIRNCROSS to discuss his brother with us, but he would see no objection to our seeking another interview. Brook does not intend to see CAIRNCROSS until after the _____ case has been disposed of.

.....
D.G.

R. H. HOLLIS

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G.P.O. MR. C. J. SAUNDERS*
MAJOR A. E. DENMAN, M.B.E.*
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Home Office Warrant Change of Address/Telephone Number

Please make the following amendment to H.O.W. No. PS.12635

in the name of John CAIRNCROSS.....:—

ADD:

DELETE:

Viale Quattro Venti, 5,
Rome,
Italy.

G. A. MITCHELL

Date.....6.12.61.....

Signature.....

Copy to: A.2

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*Delete whichever is inapplicable.

S. Form 417/rev. 1.61

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Sub
8/12/61
7/12

Dear Miss M^cBarnett,

This one came
into our possession
erroneously.

Yours sincerely
E. Saunders.

G.P.O.

5/12/61.

Dec. 4th. 1961.

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BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

GLASGOW
730 PM
2 DEC
1961
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ARE YOU ON THE
NEW VOTE LISTS?
VOTE NOW

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Mrs. John baunross,

Viale Quattro Venti, 5,

Rome.

ITALY

9. Clarence Drive, Glasgow W.2. 2.12.61.

My dear Cabi,

Everything has arrived - excellent
order, and I have sent today a cheque for £15.12/-
to John's account at Barclay's bank. The scarfs
are really lovely, and I am sure I shall have fine
new pleased friends this Christmas - the best
scarf I've kept for myself! When you have a
pallet of a good old rose or deep pink will
you send it me? I still have to wear - very
happy I must say - a long denim dress and I think
now that my hair is practically white deep
pink would be all right.

I like the expression "ran uli Kallhen".
He's a bawse, that boy! Like you I wish Anne had
a living maid but evidently nowadays they
are as they say in the country here, as few as hers.

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D.H./d/h
5.12.61.

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Dec. 4th. 1961.

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lett! - but if the daily you find likes Anne and
the household all may be well.

Sleet and Rain today with a heavy
wind, not at all pleasant.

My love to your Mother and John and
yourself, and many thanks to you for all the trouble
you look over us lovely self,

Mabel G. Robinson.

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H.O.W. No. P.S. 12635.

467B

John CAIRNCROSS

c/o Lombardi,
Via dei Pamphili 6,
Rome.

John CAIRNCROSS is known to have been a Communist in his youth and later a contact of Guy BURGESS. He is suspected of being a spy for the Russian Intelligence Service. It is desired to examine his correspondence.

29 November, 1961.

G. R. MITCHELL

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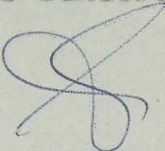
29 November 1961

Dear Mr. Saunders,

I am applying for a Home Office
Warrant on John CAIRNCROSS, c/o Lombardi,
Via dei Pamphili 6, Rome.

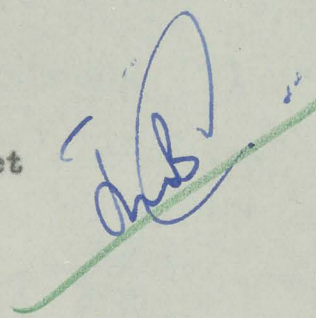
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for the R.I.S.

Yours sincerely,


E. McBarnet

C.J. Saunders, Esq.,
G.P.O.

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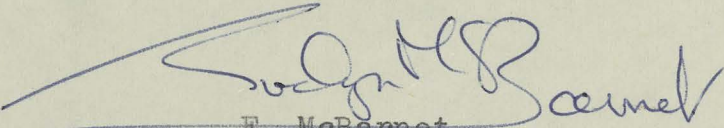
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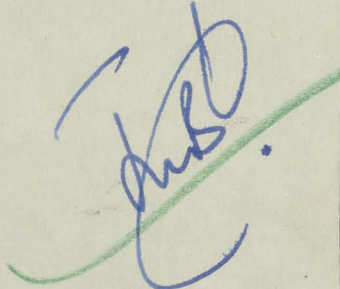
I telephoned to Mr. Saunders, G.P.O., and asked him if it would be possible for him to arrange for the interception of letters to CAIRNCROSS in Rome. I told him that we did not want it to start before this weekend and would only require it to operate until the following weekend and that we regarded it as very important.

Mr. Saunders said that he thought he could make an exception in this case and would accept the commitment.

D.1.


E. McBarnet

29.11.61.



REGIMITE

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JC&SLtd
Gp782/39
Code 18-76

Hda

NOTE FOR FILE

Reference 101a K [redacted] told me today that he had recently seen MADGE and had asked him whether he had known Alexander CAIRNCROSS as a member of the Communist Party at Cambridge University. MADGE's reaction was to say that he had always taken it that CAIRNCROSS was a Party member because K [redacted] had referred to him as such on several occasions. Faced with the direct question about CAIRNCROSS' Party membership MADGE's instinct was to say that he did not remember him as a member. MADGE went on to say that CAIRNCROSS was already a graduate when he (CAIRNCROSS) went to Cambridge and that, as a research student, he would not have mixed a great deal with undergraduates. Although MADGE had been in the same college (Trinity College) as CAIRNCROSS he had not known him well. He felt that if CAIRNCROSS had been a Party member he would probably have remembered him as such. In the circumstances MADGE was inclined to think CAIRNCROSS had not been a member of the Communist Party when at Cambridge University. However, MADGE was in no doubt that Alexander's brother, John CAIRNCROSS, had been a Party member at Cambridge.

2. K [redacted] said that he was somewhat surprised that MADGE had not confirmed that Alexander CAIRNCROSS had been a Party member because MADGE had not contradicted him on this point in the past. K [redacted] had always linked John and Alexander together in the context of Communism and the impression he had was of Alexander in the background somewhat shy and reserved, quietly backing up his brother John who was much more active and voluble.

3. K [redacted] said that MADGE had suggested that if Alexander CAIRNCROSS had been a member of the Communist Party at Cambridge he would not at that time have attempted to conceal it. During his stay at Trinity College CAIRNCROSS was in close contact with a number of persons who were generally known to be Communists, including his brother John, so that he could not be offended if asked whether he had himself been a member of the Party.

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80 IMMIGRATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Port of Gatwick Airport

Subject CAIRNCROSS John

Born. 25.7.13 British

For use at Headquarters

Copies sent to:—

C.I. (.....)

Box.1.

H.M.Chief Inspector.

CAIRNCROSS, subject of BS.9490, action 'A', arrived from Paris this evening on flight Air France 821 ~~Frankfurt~~ at 22.30 hours.

The Special Branch officer on duty reported CAIRNCROSS's arrival to Box 500.

It was noted that CAIRNCROSS was using passport No.C.217101 newly issued on 8.5.61 and no visas were noticed.

97 ENCL.....
16 JUN 1961
A. I. A.

[Signature]
(W.E.Mills)
14.6.61

~~D. E. M. C. B.~~
[Signature]
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NIGHT DUTY OFFICER'S TRAVEL REPORT

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Report No. 1

Message received from * Immigration Branch at.....
Special Branch

by Night Duty Officer at..... 11.30 hrs. on..... 14/6/61..... 1951

Full names..... John CAIRNCROSS

Date and Place of Birth..... Nationality.....

Suspect Index Circular number (where applicable)..... 8490

Port of * arrival in U.K. Gatwick * arrived from Paris
departure from..... departed for.....

Flight number or name of ship..... AF 812

Forward address, if available.....

Other information :

Passport C217101 issued 8/5/61
accompanied by wife Gabrielle

Original passed to..... AIA(2) - DI

Copy to.....

Signature..... R. Resett

*Delete as applicable.

N.B.—If more than one name is quoted on this form one extra copy should be made for each additional name.

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22nd February, 1961.

As promised, I have now looked at our traces for John CAIRNCROSS's wife, Gabriele Susanna nee OPPENHEIM. There appears to be very little information here that is not already on your records. However, for what it is worth, you may like to have the following information which comes from the police report on her when she made her application for British naturalisation in July 1946 - which was granted on August 12th, 1946, and concerns her activities prior to her meeting and marriage with CAIRNCROSS.

2. She attended the Girls High School at Frankfurt-on-Main until March 1933 when she was obliged to leave owing to racial laws. She then went to Italy where she continued studying modern languages and remained there until her arrival in the U.K. on 20.1.1934. Whilst here she studied English and took a secretarial training course at Mrs. Hoster's until February 1936.

3. Although in 1935 applications to employ her as a translator were made by Messrs. William Charles Crocker, 21 Bucklersbury, E.C.4. and Heilburt Symons and Co. Ltd., these two applications were refused by the Home Office but she was allowed to take up clerical work at the Emigration Department of the Jewish Refugees Committee, Bloomsbury House. She left there in December 1937 and was employed by various firms as a secretary and translator. In December 1940 she returned to the Jewish Refugees Committee at Bloomsbury House for a few months. From March 1943 she was employed in the office of the "Fight for Freedom" Editorial and Publishing Services Ltd; this was an organisation which was formed in January 1942 with the support of prominent Labour Members of Parliament to promote world unity against aggression and recourse to war to settle international disputes, but became dormant in August 1945, when Gabriele CAIRNCROSS left.

4. On her application for naturalisation she gave the following details of journeys made abroad, on which she commented that her stay of two months in Spain in 1935 was for the purpose of studying Spanish, and most of the other trips abroad were made in order to meet relatives.

Germany	17.12.1934 - 10. 1.1935
Spain	26. 7.1935-- 3.10.1935
Germany	21.12.1935 - 6. 1.1936
Holland	11. 4.1936 - 15. 4.1936
Holland	23.12.1936 - 28.12.1936
Switzerland	12. 2.1937 - 28. 2.1937
Belgium	26. 3.1937 - 29. 3.1937

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Sweden	26. 7.1937 - 7. 8.1937
Belgium	3. 9.1937 - 7. 9.1937
Italy	18.12.1937 - 2. 1.1938
Holland	14. 3.1938 - 24. 3.1938
France	3. 9.1938 - 19. 9.1938
France	23.12.1938 - 27.12.1938

5. We have no information on her activities between the granting of her naturalisation and her visit to her brothers in the United States in 1950.

6. During the course of 1952/53 we received a certain amount of information from a Secret and delicate source which showed that she had contacts in Europe and the U.S.A. although these did not appear to be of any particular security interest.

Yours sincerely,

J. Russell-King.

JRK/VT

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PF. 72,493/D.1/EWB

S.L.O. India.

John CAIRNCROSS

Born: 25.7.13.

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We understand from secret sources that the above, who is at present with E.C.A.F.E. at Bangkok, intends to come with his wife to the U.K. on leave in October or November and to spend some time in Kashmir en route to this country and to visit India on their way back.

2. CAIRNCROSS has a security record and I attach two copies of a note about him which you may pass to the Bureau.

E.W. Battersby
E.W. Battersby.

21st July 1959.

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John CAIRNCROSS

Born 25.7.13.

In 1934 to 1935 when at Trinity College, Cambridge, CAIRNCROSS was an enthusiastic member of the Communist Party. In 1936 he entered the Foreign Office and in 1938 transferred to the Treasury where he was intermittently employed until 1952. During his University days he was an associate of BURGESS and MACLEAN, and acted on one occasion in 1939 as a source of information for BURGESS.

After his resignation was accepted by the Treasury in 1952, he lived in Rome and Switzerland as a free-lance journalist and translator before going to E.C.A.F.E. in 1957.

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PP. 72,493/D1/DHW.

PP. 3304/ERK.

To: S.L.O. Hong Kong.

Copy: [redacted]

John CAIRNCROSS

Please refer to your letter of 25th August. I am not sure what details you have of CAIRNCROSS' security record and for ease of reference I am attaching a very brief summary for your own information.

2. We had already had a message [redacted] that Ledward had made some suggestion [redacted] that CAIRNCROSS was an able person and might possibly be of some use.

3. In the circumstances it is realised that you will wish to be fairly frank with Ledward; provided, therefore, you stress that the information is for himself alone, I suggest you tell him that CAIRNCROSS, from the time when he was an undergraduate member of the Communist Party in Cambridge, was an associate of BURGESS and MACLEAN. After the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN, CAIRNCROSS was interrogated several times by the Security Service. He admitted that he was the author of a handwritten political intelligence summary which was found among BURGESS' papers. There is little doubt that BURGESS used this summary for espionage purposes. Although there is no definite evidence that CAIRNCROSS was a conscious source, there is reason to suppose that subsequently he was in clandestine contact with the R.I.S. After his admission to the authorship of this document, his resignation was accepted by the Treasury. In the circumstances, CAIRNCROSS must be regarded as a security risk.

4. I note that CAIRNCROSS is an old personal friend of Ledward and the latter may be rather shocked by this information. You may therefore like to reassure him by saying that CAIRNCROSS has a wide circle of completely respectable friends. We have no adverse record of his wife, Gabrielle Susanna CAIRNCROSS, nee OPPENHEIM.

5. I think you can discuss the case with D.P. without any reservations except it would be perhaps as well not to initiate any references to CAIRNCROSS' employment and G.C.H.Q.

6. I am sorry we did not write before to warn you about the message we had received [redacted] so as to forearm you against an enquiry of this kind from Ledward. The attached summary merely gives the bare bones of the case. Please let me know if you want additional information.

8th September, 1958.
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D.H. Whyte.

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John CAIRNCROSS

John CAIRNCROSS was born in 1913. In 1934 - 1935, when he was at Trinity College, Cambridge, he was an enthusiastic member of the Communist Party. In 1936 he entered the Foreign Office and in 1938 transferred to the Treasury. In 1942 - 1943 he was employed by G.C.H.Q. In 1943 - 1945 he was employed by M.I.6. He then returned to the Treasury. Although CAIRNCROSS had a brilliant academic record and passed in to the Foreign Office with distinction, he does not appear to have been a success in Government employment and in 1951 he had been seconded to the Ministry of Supply by the Treasury.

2. CAIRNCROSS was a friend both of Guy BURGESS and Donald MACLEAN. After the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN, CAIRNCROSS was interrogated several times by the Security Service. He ultimately admitted authorship of a fifteen-page political intelligence report which had been found among BURGESS' papers. Subsequently he was kept under surveillance and appeared to be keeping a clandestine rendezvous. When he was interrogated on this point he at first produced an unlikely cover story and then produced a new and equally improbable story that this was an amorous rendezvous with an unidentifiable Frenchwoman. CAIRNCROSS' resignation from the Treasury was accepted as from April, 1952. He subsequently lived in Rome and Switzerland as a free-lance journalist and translator.

8th September, 1958.

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Security Liaison Office,
c/o Colonial Secretariat,
Hong Kong.

Our Ref.: PF.3304/ERK.

Your Ref.:

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25th August, 1958.

To: Head Office.

TO ~~ES D~~

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REF. PF 72493

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Mr A 3/9
John C. CAIRNCROSS

Ledward, the Political Adviser, spoke to me in confidence this morning about the above named, who is an old personal friend of his. According to Ledward, subject is aged about 44 and was at Trinity College, Cambridge in the mid thirties. He joined the Diplomatic Service in 1936 and, as a result of some departmental row, was moved to the Treasury. He worked for some years during the war and returned to the Treasury again, where he remained up to about 1953. He then worked with one of the U.N. agencies in Geneva, where Ledward met him on one occasion, and is now in the Secretariat of ECAFE in Bangkok. His wife, Gaby, is evidently German or Austrian.

3. Mrs. CAIRNCROSS has arrived in Hong Kong to stay with Mrs. KIRBY, wife of [Professor E.S. KIRBY] (your reference PF.40479). Ledward does not know whether the KIRBYs are aware of subject's background; he says that subject's brother is Professor of Economics in the University of Glasgow and, as such, is known to the KIRBYs; if the introduction occurred this way, it does not follow that the KIRBYs have any further knowledge. Ledward presumes that subject himself will come to Hong Kong sooner or later, and is therefore bound to look him up; indeed, as a representative of ECAFE, he would have official reasons for doing so. Ledward would be grateful for any further information I can let him have, including an up to date assessment of subject.

4. I should be grateful for any relevant information you may have, together with an indication of what may be passed to Ledward, and whether any restrictions are to be observed in discussion with D.P. There may be parts of the story which Ledward has no strict need to know, but I should like to be as forthcoming with him as possible. Apart from the obvious need for discretion in talking to subject, Ledward is naturally concerned over the extent, if any, of subject's association with BURGESS.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE (Special Branch)

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SPECIAL REPORT

29th day of August 1957.

SUBJECT.....

In confirmation of telephone message to Chief Superintendent, for transmission to M.I.5., at 7-40 p.m.:-

J. Cairncross

John CAIRNCROSS, subject of Home Office British Suspect Index, BS.9490, arrived at this airport at 7-25 p.m. from Paris by flight No. AF.822. He appeared to be travelling alone.

REFERENCE TO PAPERS

A discreet search of his baggage by H.M. Customs did not reveal anything of interest.

Alfred Black
Sergeant.

Submitted.

~~ENCL~~

P.A. Brunell
D.H.W. Chief Inspector
1/1x

- 2 SEP 1957

~~TO~~

~~CIA~~ ~~DITAC~~

~~REF~~

(Car. Johnston)

A. Le Harves
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.

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NIGHT DUTY OFFICER'S TRAVEL REPORT

Held R5

Report No. 2 427A

Message received from * Immigration Branch at
Special Branch

by Night Duty Officer at 1945 hrs. on 29 August 1957

Full names John CAIRNCROSS

Date and Place of Birth Nationality

Suspect Index Circular number (where applicable) BSI 9490

Port of * arrival in U.K. London Airport * arrived from Paris
~~departure from~~ ~~departed for~~

Flight number or name of ship AF 822, arriving 1925 hrs.

Forward address, if available not available

Other information: Appeared to be travelling alone. Discreet search of his luggage revealed nothing.

Original passed to DI

P.A. on Cairncross. S.W.

Copy to CIA

Signature [Signature]

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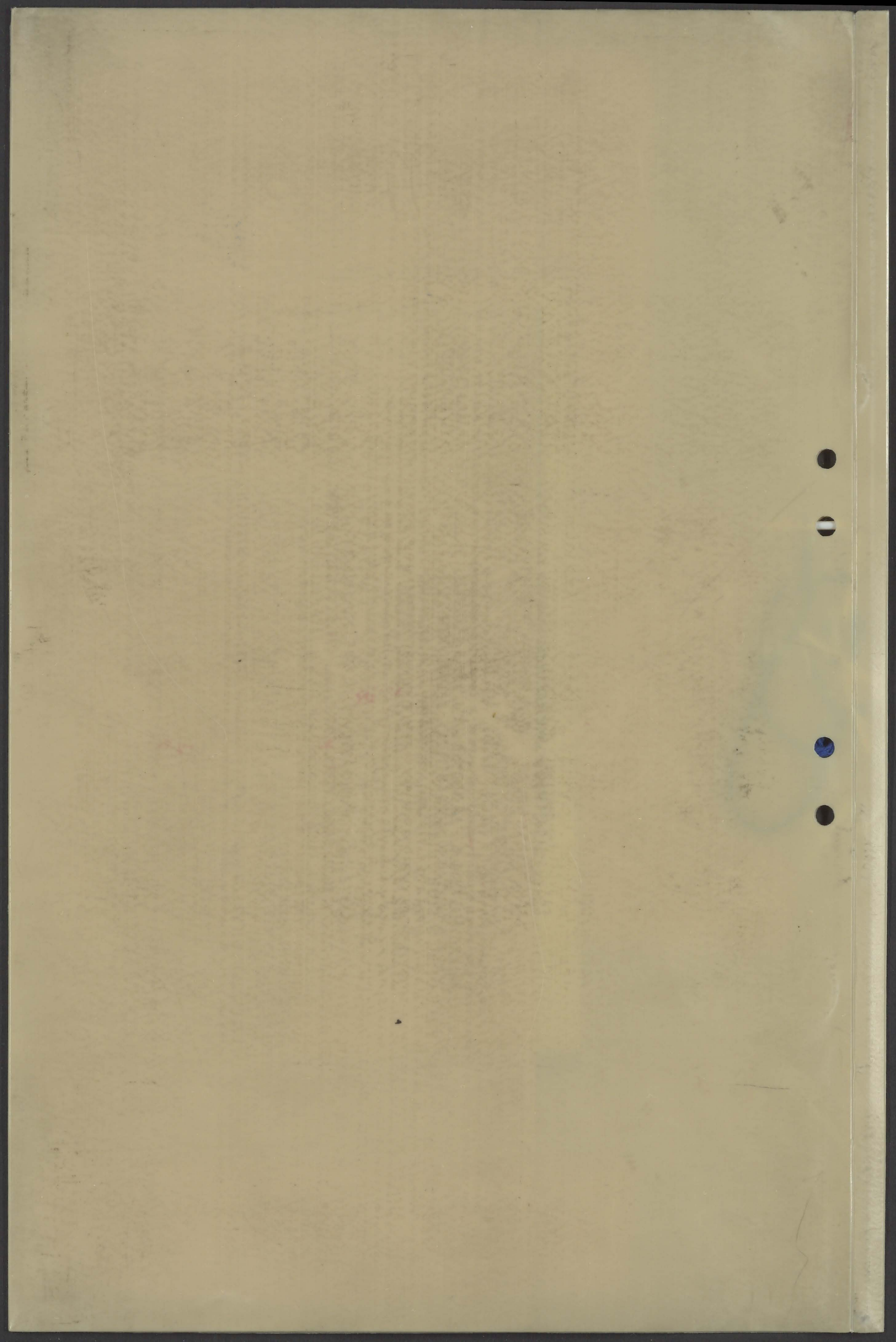
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