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23.11.67.

D.3. source report.

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727.

23.11.67.

From CAIRNCROSS.

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728.

(Copy to PF.604,582)

~~D.~~ D3 Approved. *P.M.W.*
30/11

Please see serial 727a. When I saw CAIRNCROSS in Paris in September, I suggested to him that we might meet in Rome in December. I said to him that I would like to bring Anthony BLUNT, who was an ex-M.I.5. officer and knew the relevant Cambridge period, along, to see whether we could probe his, CAIRNCROSS', memory further. CAIRNCROSS agreed to this and I fixed a provisional date for the first half of December. I have spoken to BLUNT about this (see serial 719a) and he has reluctantly agreed. If you agree, I would like to go to Rome to do this some time during the week beginning 11th December. I would suggest going on Tuesday night and returning on Thursday morning.

Peter M. Wright

D.3.Peter M. Wright

29.11.67

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1.12.67.

To CAIRNCROSS.

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11.12.67.

Text of telegram sent to CAIRNCROSS.

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 14.5.68. From D.S.A.O. 734a

23.7.68 Extract from D3 note for file. 735a

and will do.
~~K3/P.W. Through K.6.~~

736. This would be helpful to us
Attman 2/14

May I suggest that it might be worthwhile, when you next see him, to ask CAIRNCROSS whether his controllers ever asked him to bring influence to bear in his work? The nearest we have got seems to be para. 7 of 585a. I know this was all before Depr. D, but it would be interesting to have his comments

*KBA.
 21.11.68.*

Walter

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26.11.68. Ext. from report of interviews with GREENBERG 736b

15.1.69

From CAIRNCROSS

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3.2.69

To CAIRNCROSS

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17.2.69

From CAIRNCROSS

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To CAIRNCROSS

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From CAIRNCROSS

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13.3.69

From CAIRNCROSS

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21.3.69

From [REDACTED]

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28.3.69

To CAIRNCROSS

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14.4.69

From CAIRNCROSS

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28.4.69

To CAIRNCROSS

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30.4.69

From CAIRNCROSS

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Reference.....

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Report on Int. with John CAIRNCROSS

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16.7.69

To CAIRNCROSS

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20.7.69

Letter from F.A.O.

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4.8.69

Note for file

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15.8.69

Letter to CAIRNCROSS

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20.8.69.

From CAIRNCROSS.

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14.10.69

Letter to CAIRNCROSS

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25.10.69.

From CAIRNCROSS

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25.11.69.

From Visa Department(US)

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1.12.69.

Letter from John CAIRNCROSS to Peter Wright

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~~K.3.~~ *BP. Suggested reply within four cover. PS 96*

K.Adv. asked me to show you his letter from CAIRNCROSS at 760a, asking you to let him know how you would like him to reply.

B. Palliser
B. Palliser

K.3.
8th January, 1970.

763.

13.1.70. To CAIRNCROSS from Peter Wright.

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22.1.70. Two letters received from CAIRNCROSS

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12.10.70.	Telegram to CAIRNCROSS.	773a
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15.10.70.	Note for file.	774a
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Handwritten: H151101d

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PF 72,493 ~~Link D.~~

NOTE FOR FILE

Handwritten: actually on 30 October

Handwritten: K. Adv.

I saw John CAIRNCROSS in Paris as arranged at 772a on PF 72,493. We discussed the proposition for Operation ACRE. (The details of this are on PF 45,597 Link D.). I invited John to come to the U.K. on 18th October for discussions on 19th. I assured him that he was now safe to come and that no action would be taken vis-à-vis his past misdemeanours. I said that this had been cleared at the highest level and that he had nothing to fear. He thanked me very much and appeared to be extremely grateful. He asked me in what territories did this apply. I said that it applied anywhere where the United Kingdom Government held sway. I warned him that he would not, for instance, be able to visit the United States. There was nothing we could do about that. He fully accepted this and said that the ability to visit England was of paramount importance to him.

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Handwritten: P.M. Wright

K. Adv.

P.M. Wright

15th October 1970

* Based on the summarised portion recorded at 769b?

TOP SECRET

Handwritten: 16/10/70

773a

YOU ARE BOOKED INTO BAILEY'S
HOTEL, 140 GLOUCESTER ROAD, NEAR WEST
LONDON AIR TERMINAL, NIGHTS 18 and
19 OCTOBER. UNLESS YOU HEAR TO
CONTRARY I WILL MEET YOU THERE 11 A.M.
MONDAY 19TH.

PETER

JOHN CAIRNCROSS
ROME 804575

Sent on 12th October 1970

✓
by kph
12/10/70

TRa

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER.
WILL MEET YOU AS PROPOSED. BUSINESS
WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO HOURS. HOPE YOU
WILL HAVE LUNCH WITH ME. SUGGEST WE
WILL BE FINISHED ABOUT 2 O'CLOCK PARIS
TIME. WILL RECOMPENSE YOU FOR YOUR
EXPENSES WHEN I SEE YOU.

PETER

JOHN CAIRNCROSS
ROME 804575

Sent on 28th September 1970



bn/KAdw.
6/10/70

17/a

PF 72,493

NOTE FOR FILE

Reference the attached letter
I have tried five times since Friday
to contact CAIRNCROSS by telephone and
have failed. I am sending the attached
cable.

Pls n. Smith.

K. Adv.

P.M. Wright

21st September 1970

[Handwritten signature]
20/9/70

FAO(Room A 354)

13 September 1970

Dear Peter,

I ve just got back from my holidays (which I cut short they were so bad- in Spain) and will be at home all this week. I suggest you phone me (804575) some morning at about 9. I imagine that you could do this ~~on~~ Thursday or Friday if my letter arrives promptly.

I would certainly be able to come to Paris any time you say- but 26 September would be best for me as I see things at present. However, if it s better for the plans to select an earlier date, I m quite happy.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours ever,

John 

Mr Peter M Wright

HAVE FAILED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH
YOU BY TELEPHONE. CAN YOU MEET ME IN
PARIS ON SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER? IF SO
PLEASE INFORM ME ABOUT RENDEZVOUS.

PETER

PA on PP.72493 Link B ✓

771 ZA
~~28/8~~
31a
Butlers,
Littley Green,
Great Waltham,
Chelmsford, Essex

4th September 1970

Dear John,

I am sorry not to have replied earlier to your letter of 10th August; and I hope the delay has not held up your leave arrangements.

Is there any chance that we could meet in Paris some time in the second half of September to discuss matters and make a plan of action?

Yours

J. Cairncross, Esq.,
F.A.O.,
Room A 354,
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla,
Rome

16/9/70

FAO

7712
31 August 1970

Dear Peter,

I hope you had a good holiday and have come back refreshed.

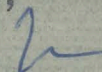
I am planning to take some leave in September October and am therefore rather concerned about the probable date of my visit to UK/ If you have a date in mind, please drop me a line or even a telegram. I may leave the weekend? for Sardinia.

Of course from my point of view the sooner the better, as there is even a possibility that I might have to go to UK on official mission. But I will drop leave any time if my presence is needed.

I will leave you my address if I do go off so that contact can be maintained.

All best wishes

Yours ever,


John Cairncross

Mr Peter M Wright

Dear Peter,

Just in case. My address from 5 September till 19
month will be

Edificio Calypso (Puerta 15)
Perellonet
(Valencia)
Spain

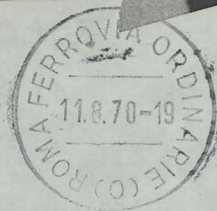
Please cable if there is any development.

Yours ever

John



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OF THE UNITED NATIONS



Mr Peter M Wright

Butlers

Littley Green

Great Waltham

Chelmsford

Essex

Anglitterre

7705
27a
FAO

10 August 1970

Dear Peter,

Just a line to say how immensely relieved I am to hear that the main hurdle is over. It must have involved a lot of work and trouble. ANY way I m on tap, except that I plan to have some leave in September. But I shall wait until I hear from you before taking it so that I have the maximum flexibility.

THIS IS INDEED GOOD NEWS.

Have a good holiday.

Yours ever,

John Cairncross

Mr Peter M Wright

PA on PF 72493 Link B

Butlers,
Littley Green,
Great Waltham,
Chelmsford, Essex.

3 August 1970

John
770b

Dear John,

I am at present on leave and cannot write in any great detail but I thought you would like to know that at last we seem to have cleared the biggest hurdle which was holding up our plans. As soon as I get back to work I will be in touch with you again to make plans for a meeting.

JS

(Signed in Peter Wright's absence)

J. Cairncross, Esq.,
F.A.O.,
Room A 354
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla,
Rome

✓

SECRET

770a

pa in
current vol.

9 PP 72493. F2
15/6.

Loose Minute
attached to
Reference PP.72,493.

SP 18/6.

K.3/Miss Palliser.

I asked for this file because I thought that its subject might be able to provide some information about Communism at Glasgow University from 1930-32 when he was a student there. I see however from paragraph 6 of the second attachment of serial 625b that Derek Hamblen asked CAIRNCROSS about this when he interviewed him in Cleveland in May 1964, and that CAIRNCROSS was unable to help. Should CAIRNCROSS now visit the U.K. there seems no point in tackling him again on the subject.

N.M. Williamson

F2/U.R.G.

N.M. Williamson.

16th June, 1970.

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*Salvador
22.6.70*

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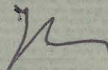
8 June 1970

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter. I am perfectly content to wait until things get moving. The one snag is that if I am suddenly ordered on a mission to the States, there may be trouble. This is relatively unlikely, but, if it comes off, I shall send you a wire, and hope that it will be possible to take emergency measures!

Kindsst rggards,

Yours ever,



John

Mr Peter M Wright

NOTE FOR FILE

John CAIRNCROSS
Summary of Government reaction to his confession

556b v.14 On 19 February, 1964, Sir Burke Trend reported to the Prime Minister that a confession had been obtained from CAIRNCROSS during the course of an interrogation by a Security Service officer in Cleveland, Ohio, where CAIRNCROSS had just taken up a university appointment. Trend pointed out the possibilities of political embarrassment and suggested two alternative courses of action:-

- (i) that CAIRNCROSS should be discreetly encouraged to leave the U.S. and settle in some country other than the U.K.
- (ii) that we should put pressure on the U.S. authorities to deport him to this country for further interrogation in order to establish a case for prosecution, the confession in the U.S. being insufficient for this purpose.

On balance Trend recommended (ii) as being politically more defensible in so far as the Government would be seen to have done all it could to bring CAIRNCROSS to justice. But he pointed out (a) that the U.S. authorities might be loath to deport CAIRNCROSS merely as a means of circumventing extradition (espionage not being an extraditable offence; (b) that if he was returned to the U.K. it was questionable whether interrogation would in fact produce evidence to form the basis of a trial; and (c) that if we did not get anything out of him he would be free to leave the U.K. to go where he wished. Trend went on to make some suggestions as to what should be said to the Press if the case became public knowledge as a result of CAIRNCROSS' deportation.

567z v.14 2. The case was discussed by the Prime Minister with senior Ministers and officials on 26 February, 1964. The U.S. authorities had in the meantime stated "unofficially" that as CAIRNCROSS represented no security danger to the U.S. they would not recommend deportation. The meeting agreed that despite the difficulties inherent in attempting to bring a prosecution, including the fact that the offences referred to a period at least twelve years before, we were bound to make a further attempt to obtain an admissible confession. A suggestion that a police officer should be sent to the U.S. to obtain a statement was felt to increase the chances of a leak without any certainty that the U.S. authorities would deport him. It was agreed, however, that we should verify whether the U.S. authorities would in fact be able to deport him in the event of an admissible confession being obtained in the U.S: and that CAIRNCROSS

/himself . . .

himself should be asked whether he would be willing to return to the U.K. in order to make a confession in circumstances which would make it admissible evidence.

583b V.14 3. On 4 March, 1964, Sir Burke Trend reported to the Prime Minister that the U.S. Immigration authorities had been consulted and had pointed out that the subject of a deportation order could contest it in court, resulting in prolonged legal proceedings and certain publicity; and that if a deportation order was obtained the subject would have the right to go to the country of his choice provided that country would have him i.e. a deportation order could not be used to circumvent extradition treaties. Trend also reported that CAIRNCROSS had declined the invitation to return to the U.K. voluntarily in order to make a statement under caution.

4. Following a meeting of officials on 5 March, 1964, Sir Burke Trend recommended to the Prime Minister that the CAIRNCROSS case should not be referred to the Security Commission. The grounds for this view included the increased chances of publicity, the possible repercussions on the position of Sir Alexander CAIRNCROSS, and the irrelevance of the case to present security arrangements. On 9 March, 1964, the Prime Minister concluded that there was "no sufficient reason to justify taking any further action in the case".

H. B. Arnold

K.3

H. W. Arnold

13 May, 1970.

769a

Butlers,
Littley Green,
Gt. Waltham,
Chelmsford,
Essex.

13 May 1970.

Dear

I am sorry about this delay which is as intolerable for us as it must be for you. I am afraid that we still have not got the decision which concerns you and at the moment we are in no position to say when it will be arrived at. The reason is not because the proposal is looked on with disfavour but because for political reasons the matter has ascended into the stratosphere. The most I can say at the moment is that it certainly is being considered.

As a result we have had to cancel the two tentative dates which Cecil discussed with you at the beginning of March and we dare not make any further plans until the decision has been made. I can promise you however that we will get in touch with you just as soon as we get a decision.

Yours sincerely,

PETER M. WRIGHT

(P.M. Wright)

J. Cairncross, Esq.,
F.A.O. (Room A 354),
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla,
Rome.

K3/WL
9/6/70

768a

Reference.....LOOSE MINUTE.....

att'd to draft

K/Adviser

I am attaching a draft reply to CAIRNCROSS which I hope will suffice. You may wish to add that you would like to see him in any case on other matters and that perhaps it would be sensible to combine your debriefing with a briefing for the operation we have in mind. I am attaching CAIRNCROSS's letter.

P. F. Stewart.

P. F. Stewart

K.3

5.5.70

Enc

[Handwritten signature]
K3/WC
9/6/70



Mr Peter Wight,
 BUTLER'S
 Little Green
 Great Waltham
 Chelmsford
 ESSEX
 Anglietta

76 7a

Rome

Dear Peter,

No word from you or Cecil. I wonder how things are going. If there is any delay or difficulty, it might be useful if I were warned about it, for there might be some question of my coming to England on a business matter, and I would have to take a particular line if in fact the project was not going smoothly.

I hope you and C are well and thriving.

Kindest regards,

Yours ever,



John Cairncross

Mr Peter M Wright

7672

Reference PF. 72, 493

Note for File

Cecil Shipp, who was passing through Rome on his way back from the Persian Gulf, saw CAIRNCROSS briefly on 2nd March, 1970. He had a friendly talk with him. The purpose of the meeting was to show him that he and our plans were not forgotten.

B. Palliser

B. Palliser

K.3.

30th April, 1970.

*K3/1005
11/6/70*

PF.72493 ✓

Copy to: PF.45597 Link D

Butlers,
Littley Green,
Gt. Waltham,
Chelmsford,
Essex.

13 February 1970

Dear

Many thanks for your letter of 2nd February. You are quite right when you say that it is difficult to see far ahead and I hesitate to forecast how long it will take us to clear all the hurdles that lie ahead. It may, however, help you to know that we are hoping to go into action some time in April.

Cecil will be passing through Rome on Monday 2nd March and I have asked him to give you a ring at 9.30 that morning at F.A.O. in the hope that he can meet you for lunch and bring you up to date on our progress.

Yours sincerely,

(P. M. Wright)

J. Cairncross, Esq.,
F.A.O. (Room A 354)
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla,
Rome.

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HST/1 c/a
7662

Reference... MINUTE
Attached to PF.72,493

K.3.

Arthur Martin's announcement of CAIRNCROSS' confession is at 54.5a in volume 13. From that date - February 1964 - to this he has not been to the U.K.

2. The Home Office were informed - 556a, volume 14 - and the consideration of prosecution mentioned. See also paragraph 2 of 563b and paragraph 1 of 563c.
3. At 574a, paragraph 3, is set out the wording of the question eventually put to CAIRNCROSS. The direction for the question to be put is at 581a. His answer appears at 583b, second attachment, paragraph (b).
4. The next step was consideration of referring his case to the Security Commission (590b). This was decided against (593a).
5. 610a, somewhat irrelevant itself, has an interesting footnote in Malcolm Cumming's handwriting with the information, not recorded elsewhere as far as I can see, that the P.M. attached importance to John CAIRNCROSS never returning to the U.K.
6. A year later, on 11.5.65., CAIRNCROSS wrote to Arthur Martin asking about the position as to his coming to the U.K. (644a). Minute 645 sets out D.3.'s view: he would like CAIRNCROSS to be interviewed here, but not if it meant his prosecution. Minute 649 is Legal Adviser's view - see particularly paragraph 4. D gave his ruling at Minute 654. The message was transmitted to CAIRNCROSS - see paragraph 3 of 662a attachment.
7. Some months later the possibility of immunity from prosecution was dangled before CAIRNCROSS to enlist his help over KLUGMAN - see the last paragraph of 675a. Perhaps with this in mind he wrote to Peter Wright in April, 1967 - see 702a. This gave rise to a new exchange of minutes, culminating in the D.G.'s minute 709.
8. The situation would seem to be this: no ban was ever put originally on CAIRNCROSS' coming here but when Arthur Martin asked him in 1964 if he would be willing to come to the U.K. and make a statement under caution with a view to prosecution, he refused and took it that he must not come back for fear of prosecution. The convention has grown up between him and ourselves that this ban on his entry here exists. In fact, the legal position seems to be that a prosecution would depend on his making an admission. If he refused to do this, he would be all right. Our Legal Adviser, however, considers that we would be bound to inform the D.P.P. if he came here and the D.G. ruled three years ago that he should be told to stay away since he would come here at his peril.

B. Palliser
B. Palliser

K.3.
9th February, 1970.

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Copied to PF 45597 (link 1)
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765a

FAO (Room A 354)

2 February 1970

Recd: 7.6.2.70.

Dear Peter,

It looks as if, to the extent that anything is certain, I will not go on a mission, and hence will be here till about the beginning of June except for a brief spell of holidays around Easter. However, I could use even the holidays to come over if need be. In June I'll most probably be in Holland on a congress, and in the summer in Switzerland.

It would of course help me if I knew roughly when you will be calling on me, but I realize that it is difficult to see very far ahead these days.

All best wishes,

Yours ever,

John 

Mr P M Wright

45597
9/2/70

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Received: 22.1.70.
P.A.: PF.72,493
Copied to: PF.45,597 Supp D
(Typed letter only)

FAO (Room A 354)
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
Rome

19 January 1970

Dear Peter,

I was most pleased to get your letter. I had been thinking of writing to you as I'm going up to Geneva tomorrow, and am almost certainly going on to Paris where I would then be Friday Saturday and Sunday. If you felt that a further talk would be useful, could you leave a message for me c/o Mrs Th Dominguez, 70 Avenue Pierre Grenier 92 Boulogne sur ~~Mar~~ Seine. (The 92 indicates the province). You would be a business friend looking me up during a visit to Paris. I'm not sure what hotel I'll be staying at, certainly not my previous one.

I don't imagine that is any need.

As to my future movements, they are now clearer though not definitive. I plan to stay here till end of June and spend the summer in Switzerland. I will probably be on a mission to Morocco from mid April to mid May. If that mission doesn't come off, I'll be out of FAO probably much sooner, say end of April, and spend May and June in Crete. I'll keep you posted when I'm more certain - which I should be in a fortnight or so. Please, on your side let me know when I should stand by. The only real impediment at present would be the Morocco mission which would take six weeks and two weeks before with two weeks after to write up the report.

Kindest regards,

Yours ever,

John Cairncross

Mr Peter M Wright

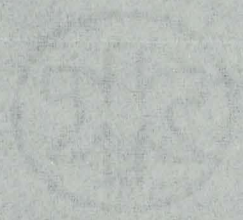
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K3/PAJ
26/1/70

Ageman
Wednesday morning 9
i.e. 21/1/70.

Dear Peter

I am impossible
to see in Paris. But hope
to see you soon

Yours
John Curran



Copy for:
PF.72,493

Airletter

763a

Butlers,
Littley Green,
Gt. Waltham,
Chelmsford,
Essex.

13.1.70.

Dear

760a

Thank you for your letter which, I fear, arrived when I was abroad - hence the delay in replying to it.

The project has not been shelved; merely delayed by a bit of reorganisation which has taken place among us. The preliminary planning is fairly far advanced, and we shall be discussing this with our masters fairly soon. I am afraid, however, I cannot even guess at a firm date yet.

What are your plans after the end of February? Will you let me know where you are likely to be so that I can get in touch with you.

I hope you are well - I may get out to see you before long.

Yours sincerely,

(P.M. Wright)

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18 November 1969

Received from P.M.W. 1.12.69.

Dear Peter,

I wonder what the chances of the project advancing are now. There is a chance of my leaving here at the end of February if all goes well, and it would therefore help if I had a rough idea of the prospects. I hope, in any case, that the idea has not been shelved entirely.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

John
John Cairncross

Mr Peter M Wright

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INSTRUCTIONS
Complete this form for your entire family (yourself, spouse and unmarried children under 21 years of age).

1. NAME (Family name) CAIRNCROSS	(First name) GABRIELLE	(Middle names) SUSANNA
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OTHER NAMES, ALIASES (If married woman, maiden name and surname of any previous spouses) MAIDEN NAME: OPPENHEIM	07472
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NAME IN NATIVE LETTERS OR CHARACTERS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE	NOTED 11 1969
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2. PLACE OF BIRTH (City) (State or province) (Country) Frankfurt Main Germany	DATE OF BIRTH (Month) (Day) (Year) April 23 1914
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SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	PRESENT NATIONALITY British	PAST NATIONALITY German
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3. NAME OF FATHER Sebastian Oppenheim	4. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Tuchmann	25 NOV 1969
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5. FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE (City) (State or province) (Country) Frankfurt Main Germany	6. MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE (City) (State or province) (Country) Nuernberg Germany
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7. NAME OF SPOUSE (Maiden or family name) (First name) (Middle names) Cairncross John

8. SPOUSE'S BIRTHPLACE (City) (State or province) (Country) Is smahagow, Ia narks. U.K.	9. SPOUSE'S BIRTHDATE (Month)(Day) (Year) 25 July 1913	10. WILL SPOUSE IMMIGRATE WITH YOU? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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11. NAME OF SPOUSE'S FATHER Alexander Cairncross died in 1942	12. NAME OF SPOUSE'S MOTHER Elisabeth Cairncross died in 1957
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13. BIRTHPLACE OF SPOUSE'S FATHER (City) (State or province) (Country)	14. BIRTHPLACE OF SPOUSE'S MOTHER (City) (State or province) (Country)
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15. LIST UNMARRIED CHILDREN UNDER 21 YEARS, NOT U.S. CITIZENS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY YOU		
NAME OF CHILD	PLACE OF BIRTH (City, state or province, country)	BIRTHDATE

16. 1. Visitors visa in summer 1948/- for two months
2. Immigration visa obtained in London, April 1950
3. Visitors visa in spring 1959, in Bangkok Thailand
4. Visitors visa in December 1964 in Rome Italy

17. IF YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE PREVIOUSLY LIVED IN THE UNITED STATES, STATE:		
DATE ADMITTED May 1950	DATE DEPARTED January 1951	REASON FOR DISCONTINUING RESIDENCE marriage in England

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18. LIST BELOW IN DATE ORDER ALL PLACES WHERE YOU, YOUR SPOUSE AND UNMARRIED CHILDREN NAMED ON THE OTHER SIDE HAVE LIVED SINCE REACHING THE AGE OF 16. (It is not necessary to list the places where you have lived less than six months). *Street addresses please*

FIRST NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER	STREET ADDRESS, CITY OR TOWN, PROVINCE, COUNTRY	OCCUPATION	FROM (Month, Year)	TO (Month, Year)
myself	Schubertstr.2, Frankfurt M. Germany	-	up to ^{Sept} 1934	
	2 Parsifal Road, London N.W.6.	1. student 2. Secretary	1935 to	1950 April
	16, Lansdowne Ct., London W.11.	housewife	1951 Jan.	1953 Oct
	Rome, Italy V. Lungarina, 101330 Nones		1953 Oct	1955 Dec
	Geneva, Switzerland Villette near Conches, Geneva		1955 Dec	1957 Sept
	Bangkok, Thailand c/o UN-ECAPTE via 4 Vent, 5 to Sept 63		1957 Sept	1961 Jan
	Rome, Italy (via F. Cavallotti 72A 60 North Hill (up to Sept 66) 89c Highgate West Hill		1961 Feb	1965 Nov
	London N.6.		since Nov 1965	

19. MEMBERSHIP OR AFFILIATION IN ORGANIZATIONS IN EACH COUNTRY NAMED IN ITEM 18:
CULTURAL, SOCIAL, LABOR OR POLITICAL

ORGANIZATION	FROM	TO
Fellow of Institute of Linguists (professional)	since 1967	

I certify that all information given is complete and correct.

DATE 31 August 1969

SIGNATURE AND PRESENT ADDRESS

89c Highgate West Hill, London N.6.

NOTE: If space above is insufficient to answer any questions properly, the additional information may be printed below or on a separate sheet of paper and attached to this form.

20. On separate sheet, give following information for each family member who resided in:
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 - INDIA - Passport Number(s) used while in India.
 - ISRAEL - Name used in Israel; Name used upon arrival; Date arrived; Identity Card No.

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17 September 1969

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Dear Peter,

Definitely not. I should never have thought the two photos were of the same man, but that only shows.

Sorry to hear of the difficulties. I had rather assumed from your silence that there was some delay. But from mid-November 1969 I'm pretty free, and will await the call. I have no plans for going away anywhere before end of January 1970 and possibly even end of March.

Yours ever,

John Cairncross

Mr P M Wright

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Butlers,
Littley Green,
Great Waltham,
Chelmsford,
Essex.

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14th October, 1969.

I should be most grateful if you could kindly look at these two photographs (both of the same person) as a possibility for the man we have been trying so hard to identify, whose nickname begins with "O". Perhaps you would then destroy the photographs and let me have your views.

We are having difficulties in arranging the project we talked about. It certainly I fear will not take place in October. We will keep in touch with you about this.

PETER M. WRIGHT

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20 August 1969

Received
23/8. *Cal*
Dear Cecil,

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th August. Yes, Jenkyin is definitely your man, and I am only sorry that my defective memory should have made it so difficult for you to track him down. I have disposed of the photographs as suggested.

I am very glad to learn of the progress on the other project and look forward to hearing from you when you have taken it a stage further.

The holiday in France was delightful, but it was a battle getting there and back (one plane, three trains and a lift in my host's car). The heat here is gradually subsiding, but it is still extremely trying - as, I remember, it can be in untropical London.

Kindest regards,

Yours ever,

John Cairncross

John Cairncross

Mr C O Shipp

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9 Charlotte Road,
Barnes,
London, S.W.13.

15th August, 1969.

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In the absence of Peter on leave I am writing in reply to your letter of the 20th July, 1969. *752a*

I think you are probably right in suggesting that JENKIN may be the person we are looking for. His christian name was Alfred and he was at Peterhouse from 1932 to 1936. He was certainly in the movement during that time and later. I enclose two photographs of him, one fairly recent but one taken in his teens. He looks pretty unprepossessing and is said to be slovenly in his habits and dress. His height is given as 5ft 5ins and both his eyes and hair are said to be brown.

For good measure I also enclose a photograph of Douglas TURNELL although he does not seem to fit your description. I suggest that you destroy all three photographs when you have made your selection.

Either Peter or I, we hope, will be getting in touch with you again soon about the other project. I hope you had a pleasant holiday in France, albeit apparently a short one, and that the heat in Rome has now abated somewhat - most unusually there does not seem to have been much difference this year between London and Rome in that respect!

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20 July 1969

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Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter. Curiously enough, I was on the point of writing to you, but felt that it might be better to let things go on at your pace, since that is decisive. I am so glad that things are moving and look forward to hearing from you on that score. Incidentally, I shall be in the South of France next week for a holiday, and so, should it be advisable to have a preliminary talk (which I don't imagine would be the case, at least as yet, I could be reached at:

Chez Professor Picard
Jonchères
26 Luc en Diois, Drôme

There is no phone, but I am almost on the directline by train to Paris. However, as I said, this is only just in case.

One other point (which was the one I wanted to mention to you) is that, if you can fix things for October or December, I can use this for my home leave, which gives me a fortnight in the UK (fare paid by FAO), and hence could perhaps (subject to your wishes and the exigencies of the situation) allow me to go home and see my people (in Scotland).

As to the query in your letter, Petch is an old colleague of mine from Treasury days and a first class man in all respects. T M Wilson is also known to me from the Treasury. Turnell is unknown. This leaves only Jenkin. I take it he is not the same as Jenkyns of the Treasury who in any case I think was at Oxford. It might just be Jenkin. Could you give me some idea of appearance? This chap was ugly, with mousy hair and spectacles and pretty unprepossessing. This comment may not be much use, but there it is for what it is worth.

Things are going well, except for the heat which has burst since Sunday and is overpowering. My work appears to have been appreciated, but I plan to leave the office on 1 June 1970 (which is connected with the question of home leave, since I must take it six months before I resign. Hence, if I come over in October, June is OK/ If on the contrary I travel in December, it may have to be delayed (the resignation) till 1 July.]

see find links to David and Jim

Yours ever

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Turnell. Perhaps you could give a description too, though.

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Butlers,
Littley Green,
Gt. Waltham,
Chelmsford, Essex.

16th July, 1969

Dear John,

Cecil and I did enjoy our visit to you in May and found it very profitable. We are making progress with the project and I hope to be in touch with you again before very long.

You will remember that we discussed the problem of BUCKLEY. We agreed to let you have the names of other people who went into Customs & Excise in the three years 1935, 1936, 1937. Those who appear to have done so are:

1935: Thomas Marcus Wilson

1936: A. Jenkin

1937: D. Turnell

Louis Petch

Do any of these ring a bell?

Hope you are enjoying the summer and your health is good.

Yours

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Report on Interview with John CAIRNCROSS
undertaken in Rome by K3/PMW and F2/URG/COS

When Peter Wright telephoned him on the afternoon of the 12th May, CAIRNCROSS said that he would not be able to meet us on the morning of the 13th May as originally planned as he was very busy on an F.A.O. review. We arranged to meet for lunch on that day, however, and to conduct our business during the afternoon and evening. CAIRNCROSS drove us to lunch at an attractive restaurant north of Rome in his somewhat ancient Jaguar. Although rather nervous he was friendly and talkative throughout and clearly anxious to please. He spoke at lunch of his work at F.A.O. and of his literary activities: he is at present engaged on a book on the history of polygamy. He said that he was seriously thinking of leaving F.A.O. either at the end of 1969 or early in 1970 and of retiring to Switzerland. By that time he would have qualified for a pension from F.A.O. and he felt that with that and with what he could earn from his writings he could manage to live reasonably comfortably in retirement. He also mentioned that he had recently bought an olive grove somewhere in Tuscany and was hoping to convert a farm house on the land to enable him to let it or to live there occasionally himself. After lunch CAIRNCROSS took us to his flat in the Via Armando Spadini in the suburb of Parioli. Although in a good area the flat was small and filled with books, on both the walls and the floor, and with mementos of the Far East. CAIRNCROSS had previously told us, without elaborating, that his wife was now living in England. Our discussions lasted until approximately eight o'clock in the evening when we suggested that we should dine together. CAIRNCROSS at first agreed and, after changing, made a phone call obviously to a lady friend saying that he would "be along later". During the course of a somewhat hair-raising drive into the centre of Rome, however, he became introspective and suddenly said that he did not feel like eating and asked to be excused. We took this as an indication not that he did not wish to pursue our discussions but simply that he preferred his lady friend's company to ours!

2. We first asked CAIRNCROSS to describe once more his contacts with "Otto". CAIRNCROSS said that James KLUGMANN had taken him to meet "Otto" in some gardens which he thought were part of Regents Park. He could not remember how KLUGMANN had got in touch with him but he presumed that he had simply rung him up. KLUGMANN's approach was not initially conspiratorial in nature and he had not prepared him in advance in any way for meeting "Otto" rather than a member of the British Communist Party. He had merely said that he would introduce him to someone who would "keep an eye on him". From the very brief discussions before KLUGMANN left them alone, however, CAIRNCROSS had been quite convinced that KLUGMANN knew "Otto" well and, as he put it, "was in cahoots with him".

3. CAIRNCROSS described "Otto" as approximately 5'6" in height, heavily built with a big head, a "large robust face", a powerful short neck and wide shoulders. He had had a full head of wavy hair whose colour was in between black and fair and he never wore a hat. He had big hands, normal

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teeth and eyes which were neither strikingly blue nor brown. He was Slav in appearance. At their first meeting they spoke initially in English, "Otto's" English being "not terribly good". They soon lapsed into German in which "Otto" was bilingual. He spoke German with no trace of a dialect: it was a pure German as spoken in the Hanover area. CAIRNCROSS was certain that it was not an acquired language. "Otto" was an outward-going, sympathetic person who liked to spend money. He was married and had certainly lived in Russia. CAIRNCROSS had assumed that at the time of their contacts "Otto" had been living in London as he seemed to know his way around. He said that although he did not believe that "Otto" was a Russian he had judged him to be a regular R.I.S. officer.

COMMENT

CAIRNCROSS' description of "Otto" on this occasion differs in only two respects from earlier descriptions: he had previously said that "Otto" had black hair and that he spoke quite good English. There are still a number of differences between CAIRNCROSS' "Otto" and Jenifer HART's Czech or Russian controller of the same period, in particular her statements that he was of slim build, had sleek, straight dark hair going slightly bald and spoke reasonable or good English.

4. With reference to their meeting at the Paris Exhibition, CAIRNCROSS said he thought the visit had taken place in the spring of 1937. "Otto" had suggested that it would be a pleasant outing and CAIRNCROSS had travelled to Paris alone. He thought they had met at the Exhibition itself and had then visited various stands. He recalled that "Otto" had been disgusted by an exhibition of belly dancing which they had witnessed at one of the stands. The atmosphere of their meeting had been far more relaxed than on other occasions in London as they had both felt that in France, then in the throes of the Popular Front, they could be far more open in their association. When we asked CAIRNCROSS whether he thought "Otto" might then have been living in France rather than in England, he said that it was certainly possible as "Otto" was clearly very familiar with Paris but he had no positive indications either way. He had no recollection of "Otto" speaking French, however, and he thought that he, CAIRNCROSS, might have interpreted for him.

5. CAIRNCROSS said that at their meetings in London they had normally talked whilst walking in the street. He thought that on one occasion, however, they might have dined together in a pub at Hammersmith. As far as he could recall there was no particular part of London which they had frequented. "Otto" had made a point of warning CAIRNCROSS to take a devious route to their meetings and to be careful that he was not followed. "Otto" had not attempted to give CAIRNCROSS any training in espionage techniques and a great deal of their time had been taken up with political indoctrination. He said that "Otto" did not have a very refined or very profound knowledge of Marxism, however. It was his impression that "Otto" was taking a relaxed, long term view

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of their association and was not desperate to obtain immediate dividends. CAIRNCROSS said that he had never had any indication from "Otto" that he was looking after other agents in the U.K. He recalled, however, two statements which he had made in that context. Firstly he had said that none of their agents had ever "welched on them" or been caught with the exception of one in Germany who, by a stroke of bad luck, had been found with incriminating documents on him. Secondly he had mentioned that they had allowed one agent who had married a "bürgerliche Frau" to cease working for them: CAIRNCROSS said that he believed he had been told this story as an illustration of the magnanimity of the R.I.S.

6. Questioned about his relations with Guy BURGESS, CAIRNCROSS said that he was still somewhat doubtful about the chronology of their contacts. He was not sure whether the occasion on which BURGESS had suggested that they met in Paris had been during the summer vacation of 1936 or after he joined the Foreign Office in October of that year. He had in fact travelled to Paris but had not met BURGESS. If it had been in the summer of 1936 then his journey to Paris had been entirely separate from his visit to Germany at that time. In any case he felt that the visit to Paris had probably taken place before KLUGMANN introduced him to "Otto". He could not date the visit to Cambridge when he had met BURGESS, BLUNT and McNEICE and had travelled back to London with BURGESS but he thought he had then been in the Foreign Office. Although one or both of the contacts with BURGESS had ante-dated his introduction to "Otto" he could not be certain of the order. CAIRNCROSS commented that he had not connected BURGESS with the KLUGMANN/"Otto" affair until later but, with hindsight, he was quite certain that BURGESS had been "looking him over" before KLUGMANN made his approach.

7. We next asked CAIRNCROSS to explain his reference to COSTELLO in his letter of the 20th November, 1967 (727a refers). CAIRNCROSS said that it was a long shot on his part but he suspected that COSTELLO might have been involved with the R.I.S. He had known him fairly well at Cambridge and described him as a very tough and militant Communist, "dedicated up to the gills". COSTELLO had also been a very close associate indeed of both James KLUGMANN and John CORNFORD and CAIRNCROSS said he would have classified him as a member of the "hard core" of the student branch. He recalled that COSTELLO had had an affair with Bella LERNER and that he had dined with them both some time in 1935 before they married. CAIRNCROSS said that he would think it highly suspicious if COSTELLO, whom he knew had later joined the New Zealand Diplomatic Service, had allegedly abandoned his communist views when he left university. When we told him that COSTELLO had certainly been an active Russian spy in 1963 but that he had died in 1964, CAIRNCROSS said that in that case COSTELLO must have been recruited at Cambridge. CAIRNCROSS returned to the case of COSTELLO later in the discussions and said that in his view COSTELLO had probably been the fifth member of the Ring of Five. In answer to a question CAIRNCROSS said that he had no recollection of a specific Commonwealth group of Communists at Cambridge. He remembered Herbert NORMAN as someone who was as fanatical in his Communism and as dedicated as COSTELLO but in a more gentle way. It was said of NORMAN that he "brushed his teeth in

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Communism". CAIRNCROSS would certainly have classified NORMAN also as "hard core" and he thought that he would have been an obvious target for recruitment by the R.I.S. As far as Lorie TARSHIS was concerned, he had also been a very convinced and very tough Communist. CAIRNCROSS said that he did not remember Harry FERNS.

COMMENT

This is the first occasion on which CAIRNCROSS has mentioned either COSTELLO, NORMAN or TARSHIS. His classification of COSTELLO and NORMAN as "hard core" is of considerable interest from two points of view: on the one hand it is a comment which we have not previously heard about them and tends to underline the possibility that both might have been recruited by the R.I.S. at Cambridge and on the other hand it casts a new light on the circles in which CAIRNCROSS himself moved at Cambridge.]

8. When asked about Michael GREENBERG, CAIRNCROSS recalled that he had met him in Ceylon some five or six years ago. He said that as there had only been one communist group at Trinity in his time GREENBERG must have been a member of that group with him. He described GREENBERG as an intellectual Communist, not "hard core" like COSTELLO and NORMAN. Asked whether he associated him in any way with BURGESS or KLUGMANN, he said that he had no evidence of GREENBERG's association with either. He remembered that GREENBERG had not liked BURGESS and had commented to him on more than one occasion that BURGESS was unreliable from the Party's point of view having first been a member and having then resigned. When reminded that GREENBERG had been named by Elizabeth BENTLEY as someone who had worked for the R.I.S. in the States during the war, CAIRNCROSS said that he doubted whether GREENBERG had been recruited at Cambridge. He thought that GREENBERG had intended to follow an academic career and had had no thoughts of entering the Civil Service. In his view the R.I.S. would only have approached people at Cambridge who were known to be planning careers in the Civil Service.

COMMENT

CAIRNCROSS had previously stated merely that GREENBERG was "in the communist student movement at Cambridge" but that he did not associate him with the Trinity group.]

9. Questioned about the LAYTON group, CAIRNCROSS said that he thought the group had held regular informal meetings at the home of David LAYTON's parents in the period 1936/7/8. The political discussions at those meetings had been in no way communist in tone but had rather taken their political complexion from the liberal sympathies of David LAYTON. The persons he associated with the LAYTON group were Diana HUBBACK, Blair CUNNINGHAM, Jakes EWER and Jenifer FISCHER

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WILLIAMS. In answer to a question CAIRNCROSS said that he did not know Judy FISCHER WILLIAMS and Jenifer was the only FISCHER WILLIAMS daughter he had met, although he was not very sure whether Jenifer had been a regular attender at the meetings. He said he thought that Jakes EWER, who had not intervened much in the political discussions, had still been at Cambridge at the time: certainly he was not then in employment. When reference was made to the earlier report (para. 10 of 721a) that he had said that he was surprised at Jenifer FISCHER WILLIAMS' Marxist views expressed in the LAYTON group and that he had wondered whether she was "in the game" as she was in the Home Office, CAIRNCROSS said he did not recall saying any such thing. In fact he was certain that she had not expressed any Marxist views in his hearing and equally he had no cause whatsoever to wonder whether she had been "in the game". We returned to this point on several other occasions but CAIRNCROSS was quite adamant that he knew nothing to Jenifer FISCHER WILLIAMS' detriment. Asked whether David HUBBACK had attended meetings of the LAYTON group, CAIRNCROSS said that he might have been a member though he was not sure (see para. 20 below).]

COMMENT

This apparent volte face is surprising to say the least. CAIRNCROSS' present statements, however, are more in accord with what would have been expected in that, by her own statement, Jenifer was at the time under instructions to disguise her communist views. It remains a mystery why Jenifer should have denied knowing CAIRNCROSS.)

10. Reference was made to CAIRNCROSS' statements in earlier interviews regarding the approaches made to him by Jakes EWER, that is of EWER asking him whether he had anything to report. CAIRNCROSS said that on two or three occasions after meetings of the LAYTON group in London EWER and he had had a drink together and when they were alone EWER had asked him whether he had anything to report. He denied having said that EWER had asked him that question on one occasion when he had returned to Cambridge from the Foreign Office for some party (para. 12 of 721a refers). When asked how he had interpreted EWER's questions, CAIRNCROSS said that he had thought of them as "semi-sinister", "amateurish sleuthing in a schoolboyish fashion" on EWER's part. It had been his impression that EWER was not "in the game" and he had never considered him to be a Russian agent filling in for "Otto" during one of his absences. Rather he had assumed that EWER, knowing CAIRNCROSS to have been a Communist at Cambridge and being aware that he was then in the Foreign Office, was on his own initiative seeking items of information which he would then pass on to King Street. CAIRNCROSS said that although he had not been really friendly with EWER at any time he was sure that he had not been a close associate of either BURGESS or KLUGMANN at Cambridge: he remembered that EWER had commented on BURGESS' unreliability from a Party point of view. EWER had been a serious Party worker, the intellectual type of Communist rather than the fanatic. He had been prominent in the student branch in CAIRNCROSS' second year, i.e. in 1935/36. When asked

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whether EWER had been a member of the Party in 1934/35, CAIRNCROSS replied that he could not say but that he would have thought he must have been to have become prominent in the branch by 1935/36.

COMMENT

CAIRNCROSS first mentioned EWER in his statement dated 2nd April, 1952 (153a) saying that at a few of the LAYTON group meetings he had been asked by EWER whether he had anything to report. There was no explanation in that statement as to why and on whose behalf EWER had made these approaches. When questioned again about that statement in May 1964 (para. 26 of 625b) CAIRNCROSS said that he was in no doubt that EWER's approach had been some form of espionage request on behalf of the Communist Party, the Comintern or the Russians. When interviewed last in October 1967 CAIRNCROSS was reported as saying (para. 12 of 721a):

"He once returned to Cambridge from the Foreign Office for some party or event. Jakes took him aside and asked him if he had anything to report. He was at that time out of touch with "Otto" and he assumed that Jakes had been put up, rather like Guy BURGESS, to fill a gap. He commented that he was very frightened to think Jakes should know about his espionage ..."

During an interview in November 1967 EWER was told of the statements made by CAIRNCROSS but maintained that they were completely untrue. Although he insisted that he could not remember CAIRNCROSS, he supposed that as a Communist and as someone who had a "journalistic bent" it was quite possible that in 1937 he would have asked a Civil Servant whom he knew to be or to have been a Communist what he had to report. This would have been said in a semi-jocular manner, however, and there would have been nothing more to it than general political curiosity.]

11. When questioned about the BUCKLEY to whom he had earlier referred, CAIRNCROSS recalled that he had met BUCKLEY in London when they were both in Government Service. Although he did not remember knowing BUCKLEY at Cambridge he was certain that BUCKLEY had had a communist background there and BUCKLEY had also been aware of CAIRNCROSS' own membership of the student branch. He added that his only reason for thinking that BUCKLEY might have been involved "in the game" was that he had subsequently entered the Administrative Class of the Civil Service. When shown a copy of the successful candidates in the 1936 examination for the

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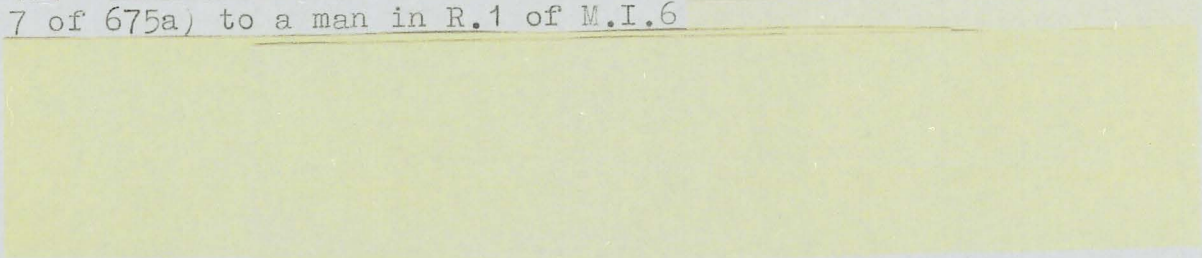
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Administrative Class of the Civil Service, he failed to pick out any of the names as identical with his "BUCKLEY". In particular, the only person on the list who is known to have served in Customs and Excise, C.H. BLAKE, produced no response from CAIRNCROSS. CAIRNCROSS seemed reasonably certain that in this instance he was not mistaken in his memory of the name of BUCKLEY and he suggested that BUCKLEY might in fact have taken another year to study for the Civil Service examination and might therefore not have entered Government Service until 1937. He said he was certain that BUCKLEY and he must have coincided at Cambridge for at least a year. In looking through the Cambridge Registers CAIRNCROSS thought that the only possibility was K. BUCKLEY who was at Emmanuel and who graduated in History and Law in 1936. He described the BUCKLEY he had known as a very earnest mousy type who had a moustache and who wore spectacles. It was left that we would revert to CAIRNCROSS when we had obtained a copy of the 1937 list of entrants to the Administrative Class.

COMMENT

Although it is hoped to obtain the 1937 list amongst others, preliminary information from the Civil Service Commission suggests that there was no BUCKLEY who entered the Administrative Class of the Civil Service in the 1930s. |

12. CAIRNCROSS was reminded of his earlier reference (para. 7 of 675a) to a man in R.1 of M.I.6



13. Mention was made of CAIRNCROSS' earlier statement when the name of David Salmon Schuster HUTTON was put to him, namely that the name just stirred a memory in a communist context. CAIRNCROSS said that he could not remember anything more about HUTTON and a photograph was of no help.

14. CAIRNCROSS was asked whether he recalled Elizabeth Mabel YOUNG who, it was believed, had stayed with him and his wife in Rome for a time in the 1950s. CAIRNCROSS replied that he knew an Elizabeth YOUNG who was in the Civil Service Commission. She had certainly come through Rome on one or more occasions and might well have stayed with them. CAIRNCROSS claimed not to know her well as she was essentially a friend of his wife.

15. When the photographs of Leonid Alexandrovich EITINGON @ Leonid NAUMOV and Karl NEBENFUHR @ Alexander SMIED were shown to him CAIRNCROSS was positive that he had never met either of them.

16. CAIRNCROSS was asked whether it had ever been suggested to him by his controllers that he should bring influence to bear in his work in any way. He replied in the negative,

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saying that the Russians had made a point of insisting that he should never take any positive action.

17. When asked whether he had ever received any money from Guy BURGESS, for example to entertain persons who might provide useful information, CAIRNCROSS replied that he was sure that BURGESS had never given him any money for any purpose. He was also asked whether he recalled any instance of BURGESS praising anyone highly as this might be an indication either that BURGESS had made an approach to that person or that he was considering doing so. CAIRNCROSS said that the only person he could think of in that context was David FOOTMAN for whom BURGESS had certainly had a high regard.

18. Questioned again about Derek VAN ABBE CAIRNCROSS said that he would have described him as an intellectual Communist rather than a hard core member of the student branch. He did not believe that he had been well in with the leaders of the Party at Cambridge.

COMMENT

CAIRNCROSS had previously described VAN ABBE as a close friend of James KLUGMANN (para. 11 of 675a refers).]

19. CAIRNCROSS said he would have classified Peter VINTER as being something between a Party worker and a hard core Communist. He was certainly dedicated and CAIRNCROSS thought that he had had some official position in the student branch. He had no recollection of VINTER going on a visit to the Soviet Union. He said that VINTER had remained a member of the student branch until he, CAIRNCROSS, left in the summer of 1936.

20. With reference to David HUBBACK CAIRNCROSS on this occasion said he thought he had not known HUBBACK at Cambridge and had only met him later, possibly in the LAYTON group (see para. 9). When he was told that it had been recorded following his last meeting with Peter Wright that he had described HUBBACK as having been far to the left and, he assumed, a Communist, CAIRNCROSS said that that was simply not true. He had known nothing about HUBBACK's political views. When reference was made to the reported statement that he used to visit the house of HUBBACK's grandmother, Mrs SPELLMAN, CAIRNCROSS said that he had never heard of the lady.

COMMENT

Apart from the last interview with CAIRNCROSS, the only other occasion on which he has mentioned HUBBACK was in 1964. He then said that he had not known HUBBACK very well in Cambridge but thought that he had got to know him as a member of the LAYTON group.]

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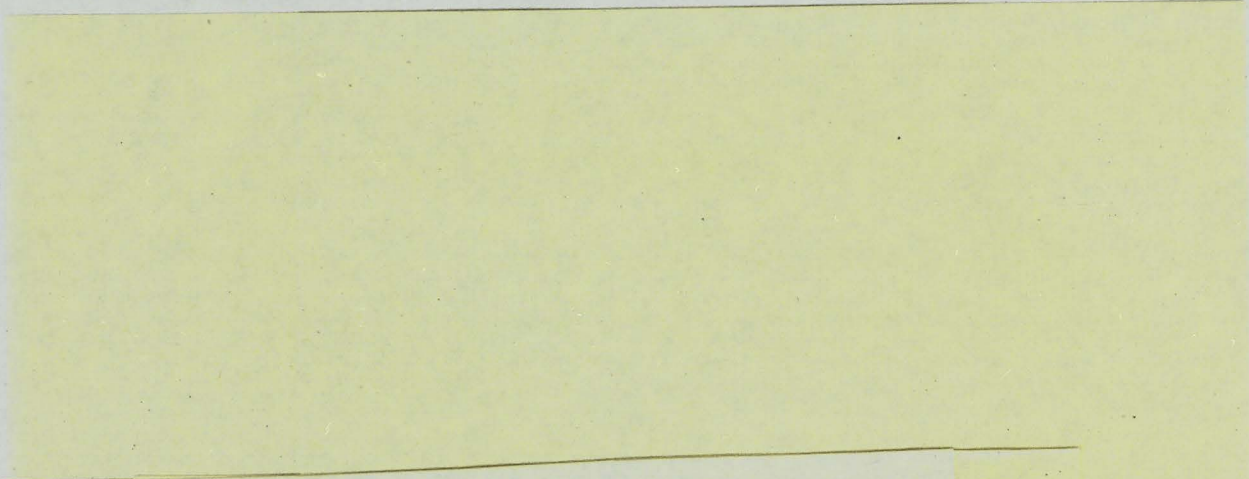
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[22. With reference to Graeme CHIVERS, CAIRNCROSS said that he had known him at Cambridge largely because they were both studying Modern Languages. CAIRNCROSS had known that CHIVERS was a member of the student branch and vice versa. Although CHIVERS was a very dedicated Communist CAIRNCROSS did not think of him as a Party organiser as he lacked personality. He recalled that CHIVERS had had a political mentor in Corpus Christi College, a "tough liner" who was older than CHIVERS but whose name CAIRNCROSS could not remember. (This is probably George WYNDHAM, PF 838,732, who went up to Corpus in 1934, a year before CHIVERS.) CAIRNCROSS referred again to the occasion on which he had lunched with CHIVERS after they had both joined Government Service and said that CHIVERS had clearly not then "fallen away". His feeling that CHIVERS might have been involved "in the game" was due purely to his conviction that CHIVERS had remained a Communist whilst in Government Service. Asked whether CHIVERS might have been a homosexual, CAIRNCROSS at first said that he had no idea. He later commented that he did not associate CHIVERS with women and that he would not be surprised if he had been a homosexual.]

COMMENT

On this occasion CAIRNCROSS was clearly not as convinced that CHIVERS had been "in the game" as at the last interview (720a refers).

[23. The following additional points arose during discussions:]

(a) When reference was made to his earlier remarks that he had known Lettice RAMSEY, CAIRNCROSS said that he had not known her well and merely recalled seeing her at Socialist Society meetings.

(b) CAIRNCROSS said that he recalled Alan BIRLEY as an active member of the student branch.

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(c) CAIRNCROSS said that he had known Richard Lawrence BENNETT at Cambridge (BENNETT was at Trinity 1931-35) but not in a Party sense.

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(STRAIGHT)

(d) CAIRNCROSS recalled Michael STRAIGHT well and described him as having been pretty well in with the leadership of the student branch. He did not remember him, however, in any sinister context.

(e) When told of the statement by Michael STRAIGHT that at meetings of the Trinity cell of the student branch there had been a man sitting at the back taking notes, CAIRNCROSS said he had no recollection of such a person.]

(f) Questioned about aggregate meetings of the student branch, CAIRNCROSS said he had no memory of them and was quite certain that he had not attended any such meetings.

COMMENT

CAIRNCROSS had in fact spoken of attending aggregate meetings before (para. 13 of 625b refers).

(g) Reference was made to CAIRNCROSS' earlier statement that he had been a founder member of the Modern Languages Club and its Chairman in 1936. CAIRNCROSS said that the Modern Languages Club had, he thought, only held two or three meetings. Although a number of those present had not been members of the student branch, Party members had inevitably taken a prominent part in its proceedings. In answer to a question CAIRNCROSS said that there had been no Modern Languages fraction of the student branch as such during his time at Cambridge.

(h) Asked whether he knew that there had been underground members of the student branch at Cambridge, CAIRNCROSS said that he had never suspected that there were undergraduates whose membership of the Party was kept entirely secret.

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(i) In the light of the statement by [redacted] K. (140c) that CAIRNCROSS had been voluble at meetings of the Cambridge University Socialist Society prior to April 1935, CAIRNCROSS was questioned about his earlier statement that he had not been involved much with the C.U.S.S. He said that he had certainly attended C.U.S.S. meetings but he had sat quietly taking no active part. He did not believe that he had been a member of the C.U.S.S., commenting that if this had involved payment of dues as a good Scotsman he would have been against it. Similarly he had no recollection whatsoever of paying dues to the Party: he thought if he had done so he would have remembered for the same reasons.]

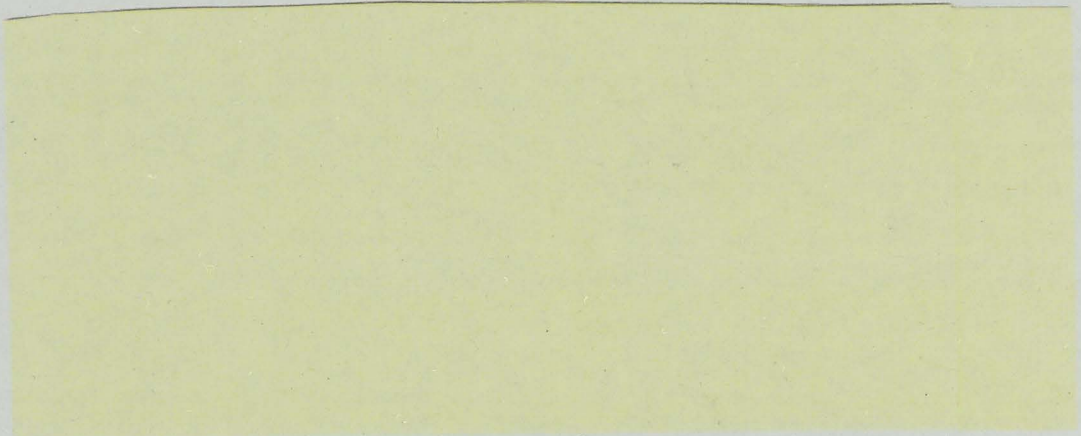
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(1) A list of names put to CAIRNCROSS on which he had no comment is attached to this report.

24. Towards the end of the interview we referred to the earlier discussions with CAIRNCROSS concerning the possibility of a confrontation with James KLUGMANN (para. 12 of 675a refers). Peter Wright said that we were considering mounting an operation against KLUGMANN in the near future with the object, at least initially, of persuading him to talk about his own involvement with the R.I.S. The basis of the approach would be that we had hard evidence that he had been responsible for introducing at least one person in Government Service to a Russian in the full knowledge that that Russian was a member of the R.I.S. whose purpose was to recruit the person concerned as a spy. The Communist Party of Great Britain had for years represented itself as a Party which worked only within the framework of the Constitution and in our view the Party leadership, particularly in the present post-Czechoslovakia climate, would be most reluctant to be seen to have been involved with espionage. It was therefore our hope that when the position was made clear to him KLUGMANN would decide that he could best serve the interests of the Communist Party by co-operating with us as far as his knowledge of espionage was concerned. An approach to KLUGMANN would almost certainly involve a confrontation with CAIRNCROSS and for that purpose it would be necessary for CAIRNCROSS to visit the U.K. It was important that KLUGMANN should be made to realise that any threats we made were real ones and we must therefore be prepared if necessary to take the case to court. Before submitting our proposals to our masters - and thence in all probability to Ministers - we wished to discover how far CAIRNCROSS himself was prepared to go in assisting us. We said that if court proceedings were found necessary later we were confident that we could arrange for CAIRNCROSS' name to be suppressed. We emphasised that at this stage we could make no promises concerning the likely reactions of our masters and of Ministers but we hoped that if their reactions were favourable it might also be possible to arrange for the present restrictions on CAIRNCROSS visiting the U.K. to be lifted.]

25. In complete contrast to his attitude on the last occasion, when we had finished our introductory statement CAIRNCROSS said that he had no hesitation whatsoever in agreeing to our suggestion. He was "all in favour" and accepted it entirely. He fully agreed that in preparing such an operation we must be ready to go the whole way if necessary, i.e. to take the case to court. He had no objections whatsoever to appearing in court providing he could be

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referred to as "Mr X". On several occasions CAIRNCROSS said that he was with us "up to the hilt". As there was no doubt whatsoever that KLUGMANN had been responsible for bringing him into the sphere of espionage and for introducing him to "Otto" he believed that there was a good chance of the operation succeeding and he commented that in his view the timing was very propitious. As for his being able to visit the U.K. again, CAIRNCROSS said he would welcome that if it were agreed. Although he had no wish to live in the U.K. he would certainly like to make occasional visits to see his brother, etc. He would also welcome the opportunity of being able to travel to British territories abroad, for example to Hong Kong. He realised full well, from his own experience of how the Government machine worked, that we could make no promises and that the operation would in all probability have to be sanctioned by Ministers. In answer to a question, we made it clear to CAIRNCROSS that we could in no way speak for the American authorities and could not guarantee in any way that the American embargo on him would also be lifted. In a discussion about the possible timing of the operation, CAIRNCROSS said that November would be a very bad month as far as he was concerned as the annual F.A.O. Conference took place then. He would be prepared to come to the U.K. at any other time, however. If the confrontation was not successful and if court proceedings had to be initiated he would prefer these to take place after his retirement from F.A.O., say after the 1st February, 1970, but he emphasised that he was not trying to make conditions. We left it that we would now submit the case to our superiors and that in due course we would either communicate with him by letter or call on him again in Rome to arrange further details.]

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CONCLUSIONS

[26. There were a number of important dividends from the interview with CAIRNCROSS. Not only were we able to secure his full agreement to the proposed operation against KLUGMANN but, in spite of his very poor memory of members of the student branch outside Trinity, his comments on certain individuals at Cambridge were both new and of great interest. Perhaps of almost equal importance, however, were two factors bearing on CAIRNCROSS himself. Firstly, his position in the communist student movement at Cambridge can now be seen in better perspective: what he had to say about COSTELLO, NORMAN and others clearly shows that as well as being a dedicated Communist he was himself closely connected with the "hard-core" of the student branch. The second factor was the marked change in CAIRNCROSS' attitude at this interview. CAIRNCROSS was throughout very lucid and precise in his statements and in his replies to questions. Although his memory failed him on certain matters there was absolutely no trace of the vagueness, confused thinking and indecision which had been commented on at earlier interviews. Furthermore, on this occasion CAIRNCROSS was smartly dressed and obviously in a reasonably healthy financial state.]

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[27. These changes in themselves were remarkable enough. In addition, however, [there were substantial differences between CAIRNCROSS' statements to us on a number of issues and his statements at earlier interviews. Apart from minor but

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significant changes in his comments on [redacted] VAN ABBE and CHIVERS, as noted above there were also major variations in his statements concerning Jakes EWER, Jenifer FISCHER WILLIAMS and David HUBBACK. It should be noted that his present account, given without any prompting, of EWER's approaches to him entirely accords with EWER's own version and that his earlier reported statements were the sole basis for suspicion that EWER had been in any way involved with the R.I.S. It is a matter for speculation whether CAIRNCROSS, who made his original statement about approaches by EWER, though without suggesting that EWER was working for the R.I.S., as early as 1952 long before he himself confessed, may not thereafter have been "stuck with the story" and, when questioned further, have felt that he had to elaborate. As noted in the Comment to para. 9, CAIRNCROSS' firm statements on this occasion that Jenifer FISCHER WILLIAMS had not expressed Marxist views at meetings of the LAYTON group and that he had had no cause to wonder whether she was "in the game" are also more in keeping with the known facts of her case. At that time Jenifer FISCHER WILLIAMS was under control in the Home Office and had been instructed not only to disguise her true political sympathies but indeed "to build up an impression of being a right wing or middle of the road member of the Civil Service". Although David HUBBACK has been reported to have been close to the student branch of the Party at Cambridge CAIRNCROSS maintained that he did not know him there. As there are no suggestions that HUBBACK expressed communist views after leaving Cambridge it would have been strange if CAIRNCROSS had been able to judge him to be a Communist solely on the basis of their acquaintanceship in the LAYTON group.]

(28. In searching for the cause of the marked change of attitude on CAIRNCROSS' part we concluded that there were three possibilities. Firstly, we considered that the circumstances of his personal life might recently have altered to such an extent that he had been able to rid himself of the strong guilt complex from which he had suffered for years and to regain his self respect. His improved financial position and the indications, mentioned in para. 1, that he might have acquired a girl friend might be relevant in that context. We felt, however, that two other possibilities, albeit less likely, could not be entirely ignored, namely that the change in his attitude could conceivably be explained either by his having been under R.I.S. control until very recently and having now succeeded in "getting off the hook" or, conversely, by his having been recently brought back under R.I.S. control.) In view of the importance of the operation planned against KLUGMANN and the potentially serious consequences to that operation should CAIRNCROSS be, or recently have been, in touch with the R.I.S.; we judged it essential to attempt to obtain more background information on CAIRNCROSS in the hope that we would then be able to discard the latter two possibilities.

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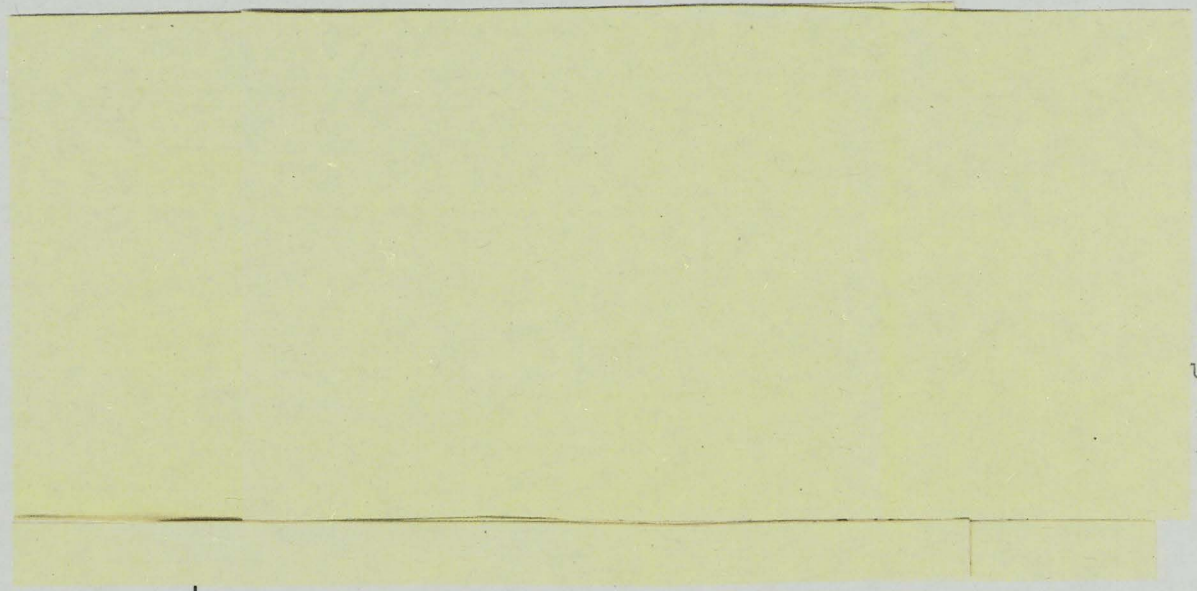
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WRIGHT, Peter Kentish	1932-35

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WALL, Geoffrey Chesterman	1934-37
SIMPSON, Scott	1934-37

Corpus Christi

WYNDHAM, George Colville	1934-37
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Emmanuel

STOTESBURY, Herbert Wentworth @ David	1935-38
WELBOURN, Donald Birkewood	1934-37

Fitzwilliam House

PHELPS, Gilbert Henry	1934-37
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Girton

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BURNS, Professor Benedict de Lisle	1933-37
LUCAS, Frank Lawrence	1920-39
WATSON, Alistair	1926-39
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Magdalene

JOHNSON, Barry	1935-38
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HENRY, Dr Norman Fordyce McKerron	1934-38/9
MIALL, Roland Leonard	1933-36
RIVLIN, Roland Samuel	1934-37 ?
<i>Gen. B. (UKG) / 149.</i> WALTON, Sidney Russell	1932-36
HONE, Arthur Robert	1934-37

Trinity

BARTON, William Ernest	1935-38
HOWARD, Herbert Seymour	1934-37
JOHNSTON, C. Gordon	c. 1933-36
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MORRISON, Alistair Robin Gwyn	1934-37
MORGAN, Gilbert Walter	1929-35
TRIM, Reggie	1934-37
RICHARDSON, Kenneth	1932-35
LONG, Leo	1935-38
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(Nationalité) (Nationalité de Naissance)
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*2. Nationality French At Birth.....

3. Born about 1913 at..... Sex.....

4. Occupation 1952: Teacher at the French Institute in London

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- Books etc)*

5. Address(es).....

6. Passport/A.R.C./Naturalisation Number.. [Redacted]

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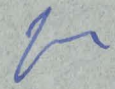
30 April 1969

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your note of 28 April. I'll be at tel 5797
(extension 3024) most of the time from 8.30 to 12.30 and from 1.30 on.
I'm away leave a message to ring the Eden, or, if no answer, please ring
again.

I look forward to seeing you again, with your friend,

Yours ever,



John Cairncross

Mr Peter M Wright

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Airletter

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Butlers,
Littley Green,
Gt. Waltham,
Chelmsford,
Essex

28th April 1969

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of 8th April. Tuesday 13th May will suit us very well. If you could be free to meet us in the morning, we would arrange to arrive in the afternoon of Monday 12th May. We shall be staying at the Hotel Eden, via Ludovisi 49. Could you please let me have a telephone number where I can ring you sometime on Monday afternoon?

Yours

Peter M. Wright

J. Cairncross Esq.,
F.A.O., Room B. 704,
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla,
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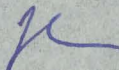
8 April 1969

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter of 28 March. Tuesday May 13 (thirteen) would suit me very well. Perhaps you could, if this is acceptable, let me know in advance when you are coming, so that I can make the best arrangements, if possible fixing a meeting place and time ^{beforehand} in advance.

Many thanks

Your's ever



John Cairncross

Mr P M Wright

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Butlers,
Littley Green,
Gt. Waltham,
Chelmsford,
Essex.

28.3.69

Thank you for your letter of
10th March.

Would you be able to see us during
any of the first four days of the week
beginning Monday 12th May?

Yours

Peter M. Wright

Air letter:

John Cairncross Esq.,

F.A.O. (Room B 704)

Viale delle Terme di Caracalla,

ROME

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20th March 1969

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John CAIRNCROSS

Dear Peter,

2. [redacted] has informed us that the latest (January 1969) list of British subjects at F.A.O. lists the following:

Development Department
Area Service Division
Reports Unit

Mr. J. CAIRNCROSS

LESMAHAGOW
Lanarkshire
his birthplace

Residence: LOJMAGHAGOW (sic)

Duty: Reports Office (Rome)

Date entered: 26 Oct 64

Telephone Ext: 3024

Room No: B.704

Yours

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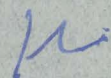
10 March 1969

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter. I'm sorry the dates suggested don't suit you. I'll be in Geneva (Hotel de la Paix) on Friday and Saturday March 28 and 29 if that is any use. Otherwise, I'll be on call in May but I'd be grateful for some notice, and if you could choose weekdays in the first half of the week* Monday to Thursday evening.

I look forward to hearing from you as regards either suggestion.

Kind regards,



John Cairncross

Mr P M Wright



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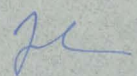
Rec 10/3

7 March 1969

Dear Peter,

A thousand apologies, but could you make the day either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday instead of Monday 31, as proposed. Please confirm when you can and excuse the confusion.

Yours ever,



John Cairncross

Mr P Wright



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Butlers,
Littley Greenk
Gt. Waltham,
Chelmsford,
Essex

4th March 1969

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter
about your plans to be in Paris at
the end of March.

These dates do not suit me
very well and I think it would be better
if I were to come to Rome, say in May, and
see you there. I would propose to bring
a colleague, Cecil Shipp, with me.

Would you be able to meet us
during one or two days in May)

Kind regards,

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FAO(Room B 704)
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February 1969

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter. I plan to be in Paris from Sunday 30 March for about four days. I imagine that you would not be keen to take Sunday off, and therefore suggest Monday. Perhaps you could drop a line to say which arrangement would suit you. I would also plan to be at my usual little hotel - Hotel des Balcons, Rue Casimir de la Vigne, in the Quartier Latin.

I look forward very much to seeing you.

Yours ever,

John

John Cairncross

Mr Peter M Wright

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Butlers,
Littley Green,
Gt. Waltham,
Chelmsford,
Essex.

3rd February 1969

Thank you very much for your
letter.

Yes, I should be very pleased
to see you in Paris in early April, I
have several things of interest to discuss
with you. Please let me know more exact
dates as soon as you can.

PETER M. WRIGHT

Peter M. Wright

J. Cairncross Esq.,
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(Room B. 704)
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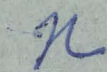
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Dear Peter,

New Year's Greetings and not too many worries, though perhaps you thrive on that!

I m planning a trip to Paris in early April. Any chance of seeing you? And are there any developments of interest to me?

Yours ever



John Cairncross

Please send letter to me FAO(Room B 704), Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome, and mark it ~~By~~ PERSONAL

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P.A. in: PF 72,493 (CAIRNCROSS)

Original in: PF 94,026, Vol. 7 at serial 500b

Dated: 26.11.68.

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Extract from report of two interviews with Michael Menaham GREEN @ GREENBERG at Room 055 on 23rd and 28th August, 1968 conducted by F2/URG/COS and K3/AAC.

GREEN was a member of the Student Branch of the C.P. whilst at Trinity College, Cambridge from 1933-39. He is alleged to have worked for the R.I.S. while employed in the Board of Economic Warfare in Washington in 1943/44. The information he has provided about persons known to him at Cambridge University can be assessed as "probably reliable".

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8. GREEN maintained that although he was acquainted with two of the leading Communists in the University, KIUGMAN and CORNFORD, he had known nothing of the organisation of the student branch. The following names were then put to GREEN to see if he remembered them as being members of the Trinity cell at this stage and also later during the second interview. He had to be reminded on numerous occasions that he was not being asked if he merely remembered them, but if he remembered them in a communist context:-

John CAIRNCROSS

He said that he had known him quite well and remembered him as a fellow member of the Marxist Study Group (or Trinity cell.) GREEN said their relationship was basically political/economic, and that he had not mixed in the same social circle as CAIRNCROSS.

F2/URG/PO
7.5.69.

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P.a. in PF. 44,592 and PF. 72,493
Orig. in PF. 604,582 v. 13 ser. 642a dated 23.7.68.

Extract from Note for File

I had a quick meeting with Sir Anthony BLUNT at 12.30 p.m.
on 23rd July 1968.

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Comment: This was in
the period 1938/
September 1939.

Comment: BURGESS and
BLUNT were out of
touch in the period
Autumn 1939 - Autumn
1940.

Comment: This tends to
confirm BLUNT's
previous tentative
admission that he
continued to see MAX
after the war. He said
before (on 12.7.64.) that
he had a meeting with
MAX on BURGESS's
behalf in either late
1945 or very early
1946. Moreover, the
meeting was not an
isolated occasion
although there
cannot have been
very many such meetings.

3. I asked him again about the story involving Michael STRAIGHT, John CAIRNCROSS and the money. He said this episode happened when John was working to Guy BURGESS. Guy wanted money to enable John CAIRNCROSS to entertain some people. BLUNT wrote to Michael STRAIGHT asking for £100 for "a friend in the cause". He heard nothing from Michael but received a cheque for £100 from Michael's mother who gave no reason for sending the money except that Michael had asked her to do so. As far as BLUNT was concerned the Russians did not come into the story at all: they were all out of touch at the time. He did it on behalf of Guy. He went on to tell me that after the war MAX had warned him and Guy to keep away from Michael STRAIGHT "as we are doubtful about him". STRAIGHT came over to this country for an Apostles dinner. After the dinner BLUNT and BURGESS took him to the Reform Club and "took him apart" for being a traitor.

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23.7.68.

signed Peter M. Wright

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13 May 1968

MEMORANDUM

From

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To

J. E. Day ^{en}

Box 500.

Security Dept.
DSAs

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14 MAY 1968

TO: [Redacted]

REF: PF 72,493

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PF. 72,493 / DI Inv. / J.E.D.
Brussels 1945-46

1/24/6.

Your letter of 29 April..

I am sure there will be no record now at Brussels, and I fear we can find nothing in papers kept in London.

We took the opportunity of Sir Geoffrey Harrison's presence in London to ask him but he simply could not remember - he thinks he would have remembered such a visit if it had taken place.

Have you tried published memoirs or even Kiesing?

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Original at: serial 50 in PF 55,637.

Dated: 8.5.68.

Extract from Interview with Denis William © Jakes EWER on 1st December, 1967 in the University of Legon, Accra, by F2/URG/C.O. Shipp.

EWER was a Student at Trinity College, Cambridge (1931-37). He joined the Student Branch of the Communist Party in 1935, and was a member of the Secretariat in 1936. He is thought to be a reliable source.

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11. At this stage I told EWER that it had been alleged that he himself had been involved with the Russian Intelligence Service. EWER said that that was completely untrue. I then asked him whether he had not been a member of the so-called David LAYTON circle in London. EWER replied that he knew David LAYTON very well of course: he had always regarded him as a Liberal. EWER at first said that he did not recall ever having been to David LAYTON's house in London but he later admitted that he might have been there once or twice. Nevertheless, he had never been a member of any LAYTON circle. When I suggested that Judy FISCHER-WILLIAMS and David HUBBACK had been members of the circle EWER said that although he had known them well at Cambridge he could not recall having met them at LAYTON's house. I then told him that it had been reported that in 1937 he had made an intelligence approach either in London or Cambridge to John CAIRNCROSS, then in the Foreign Office. EWER said the name John CAIRNCROSS meant nothing to him at all and he had certainly never made such an approach to anyone. During further discussions I mentioned that it had been alleged that he had taken CAIRNCROSS aside on more than one occasion and had asked him if he had anything to report. The way in which EWER had questioned him had given CAIRNCROSS the impression that he was making an intelligence approach. EWER said that that was nonsense but he supposed that as a Communist and as someone who had a "journalistic bent" it was quite possible that in 1937 he would have asked a Civil Servant whom he knew to be or to have been a Communist what he had got to report. This would have been said in a semi-jocular manner and there would have been nothing more to it than general political curiosity. I suggested that one of the reasons why CAIRNCROSS might have jumped to that conclusion was that EWER had a reputation for enjoying clandestine activity. EWER said that that was perfectly true: like many others, this was for him a large part of the attraction of Communism at that time. Unfortunately, however, he had never had much opportunity for indulging his whim. EWER went on to say that he had been surprised that during the war when he had been engaged on very secret work in the Services no one had approached him for information. Although he was then out of contact with the Party he was still very much a Communist and would almost certainly have been prepared to supply information to the Party or for that matter to the Russians. He had assumed then - and the same reasons might well apply to the earlier period at Cambridge - that he had not been approached in an intelligence context because the Russians did not trust him as a result of his father's history. He thought they would have reckoned that, as his father's earlier work for the Russians was known to the British authorities, he himself would have been the object of more than usual attention.

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29th April, 1968.

Brussels 1945-46

We are trying to date an incident to which the only clues are:

- (i) Anthony EDEN (now Lord AVON) was visiting Brussels.
- (ii) Geoffrey HARRISON (now Sir Geoffrey HARRISON) was at the Embassy in Brussels.

2. According to the Foreign Office list Sir Geoffrey HARRISON served in Brussels from 7th September 1945 until 23rd October 1947.

3. The incident would only be of interest to us if it could have occurred in September or October 1945. Is it possible to enquire of the Embassy whether Anthony EDEN visited Brussels in September or October 1945.

4. The security implications of the incident, if indeed there are any, do not affect the Foreign Office, Brussels, or either of the individuals named in this letter.

J. E. Day

D.S.A.O.

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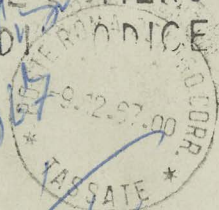
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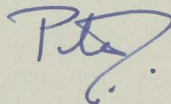
1st December, 1967.

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th November. I have been abroad, as you know. I am planning to come to Rome on Tuesday 12th December and would meet you some time on Wednesday 13th. I am writing to Anthony also to arrange that we can meet à trois. If these dates are suitable, can you let me know whether you can get some time off on the 13th, as I would like to fly home on the evening of the 13th.

Yes, the name Costello is of interest to me. I look forward to talking to you about it.

Yours sincerely,



John Cairncross, Esq.,
Via Armando Spadini 16,
Parioli,
Rome.

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Reference.....

P.a. in PF. 72,493 Orig. in PF. 604,582, v. 12.
ser. 607b. dated 29.2.68.

I saw Sir Anthony BLUNT at his flat on the evening of 24th January 1968.

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Did Michael feed BLUNT any talent-spotting material ever? No, he said, he had had only one contact with STRAIGHT over R.I.S. matters after Michael went back to the States and that was over John CAIRNCROSS. CAIRNCROSS was very hard up and BLUNT fixed with the Russians for Michael to get his mother in England to give CAIRNCROSS a draft.

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D.3.
29.2.68.

signed Peter M. Wright

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2/5/68

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NOTE

In searching this file for CAIRNCROSS's information about his controller, OTTO, I found he had made so many contradictory statements on different occasions that I thought it helpful to make the attached summaries or statements of what he did say, both on that subject and several related ones.

2. I have today sent a copy of the attached to F.2/URG/Mr Shipp to help him in his study of the case of EWER.

B. Palliser

B. J. B. Palliser.

D.3

4th January, 1968.

*M.C.F.
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*5/15
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CAIRNCROSS and OTTO

In October 1936 CAIRNCROSS entered the Foreign Office. Soon after this he was introduced to OTTO by KLUGMAN, in Regents Park. KLUGMAN effected the introduction, then immediately left them alone together. It was obvious at this first meeting and subsequently that KLUGMAN knew OTTO quite well. OTTO was introduced to CAIRNCROSS by way of an ideological mentor, rather than an espionage controller, and gradually began to threaten him by implication that he would reveal to the Foreign Office CAIRNCROSS's involvement with Communism. They had about 6 to 12 meetings altogether, usually in London parks. CAIRNCROSS also said they would meet at Hampstead tube station and go to the restaurant above. OTTO would make arrangements at one R.V. for the next. He aimed at monthly meetings but did not always achieve this. He was absent for a long period or periods.

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2. OTTO spent the major part of his time with CAIRNCROSS indoctrinating him thoroughly into Marxism. When CAIRNCROSS started to pass information, he gave oral accounts; later, after about a year, he passed documents, which OTTO would take to copy and always return to him in time for him to put back in the Foreign Office the next day. Almost all the documents he passed were circulating telegrams.

CAIRNCROSS's Description of OTTO

Small, burly. A large head on a short, stocky, body. 5'6" - 7" tall. Broad-shouldered, heavy jowled face. A full head of straight black hair. (On another occasion he described it as wavy, brushed back.) In the late 30's or early 40's. A tough extrovert. Married, with his wife with him in London. "Home" was presumably Russia; OTTO went home on leave at least once during his time of contact with CAIRNCROSS, and once, on his return, described conditions in Russia. Spoke good English, but better, in fact perfect, German. Possibly a German refugee or a Czech. He was a spender - was always short at the end of the month. CAIRNCROSS did not know his job. He always saw him on foot, never in a car.

2. The photo of Arnold DEUTSCH shown to CAIRNCROSS could just have been of OTTO, though he did not think that it was he. At any rate, it was the nearest likeness to OTTO, of the photos CAIRNCROSS was shown. OTTO, he said, was less handsome than DEUTSCH, and the reflective expression on DEUTSCH's face did not fit OTTO.

3. CAIRNCROSS was also shown a drawing of Ignace REISS which similarly reminded him somewhat of OTTO.

4. There is no full list on the file of the photographs shown to CAIRNCROSS as possible candidates for OTTO, but, in addition to that of DEUTSCH and the drawing of REISS, mention is made of a photo of KAPTELZEFF which he rejected completely.

5. On 10.8.65 CAIRNCROSS added some more details to his description of OTTO:

no spectacles, no moustache, broad-boned face, dark eyes, regular nose, broad generous mouth, engaging smile.

On this occasion he produced the contradictory impression that OTTO's wife was living in Russia. He said he had always speculated that OTTO had been recalled to Moscow in connection with the "Stalin purges". He traced this speculation to his feeling that OTTO was a Jew (though his features were not obviously so) and to the belief that anyone as Westernised as OTTO must have been in danger. (He may have had a better reason for thinking OTTO in danger, but had probably forgotten it.) BURGESS once told CAIRNCROSS that OTTO "gave bad social advice". He thought this showed that there were others like himself who had been taken over by BURGESS after OTTO left.

6. On one occasion CAIRNCROSS referred quite definitely to OTTO's going on leave in January 1937 (see 721a, paragraph 9).

CAIRNCROSS's statements about the disappearance
of OTTO.

- 16.2.64
554a OTTO disappeared without warning at roughly the same time as CAIRNCROSS's transfer to the Treasury (1.10.38). CAIRNCROSS was then completely out of touch with the R.I.S. for several months.
- 10.8.65
662a CAIRNCROSS cannot date OTTO's departure precisely. He remembers OTTO announcing one day that he was going and making arrangements for contact by a successor. The successor would ring up, use a prescribed phrase and they would meet at a prescribed place after a prescribed interval. Although there was a long gap before ROBERT, he nevertheless used OTTO's prearranged procedure. Departure of OTTO probably before CAIRNCROSS's transfer to the Treasury in October 1938. (Because he was questioned about this by ROBERT.) Interregnum between OTTO and ROBERT about a year and a half - say May 1938 to September 1939. He met OTTO by pre-arrangement at the Paris Exhibition (which was May-Sept.1937) so must have still been in contact with him at that date.
- 6.9.65
666a OTTO was in London at time of Busk's wedding (1937) and in Paris for the Exhibition.
- 16.12.65
675a OTTO departed some time between August 1937 and February 1938. He left with no impression of urgency or trouble - merely as at the end of his tour. CAIRNCROSS did not meet OTTO after he joined the Treasury. This puts OTTO's departure definitely before 1.10.38.
- 19.9.67
721a OTTO's final disappearance was between September 1937 and March 1938. He went completely without warning, unlike the occasions of his departures on leave or on business trips to the Continent, when he always gave warning.]

COMMENT

From the above conflicting statements it will be seen that CAIRNCROSS places the departure of OTTO any time between August 1937 and October 1938. As he has made numerous statements to the effect that OTTO's disappearance was before his Treasury days and also given other indications that it took place some months earlier than October 1938, I think we can disregard his first, 1964, statement that the disappearance coincided with his transfer to the Treasury. This would leave our final assessment of CAIRNCROSS's estimate of OTTO's departure at between August 1937 and May 1938.

NOTE: CAIRNCROSS is shown above to have spoken of a pre-arranged meeting with OTTO at the Paris Exhibition. He has also said, however, (1.3.64) that on no occasion did he meet a member of the R.I.S. while abroad. Possibly he meant "while living abroad".

KLUGMAN's Part in the Spying of CAIRNCROSS

At Trinity, CAIRNCROSS's French and German studies brought him into contact with KLUGMAN. He first met him towards the end of his first term (Autumn 1934) and fell under his spell. After CAIRNCROSS entered the Foreign Office in October 1936 KLUGMAN contacted him, almost certainly by telephone (he not having seen KLUGMAN since the latter left Cambridge in the summer of 1935) and introduced him to OTTO in Regents Park. He said "I want to put you in touch with one of our friends who will keep you in touch with things". OTTO was thus introduced in terms of an ideological mentor rather than a spy-master. KLUGMAN left CAIRNCROSS and OTTO alone together as soon as he had effected the introduction.

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2. During the absence of OTTO from contact with CAIRNCROSS, either a temporary absence or the inter-regnum between OTTO's final departure and the appearance of ROBERT (CAIRNCROSS thought more likely the former) KLUGMAN introduced him to a young member of the B.C.P., presumably by way of temporary controller. He introduced them and then left them together. CAIRNCROSS never followed up the invitation to keep in touch with this person. (CAIRNCROSS said that after this he met no one in an R.I.S. context till round about Munich. Now Munich was in Autumn 1938, about six months at least, according to CAIRNCROSS's reckoning, after the final departure of OTTO. The meeting with the young Communist was therefore presumably after OTTO's final disappearance, and not during one of his temporary absences. Very recently (on 19.9.67) CAIRNCROSS has said that this introduction must have taken place in January 1937, when OTTO was on leave, and not after his final disappearance.)

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CAIRNCROSS and EWER

CAIRNCROSS knew EWER at Trinity, where, after KLUGMAN's departure in the summer of 1935, EWER was leader of the Communists.

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2. CAIRNCROSS said that in his first stages at the Foreign Office (he entered the American Department in October 1936, moved to Western Department, where he worked under MACLEAN, in March 1937, and to Central Department at the time of Munich in Autumn 1938) he used to attend meetings of the LAYTON Club at LAYTON's home. "At a few of these meetings" EWER asked if he had "anything to report".

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3. It was at the time of his original statement in April 1952 that CAIRNCROSS made this reference to EWER. He was asked recently why he had pointed out EWER in this way. He said that it was because EWER was a key figure in the Trinity Communist set-up. He had the attitude of mind suitable for a spy: he liked clandestine activity. There was also one particular incident which CAIRNCROSS remembered; he returned to Cambridge from the Foreign Office for some event, James EWER took him aside and asked if he had anything to report. CAIRNCROSS was at that time out of touch with OTTO and assumed EWER had been put up, rather like BURGESS, to fill a gap. He was frightened to think of EWER knowing about his espionage and gave him the impression he did not understand him.

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CAIRNCROSS and BURGESS

CAIRNCROSS's statements about BURGESS.

31.3.52

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CAIRNCROSS said he first met BURGESS, probably during 1937, through some Foreign Office link. BURGESS thereafter invited him to one or two parties. At some time in 1937 he travelled with BURGESS from Cambridge to London by train. At BURGESS's Chester Square flat he met people of the calibre of Harold NICHOLSON and MOUNSEY of the F.O.

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In the spring of 1937 CAIRNCROSS met BURGESS (not necessarily for the first time) in BLUNT's room in Trinity. He made the journey back to London with BURGESS. Some time later BURGESS asked him to meet him in a cafe in Paris. CAIRNCROSS did not do so. In about September 1937 he went to a party of BURGESS's at Chester Square at which Harold NICHOLSON was present. He continued to see BURGESS at intervals of anything from once a week to once in three months.

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In 1938, after CAIRNCROSS had been out of touch with OTTO for several months, BURGESS contacted him, revealed to him his involvement in espionage and told him in future to report to him. And so he did, until the early days of the war, when he transferred to ROBERT.

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CAIRNCROSS thinks he first met BURGESS at a tea party in BLUNT's room. Louis McNEICE was present. This was probably shortly before the KLUGMAN approach. He then went to parties at BURGESS's flat in London. He remembered one particularly, in late 1936 or early 1937, when Harold NICHOLSON, PUTLITZ and MOUNSEY were present. He occasionally met BURGESS during the war and after - but they never again mentioned spying.

10.8.65

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CAIRNCROSS thinks that it was in late September/October 1936 that KLUGMAN introduced him to OTTO. He associates it with light evenings and, since he remembers spending the summer of 1936 in Germany, he thinks September/October was the earliest it could be. If this date is right then his meeting with BLUNT, BURGESS and McNEICE in Cambridge must have been only a week or two before that - i.e. directly he returned from Germany. He remembers that, before the meeting in Cambridge, BURGESS had suggested that they should look each other up in Paris. He thinks this would only make sense in terms of his having travelled through Paris at the start of his holiday in Germany. He did not in fact take up this invitation. His reading of the situation is that KLUGMAN and BURGESS had discussed his recruitment. BURGESS was deputed by KLUGMAN to look him over and, having failed to clinch the Paris meeting, used BLUNT (and CAIRNCROSS still believes BLUNT was unconscious) to arrange the meeting. CAIRNCROSS believes, on the basis of their journey back to London together, that he made a bad impression on BURGESS and that KLUGMAN went ahead despite BURGESS's adverse report. He bases this on some vaguely disparaging remarks which KLUGMAN made to him about BURGESS - roughly to the effect that BURGESS had his head in the clouds.

2. After OTTO had left (and CAIRNCROSS thinks it was not very long after) BURGESS arranged a meeting with CAIRNCROSS. BURGESS got down to business with some such remark as "Rumour has it that you have been seeing a lot of a friend of mine". CAIRNCROSS thinks that BURGESS used a Christian name and that it was not OTTO. When it was clear that CAIRNCROSS was not going to remember the name I ^(ASH)suggested "George" and CAIRNCROSS agreed that it might well have been though he was not positive of it. At any rate, they settled on "Otto" and BURGESS revealed that he was in touch with "OTTO's boss". He talked of "OTTO's boss" with some reverence describing him as a most remarkable man. He asked CAIRNCROSS to continue to provide him with the sort of information he had been passing to OTTO and, until OTTO's successor arrived, he would see that it reached "OTTO's boss". The notes in CAIRNCROSS's handwriting found among BURGESS's papers relate to this period.

3. CAIRNCROSS said that BURGESS never introduced him into his social circle (except for the one party he had previously described). There was a business relationship with BURGESS very much the controller - although he did not apply pressure in the way that OTTO had. In this context CAIRNCROSS averred that no pressure had been put on him in 1939 to request his transfer from the Treasury back to the Foreign Office or to G.C. and C.S. or M.E.W. This was simply his own desire - he was bored with the Treasury.

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CAIRNCROSS had contacts with BURGESS in Paris, perhaps late in his final year in Cambridge. But he had no recollection of meeting him then and thought it much more likely that he met him after he had joined the F.O. BURGESS kept up with him during his first two years at the F.O. Looking back, CAIRNCROSS felt that BURGESS's role was rather that of a check than of an initiator and that the person who played the main role was KLUGMAN. He was in touch with BURGESS during OTTO's absence, say just before or during Munich. He asked us to check the dates of the notes he made for BURGESS, to see if they were written at the time of Munich or just before September 1939. He felt it would be the former. (In fact they are of March/April 1939).

16.12.65

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Round about Munich BURGESS approached him, said he worked for OTTO's "big Boss" and asked CAIRNCROSS to pass him his material. (CAIRNCROSS was working in Central Department of Foreign Office, on German desk.) Flurry of activity with BURGESS until Munich was over, then nothing until ROBERT came. ROBERT remonstrated with him for passing material to BURGESS. ROBERT said at first meeting, "We have left you alone for a considerable time, now you must get going."

CAIRNCROSS and BLUNT.

At Trinity, CAIRNCROSS said, his French and German studies brought him into contact with BLUNT. It was at a tea party in BLUNT's room that CAIRNCROSS first met BURGESS. Louis McNEICE was present. This was probably before the KLUGMAN approach (but after CAIRNCROSS himself had left Cambridge and when he was back there on a visit).

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2. BLUNT has told us that, after he came to London in 1937 to the Warburg Institute, he was in regular touch with BURGESS, from whom he knew that CAIRNCROSS was recruited, but was not part of BURGESS's network. (BLUNT was surprised to hear that KLUGMAN had done the recruiting and not BURGESS himself.) He explained that he and BURGESS together had "hatched" the recruitment (see next paragraph) but it was possible that GEORGE (BLUNT's name for OTTO) had decreed that KLUGMAN had better be the one to carry it out.

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3. BLUNT said CAIRNCROSS was not a pupil of his, but lived on his staircase. He was a student of Modern Languages, BLUNT's subject, and he thought he had probably got to know him originally through that. He liked him, found him intelligent and so obviously left-wing he thought he must have been a local Party member. He thought Guy had presumably gone through the same process, got the same response - investigated him. BLUNT arranged a meeting between them when Guy came down one time. He wrote to Guy, welcoming him for the weekend and telling him he would ask CAIRNCROSS in for a drink, making it seem quite casual. It was quite by chance that BURGESS and CAIRNCROSS then met again in the train going back to London on a Monday morning, and BLUNT remembered BURGESS discussing the affair and saying that CAIRNCROSS would ascribe his recruitment to this chance meeting in the train, and not associate it with BLUNT or BLUNT's rooms and staircase.

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Letter to Peter Wright from
John CAIRNCROSS. Letter
dated 28 December, 1967.
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Via Armando Spadini 16
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28 December 1967

Dear Peter,

A brief note to thank you for your telegram. January is a good month
(especially if a weekend) and I hope you will be able to manage it.

All good wishes for 1968

Yours ever,



John Cairncross

Mr P M Wright

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Text of telegram sent over the telephone on
11.12.67, at approximately 2.45 p.m.:-

John CAIRNCROSS, Via Armando Spadini 16,
Parioli, Rome. Owing to emergency here
have had to cancel trip. Writing - Wright.

[Handwritten signature]
~~13/194~~
11.12.67.

Butlers,

Littley Green,

Great Waltham,

Chelmsford,

Essex.

1st December, 1967.

CAIRNCROSS never
received this letter -
see 733za.

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th November. I have been abroad, as you know. I am planning to come to Rome on Tuesday 12th December and would meet you some time on Wednesday 13th. I am writing to Anthony also to arrange that we can meet à trois. If these dates are suitable, can you let me know whether you can get some time off on the 13th, as I would like to fly home on the evening of the 13th.

Yes, the name Costello is of interest to me. I look forward to talking to you about it.

Yours sincerely,

Signed Peter D. Wright

John Cairncross, Esq.,
Via Armando Spadini 16,
Parioli,
Rome.

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1.12.67*

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Via Armando Spadini 16
Parioli
Rome

20 November 1967

Received 23.11.67

Dear Peter,

A short word about your trip. I plan to be out of Rome about 16 December on since we have a long break. If possible please arrange our meeting before that.

A propos of your plans, did you ever know a man called

Yours ever

J
John Cairncross

Covello

Mr Peter M Wright

*US/PA
24.11.67*

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