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MINUTE SHEET

Reference PF. 604, 582

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~~3.9.51 From F.O. in reply to 49a [BLUNDEN] 50a~~

51.

7.9.51 Ext. from t/c on PEACH - i/c call from BLUNDEN 51a

52.

12.9.51 Ext. from T/C on PHILBY ment. BLUNDEN. 52a

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~~13.9.51 Ext. from t/c on BLUNDEN i/c call from REVAL 52a~~

53.

13.9.51 Ext. from t/c on PEACH mentioning BLUNDEN 53a.

54.

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~~15.9.51 Ext. from t/c on BLUNDEN, giving his movements re Canada. 54a.~~

55.

19.9.51 To G.P.O. suspending telechecks until 7.10.51 55a  
 20.9.51 Extract from copy of Donald MACLEAN's telephone book at F.O ment BLUNT 55bz  
 27.9.51 Extract from B.2. note mentioning BLUNDEN. 55b

56.

28.9.51 To G.P.O. reimposing telecheck on 2136 until further notice 56a

57.

9.10.51 Extract from source report B2a/5220 mentioning BLUNT 57a

9.10.51 Extract from B.2 minute re interrogation of BLUNT. 57b

58.

15.10.51 To S.B. re shipping lists 58a

59.

16.10.51 Summary of BLUNDEN's trips abroad from 1935 and passport endorsements. 59a  
~~20.10.51 Extract from BLUNDEN T/C mentioning Josephine PIX 59b~~  
~~20.10.51 To B.5 asking for Food Office particulars re Brian HILL 59c~~

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60.

22.10.51 From Special Branch enclosing lists, in reply to 58a. 60a.

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61.

25.10.51 - To Special Branch requesting further shipping & passenger list.

61a.

62.

23.10.51. Note by B.I.F of researches in Cambridge into early 1930s undergraduate activities.

62a.

63.

D.D.G.

In reviewing the position in the PEACH case today the advisability of again interviewing BLUNDEN was once more discussed.

May I discuss this with you again?

D.B.  
24.10.51.

*D.G. White.*

64.

20.10.51

Request for Traffic Index particulars re Josephine PIX

65.

25.10.51 - Chart showing activities of BLUNDEN and others from 1933 - 1939.  
25.10.51 Extract from B.2 note re PEACH case ment. interrogation of BLUNT.

65a.  
65b

66.

*66c NOT transferred.*

26.10.51. From Special Branch in reply to 61a

66a

~~31.10.51 Extract from the Tatler showing BIDDULPH and BLUNDEN~~

~~66c~~

~~3.11.51. Traffic Index reply re Josephine PIX - N.T. Transferred to PF 60,882 Supp 66a on 9.3.71~~

67.

3.11.51. Extract from a report re. dinner with HONEY mentioning BLUNDEN

67z

5.11.51. To B.5 enclosing extra photographs of BLUNDEN as requested

67a

6.11.51 Extract from report from DDG mentioning BLUNT.

67aA

7.11.51 Note re attitude to be taken with regard to HONEY and BLUNDEN.

67b

7.11.51 Extract from a report on an interview with HONEY mentioning BLUNDEN

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12.11.51 Note re review of PUTLITZ files mentioning BLUNT.

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14. 11. 51. B. 2. B. Brief for meeting with BLUNDEN on 14. 11. 51. 68b

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14. 11. 51. D. B. report on interview with BLUNDEN. 69b

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15. 11. 51. B. 2. A. Note with sealed envelope containing source report re BLUNDEN. 70a

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~~17. 11. 51. To G.P.O. re NICHOLSON. Transferred to PF 604, 582 Supp C on 9.3.71~~ 71a

72

19. 11. 51. Passport papers requested for NICHOLSON.

20. 11. 51. B. 2. B. Note re comparison of BLUNDEN and BURGESS' passports. 72b

21. 11. 51. D. D. G. Note commenting on 69b. 72c

73

~~23. 11. 51. Passport papers for Sheila NICHOLSON. Transferred to PF 604, 582 Supp C on 9.3.71~~  
~~27. 11. 51. B. 2 minute re BLUNT and George STEPHENSON~~  
~~28. 11. 51. Suspending telechecks from 28. 11. 51 to 1. 12. 51~~ 73a

74

29. 11. 51. Extract from note by B. 2. b re BURGESS correspondence ment BLUNT 74b

75

30. 11. 52. Extract from T. C. on CAIRNCROSS ment. BLUNDEN. 75b

November 1951 Copies of letters and postcards from BLUNT to BURGESS found at Courtauld Institute of Art in November 75b

12. 51. Extract from interview report mentioning B. UNDEN. 75c

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last, 8/12  
~~B.2A~~ W. S. C.

Please see serial 72b.

You may care to note that BLUNDEN almost certainly accompanied BURGESS on a visit to Italy in 1937. So far as I know BLUNDEN has never told us of this trip.

B.2.b  
6.12.51

A.S. Martin  
A.S. Martin

12.12.51 Extract from Mr. Milmo's interrogation of PEACH, ment BLUNT.

76b

77.

17.12.51. Note re t/c's to be kept on over Christmas.

77a

~~20.12.51. Extract from T.O. on PEACH re BLUNDEN and HONEY.~~

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Ja. 8 26 12/1/52 77c

31.12.51 Extract from interview with PHILBY, ment BLUNT

77e

2.1.52 To G.P.O. suspending temporarily t/c on BLUNDEN

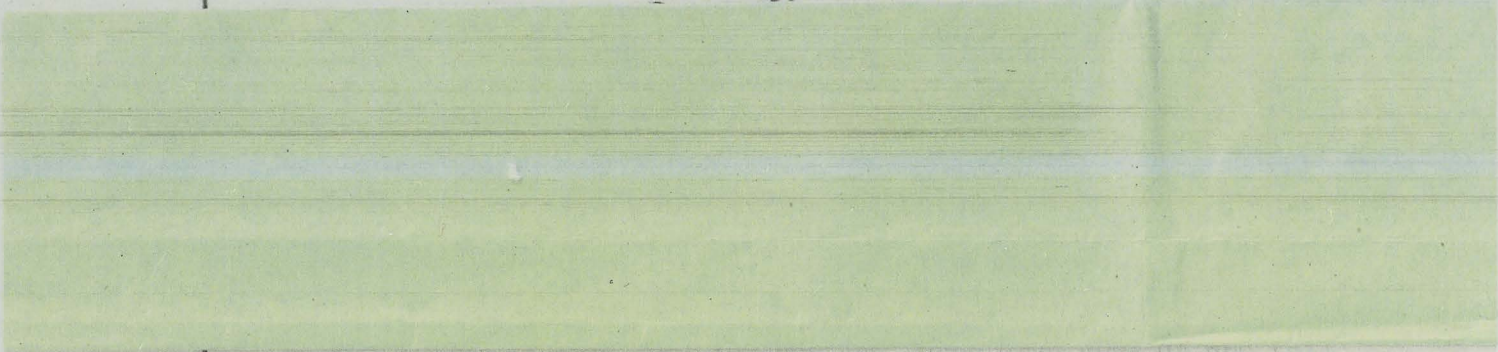
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85.



22.2.52 B.2 Note re BLUNT's presence at a dinner party before BURGESS's disappearance. 86b

87.

27.2.52, Note by B.1.F. re conversation with CROFT MURRAY ment. BLUNT. 87a.

88.

10.3.52 Extract from F.O. note re conversation with Hector MCNEIL ment BLUNT 88z  
11.3.52. [Request for passport papers for Michael WOODS.] Noted in PF 604, 591 HEWITT.

89.

11.3.52. ~~Request for return of correspondence on 8 Ennerdale Road. 89a.~~  
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12.3.52. Summary of case of Anthony BLUNT. 90a.

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B.2.a. Mr. Simkins.

(Copy in PF. 604591).

At 90a is a summary of our information on BLUNT. You will see that I have suggested that BLUNT should be interrogated. I feel that this is really necessary as there are so many points which need clearing up.

I have not mentioned in the summary, but I have discovered that there is a file SF.50/32/16 which shows that arrangements were made in April 1949 for BLUNT's flat at the Courtauld Institute to be used by this office for interviews. It would appear that a key to this flat is available in this office. I do not know whether the flat has in fact been used, but you may feel that it should not be used for interviews at the present time.

With regard to HEWITT mentioned in the summary, although he has been seen a few times by this office, he has only been questioned regarding his knowledge of BURGESS. Do you think it might be worth while having HEWITT interrogated on his own activities? Our latest information on him shows that on 22.2.52. he was staying at the Union Jack Club, quite close to Portman Square. He would appear to be out of work and extremely hard up. BLUNT was very upset when he heard that HEWITT was staying so near to his own flat, adding that it was a "rather torturing kind of position, I have been tortured enough". In view of HEWITT's apparently successful attempt at blackmail, it might well be that an interrogation of HEWITT would give us further information on BLUNT.

*F. M. Small*

F. M. Small.

B.2.a.  
13.3.52.

~~13.3.52. N.T. of Passport papers for Michael WOODS.~~

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~~24.3.52. Request for return of correspondence on 42 Devonshire Street. 93a.~~

~~26.3.52. Result of return of correspondence on 8 Ennerdale Road, Richmond. 93b.~~

94.

D.B. through B.2.

You should see serial 90a.

Miss Small suggests that BLUNT should be questioned further about his own intelligence connection with BURGESS before the war and should also be asked about ~~two~~ incidents which followed closely on the latter's disappearance. I am in favour of this course. I do not suspect BLUNT of being privy to BURGESS's plans last year, and should therefore expect him to provide satisfactory explanations of the two incidents mentioned. But, speaking with diffidence, as I am not personally acquainted with BLUNT, whom you and D.D.G. know so well, I have great difficulty in believing BLUNT's account of his intelligence connection with BURGESS in 1937/39. I am afraid that he knew BURGESS to be working for the Communist cause and was willing to help him. I am also afraid that this may have continued to be the case during the war.

I feel that BLUNT should be told that we harbour these misgivings and warned that we intend to pursue investigations arising out of BURGESS's case to the bitter end. If he has a guilty conscience, he might be persuaded to make his peace with the authorities while there is still time, particularly if the pressure is kept up by re-interrogating HEWITT. I should like to take this step too, if we can do it without provoking another attempt at suicide.

*C.A.G. Simkins*

C.A.G. Simkins

B.2.a.  
26.3.52

Copy on PF.604, 591 HEWITT

*Transferred to pp 604, 582 Supp C on 9.3.71*

~~27.3.52. Passport papers for John GASKIN. 94b.~~

B.2.

As I explained to you and B.2.a this morning, I think that the correct time to go back to the interrogation of BLUNT - which I certainly do not object to in principle - is if and when new information which promises a real chance of securing an admission, if admissions are due, comes to hand. As a start, I should certainly wait for the result of the CAIRNCROSS interrogation.

D.B. *D.G. White.*  
28.3.52.

28.3.52. Note re BLUNT and BARRINGTON-SMITH.  
28.3.52. Note re BLUNT and HEWITT.

95b.  
95c.

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96.

- 1.4.52. Request for passport papers for Geraldine Margaret BROWN.  
1.4.52. Extract from note by Courtenay Young on SLATER, ment. BLUNT.

96a.

97.

- 2.4.52. Suspending T.C. on BLUNDEN till Monday 7.4.52  
2.4.52 Extract from CAIRNCROSS's statement mentioning BLUNT

97a.  
97b

98.

- Transferred to PF 604,582 Supp C on 2.4.76*  
~~3.4.52. Passport papers for Geraldine Margaret BROWN.~~

~~98a.~~

99.

- 5.4.52. Note re BLUNT etc.

99a.

100.

- Transferred to PF 604,582 Supp C on 9.3.76*  
~~8.4.52. Result of return of correspondence on 42 Devonshire St.~~

~~100a.~~

- 15.4.52 Extract from report on interview with CAIRNCROSS mentioning BLUNT

100b

101.

- 21.4.52. Note on discussion with BLUNT.

101a

102.

- 21.4.52. Note re LEGARE of the Daily Mail.

102a.

103.

- 21.5.52. Note re interview with BLUNT.

103a.

- 22.4.52 B2 note on Fred WARNER's meeting with HEWIT

103b

- 23.5.52. Extract from T.C. on CAIRNCROSS ment. BLUNDEN.

103c

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104.

B.2. (Through B.2.A. Mr. Simkins.)

With reference to Mr. Skardon's note at 103a, I have now read this through and there are just one or two inaccuracies in the story told by BLUNT.

As you will see from para.4. BLUNT states that HEWITT visited him in December, and that it was after this visit he took a large quantity of aspirins in an endeavour to commit suicide. This in fact is wrong, as it was in October 1951 that HEWITT attempted suicide, and in December he was living in Bristol.

Also in para.4. you will see that BLUNT has said that WOODS told him that he worked at Head, Wrightson & Co. Ltd., but that he, BLUNT, had no real knowledge of his identity or address. This in fact is untrue as according to our telephone check on BLUNT, BLUNT himself telephoned to CLerkenwell 2656, the telephone number of Head, Wrightson & Co. Ltd. on 22.6.51., and spoke to WOODS discussing with him HEWITT's state of mind.

*F. M. Small*

F. M. Small.

B.2.a.  
24.4.52.

22.4.52

B2 note

105.

A/B through B.2.

You may like to see from 101a:

*Mr. Simkins*

B.2.a.  
25.4.51

106.

D.B. 30/4  
*D.B.*

Reference Minute 105.

As Mr. Skardon's excellent note at 103a shows, the episode reported here has been useful in enabling Mr. Skardon to establish contact with BLUNT, and to some extent to get into his confidence. BLUNT's state of mind is in my opinion very accurately summed up in the last paragraph of Mr. Skardon's report.

As you have been informed our intention is to follow up this contact in the near future, and Mr. Skardon will be seeking an interview with BLUNT before the end of next week, with the object of persuading him to talk more frankly about his past association with BURGESS than we consider him to have done so far.

B.2.  
25.4.52.

*J. O. Robertson* [OVER]

12.5.52

Mr. Skardon's report on an interview with BLUNT on 9.5.52

107a

*Copy 2/16  
D.D.G. 6 re  
in return.  
DWS 16/5*

*108. The case is not closed,  
but we must await  
new information.  
JTB  
15.5.52*

D.B. through B.2.

You will recall that B.2.A. wanted to see BLUNT with the objects described in minute 94, and that Mr. Skardon was fortunately able to make contact with him as a result of his consulting the D.D.G. about an attempt to blackmail him (101a, 103a). Mr. Skardon has now had a long interview with BLUNT, which is reported at 107a.

On the crucial point of whether or not he knew BURGESS to be working for the Comintern BLUNT sticks to his guns. Mr. Skardon's judgement is that his conscience is at ease on the security aspects of his connection with BURGESS.

I feel there is nothing more we can do with this case at present, and I propose to suspend the telephone checks *with a view to cancellation if there are no new developments in the next few months.*

*C.A.G. Simkins*

B.2.A.  
13.5.52

C.A.G. Simkins

20.5.52. Suspending T.C. on BLUNDEN.

109a.

22.5.52. Brief summary on Florian BRANN and BLUNDEN.

109b.

26.5.52. Re-imposing T.C. on BLUNDEN.

110a.

26.5.52. Note for file re re-imposition of BLUNDEN.

111a.

26.5.52. Note and ext. from "Daily Express".

111b

28.5.52 Copy of minute to D.B.

111c

6.6.52. Note re photostat taken from C.U.S.C. re BLUNT.

112a.

18.6.52. Suspending T.C. on BLUNDEN.

113a.

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114.

28.6.52.

To G.P.O. suspending T.C. on BLUDNER indefinitely.

114a.

115.

7.7.52.

Extract from B.1.F. report re SLATER.

115a.

116.

1.7.52.

B.1.F. source report re L.H. LONG.

116a

117.

3.8.52.

B.1.F. source report re BLUNT.

117a

21.7.52.

Minute from D.B. to B.1. and B.2.

117b.

118.

13.9.52.

Note re date BLUNT joined the office.

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Re-imposing T.C.

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~~B2 AFF. H.S. to P.A.~~

WBen

NOTE.

D D.D.G. told me today that he has a note in his diary that Anthony BLUNT joined the office on 7th June, 1940.

C. A. G. Simkins.

B.2.A.  
13.9.52.

C. A. G. Simkins.

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Carey is away until today. On his return I will ask him if I may approach Bevir when I know, about this. I also know Playfair - and don't believe his story. Please return his minute in 2/7

B.1.  
B.2.

Jth 23.7.52

Carey Foster told me that he had been given the following information by Sir Anthony Bevir, Patronage Secretary to the Prime Minister.

- 1) It was within Bevir's knowledge that E.W. (Eddy) PLAYFAIR, now employed at the Treasury, at one time held a Party Card. See 17 in 122
- 2) It was also within his knowledge that Anthony BLUNT had likewise held one.

I think it should be taken into account that Carey Foster was unwilling to write a formal letter on this information. He appeared to me to doubt whether Bevir had given him the information with sufficient sense of responsibility. The statements were made by Bevir in a rather casual manner.

D.B.  
21.7.52.

D.G. White.

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5/11/52



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Part 1.

Section and Officer of origin B.I.F./RT. Report No. 1399 Report

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REPORT 8.8.52

Anthony BLUNT was source's supervisor in French at Cambridge. does not consider him to be particularly sinister because he is not a character, nor does Source think he was ever a fully fledged member of Communist Party, rather that he "flirted" with everybody in more senses one. Even when he was a French tutor, he was really wrapped up in his ar

BLUNT was, and is, very close to Leo LONG, but the latter was already a communist when he arrived at Cambridge and was not converted by BLUNT. Other undergraduate friends of BLUNT, who were communists, were Michael STRAIGHT (PF.44592) and Hugh GORDON (PF.296,798), who shared rooms. Other members of the group were:

R.L.M. SYNGE (PF 203,602) now Professor in Manchester, very talented and almost certainly still a member of the Party.

Peter ASTBURY (PF 61141)

S. DEVONS (L.258/1780) Physicist, who stood slightly outside the group because of his Jewish puritanical background. He is an enigmatic man and is believed to have now broken with the party.

Evid.  
PF 44592  
14/10/62

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Part II.

COMMENTS BY SECTION OF ORIGIN

Source reliable and well qualified to judge political opinions. Is the same as 1081/ of 8.7.52.

Separate reports have been made for the other persons mentioned.

P.A. in Blundie's PF  
B

Part III.

COMMENTS BY CONSUMER SECTION

(Value, interest, probability, extent to which confirmed by other sources, etc.)

B.I.F. (R.T.)

Thank you for this interesting report. I  
hope you are looking into the files  
concerned.

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Part 1.

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REPORT

L.H. LONG, whose last known address was 61, Marloes Road, Kensington, was a member of the Communist Party when he was at Cambridge before the war. He was a protege of Anthony BLUNT at Trinity and was associated with BLUNT in a secret department during the war.

RT/EMHA.

PA in Blunde PF  
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12/8

Part II.

COMMENTS BY SECTION OF ORIGIN

Source knew LONG personally and might be able to obtain further information.

Part III.

COMMENTS BY CONSUMER SECTION

(Value, interest, probability, extent to which confirmed by other sources, etc.)

For the attention of Miss <sup>B</sup>Small

115a

PA. 14/7

EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF.604,582 Name: BLUNDEN James

Original in File No. \*: PF.40,514 SLATER Serial: 253a Vol: Receipt Date:

Original from: B.1.F. report Under Ref.: Dated: 7.7.52

Extracted on: 12.7.52 by: PL Section: B2A

Extract from B.1.F. report on interview with Humphrey SLATER mentioning BLUNT

.....We then discussed Anthony BLUNT. SLATER said he personally believed that BLUNT had been a communist since at least 1934 and still was one. His reason for believing he was still in the Party was that the homosexuals he went around with were themselves all communists, e.g. Douglas COOPER and a wealthy architect called MARTINEAU who lives in Wilton Crescent. He is of the opinion that BLUNT is using the Courtauld Institute as a cover for a mild front organisation. SLATER thought, however, he would be a difficult subject to investigate because he was always at No.11 Downing Street (Mrs. Butler is a Courtauld). Speculating about BLUNT's possible position in a Russian set-up, SLATER labelled him a recruiter and a postbox. He said he knew him as a recruiter through his proselytising of the STEWART family. When old STEWART was at Trinity, BLUNT was always in his house and converted Mrs. STEWART and her daughters. SLATER knew this from Margaret STEWART who BLUNT got into the party and who stayed in it until 1943. SLATER expressed astonishment that BLUNT was given "that Broadway job" at the beginning of the war (he did not know he worked for M.I.5). SLATER is sure in his own mind that besides BLUNT, BURGESS and MACLEAN there must be a Mr. X. who is or was their superior. He suggested this person might be in the Foreign Office or the Security Service, but he gave me no reason for this supposition.....

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C.U.S.C. Arts and Films ("Kulcher") group. On Sunday 21st. at 8.15 shapp there will be a symposium on "17th Century France and the Arts". Anthony Blunt; D. Van Abbe; G.M.Chivers. 0.2. Webbs Court, Kings.

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MINUTE SHEET

Reference PF. 604,582.

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On 26.5.52 BLUNDEN telephoned to me, after ringing Mr. Skardon and finding that he was away. He said that he had formulated certain definite views about the BURGESS letter published in facsimile in that day's Daily Express. I arranged to meet him at my flat at 11.30 a.m.

BLUNDEN said that he was almost certain that the letter dated back to about 1948 and referred to a disturbance in his, BLUNDEN's, relations with HEWITT. (The question arose as to whether BLUNDEN should see HEWITT at all or avoid him completely). He was a little puzzled by the reference to the "Bureau" and thought it might well be the Employment Bureau. As regards "Fred", he thought that this might be a reference to Fred WARNER, but he was not quite sure whether the dates would fit.

BLUNDEN felt fairly confident that either WOODS, or WOODS in conjunction with HEWITT, had deliberately endeavoured to mislead the Daily Express about the context of the letter, and that there might even have been a deliberate intent to harm BLUNDEN by leaving his name in and erasing that of Fred WARNER.

On 27.5.52 BLUNDEN rang me to say that he had spoken to Andy REVAI about the letter in the Daily Express. REVAI had reached exactly the same conclusions as himself and was fairly positive about the date being 1948. It emerged during the discussion that the relationship between BURGESS and Fred WARNER at that time would tend to confirm that the word erased and deciphered by the Daily Express as "Fred" almost certainly referred to Fred WARNER.

BLUNDEN suggested that Norman NASH, who was a close friend of BURGESS in the Press Department of the Foreign Office but was now retired, might, through his Press connections, intimate to the Daily Express that they were barking up the wrong tree. He said that he could probably arrange this if we thought the idea was a good one.

I said that I would consider the point, but provisionally I thought it would be better to leave matters as they were, since the Express would be bound to ask Norman NASH for his interpretation of the letter and his reasons for thinking that it had no significance in connection with BURGESS' departure.

After consultation with D.B., I rang BLUNDEN on 28.5.52 and confirmed this view.

D.D.G.  
28.5.52.

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NOTE:-

The envelope behind this serial contains a photostat of a press cutting from the Daily Express of the 26th May 1952. In it is published a letter in BURGESS' handwriting which, the Express claims, was given by BURGESS to an unidentified person thirty-six hours before BURGESS disappeared in May 1951.

Subsequent enquiries and information received has shewn that the letter is in all probability one written in about 1948 to HEWIT by BURGESS apparently referring to a quarrel which HEWIT had had with Anthony BLUNT.

The erasure in the letter which the Daily Express suggest is the word "Fred", has been presumed to refer to Fred WARNER (PF.604,585). There is no other firm evidence to support this identification. WARNER himself told BLUNT in May 1952 that he had only met HEWIT twice in his life.

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WHY did he write: I know what a thing like this means?

BURGESS-MACLEAN INQUIRY OPENS

WHY did he write: I'm ringing the bureau today?

# BURGESS LETTER FOUND

## Missing a year —with a name inked out

Express Staff Reporter DONALD SEAMAN

ONE year, almost to the day, after the disappearance of Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, a vital document has come into the possession of the Daily Express that throws a new light on the mystery of the diplomats.

It is a letter written by Guy Burgess. And it has only just been delivered in London.

The words that Burgess wrote give the first concrete proof of his premeditated, planned intention of leaving the country: of uprooting himself from his mother, his friends, his work.

More important are the words left unsaid by Burgess—full name Guy Francis de Money Burgess—Foreign Office man and one-time agent in M.I.6, the top-secret propaganda department of Military Intelligence.

And a new name is introduced into the Burgess-Maclean story.

It is the name of a man who, it has been established, made a midnight call on Burgess 36 hours before he began his drive to Southampton, later to abandon the car and cross the Channel with Maclean.

This man was given the letter, but for some reason failed to deliver it for 12 months. Only recently did he hand it over to the close friend in London to whom it had been originally addressed.

It has now come into the possession of the Daily Express. At once it was handed over to a handwriting expert for scrutiny.

Now it is established that the letter was altered by the removal of a word.

One word—a name—has been obliterated. Not by accidental blot or mis-spelling, but by a calculated, deliberate erasure.

### WRITTEN AT HIS CLUB

The letter, which is undated and written on Reform Club notepaper—Burgess was a member—reads:

"With all my love, as ever, as always. Don't upset yourself or Anthony, who has done his utmost to do best, too much.

"As I told you, I do know what a thing like this means.

"The only help is friends and you can rely, as you know, on (erasure) Ant. to do anything you ask.

"The only cure is time. The only medicine is work, and I'm ringing the bureau today.

"Luv, my very dear, G."

The letter was tested with infra-red rays.

This test showed that the letter and its accompanying envelope were written by the same pen and with the same ink.

It revealed, too, the fact that the crossing-out—made with a series of heavy, closely spaced, vertical and horizontal strokes—had been made in another type of ink.

The erasure was tested, time and again, beneath the infra-red rays and magnifying glass. Gradually the word, the name, was brought out.

It appeared to be "Fred," followed by "and," written in the abbreviated form that Burgess employed: a joined circle crossed with a dash.

What made Burgess make this decision, to write this last message?

WAS it the fact—brought out by a year-old Daily Express investigation and hitherto unknown—that the diplomat had made a £7 telephone call to America soon after he had contacted Donald Maclean? WHY did he write "... I do know what a thing like this means"?

Now comes an astonishing revelation. Three weeks before their joint disappearance the diplomats were out of contact with, if not almost unknown to, each other.

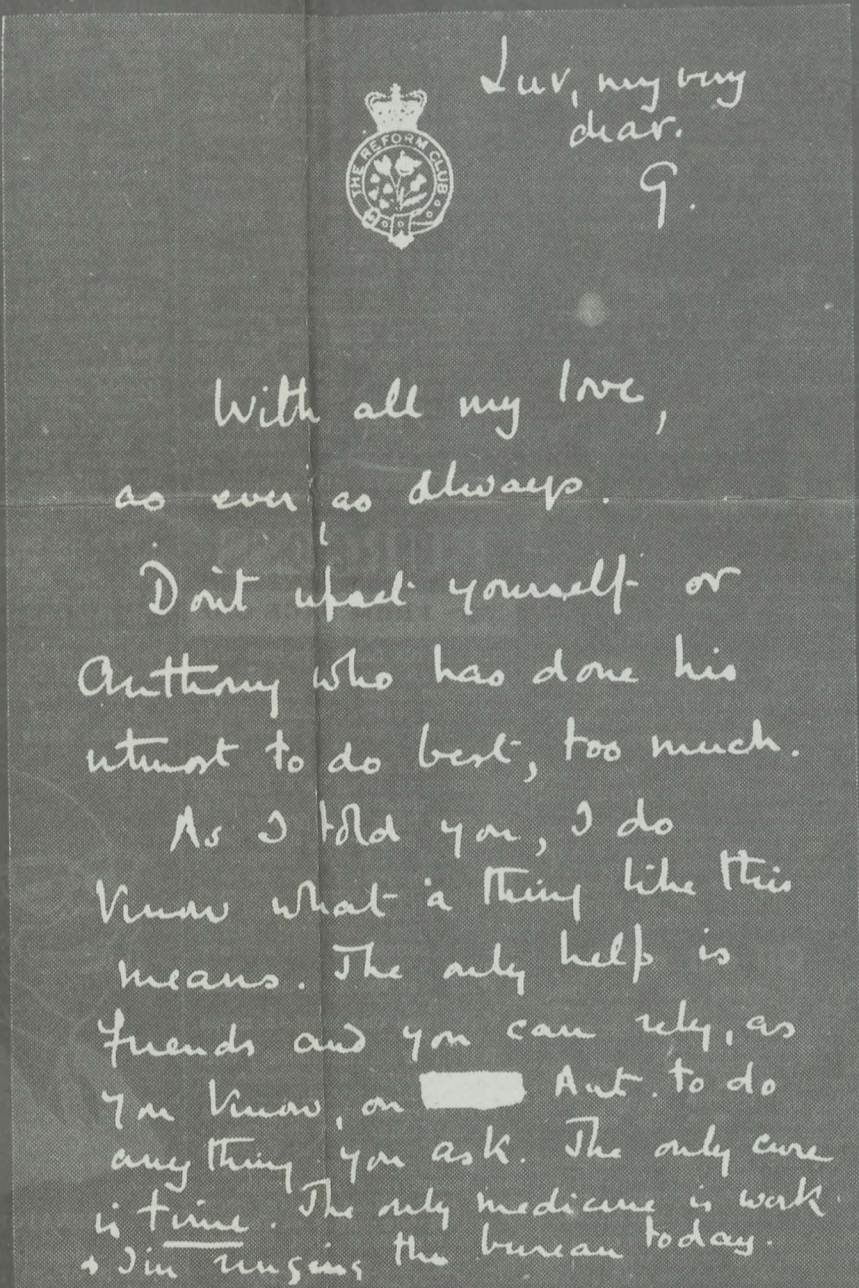
When Guy Burgess came back from America—he landed on May 4, just 21 days before the two men fled the country—he had to telephone to Lady Maclean, Donald Maclean's mother, to ask: "Where can I find your son?"

Although they met, Burgess and Maclean were never seen together. The only reference Burgess made to Maclean during those three weeks was when he spoke to an American friend of "a young married friend of mine in trouble. Serious trouble."

Question after question arises from the farewell letter.

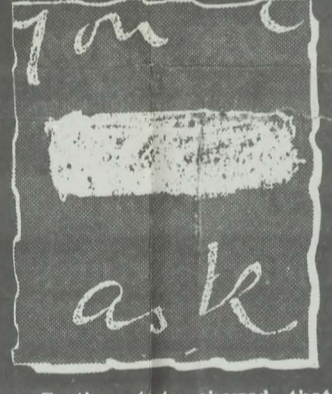
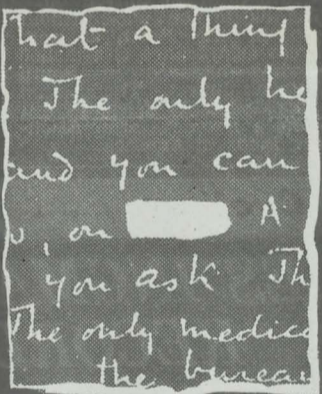
WHAT did Burgess mean when he spoke of the "bureau"? Was that an Americanism he had picked up during his year's stay over there? Or did he mean his old office, M.I.6—he had always called it that in wartime days? WHY did he not leave the

The crossed out name...



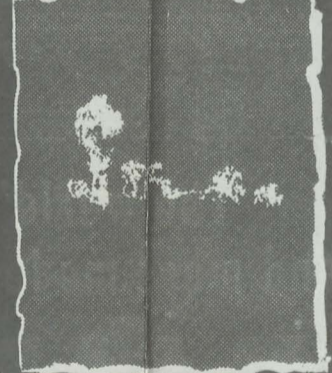
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With all my love,  
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Don't upset yourself or Anthony who has done his utmost to do best, too much.  
As I told you, I do know what a thing like this means. The only help is friends and you can rely, as you know, on [redacted] Ant. to do anything you ask. The only cure is time. The only medicine is work & I'm ringing the bureau today.

### AND WHAT THE INFRA-RED CAMERA REVEALS



1 Immediately the Burgess letter came into the possession of the Daily Express investigation was concentrated on the crossed-out word. It was impossible to decipher anything with the eye or with a magnifying glass. So infra-red rays were used. And the picture above was the result—showing that the crossing out was done with a series of heavy vertical and horizontal strokes.

2 Further tests showed that the crossing out was made in blue-black ink. The letter and envelope were written in BLUE. The strokes, mainly horizontal, were so close together that the paper and the original writing were completely covered with ink.



3 The word itself. It is still not completely legible. The experts are not certain what it reads. It seems to be a capital letter, followed by three small letters, to form the word "Fred." This is followed, still joined to the outline, by "and" written in the abbreviated style used by Burgess—a circle crossed with a dash.

### TOMORROW: PINTO'S FIRST REPORT

He is working on new evidence

SINCE the Daily Express announcement last week that it had secured new evidence on the disappearance of Maclean and Burgess, the world's newspapers have advanced many conflicting theories and statements.

Maclean was said to have flown to Britain. . . .

Both were reported in Prague, with Burgess broadcasting three times a week. . . . Then they were in a monastery, in a Moscow jail. . . . and operating in Indo-China.

The truth is that no one—in M.I.5 or M.I.6.Q (Security Department of the Foreign Office), or the Special Branch—knows where the men are. No one knows if they are alive, if they are together, if they are dead.

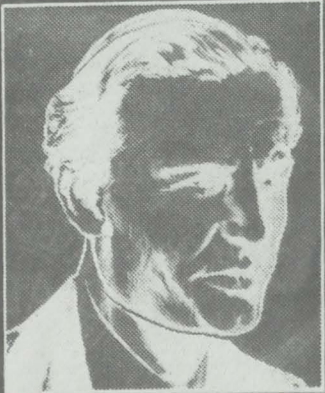
### He caught . . .

That is why the Daily Express has called in Colonel Oreste Pinto, Europe's foremost security expert.

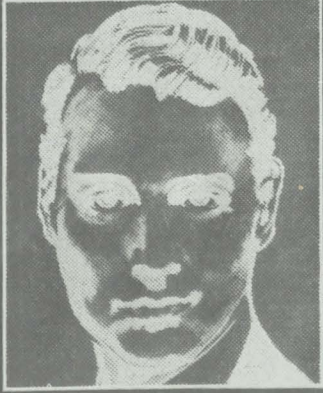
He is the man who caught the Traitor of Arnhem (a Dutch Resistance worker), the man General Eisenhower has called "the greatest living expert on security."

Colonel Pinto is working on the new evidence uncovered by the Daily Express. His take-over report will appear exclusively in TOMORROW'S DAILY EXPRESS.

### AND HERE ARE THE MEN



MACLEAN  
Out of contact.



BURGESS  
One-time M.I.6 man.

The Burgess letter. . . The letter that raises new questions on this year-old mystery. . . The letter that, for some reason, was held up for nearly a year, and was altered by the removal of one word.

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NOTE.

With reference to the re-imposition of telephone checks on BLUNDEN, I spoke to the G.P.O. this morning and they said that there would be no difficulty in re-imposing them immediately.

F. M. Small

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B.2.a. Mr. Simkins.

Thank you. I agree.  
FMS, 24/5.

If you agree, I propose filing the attached brief summary regarding Florian Brann in Blunden's file.

F. M. Small

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B.2.A.  
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NOTE.

Florian Oscar Paul BRANN. (L. 258/520)

Florian BRANN is a German by birth and origin, born Munich 22.10.1915. His father, Paul BRANN, together with his wife and three children, came to the U.K. some time prior to 1939 owing to the fact that they were partly Jewish and were unable to make a living in Germany.

At the outbreak of war Florian BRANN and one of his brothers were anxious to help this country, and both of them enlisted in the Army. Up to 1942 none of the BRANN family had come to adverse notice. In May 1942 M.I.19 were anxious to employ Florian BRANN, this they could not do until he had obtained British naturalisation. They were therefore anxious that special consideration should be given to his case. D.B. gave his view at that time that there was no evidence whatever that any of the BRANN family were anything but loyal to this country. C.2., the section at that time concerned with the vetting for M.I.19. recorded their views that as a full German, even if he became naturalised, he was not eligible for employment on 'I' duties by M.I.19.

On 22.6.42. A.F. BLUNT minuted the file stating that he had "only met Florian BRANN a couple of times, but formed the opinion that he could certainly be very useful and gave every indication of being thoroughly reliable". He added that BRANN had telephoned him recently and told him that he was attached to a London Transit Camp at the request of M.I.19 and that he had been waiting there for three months. Captain BLUNT went on to say that it seemed a waste for BRANN not to be used somewhere, and that if M.I.19 were not going to employ him he, BLUNT, proposed to get in touch with S.O.E. and suggest BRANN as a possible candidate for them.

In July 1942 the Air Ministry sent us a letter written by Florian BRANN which had been passed to them by the recipient of the letter. The letter from BRANN was extremely indiscreet, giving details of the fact that he was hoping to be employed in M.I.19 on Intelligence duties, and various other information about himself. The addressee of the letter was unknown to BRANN, but had on one occasion in the past been in contact with Florian BRANN's father. BLUNT minuted the file to the effect that he was confident that BRANN's action was nothing "but slight stupidity". He later minuted to the effect that he had spoken to BRANN pointing out to him that he had been rather foolish.

By August 1942 M.I.19 had been in contact with the Home Office regarding the naturalisation of Florian BRANN, and the Home Office file was sent over to this office for our views. The Home Office file was minuted back by A. F. BLUNT as follows:-

"Major Back of M.I.19 has passed me these papers about which, I understand, he has spoken to Mr. Markbreiter,

"We have examined the case of Florian BRANN with very great care and we are fully convinced that he is completely loyal. He seems, moreover, to be extremely intelligent and well suited to the job for which he is needed. We should not, therefore, raise any objection at all to his naturalisation and indeed, although it is perhaps not our place to do so, would strongly recommend that his case should be given special consideration".

The minute by BLUNT to the Home Office was not shown to C. Division who were responsible both for the vetting and for the naturalisation of BRANN. A.D.C. minuted his view that they would in both instances have advised against, and their advice would have been accepted. The view of 'D' (C. & D.) was that he was not in favour of enemy aliens being given commissions into the I. Corps, because if they proved unsatisfactory it became impossible to place them again.

No adverse information regarding Florian BRANN came to our notice until January 1948

it appeared that Florian BRANN had been on business trips to Warsaw and Moscow and hoped to visit the Balkans. According to BRANN, when he was stationed in Berlin (where he was attached to the Control Commission) he got off

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extremely well with the Russians. A further report from C.2.A. in May of this year states that in discussions BRANN is extremely Left Wing, but BRANN himself has said that while he admires the Communist methods, he is not himself a Communist.

*F. M. Small*

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Interview with Anthony BLUNT on 9.5.52.

I saw the above-named at the Courtauld Institute on 9th May, 1952. I told him that there were certain specific questions that I would like to raise with him, and I told him as well that I would like to have a general discussion with him concerning the BURGESS/MACLEAN affair. On the specific points BLUNT seemed to be quite helpful and apparently was trying to be helpful in the more general matters which came later. Throughout a long interview he was never flustered, and seemed always to be behaving quite normally.

I questioned him about the information he passed to D.D.G. concerning a man named BARRINGTON SMITH, and asked him whether it is at all possible that he had the name wrong. BLUNT was unable to relate his piece of information to the story we heard in July 1951 through an American named ROBINSON SMITH for the following reasons:-

- (i) He believes that BARRINGTON SMITH is a British subject.
- (ii) He believes that he is living in London.
- (iii) He understood that he had not told the authorities.
- (iv) He has a feeling that BARRINGTON SMITH rang Mrs. BASSETT telling her this story but not giving his name.

Furthermore, he located the place at which BARRINGTON SMITH saw BURGESS and MACLEAN as Cannes and not Nice. He will go back on that story to see whether he can get further and better particulars.

Questioned about the incident referred to by Mr. BELL of the Reform Club describing how a message was received from a Mr. STEWART for Guy BURGESS, BLUNT recalled the incident quite clearly. He believed at the time that the call was from somebody named "Stewart" and he assumed that this was a Christian name rather than a surname. He received the information suggesting a rendezvous too late to be outside the Athenaeum Club at 6.30 p.m. on the 7th ~~July~~, but he arrived a little later. Nobody was there, and he is unable to make any suggestion as to the identity of the caller. BLUNT had a strong feeling that he has already reported to someone here the result of his attempt to keep this rendezvous.

With regard to the despatch-case picked up by him from the Reform Club on the 6th June, BLUNT says that he was told that it was there awaiting collection by him by the secretary of the Reform Club. When he collected it it was unlocked, and he examined it and discovered that it contained in addition to a lot of papers an old Etonian tie and certain political cartoons, which he withdrew, leaving all the other papers intact. He assures me that he removed nothing of any security significance from the case, and having reported that he possessed it, he finally handed it to D.D.G. at some later date.

On the matter of being the "respectable friend" of BURGESS, BLUNT explained that from the moment that he came down from Cambridge, BURGESS was introducing him to his wide circle of friends as "Professor BLUNT". BURGESS was an inveterate collector of names and a great believer in the free use of titles, and although it was difficult for BLUNT to indicate any particular occasion when it would have been useful for BURGESS to possess a "respectable friend", he thought that opportunities did present themselves when BURGESS was with PFEIFFER and to a lesser degree with Rudolf KATZ. Upon reflection BLUNT thought it was less necessary in the case of KATZ.

BLUNT adheres to the story he told in his statement that he was not informed, as was Goronwy REES, by BURGESS that the latter was working for the Comintern. He agrees that this is a surprising fact, but does seek to explain it by saying that whereas Goronwy REES was clearly interested in politics, BLUNT was much more interested in art and to a lesser degree in people. He had the strong impression that when he was examined by BURGESS,

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if that is what it came to, about conversations with his friends, BURGESS was developing him as a source of information in connection with his work for some secret department. He finds it extremely difficult at this time to reflect upon events which took place some 14, 15 or 16 years ago, and is not at all sure that he can place the precise date upon which BURGESS took up secret employment with what he later discovered to be Section D. He is not at all sure, but he thinks it was during the summer of 1937 that he travelled abroad on the Continent with BURGESS. At the time of Munich BLUNT was certainly alone on the Continent and he knows that he was in France with BURGESS in the summer of 1939 when the Russo-German Pact was concluded. He would have thought that in the summer of 1937 he had the impression that BURGESS was already in secret employment. BLUNT has no clear recollection that REES discussed his recruitment by BURGESS with him, and had he mentioned the matter without going into precise details, BLUNT assumes that he would have concluded that REES and BURGESS had been discussing secret employment with a British department.

The fact is that BLUNT would have us believe that he was exclusively interested in art and that BURGESS was principally interested in politics. They had of course mutual bonds both of a physical character and in the intellectual exercises carried out at parties organised by BURGESS.

BLUNT holds himself wholly willing to assist by answering any questions which can be put to him. He feels sure that with his very complete knowledge of BURGESS there must be many matters of significance lost in the recesses of his memory which he is unable to disturb or produce because he is unable to appreciate their value. During the past year he has given a tremendous amount of thought to the subject, and is of the opinion that having discussed the case and its implications at very great length and in excessive detail with D.D.G., D.B. and to a lesser degree with B.2 and Mr. Martin, he has fully covered the field of recollection which he has tended to regard as significant. He has the strong belief that further researches will produce questions to which he may well be able to provide the answers without being conscious at this moment that the questions will manifest themselves. He tends a little in this matter to relate his position vis-a-vis BURGESS to that of (Tommy) HARRIS who, according to BLUNT, is equally unaware of BURGESS's sinister relationship with the Comintern. As I said earlier, he would welcome any further interrogation, and is prepared to co-operate to the full.

I am left with the strong impression that whatever BLUNT knows he has passed on to the authorities. There may be incidents of tremendous significance yet to be unearthed but they will probably only be developed in the course of time as the result of further information coming our way.

*W. J. Skardon*  
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Extract from telecheck on CAIRNCROSS. O/G call from CAIRNCROSS to Mrs SIMON at Rupert Hart-Davis'. Ment. BLUNDEN.

CAIRNCROSS went on to tell her about the book on Shakespeare which he and his brother had written. Mrs SIMON was impressed and asked him to submit any books which he might write on 17th Century France. She added that BLUNDEN was writing a book on the painting of that period. CAIRNCROSS knew this and added that he had had an argument with BLUNDEN<sup>who</sup> had made several howlers. CAIRNCROSS graciously admitted that BLUNDEN knew a lot about painting.

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NOTE.

Mr. Carey Foster telephoned me yesterday (21.4.52), and informed me that Mr. Fred WARNER had been telephoned by HEWIT, who asked to see him as soon as possible about something "important". Mr. Carey Foster asked what advice he should give WARNER. This was discussed with D.D.G. as part of the problem raised by BLUNT's request to D.D.G. for advice as to how he should deal with an approach he had received from a supposed representative of the "Daily Mail", who had told him that he intended publication of information involving BLUNT and BURGESS, received from a certain Michael WOODS.

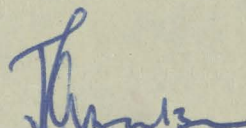
It was agreed that Mr. WARNER should be told to see HEWIT and hear what he had to say. Mr. Carey Foster was at the same time told that we had some reason to believe that HEWIT might represent himself to be in possession of information about BURGESS, and might attempt to trade it for some consideration.

As regards BLUNT, it was agreed that Mr. Skardon should see him, should hear his story in detail, and should advise him as to the attitude he should adopt towards the person claiming to represent the "Daily Mail", and also as to whether he should approach the police. Mr. Skardon is reporting separately on this interview, in the course of which he advised BLUNT to have nothing further to do with the "Daily Mail" representative, and not to go to the police, there being insufficient grounds for police intervention.

Mr. Carey Foster telephoned me this morning (22.4.52) stating that HEWIT had virtually nothing to say to WARNER, beyond the fact that he had expressed fear lest the approaching anniversary of the disappearance of BURGESS should bring with it further press publicity on the subject. He appeared to want WARNER's advice. WARNER told him there was nothing he could do about it, and came away with an extremely bad impression of HEWIT.

It would appear likely that this action of HEWIT's is part of the general blackmailing campaign in which he, WOODS and possibly others (e.g. "JENKINS" who approached the BASSETT family) are involved.

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Interview with Anthony BLUNT on 21.4.52.

In accordance with the arrangements made in Mr. Simkins' note dated 21.4.52, I saw the above-named today and heard from him at first-hand the full story leading up to the telephone call on Friday last. In the matter of this telephone call he was as vague as he is about most things, but he succeeded in recreating a picture which seemed to me to be fairly accurate, though not so full, as the LAND material.

I expressed my doubt that "LEGARE" is in fact employed by the "Daily Mail", and said that I thought it more likely that this was a continuation of previous attempts to extort money from him. I then heard from him the whole story of the WOODS' demands. This story is so closely similar to the one reported in the note mentioned above that it will suffice if I draw attention to discrepancies or to enlargements of that account.

Some four years ago when HEWIT was working for an import and export merchant named WILLIAMS, he did fraudently convert a sum of £50, his firm's money, to his own use and benefit. He went to BLUNT in a state of despair and was aided with a loan of that amount to rescue him from his dire straits.

Because of this earlier episode BLUNT was not altogether surprised to be told that HEWIT was once more in similar difficulties. The chronological history is a little obscure, but it would seem that some time in December HEWIT, who had fallen into BLUNT's disfavour and had been cast aside, visited him at the Courtauld Institute one evening and was obviously in some distress. BLUNT attributes to HEWIT a fineness and sensibility and ascribes to this attribute the fact that HEWIT did not actually demand any money from him on this occasion. It was clear that he was in difficulties though, and towards the end of the meeting after visiting the bath-room HEWIT ran out of the house in a state of considerable hysteria, shouting "It is too late - too late to help me now!" BLUNT was in difficulties to know what to do, and after telephoning various friends, felt unable on the scanty information in his possession to communicate to the authorities his fears that HEWIT had taken an overdose of aspirin tablets. Unhappily his expectations were realised, for two days later he learned that HEWIT was at St. Mary's Hospital suffering from the application of a stomach pump, applied to remove the poison from his body. It was a fortnight later that WOODS approached BLUNT and told him that he and HEWIT were in dire need of the sum of £80. This sum consisted of two amounts, one of £50 and the other of £30. The £50 represented money received by WOODS and signed for by him on behalf of HEWIT, which sum was the payment for a consignment of stationery which HEWIT had undertaken to supply. The stationery was never supplied, HEWIT had misappropriated the money and WOODS was also involved since he had signed for it. The story about the £30 is less clear but seems to be a sum which they (WOODS and HEWIT) had jointly filched from the funds of Head, Wrightson & Co. Ltd. (staff Athletic Club). Except that WOODS told BLUNT that he worked at Head, Wrightson & Co. Ltd., BLUNT had no real knowledge of his identity or address. In requesting the favour of a loan, WOODS said that unless it were forthcoming a prosecution would ensue, and HEWIT was in such a frame of mind that he would most certainly draw the attention of the Court to the fact that his great friend Professor BLUNT had let him down. The underlying threat or threats implicit in this statement existed, I would suggest, solely in the mind and conscience of BLUNT. I gathered that it was quite unnecessary for WOODS to make himself more clear. So that we might understand the position, I questioned BLUNT as to what his fears really amounted to, and he said that he felt sure that if his name were mentioned in Court, the whole BURGESS/MACLEAN story would be raised once more in the press, and in reply to a direct question he agreed that the other fear in his mind was that his homosexual relationships would be exposed as well. Once he had given expression to this positive view, BLUNT was a good deal happier in talking to me. The rest of the story is

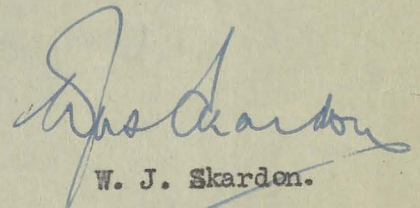


as already described elsewhere; £50 was borrowed from HARRIS and BLUNT stupidly gave to WOODS the name and telephone number of HARRIS, which gave WOODS an introduction to the latter when he recently made an effort to obtain £32 from him.

I told BLUNT that I thought, although I would like a little longer to think about it, that there was nothing at this stage that he could usefully report to the police. The offence committed in December was probably one rather of obtaining money by false pretences than of demanding it with menaces. In connection with the latest communications from "LEGARE", I suggested that he may very well turn out to be a phoney and that this was probably connected with the WOODS extortions and the attempts made by JENKINS upon the BASSETT stronghold. I thought in any event that it would be unwise for him to have any conversations at all with a representative of the press, and it would certainly be stupid to have discussions with somebody who was completely bogus. In fact BLUNT was leaving immediately after my interview to see Gerald TOOTH, Solicitor, to take advice upon this point, and I promised to let him know my considered views about what action should be taken by him in connection with the extortion letter.

During general conversation I told BLUNT that I held views about HEWIT which were diametrically opposed to his. I felt that, at any rate when I had seen him, HEWIT was a man of no culture, no intelligence, no ability and the most unpleasing personality. I felt that it was highly probable that he and another of his kind had engaged themselves in a war of nerves in the cause of extortion which could only be stopped by firm action on the part of BLUNT himself. I emphasised my point by saying that although it was quite clear that BURGESS had besmeared everybody with whom he was in contact, I had found it quite repelling that HEWIT should complain about BURGESS going off and leaving him to face all this trouble alone. BLUNT said that it was true that BURGESS had created a good deal of embarrassment for his friends, and I remarked that this was a gross understatement. I added that the repercussions were still manifesting themselves, and questioned him about the extent of his knowledge of [John CAIRNCROSS]. He remembered that CAIRNCROSS had rooms on his staircase at Trinity and that he was a friend of BURGESS, but mentioned that his most recent contact with him had been at Prof. HALPERN's house some two years ago, when he had, being like CAIRNCROSS considerably under the influence of drink, engaged himself in the most violent argument with CAIRNCROSS on matters concerning 17th century French literature. I remarked that this was a subject about which CAIRNCROSS has some knowledge and BLUNT agreed that this is so. He failed to recall the luncheon party at which Helmuth KATZ was present and said that the only KATZ he remembered was Rolf KATZ.]

As the result of my discussions with BLUNT I left with the strong impression that the overwhelming loyalty of one homosexual for another will be a bar to a successful examination of this man until these inhibitions are broken down and the obsessions removed from his mind. Whether I am the best person to conduct this psychoanalytic exercise time alone will show.

  
W. J. Skardon.

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With reference to BLUNT's approach to the D.D.G. and to serial 333 in the Supp Vol., I asked Mr. Himsworth of B.I.F. to ascertain whether there is a man called LEGARE on the Daily Mail.

Mr. Himsworth says that he has tried the news editor and the cashier of the Daily Mail, who say that there is no-one of that name connected with the paper.

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NOTE OF DISCUSSION ON 21st APRIL 1952

Present: Captain Liddell, D.D.G.  
Mr. Robertson, B.2.  
Mr. Simkins, B.2.A.  
Mr. Skardon, B.2.A.

D.D.G. said that he had been contacted at the weekend by Anthony BLUNT, who had consulted him about the current attempt to blackmail him which we have been following on the telecheck.

BLUNT said that some months ago he had been asked to produce money to assist HEWITT and a man called WOODS, both former employees of Head, Wrightson and Co. who had embezzled money belonging to their firm. BLUNT himself was not in a position then to help, but HARRIS had assisted him and WOODS had been given £80. The latter was supposed to be paying this back by selling a car, but no repayment had in fact been made, and BLUNT had written it off. BLUNT said that he had felt at the time that there was some genuine difficulty involved, but the D.D.G. thought that his motive had certainly been partly to pacify HEWITT, who was in a hysterical state.

BLUNT said that recently WOODS had appeared again and, while BLUNT was abroad, had got in touch with HARRIS, by whom he had been pretty firmly handled. At the end of last week, however, BLUNT had been telephoned by a man purporting to speak for the Daily Mail, who said that they were considering publishing material supplied by WOODS. They were consulting BLUNT because his name was mentioned in it; BLUNT was expecting to have another telephone call from the Daily Mail, and had asked Captain Liddell's advice. BLUNT had the impression, although he was by no means certain, that HEWITT was not associated with WOODS in the current episode; he based this on a telephone conversation which he had had with HEWITT, in which the latter had warned him that there was some threat of further disclosures in the press. BLUNT wondered whether he ought to put this matter in the hands of the police.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Security Service interest was to ascertain whether HEWITT or WOODS had in their possession papers belonging to BURGESS which could be exploited for intelligence purposes. It was arranged that Mr. Skardon should go and see BLUNT immediately and explain how things were likely to develop if he went to the police.

Before the above discussion took place, Mr. Carey Foster telephoned Mr. Robertson to say that HEWITT had approached Fred WARNER saying that he had something important to discuss. It was agreed that this might well have a bearing on the attempt to blackmail BLUNT. Mr. Carey Foster was accordingly told that there was a suggestion in the air that HEWITT might be trying to peddle information which he claimed to have regarding BURGESS; we should therefore be glad for WARNER to see HEWITT and to be informed of what took place.

*C.A.G. Simkins*

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No. : PF.604,582 Name : A. BLUNDEN

Original in File No. : \* PF.72,493 CAIRNCROSS Serial : 177e Vol : Receipt Date :

Original from : B.2.A. report Under Ref. : Dated : 15.4.52

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Interview with John CAIRNCROSS on 9.4.52

On the 9th April 1952 with Mr. Anthony Simkins, I saw the above-named at Room 055, War Office.....

I went through the list of BURGESS's contacts dated 5.7.51 to be found on the BURGESS PF.604,529. The results of these researches are summarised hereunder.....

Anthony BLUNT (PF.604,582)

As is said in his statement, CAIRNCROSS occupied rooms above those used by Anthony BLUNT. He knew him quite well and whilst he believed that he was thoroughly communist in his outlook, it was a Communist Party slant on art and letters rather than upon matters of politics. BLUNT was always something of a patrician, very standoffish and not very accessible to undergraduates outside his immediate circle. CAIRNCROSS, as reported elsewhere, met BLUNT again in the company of BURGESS and also knew of his association with Bentinck Street flat during the war. With this flat CAIRNCROSS associates Lord ROTHSCHILD, Kim PHILBY who was the link between Ryder Street when he was there and M.I.5, and David FOOTMAN. He also remembered the present Lady ROTHSCHILD as a member of this menage.....

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PF.604583 - REES.)

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D.B. asked me on 3.4.52 whether I considered it necessary to maintain telephone checks on BLUNT, REES, PEACH, HARRIS and FOOTMAN, and if so for what purpose this was being done.

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

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

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

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

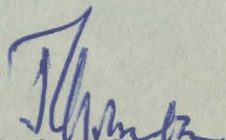
I reminded D.B. that we had already submitted to him our recommendation that BLUNT be interviewed again, and that the decision had been in favour of postponing it until we are better able to assess the product of the CAIRNCROSS enquiry. D.B. confirmed this decision, and agreed in principle with the plan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

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

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

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J. C. Robertson.

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Original from: CAIRNCROSS' statement Under Ref.: Dated: 2.4.52

Extracted on: 13.5.52 by: PL Section: B2A

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

I am thirty-eight years of age. I went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, in September 1934 after previous education at Hamilton Academy, Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Glasgow University and the Sorbonne Paris.....While at Cambridge I was studying French and German and my studies brought me into contact with Anthony BLUNT (who occupied the room below mine) and James KLUGMAN - both at Trinity.....

I cannot exactly pinpoint either as to time, place or occasion the start of my acquaintance with Guy BURGESS. However, I can remember meeting him, I think, in the Spring of 1937 in BLUNT's room in Trinity where Louis MacNEICE was also present. This meeting was not, however, the main object of my trip to Cambridge, which, I think, was to see my very close friend and French tutor Dr. ASHTON.....

I also had lunch in about March 1937 with BURGESS. The others present were BLUNT, Tom Wylie and Helmuth KATZ, a dapper young man who had been in Finland and spoke both Finnish and Swedish fluently. He was a German refugee. The atmosphere of the party was markedly and unpleasantly homosexual.,.....

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SLATER stated that he could think of no covert Party members at Oxford University. As regards Cambridge, he stated that Mrs. STEWART (wife of Dr. STEWART, lecturer in French at Trinity College) was the leader of the front organisations. If she was not a Party card holder she certainly regarded herself as a Party member. As regards undercover members at Cambridge, SLATER produced two names; firstly that of Margaret STEWART (Mrs. STEWART's daughter) and secondly Anthony BLUNT. As regards Margaret STEWART, SLATER stated that she had lived with a man (name not given to me) for six months and had given his name as a reference for work with one of the Service ministries, he was not certain which. Later she was sacked from the Ministry and the man (whose first name is Charles) was horrified to find that, in the interval, she was living with a Communist. Later Margaret STEWART lived with Ian MACKAY of the News Chronicle and SLATER thinks that six months ago she was slipping from the Party and now that she is definitely out.

As regards Anthony BLUNT, in SLATER's view he was a covert member of the Party purely for political reasons, i.e. that it would be inadvisable that he should appear in his true colours while a Fellow of Trinity. He was surprised, however, in 1939 to see articles by him in a magazine produced by the International Artists' Association (?title) which were on straight Party lines. On seeing these SLATER thought it was odd that BLUNT should have remained so long with the Party.

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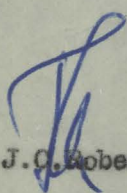
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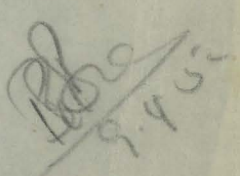
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D.D.G. told me yesterday that when he was lunching recently with BLUNT, the latter told him that on the occasion of the search of BURGESS's flat by M.I.5 officers, the latter stated that they were only interested in BURGESS's property, and not in that of HEWIT. Consequently, a number of papers of HEWIT's were not examined. These were later removed and destroyed by HEWIT. According to HEWIT they had included a number of letters from BURGESS.

BLUNT wondered whether the diary which the man JENKINS (who had tried to blackmail Mrs. BASSET) had claimed to have in his possession had possibly been obtained by JENKINS from HEWIT.

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NOTE FOR FILE

D.D.G. told me yesterday that when lunching recently with BLUNT the latter had given him the following information:-

A certain BARRINGTON-SMITH - not known to BLUNT, but known to a third party with whom BLUNT is acquainted, is said to have seen BURGESS and MACLEAN after their disappearance in a cafe in Nice. According to BLUNT's source, BARRINGTON-SMITH was in a position to know both men by sight, and ought not to have been mistaken. On the other hand, BLUNT was doubtful as to BARRINGTON-SMITH's reliability. According to BLUNT, it would be possible to arrange through his source for BARRINGTON-SMITH to be located and made available for questioning, if we wished this.

Please let me know if you think it worth while, to pursue this further.

J.C. Robertson

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Anthony Frederick BLUNT.

Background.

BLUNT was born at Bournemouth on 26.9.1907 and is at present a Director at the Courtauld Institute, London.

Our first record of BLUNT shows that on 10.8.35. he left London for Leningrad on the Russian M/V Sibier, and was described as a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. He returned to London from Leningrad on the Russian M/V Smolmy on 14.9.35. On 15.3.36. he wrote to Marx House, Clerkenwell Green, London, from Trinity College, Cambridge, thanking them for their letter and saying that he would like to give a lecture at the Marx Memorial Library.

On 18.8.39. BLUNT's name was submitted for vetting for the Intelligence Corps, and on 29.8.39. we advised that it would be inadvisable to employ him on Intelligence duties. However, on 16.12.39. a letter from Field Security Wing, Aldershot, stated that BLUNT had been appointed Security Officer, that it was understood that his case had been taken up with M.I.5. and all objections were removed. On 1.7.40. he was seconded from the Intelligence Pool to M.I.5. and remained a member of this service until 31.10.45.

Agents run by BLUNT.

After the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN in May 1951 it was decided that some investigation of BLUNT should be made in view of his long and close friendship with BURGESS. BLUNT had himself reminded us that BURGESS worked as an outside agent for this office during the war and acted as intermediary between BLUNT and several of his agents. The following is a note of the agents run by BLUNT during his period of service with M.I.5:-

Guy BURGESS - cover name 'VAUXHALL'. (PF.604529)

Apparently recruited by BLUNT towards the end of 1940. This was after BURGESS' dismissal from S.I.S. and when he was employed by the B.B.C. BURGESS appears to have worked very largely to BLUNT, although he was in contact with Mr. KEMBALL JOHNSTONE of this office to whom he was introduced by BLUNT. It may be worth noting here that BURGESS was to have been released from the B.B.C. in December 1941 for Military Service, but was reserved by the War Office, the indications being that this was at the instigation of BLUNT. BURGESS apparently worked as an agent for this office until the end of the war.

Eric KESSLER - cover name 'ORANGE'. Press Attache at the Swiss Legation. (PF.53302)

KESSLER was recruited by BURGESS some time early in 1941 and continued as a source until the end of 1945. Reports from KESSLER were sent by BURGESS to BLUNT. The reports dealt in the main with information obtained from neutral sources, principally Swiss sources although KESSLER naturally had contacts in various countries. A number of the reports showed that KESSLER held pro-Russian sympathies.

Andrew REVAI - cover name 'TOFFEE'. Hungarian. (PF.55570).

REVAI was, it appears, recruited by BURGESS towards the end of 1942. Reports from REVAI were sent to BLUNT. There were, however, very few reports, which ceased towards the end of 1943, and the information contained therein did not appear to have been of much value. Apart from REVAI's friendship with BURGESS, he was, and still is, a very close friend of BLUNT. In 1950 REVAI applied for naturalisation, but in view of his known contacts with Hungarian Communists, it was recommended that his application should be refused. The Home Office

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did in fact refuse him naturalisation, and in July 1950 BLUNT called on the D.D.G. and said that REVAI was bitterly disappointed at the refusal. BLUNT brought with him a statement compiled by REVAI on his activities. Needless to say, this statement gave no indication of Communist views. The case was, however, looked at again, but as our views remained the same, the Home Office maintained their refusal. REVAI is still at the present time in almost daily contact with BLUNT.

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Peter POLLOCK (PF. 604592).

POLLOCK, who was a friend of BURGESS, was recruited by BLUNT some time in 1941. He was apparently in contact with KESSLER and with REVAI. He also, together with BURGESS, obtained information from Colin BROOKS (PF. 62410), then Editor of 'Truth'. There is no information in our files to show how long POLLOCK worked as a sub-source, or how successful he was. It is now known that POLLOCK is also a friend of REVAI's.

Jack HEWITT - cover name 'DUMBO'. (PF. 604591)

HEWITT appears to have been recruited by BLUNT in the middle of 1942 as our records show that in June 1942 BLUNT arranged, through our link in the War Office, for HEWITT, then a Gunner, to be transferred to London in order that he could be used by this office. HEWITT was in fact transferred to the D.R.A.'s office at the War Office in July 1942. In January 1943 BLUNT stated that HEWITT was doing useful work for this office, and said that HEWITT would ultimately be threatened by the new regulation affecting all clerks in the War Office under thirty, and asked if a plea could be put in for his retention in the War Office. This was acceded to, and in February 1943 HEWITT was made a member of the staff of the P.A./D.R.A. Between August 1942 and October 1942 a few reports emanated from HEWITT, the value of which appeared to be negligible. However, from the time when he was absorbed into the P.A./D.R.A.'s office in February 1943, no further reports were apparently received from him. There is in fact no further record in his file until March 1945 when he was put up for vetting for the Control Commission. BLUNT has himself admitted that HEWITT did not prove a success. Whilst it may be that BLUNT wished to ensure that HEWITT would not be called up for active service, it must be born in mind that in the office of the P.A./D.R.A. it seems more than likely that HEWITT would have had access to Top Secret information.

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Arising out of the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN on 25.5.51. BLUNT, together with Mr. HARRIS, came to see the D.D.G. on 30th May. BLUNT admitted that he knew BURGESS had been a Communist at Cambridge in 1934, but thought that he had become disillusioned, although remaining a Marxist.

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BLUNT said that BURGESS had told him that he was going away over the weekend (i.e. Friday 25th May), to help a friend who was being blackmailed.

On 6.6.51. BLUNT made a brief statement regarding his knowledge of BURGESS. He said that a year or two before the war BURGESS had told him that he was working for an organisation which BLUNT later believed was 'D' Branch of S.I.S., and that he was engaged in organising anti-Fascist propaganda. BLUNT said that the work was carried on in a 'cloak and dagger style' and BURGESS had said that he was in contact with a large number of people including his (BURGESS') old Communist friends. BLUNT also stated that BURGESS was at this time connected with the Anglo-German Fellowship.

On the same day as BLUNT made this very incomplete statement, Goronwy REES also made a statement in which he admitted having been recruited as a source by BURGESS in, he believed, 1937, at which time BURGESS was acting as a Comintern agent. REES also said that BURGESS had told him that BLUNT was one of his sources. Later in this statement REES said that at the time of the German-Soviet Pact (July 1939) BURGESS was in France with BLUNT. On BURGESS' return, REES told him that the Soviets had ruined any chance of preventing war and that he wished to have no more to do with his (BURGESS') organisation. BURGESS did not agree with these views, but said that BLUNT had also expressed the same views.

On 7.6.51. we were informed that on the 25th May, the date of BURGESS' disappearance, he had left a locked despatch case with Mr. Bell, secretary of the Reform Club. BURGESS had told Mr. Bell that he was going on leave to France. He asked if he would look after the despatch case for him, but added that Mr. BLUNT could have access to it. Mr. Bell said that BLUNT had collected the despatch case on the night of 6.6.51. and had taken it away with him. Mr. Bell also said that at about 4.p.m. on the 7th June, a Mr. STEWART had telephoned and had asked urgently that Mr. Guy BURGESS should meet him outside the Athenæum Club at 6.30.p.m. that evening, and in the event of Mr. BURGESS not being available, that Mr. BLUNT should keep the rendez-vous. Our telephone check on BLUNT shows that Bell was in contact with BLUNT between 4.p.m. and 5.p.m. when the message was presumably passed to him, but we have no information to show whether BLUNT kept the rendez-vous or any information as to the identity of Mr. STEWART.

On 14.7.51. BLUNT was interviewed by Mr. Robertson, B.2. and Mr. Martin, B.2.b., and asked to describe chronologically his knowledge of BURGESS. BLUNT said that he had first met BURGESS when they were both undergraduates at Trinity College, Cambridge in 1931, and proceeded to give a number of details regarding BURGESS' career. He said that from 1935 to 1938 he was at Cambridge, and during this period saw BURGESS only on his (BLUNT's) occasional visits to London. (This is in fact untrue, as comparison of the passports of BURGESS and BLUNT show that they visited Europe together in July and August 1937). BLUNT then described what he called "the cloak and dagger" period which he placed as 1937 - 1938, meaning the period when he was assisting BURGESS in his Intelligence activities. BLUNT affirmed that BURGESS either told him, or implied that he was working for British Intelligence, and insisted that until REES made his statement after BURGESS' disappearance, he had never heard any suggestion that BURGESS was doing work for the Comintern. BLUNT described his own function as "being the respectable friend". He said he neither asked, nor was he told the purpose of the job. BLUNT in his statement also gave a few details of the agents whom he had run for this office through BURGESS during the war (these are already mentioned in detail earlier in the report).

On 24.7.51. Goronwy REES was again interviewed, this time by Mr. Robertson and Mr. Martin. He re-iterated his statement that BURGESS had told him that BLUNT was one of his sources of information and added that BURGESS had asked him not to discuss this matter with BLUNT. However, later in this interview he said that against BURGESS' instructions he had in fact spoken to BLUNT in either 1937 or 1938 regarding BURGESS' recruitment of him as a source, adding "he had imagined BLUNT understood what he was talking about

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Following this interview with Goronwy REES in which REES' statement is at variance with that of BLUNT, B.2. gave it as his firm impression that "both BLUNT and REES had for many years withheld vital information from the Security Authorities. On the face of it, it would appear that REES' guilt was the lesser since he had not, like BLUNT been employed in the Security Service".

On 14.11.51. BLUNT called on the D.D.G. and informed him that he had just remembered being in possession of a further lot of BURGESS' papers and that these included, he had found from a quick glance, an old passport. He wished to know if we wanted to inspect them. It was made clear to him that we would certainly wish to see any paper relating to BURGESS, and these papers were subsequently collected and brought to the office.

On 15.11.51. a source in close touch with BLUNT stated that BLUNT had acknowledged having been a Communist in his undergraduate days, contending that most intellectuals of his generation "went left" but admitting the he went further than most. BLUNT has said that his views have now changed and he claims to be "Left Centre".

On 27.2.52. information was received via Edward CROFT-MURRAY (employed in M.I.5. during the war) that Humphrey SIATER, an ex-Communist and former associate of BURGESS and BLUNT had recently remarked that whilst BLUNT was employed as a Security officer in Boulogne early in the war, he, BLUNT, had been in close touch with some prominent French intellectual Communists or Radical Left Wingers.

## Present Contacts.

With regard to BLUNT's present activities and contacts, a certain amount of information has been obtained through the medium of a telephone check which has been in operation since June 1951.

It must, I think, be stated here that BLUNT is a homosexual as are a number of his friends, and therefore some of the rather odd conversations which have been recorded may be explained by this fact.

## Jack HEWITT (PF. 604591)

This man, to whom I have already referred, has been a great friend of BLUNT for many years. He is himself a homosexual. Up to the disappearance of BURGESS in May 1951 HEWITT had apparently been living with him for some time. HEWITT was at this time employed by HEAD WRIGHTSON PROCESSES LTD., 24 Baltic Street, E.C.1. but he left this firm in October 1951. After BURGESS' departure, HEWITT was in frequent contact with BLUNT, largely owing to the fact that he would have to leave BURGESS' flat and because he was extremely short of money. HEWITT eventually left the flat early in September. He became extremely bitter against BLUNT and appeared to have thought that BLUNT should have helped him financially. BLUNT did in fact at some unknown time guarantee his overdraft. In December 1951 a certain Michael WOODS, also employed by HEAD WRIGHTSON PROCESSES LTD., got in touch with BLUNT and eventually came to see him. From telephone conversations between BLUNT and Michael WOODS, between BLUNT and Mr. T. HARRIS, and between Mr. HARRIS and his solicitor Gerald TOOTH, it seems that Michael WOODS, acting on behalf of HEWITT had asked BLUNT for the loan of a sum of money which had to be produced fairly quickly, and that if the money was not found, HEWITT had threatened to disclose something to the detriment of BLUNT. Mr. HARRIS, when talking to his solicitor said that the third party (i.e. WOODS) had said "I am a little worried because there is a certain threat of black-mail". BLUNT apparently produced the money. During January 1952 WOODS was again in contact with BLUNT and the indications were that BLUNT was hoping to be able to get some of the money back, particularly

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in view of the fact that he had had a further claim for HEWITT's overdraft which amounted to £40.

Although this blackmail of BLUNT by HEWITT may have been in connection with BLUNT's mode of life, there is the possibility that the threat may have been of security interest. As I have mentioned earlier, BLUNT was instrumental in obtaining employment for HEWITT in the P.A./D.R.A.'s office of the War Office on the excuse that he was doing useful work for this office which in fact was not true.

Andrew REVAI (PF. 55570).

I have already referred to this man earlier. He would certainly seem to be BLUNT's closest friend in that they are in almost daily contact. REVAI has for some time been regarded with suspicion, but there is no evidence to show that he has of late been engaged in any subversive activities. REVAI runs an Art Gallery in London and is of the same moral persuasion as BLUNT.

The following individuals are also friends of BLUNT:-

Goronwy REES (PF. 604593); Victor and Tess ROTHSCHILD; Llewellyn DAVIS; and a certain Sheila NICHOLSON who is in fairly frequent contact with BLUNT and who appears to have been a friend of Derek VERSCHOYLE (PF. 604600). Marjorie BROWN, employed in the Lord Chamberlain's Office, is also a friend of Jack HEWITT, and is still in touch with him. There does not appear to be much contact between BLUNT and PHILBY, but there have been a few telephone conversations not of any real significance.

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Conclusions.

It is, I think, impossible to assess BLUNT's case until he has been thoroughly interrogated. Although he has been seen on a few occasions by this office, he has not so far as I can see been questioned about his own activities. Might I therefore suggest that BLUNT should now be asked for a full explanation of the following points:-

- (1). REES has stated that he was recruited by BURGESS as a source in 1937; that he was told by BURGESS that BLUNT was one of his (BURGESS') agents but that he did not want REES to discuss this with BLUNT. REES has admitted that he did discuss it with BLUNT and that he thought BLUNT understood to what he referred.

BLUNT has denied that he knew BURGESS was working for the Comintern and said that when he was recruited by BURGESS he believed it was on behalf of the British Intelligence, giving the date about 1937/38.

BLUNT and BURGESS were very close friends and as I have already said, spent a holiday together on the Continent in 1937. Surely BLUNT can be more definite as to when he was recruited. BURGESS did not join M.I.6. until September 1938, and it is almost impossible to believe that this fact was unknown to BLUNT.

Also according to REES, after the German-Soviet Pact in the summer of 1939, REES told BURGESS that the Soviets had ruined any chance of preventing war, and that he wished to have no more to do with his organisation. REES went on to say that BURGESS disagreed with his views but said that BLUNT had also expressed the same views. If, therefore, BLUNT did express the same views it is obvious he must have known that it was for the Soviets that he was working.

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- (2). BLUNT, in his interview with Mr. Robertson and Mr. Martin, described his function in BURGESS' organisation as "being the respectable friend", adding that he neither asked nor was he told what was the purpose of the job. What does BLUNT mean by "being the respectable friend"? On the face of it it might imply that he introduced BURGESS to likely sources of information, but I feel that he should be asked to give a full account of all his activities on behalf of BURGESS.

- (3). On the day of his disappearance, i.e. 25.5.51. BURGESS left with the Secretary of the Reform Club, a locked despatch case. He asked the Secretary to look after it and added that BLUNT could have access to the case. BLUNT in fact collected this case on the evening of 6.6.51. BLUNT has admitted that BURGESS told him on the 25th May that he was going away for the weekend. Did BURGESS on this occasion tell him of the despatch case left at the Reform Club? If not, how, and from whom did BLUNT hear of the case? This case was eventually brought to this office by BLUNT, but there is no record of when he brought it. When it was received in B.2.b. it was unlocked, and from what is remembered there were no papers of any significance in it. One is bound to come to the conclusion that there were some papers in that case which BURGESS wished to give BLUNT the opportunity of removing before the bag found its way into the hands of the Security Service.

- (4). On 7.6.51. we were informed by the Secretary of the Reform Club, that a message had been received from a Mr. STEWART who asked urgently that Mr. Guy BURGESS should meet him outside the Athenaeum Club at 6.30.p.m. that day (7th June), and in the event of Mr. BURGESS not being available, Professor BLUNT should keep the rendezvous. The message was received at the Club at 4.p.m. From our

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telephone check on BLUNT we know that the Secretary of the Reform Club telephoned to BLUNT at 4.3.p.m. BLUNT was not available, but his secretary took a message for him to get in touch with the Reform Club. The message was obviously passed to BLUNT, as a little later on he telephoned to his secretary, and during the course of conversation said he had spoken to the Secretary of the Reform Club. We have nothing to show whether BLUNT in fact kept this rendez-vous. He should I think be asked if he did, and also for any information regarding Mr. STEWART. It may be that there is a perfectly innocent explanation for this matter, but it should, I think, be cleared up.

*F. M. Small.*

B.2.a.  
12th March, 1952.

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Extract from Note by Carey Foster, F.O Security Dept, re conversation with Hector MacNeil ment. BURGESS and BLUNT.

In discussion with Mr. Hector McNeil today he volunteered certain information concerning BURGESS's contacts and friends. ~~He said that he knew that BURGESS's contacts and friends.~~ He said that he knew that BURGESS's chief friends were Anthony BLUNT, David FOOTMAN and Kim PHILBY.

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Information from Mr. Edward CROFT-MURRAY.

On Monday, 25th February 1952, I called on Mr. CROFT-MURRAY at the Print Room of the British Museum, my purpose being to obtain a recommendation for a Reader's Ticket. On the subject of calligraphy I mentioned Wilfrid BLUNT, whereupon CROFT-MURRAY recounted the following incident which had befallen quite recently, I gather, though he did not specify the date. In conversation with CROFT-MURRAY a friend of his named Michael SWANN (who, according to CROFT-MURRAY, moves in intellectual circles and who has recently gone to Mexico) mentioned a curious comment which had been made to SWANN by a mutual friend of SWANN's and CROFT-MURRAY's, Humphrey SLATER. It appears that Humphrey SLATER, an ex-Communist, remarked that it was a curious thing that whilst employed as a Security Officer in Boulogne during the war, Anthony BLUNT had been in close touch with some prominent French intellectual Communists or radical left-wingers. SLATER commented that it was intriguing to speculate that Anthony BLUNT's employment in the Security Service might have provided ideal cover for subversive or Communist activities.

In telling me this story, CROFT-MURRAY stressed that it was told in confidence because he himself was a personal friend of Anthony BLUNT's. In order to help in the identification of Humphrey SLATER, CROFT-MURRAY added that he recollected having seen in the file of Margaret STEWART, a Communist who during the war was employed in the Admiralty, an intercept letter from Humphrey, or Hugh, SLATER indicating that there was a love affair between them. Margaret STEWART, to CROFT-MURRAY's personal knowledge, had a sister Katherine who was married to Professor THOMPSON.

Note Margaret STEWART is identical with Margaret Campbell STEWART, PF.46,962, on whose file there is an indication that she might be a lapsed Communist having disagreed with the Party in 1948. Her sister Katherine is the subject of CC.202,296. Katherine is married to Professor George THOMPSON, PF.55,602, who is on the National Executive of the Communist Party.

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NOTE.

As a consequence of my statement at the B Division meeting yesterday, Mr. Clapham of B.I.G. asked to see me to-day.

He informed me that he had met Lady Pamela BERRY shortly after the disappearance of MACLEAN and BURGESS, and had been told by her that she had had an arrangement to dine with BURGESS on an evening very shortly before his disappearance. BURGESS had in fact telephoned her shortly before he left to confirm the arrangement, and to ask her if she would ask Professor BLUNT to join the dinner party.

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Extract from B.2.a Note on interview with H.A.R. PHILBY on 28.12.51  
 ment. BLUNDEN.

...After BURGESS was fired in 1940, following the motoring incident, PHILBY continued to see him at the same sort of irregular intervals. On the strongest possible prompting by BURGESS, he visited the Bentinck Street menage, and found this place to be something of a shambles. He always wondered why Victor ROTHSCHILD, who owned the flat, put up with the conduct of the people there. He thought that the sexual relationships which existed between BURGESS, BLUNT, Tess MAYER and Pat RAWDON SMITH would bear very little examination.

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I think we should warn B.4 to be prepared to operate:-

1. T.C's on PEACH (lines 2178, 2141 and 2193)
2. T.C's on BLUNDEN (lines 2135, 2136, 2138)
3. TABLE on PEACH

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17.12.51.

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Extract from TABLE material on Mr. Milmo's interrogation of  
H.A.R. PHILBY on 12.12.51 ment. BLUNDEN.

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- I. Why did you say in the letter "I have sent a copy of this letter (i.e. Letter from PHILBY to BURGESS, May 1951) "I have sent a copy of this letter to ANTHONY" ?
- P. Because I knew ANTHONY who was also heavily involved in keeping GUY in order, and I knew it would irritate GUY to know that ANTHONY knew.
- I. Wasn't this the purpose ? This was a very important letter indeed.
- P. No, it really wasn't.
- I. It wasn't a very important letter? Well, you see, you introduced the thing at the very start here and you are stressing it throughout.
- P. No, I'm not.
- I. This apparently annoying incident but apparently trivial incident about the car, and you are taking particular care to ensure that this letter shall get to BURGESS. You're sending copies out - copy to BLUNT.
- P. Well --
- I. In order to see that he gets it.
- P. Incidentally, I'm not absolutely certain but I think this was only a post-script to irritate GUY. I don't think I actually sent it to ANTHONY but I may have done. I don't remember. To re enforce the irritation I think I only told GUY I had sent the letter to ANTHONY.  
..... I don't think I did.
- I. Oh yes you did.
- P. Oh I did, did I ? I took a carbon of it?
- I. Yes, you did.

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Extract from B.2.A. note re interview with <sup>F</sup>red WARNER who mentioned James BLUNDEN.

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In the matter of BLUNDEN, WARNER thought that the latter resented the advice he gave to BURGESS to attempt to make a career for himself in the Foreign Office, since BLUNDEN probably believed that BURGESS would be better off outside such a Service. When he met BLUNDEN by chance in their Club during 1951, BLUNDEN said something to the effect that BURGESS had not profited by the poor advice given him by WARNER.

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Copies of letters and postcards from BLUNT to BURGESS found at Courtauld  
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Greater excitement so far are the children  
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My dear Guy -

Some time last week (wrote you (mentally) an extremely amusing letter all about railors, full of wit, with just enough epigrams + just a grain of sound wisdom at the end when you didn't expect it. But unfortunately I was idle + never committed it to paper - so it is lost - to you, to me + to posterity. A pity.

In any case Rome doesn't help me to do anything. It is such a mixture of the sublime + the pompous with hardly ever a touch of the grotesque, that it will soon make me sentimental unless I take precautions against it.

I feel a little ashamed of writing to you after being here nearly a fortnight + not having yet been to see the Sistine Chapel. Especially as my reason is of a peculiarly sound + practical nature - namely that in a day or two I shall have a pen which admits me free everywhere.

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Michelangelo on the occasions I have met him, hastened  
out like a great man we supposed. Except in the Moses  
which, as far as one can judge in its present horrible  
setting which, I think, throws it out of scale, is a  
little too heroic, & a little too terrible. It has in  
fact the failings which are associated with the Last  
Judgement and it's actually only seven centuries.  
But the Pietà in St Peter (also very difficult  
to see) is much more moving than I expected. For  
some reason its Phoclean-like surface suits it instead of  
making it look like a Paralytic ornament. It is intensely  
elegant - probably the only elegant piece of sculpture he  
ever did. The other Pietà - in the Rondanini palace -  
which one can form no idea at all in photographs,  
is absolutely at the other end of the scale. It's the  
one he was engaged in altering when he died. It's  
a most peculiar work with half of it executed  
according to his original plan & half altered to a new



or two. I only want a few Annis taking away like  
almost all Baroque churches. It's silly, I think, the  
way people go on saying it's so ugly - admittedly  
it would have been better if Michelangelo had  
finished it, but that's neither here nor there.

As for the Baroque in a whole it's  
very exhausting, but much better than I'd hoped.  
The details are so lovely, (columns + bits of  
gorniest so on, even when the church itself  
is dull. I spend six hours a day working at  
churches + six hours a day reading about them  
so I'm becoming quite inhuman. What is worse  
(don't seem to mind) + get on quite happily with no  
human contact except making my hand companion  
here at meals. And my (or) they are lovely!  
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either learned spectacled boss working on the latrine

Scheme - with an odd unattached arm lying about  
for no very obvious reason. The heads, very unfinished  
& with the features only just sketched in, might have come  
from the west door of Chartres & the whole pose is like  
a Greco with the sagging, over-elongated legs. As  
an architect it's harder to form an estimate of him  
since it seems like almost impossible to view the  
back of St Peter without having an aeroplane. Now  
that the Vatican City is a different country, it's  
fenced round with every sort of difficulty. But  
the dome is very tremendous, Byzantine effect only from  
a one way gradually. I was unimpressed the first  
time I saw it. But now, from seeing it every day at  
unexpected moments from odd angles I am beginning to  
get an idea of what it looks like. Also, of course, Rome  
is rich in other domes which up its merits by  
contrast. St Peter by the way is very beautiful  
inside & I believe, rumour, that with a chisel &  
ladder lined make it almost just one in a day.

System of ancient Pompeii or bright young simplifiers  
having been thought into marble. I always been  
led to suppose that one saw a great deal of 'life'  
at art schools but as far as one can judge from  
the examples here the Slade must be a sort of  
Kindergarten where the children are put to bed as  
soon as they're finished painting. The men are more  
remarkable: some are equally naive + young, but  
they do at least suddenly pop up with the most  
startling opinions about painting which I find very  
purposive since they are always from an angle by which  
I can never approach. Also it is instructive talking to  
people who have no other opinion reason for expecting  
Michelangelo live better than a Lightton who really  
to judge each thing on its own merits. The most  
intelligent of them is unfortunately permanently in a cloud  
in which it is difficult to recall them. A complete  
horror has just arisen from all that is known is that he is  
said to have written the history of Italian painting from an  
entirely new point of view. Unfortunately what this

point of view is will never be discovered here since he is so  
reclusive that no one (except the cat) will have any contact  
with him. His smile of permanent self satisfaction is painful,  
especially below that moustache - like a miniature, misplaced  
brush. All the intelligence in the world will not atone for  
his Wimbledon factionalism. His name, by the way, is  
Bungess.

I occasionally glimpse an idea about the Baroque  
+ sometimes for a very brief moment see a plan for a book  
Baroque the whole I find go on looking, hoping that something  
will happen when I'm finished. Like that I must go south -  
indeed in going to Naples tomorrow + but I think I shall  
have to visit Sicily as well. It's driving all very  
different down there. The most important centre is a town  
called Bagheria - very difficult to pronounce politely in  
England.

Some time I should love a brief account of  
all scandal in Cambridge, together with a general account  
of the relations existing between all relevant persons.

Distribute my love largely + freely to all

One who would take it kindly (delivering it in the appropriate form in each case e.g. my respects to Lapsley, remember me to Simpson, a hug in the nit for Dadie + my love to - ah! whom?) Particularly tell Dadie they should not say good bye when in France + tell him I will write him out if Victor minded my writing my husband written letter a month later. Is David back from Venice? In fact always being. Particularly tell me about your own life.

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# Voters List Enquiry

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(L.C.C. to 1964; G.L.C. 1964 onwards including current Register; England, Wales and Northern Ireland 1937/38 to last year's Registers—war years are excluded.)

Ref.: PF. 604,582 (Vol. 2 75b.)

Section K.3. Officer R.A. Cunningham Date 4.12.70.  
pp B. Palliser

Please obtain particulars of all voters\*/voters named ANY NAME  
for 1936/1937/1938  
at the following address on the qualifying dates(s) ~~1936 October 19 XXXXX XXXX~~ inclusive.

Address: Merestones,  
Woolstone,  
Faringdon,  
Berks.

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15 DEC 1970  
TO: K3 K3/BP 19/11  
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<u>1937.</u>  <u>1938</u>	}	<u>BLUNT- Christopher Evelyn.</u> <u>          - Elizabeth Rachel.</u>
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(1936 not available).

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14.12.70.

L. J. J. J.

The letter must almost certainly have been written at Easter 1938.

Merestones · Woolstone · Faringdon · Berks

My dear G -

(Seem to have waited a long time to answer your last, but 450 examination papers coming in at an already full moment have put me out of ordinary action for a moment, however in down here for Easter + a moment when the little boys' museum fall.

About Hutch-Barbara - I think that you have not written, since you said in your letter that you would only send any such letter via me. It would think do us good + would certainly create complications. H. has since agreed been truly + discreditable, but he is slightly panicked already since B. told him that she had talked the whole thing over with me, the in terror asked if she said that H. had broken. She then after some fight said no, I had broken, & because he apparently was so fussed. All tiresome, but better not to antagonize anyone unnecessarily at the moment & as I said, B. will not tell anyone - least of all Victor -

Otherwise nothing has happened. I long to hear from Jackie about your general state - & I should actually post this till I have telephoned to him tonight. George has not put in an appearance yet - or least if he has telephoned I haven't been here. I wonder if Solomon was likely to know his movements at all -

I will collect all the latest information from Pollard's + your post tomorrow when I get back + then send you a further opinion about <sup>coming</sup> ~~get~~ back. Will the B.B.C. be getting restive? Let me know the line on that - I have to go here constant at the moment to

rehearse etc by broadcast which is for Thursday -  
George Bann, incidentally, has been good - though there was a  
slight scene when I overheard him making a Katewell untrue statement  
to ~~me~~ someone outside the studio about me, & called him a bloody  
liar (in a quite friendly way) down the machine - not knowing  
that his secretary was sitting with him - otherwise it has  
been quite smooth - & D. T. is said to approve of the script.

Do you want to write to Victor now? If you are  
coming back to England do you want to desert the Bobbs? or  
wd. V. get you a job abroad?

Your story about the French agent & the  
weighing machine has had a serious success in several  
liberary reviews in which I have read it - especially retaining  
every stylistic idiosyncrasy. I adored it.

Hope Saccio's visit was a success. I can't think of  
anything else to say.

Later, I will miss Saccio on the  
telephone, & I would like to  
write again of the barony thing to  
report.

Love,

A.



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Notre-Dame Church  
Paris Niche



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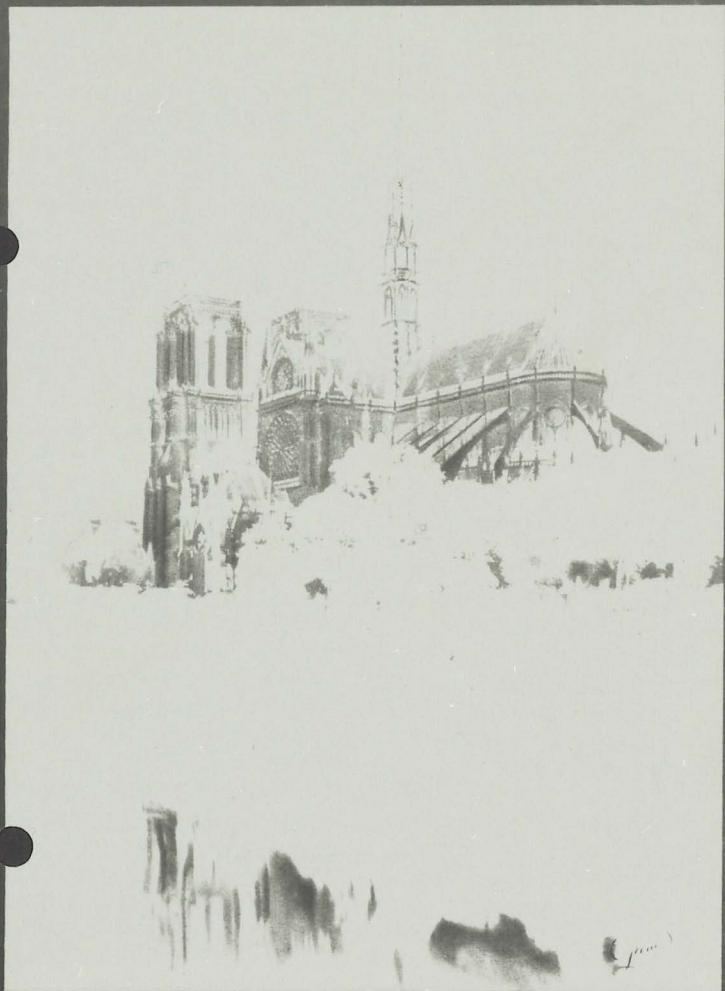
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I don't think I shall be  
messing about to come back through Paris.  
The exhibition (about 50% finished) seems  
dull, the tone of the painting shows  
are fast & there's a new La Touche  
& the artist unknown POWERS - by  
impression of course, I mean I know but  
But in future we must  
over for the 14<sup>th</sup> July - almost



*Paris la nuit - Abside de Notre-Dame*

TRINITY COLLEGE,  
CAMBRIDGE.

You may have to go to see an exhibition  
at Rosenberg's home. Otherwise I may come  
to London for it. I am seriously  
miserable without PERI - This  
messy to warn in The Mill take the  
first opportunity to take it away.

Love

A.

## EXTRACT.

✓ PF. 604,582

BLUNDEN

PF. 72,493

CAIRNCROSS (main vol.)

Extract for File No. .... Name: .....

Original in File No.: \* PF. 72,493/Supp Serial: 60 Vol: 2 Receipt Date: 30.11.51.

Original from: telecheck on John CAIRNCROSS,  
civil servant with Comm. connections. Under Ref.: ..... Dated: 27.11.51.

Extracted on: 13.3.52. by: R. E. M. Section: B. 2. a.

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Incoming call from STEFFIE to GABY to tell her about their (she went with CHARLES holiday in Paris. CHARLES had been buying quite a lot - it was great fun seeing all the art dealers etc. GABY mentioned that they had been to a lecture about Paris in the 17th century. It was given by a man called BLUNT. STEFFIE inquired whether it was ANTHONY BLUNT of COURTAULDS. GABY said yes. STEFFY went on to talk about Paris. GABY mentioned having had tea in the House of Commons this afternoon with MACAD...whom she had not seen for about two years. It seems, she wanted to see him in connection with her survey quiz. She said that they had had lunch with Adelaide and had helped her to write a letter to her local M.P. about the very high postage to Korea.

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OFFICER BEFORE USINGR. E. M.  
13.3.52

Extract from Minute By B.2.b/Mr.Martin to B.2., dated 29.11.51,  
re "BURGESS Correspondence"

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B.2.b has now been through the latest consignment of "BURGESS Correspondence", and preliminary sorting has been made. The whole bundle is now being prepared for Registry processing and it will then be indexed as was the first batch.of material.

Meanwhile I have picked out what I think are the highlights which you may wish to look at now.

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8) Letter from Brian(presumably HOWARD) mentioning BLUNT and BELL.

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*JaBee*  
9.10.52

Copy for ~~\*B4B~~/FILE ✓

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Telecommunications Dept., G.P.O., have been asked to take the action specified in connection with the T.C. mentioned below :

	suspend	2135	
		2136	28.11.51.
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	1.12.51 inclusive	2147	

28.11.51.

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*Self*

C.A.G. Simkins

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\*Delete as necessary.

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73ab.

George STEPHENSON.

At my request DDG asked BLUNDEN recently for further particulars of the above, whom BLUNDEN had previously stated to have been BURGESS's valet since the war.

BLUNDEN had little information to give. He understood that STEPHENSON had a Newcastle background, but he did not know where he was at the present time. He did not even know for certain how STEPHENSON spells his name.

All BLUNDEN could add was that HEWIT would certainly know all about STEPHENSON, but HEWIT was still in hospital.

J.C.Robertson.

B.2  
27.11.51

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~~P.2.~~ <sup>JM</sup> Seen by DB.  
D.B.

~~B2A~~ - 6916

You asked me to comment on the attached account of our interview with BLUNT.

I think in fairness to BLUNT I should say, in regard to paragraph two, that before you came in he was at some pains - I think genuinely - to explain that he had not deliberately withheld these papers from us, but had quite honestly forgotten about them. They had been deposited with him as books by Mrs. BASSETT - I imagine shortly after BURGESS left - and it was only when asked for their return that he took a look at them and thought they might be of interest. He realised that in the circumstances of our interview a poor construction might be put upon their sudden production, but hoped that I would believe him when he said that there was no more in it than forgetfulness and a failure in the light of later events to estimate their possible importance at the time of receipt.

I think this was a bit too do

*[Handwritten signature]*

D.D.G.  
21.11.51.

P. a for BLUNT

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Note.

A comparison of the passports of BURGESS and BLUNDEN reveals that they made two journeys to Europe together in 1935 and another in 1937.

1. Both disembarked at DIEPPE on 30.3.35.

BURGESS entered Italy at BARDONECCHIA on 1.4.35.  
BLUNDEN " " " " on 31.3.35.

BURGESS left Italy at BARDONECCHIA on 22.4.35.  
BLUNDEN " " " DOMODOSSOLA on 20.4.35.

BURGESS embarked at DIEPPE on 25.4.35.  
BLUNDEN " " " on 27.4.35.

2. BURGESS disembarked at BOURGET/DUGNY Airport on 9.12.35.  
BLUNDEN " " ----- (? BOURGET/DUGNY Airport) on 9.12.35.

BURGESS embarked at BOURGET/DUGNY Airport on 12.12.35.  
BLUNDEN " " " " " on 13.12. (?35).

3. Both issued in London with Travellers Cheques for Italy on 12.7.37.

Both entered Italy at PONTE.S.LUIGI on 26.7.37.

Both passed through ERENBER on 7.8.37.

Both entered MITTENWELD-LANDSTR. on 7.8.37.

Both entered NEUF-BRISACK, PONT-DU-RHIN, on 8.8.37.

B. 2. b./DJJ  
20.11.51.

Blair & Burgess were in Paris together week before war broke out (3.9.39) See AZURE of 13.10.72.

Blair said re his travel with Burgess in 1938 - may have passed through Paris but spring tour mainly to Italy. (3286 Vol. 6 of bus

PF. 604, 583NOTE FOR FILE

The sealed envelope attached contains a report from a source in close touch with Anthony BLUNT.

The envelope is not to be opened without reference to Mr. White, Colonel Cumming, Mr. Robertson or Mr. Simkins

The report states that BLUNT acknowledges having been a communist in his younger days. He contends that most intellectuals of his generation "went left", but admits that he went further than most. For some time past, and certainly long before MACLEAN and BURGESS disappeared, BLUNT has made it plain that his views have changed. He claims to be now back to the centre, or at least to the left centre. Nevertheless, BLUNT considers that a broad political education should include a study of communist theory.

BLUNT is said to have been closely attached to BURGESS personally, and his distress over the BURGESS/MACLEAN case is characteristic of his loyalty to his friends.

(hah!)

*C.A.G. Simkins*

B.2.a.  
15.11.51.

C.A.G. Simkins

She is, I believe, something of an authority on medical art, and is on the staff of the Courtauld Institute where she is also on close terms of friendship with Anthony Blunt.

By virtue of her wartime employment she knows I work in M15, & that Anthony was with us in war. From close association with Anthony she also knows that he and I are distant cousins.

When [redacted] lunched with me a few days ago the talk turned on the Courtauld Institute, & when she & I were alone she told me she was seriously worried about Anthony, upon whom the impact of the Burgess affair had been considerable.

She told me that Anthony had made no secret from her of the fact that in his younger days he had been an avowed communist, & although contending that most intellectuals of that age, & of that era, went left, he admitted he went further than most.


She went on to say that for some time past, & certainly long before the Maclean - Burgess affair broke, Anthony had been at pains to assure her that he had undergone a complete change of heart - a change which, in his case, had brought him back to the

middle, or at least to the left centre, of the road with a force in inverse ratio to that which had at one time led him to the brink.

added, however, that while stressing his change of heart Anthony had on several occasions professed his disappointment at her lack of political education, & had often pressed her to 'broaden her mind' by including more communist theory in her reading matter.

As regards relations with Guy Burgess, said she was convinced that whatever political or other affinities might have existed between him and Anthony, they were closely attached, & that it was characteristic of Anthony's loyalty to Burgess as a friend that he should take the recent episode so hardly.

From my own knowledge of Anthony, & of I should have said that the latter was just the sort of person to whom the former might be expected to turn instinctively where confidences are concerned.

  
29 Oct 51.

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Copy in PF.6 529 BURGESS

6/11

Anthony BLUNT called on the D.D.G. this afternoon, the visit having obviously been precipitated by an interview between BLUNT and HARRIS.

BLUNT informed the D.D.G. that, in connection with the BURGESS case, he had just remembered being in possession of a further load of BURGESS' personal papers and that these included, he found from a quick glance, an old passport. He therefore wished to know if we wanted to inspect them. This point was put to me after I had been summoned by the D.D.G. to join their discussion. I made it clear that we should certainly want to inspect every paper relating to BURGESS that we could lay hands on. We therefore subsequently arranged that Mr. Simkins should accompany BLUNT back to the Courtauld Institute where the papers were lodged in the basement and bring them back to this office for inspection.

The above point having been settled I took BLUNT once more over the BURGESS story. The following points, not all of which may be new, were made by BLUNT:

- 1) He is absolutely confident that BURGESS must first have become a Communist while at Trinity College, Cambridge, between the dates October 1933 and February 1934. He asserts this because he was himself at Cambridge at the earlier date, at which time BURGESS was certainly not claiming to be a Communist but, when BLUNT returned from a Continental visit in February 1934 BURGESS had certainly become converted to Communism. He therefore places the conversion as having taken place in the winter term 1933 and considers that the particular influence in persuading BURGESS to Communism was probably James KLUGMAN, and that John CORNFORD may have had a hand in it. In any case, he remembers KLUGMAN and CORNFORD saying that BURGESS was a very erratic Communist and that either their time or that of a competent Marxist was required almost every day to deal with his various deviations.
- 2) During the period that BURGESS was doing historical research work at Trinity BLUNT remembers that he worked under SIMPSON and that he took as a special subject the Indian mutiny.
- 3) BLUNT has a clear recollection of BURGESS' break with Communism and places it as in the Spring of 1935. The break appeared as a violent revolt against Party discipline and because this seemed to be entirely in line with BURGESS' temperament, BLUNT thought nothing of it. It was just another indication of BURGESS' erratic enthusiasms. It also did not surprise him that BURGESS threw up his job at Cambridge - he had never thought BURGESS to have the right sort of personality to be happy as a Don.
- 4) BLUNT believes he can confirm that, on his return to London BURGESS tried for a job in the Conservative Central Office and wonders whether, during the period he worked for The Times, he was introduced to that Journal either by Micky BURN or by E.H.CARR.
- 5) Regarding his Continental travels with BURGESS in 1938, BLUNT says that although he may have passed through Paris the Spring tour was mainly to Italy.
- 6) As an indication of BURGESS' political views, that they remained essentially Marxist, BLUNT remembers that:

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- a) BURGESS completely accepted the Russian purge trials on the grounds that the French had independent evidence of a conspiracy by the persons purged.
  - b) BURGESS argued that the German-Soviet pact was not Russia's fault but that we had forced her into it by sending a low level delegation to discuss a Treaty with them which was never plenipotentiary.
- 7) BLUNT remembers that BURGESS' valet, George STEPHENSON, once told him that he had discovered a wad of pound notes in BURGESS' property. He could not place the date of this discovery but thought it might have been three years ago though it might have been much earlier. He also remembers that when the time came for BURGESS to settle fairly large personal debts to him he would pay out £20 or £30 at a time in notes rather than pay by cheque.

D.B.  
14.11.51.

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Copy in PF 604,529.  
Copied to PF 47,638 (KATZ)  
for BLUNDEN

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Reference.....

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Brief for meeting with BLUNDEN - 14.11.51.

RALEIGH has described the period during which BURGESS claimed that he was working for the Comintern and places it as 1937/38. BLUNDEN refers to the same years as the "cloak and dagger" period and while admitting that he helped BURGESS at that time in his intelligence activities, claims that he imagined that they were on behalf of British intelligence. He mentioned the following persons who were associated with BURGESS in his work:

Jack MACNAMARA.  
Rolf KATZ.  
Edouard PFEIFFER.  
Tomas HARRIS.

MACNAMARA and KATZ, both fall into the period 1935/38 but we have no confirmatory evidence that they were significant in BURGESS' espionage activities. PFEIFFER and HARRIS, on the other hand, relate to 1939 and 1940 when BURGESS was working for S.I.S.

BLUNDEN described his own role in BURGESS' intelligence activities as that of being "the respectable friend". He described HARRIS' role as that of providing a fast car and making sudden road journeys as directed.

This description, both of his own role and that of HARRIS, fits the 1939/40 period when BURGESS was genuinely working for British intelligence. It seems inconceivable that BLUNDEN can have so muddled his dates as to be able to distinguish between events which took place two or three years before the war and those which took place either after the war had started or at least in the immediately preceding months. One is forced to conclude therefore that BLUNDEN drew upon his knowledge of BURGESS' genuine British intelligence activities to cover those earlier activities which RALEIGH declared were for the Comintern; and that he was able to do so because there had been collusion between himself and RALEIGH before they made their statements.

There seems no purpose in listing specific questions to be put to BLUNDEN. We want to know precisely how he came to be recruited by BURGESS, what assignments he carried out and who else was concerned. I think too that he

/should

10/11/51

... for meeting with ...

in 1937 or 1938

should be tackled about the conversation/which RALEIGH claims to have had with him and at which RALEIGH discussed BURGESS' Comintern activities.

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... mentioned the following reasons  
... in his work ...

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14.11.51.

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... both fall into the period of 1937-38  
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NOTE FOR FILE:P.F. Y. 48846 - PUTLITZ.Copies in P.F.Y. 604529 (BURGESS) and P.F.Y. 604582 (BLUNDEN).

On the instructions of B.2. I have attempted to review the files relating to Wolfgang Gans Edler zu PUTLITZ. This has been rather difficult principally because his early history is not recorded on the files.

There is no information about how, when or by whom he was originally recruited to our service. It is apparent, however, that he was employed as an agent by this office for about five years before the war, starting when he was First Secretary of the German Embassy in London and continuing when he was transferred to the German Legation at The Hague. He is said to have produced a steady stream of information which was highly valued by the Foreign Office and in particular by Lord VANSITTART.

Owing to some kind of leakage, he was blown to the Germans in 1939, but succeeded in escaping from Holland to this country.

This office has always considered that we are under a considerable obligation to PUTLITZ, but he has been something of an anxiety for the last three years or so. In 1948, he was given a certificate of British naturalization, and the sum of £2000 as a final settlement of his claims on us. It was hoped that this would enable him to find some means of livelihood. In fact, he has never obtained regular employment, but appears to be in receipt of sufficient funds to allow him to travel fairly extensively and we have been unable to discover the source of his funds. It has been suggested that they are the result of Black Market dealings and on the whole this seems very probable. On the other hand, he is suspected in some quarters of dealing with the Russians in a more sinister manner and has been reported to be a Russian agent. There is no real evidence of this on these files.

As regards his contact with Anthony BLUNT, it appears that BLUNT was PUTLITZ's official link with this office at least during 1945. BLUNT left the office in October, 1945, but appears to have maintained contact, on somewhat vague instructions from this office, until paid off in March, 1949. It is also clear that PUTLITZ and BURGESS were known to each other for many years.

Evidence that the acquaintance between BURGESS and PUTLITZ continued is shown in Mr. White's letter at 177a in P.F. 48846.Y. Vol. 2. In addition, an extract from PUTLITZ's Home Office file at 18a in volume 1, indicates that a certain Dr. Pierre LANSEL had information about PUTLITZ. Dr. Pierre LANSEL was Guy BURGESS' doctor for a number of years.

There seems to be little doubt that PUTLITZ and his valet, Willi SCHNEIDER, with whom he lived for a considerable number of years, were both homosexuals. SCHNEIDER was at one time valet to Gerald HAMILTON.

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Original in File No.: PF. 604643 ..... Serial: 6a ..... Receipt Date: .....  
Original from: Note by D.B. .... Under Ref.: ..... Dated: 7.11.51 .....  
Extracted on: 12.11.51 ..... by: NLM ..... Section: B2b .....

Note on Interview D.D.G. - HONEY on 7.11.51

.....The D.D.G. took the opportunity of telling him (HONEY) that after careful consideration we thought it would serve a useful purpose for him to have the talk with BLUNDEN which he had suggested.....

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NOTE

At a meeting held in D.B.'s room today, at which were present Mr. Robertson, Mr. Simkins and Mr. Martin, it was recommended that the following attitude should be adopted towards HONEY at the interview which he has sought with the D.D.G.;

- (a) If it became apparent that HONEY had guessed that we were suspicious of PEACH, or if he asked point-blank why we did not question PEACH further, it should be admitted to him that we are suspicious of PEACH because he has been a close and life-long friend of BURGESS. He should then be warned that he was honour bound not to discuss this disclosure with his friends and if he gave this assurance he could then be questioned in general terms concerning his knowledge of PEACH's early career and sympathies. If on the other hand he himself did not raise the question of PEACH it was recommended that the D.D.G. should not himself do so.
- (b) If HONEY should discuss further the question of BLUNDEN he should be encouraged to tell BLUNDEN that this office was not satisfied that he had been entirely frank and to attempt to persuade him that it was in his own interests that he should come forward now and tell everything that he knows.

The timing of the interrogation of PEACH was then discussed. Mr. White said that he did not think it advisable to approach Mr. Milmo, with a view to asking him to undertake the interrogation, until he had first discussed it with the D.G. who was expected to return next week. It was agreed, nevertheless, that the preparation of the brief for interrogation should be begun at once and that it should be completed by the end of November. Assuming that a further fortnight would have to elapse, during which the interrogator would fully brief himself, the provisional date of December 15th was fixed for the interrogation. Mr. White made the point that before the interrogation of PEACH took place it might be considered advisable that both HONEY and BLUNDEN should be informed of our intentions but at such short notice as to make it impossible for them to warn PEACH. It was agreed that this should be further discussed as the time approached.

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Extract for File No.: PF. 604,582 Name: BLUNDEN

Original in File No.: PF. 604,643 Serial: 8a Receipt Date:

Original from: Report from D.D.G. Under Ref.: Dated: 6.11.51.

Extracted on: 19.11.51. by: PL Section: B2a

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Harris began by explaining that he was a late-comer into a group of friends which contained Guy BURGESS. Having himself been privately educated, he did not share their common educational background. He first met Anthony BLUNT in 1936; he believes because Victor Rthschild wanted to buy a painting from him and brought BLUNT along to act as his art adviser. He met BURGESS through BLUNT in 1938.....

Somewhere about June or July 1940 BURGESS got in touch with (Harris) again and offered him a war job which he described as highly secret and which he said would enable Harris and his wife to remain together for the duration of the war. This appealed to Harris who was taken by BURGESS to an interview at a place which he subsequently learned to call Station 17 and to know as the training centre of Section D of S.I.S. The job offered to him and his wife was the administration (including housekeeping) of a hostel for foreign secret agents during training for secret despatch to some European country. He was interviewed by a certain Colonel Peters who was attended by BURGESS, PHILBY, BLUNT and HILL. BLUNT seems to have been present only as a friend of BURGESS and possibly also as one who had a longer knowledge than any of the others present of Harris himself.....

D.D.G. allowed Harris to know what we had the impression that BLUNT had not been entirely frank with us. Although surprised at this, Harris said that, if it were so, it might possibly be due to BLUNT's desire not to arouse suspicion about persons who might be entirely innocent in the affair. He described BLUNT as a person exceedingly loyal to his friends and illustrated this by pointing out that BLUNT had told him that he greatly regretted having mentioned Bernard MILLER's name to the D.D.G. in the early days, because he was quite convinced that MILLER had no connection with any activities which might have made it necessary for BURGESS to escape. He then suggested that it might be helpful if he were to talk to BLUNT about the impression we had as to his lack of frankness and to advise him that he was helping no one, especially not himself, by allowing this impression to exist. D.D.G. said he would like to consider the advisability of such a course of action and would let Harris know whether or not he wished him to carry it out.

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LOOSE MINUTE

B.54

I enclose herewith two more photographs each of RALPH and BLUNDEN as requested in your F.153/3 of 1.11.51. I apologise that these were not sent to you in the first place, and will remember in future to send you three copies.

I also enclose three photographs of HONEY. This is a good likeness as far it goes, but HONEY is now wearing a beard.

With reference to the note enclosed with Mr. Siskins' minute of the above reference dated 26.10.51, we are unable to obtain a photograph of FLANAGAN.

B.2.a.  
5.11.51.

Secretary

Copy on: FF.604,589 FLANAGAN  
FF.604,582 BLUNDEN  
FF.604,583 RALPH  
FF.604,643 HONEY

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EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No.: PF.604,582 Name: BLUNDEN

Original in File No.: PF.604,643 Serial: 6h Receipt Date:

Original from: Report from D.D.G. Under Ref.: Dated: 3.11.51.

Extracted on: 19.11.51. by: PL Section: B2a

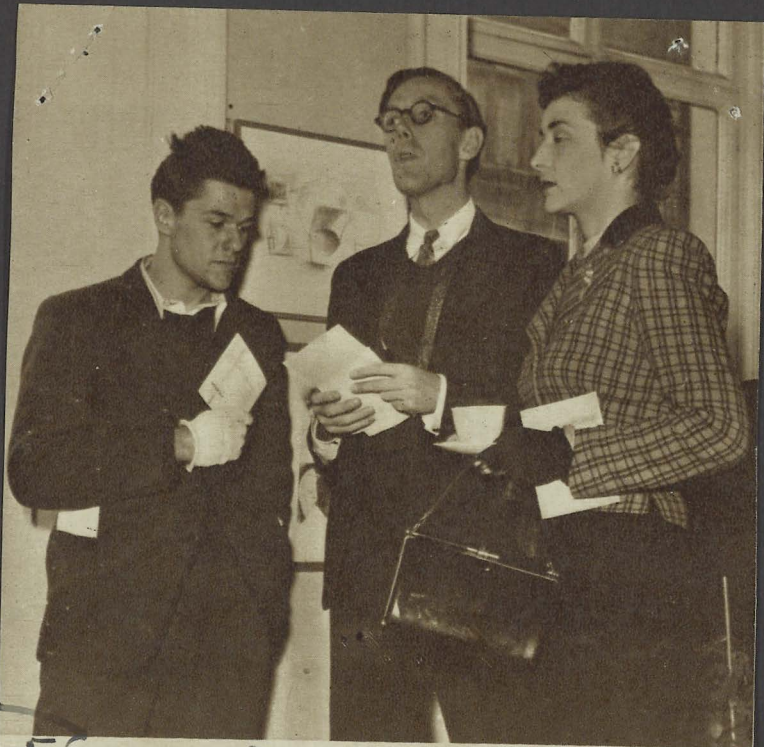
HARRIS

I dined with Tommy and his wife last night. We did not get on to any discussion of office matters until after dinner, when Tommy expressed anxiety about Anthony's indiscretions.

Anthony had told Tommy that the American, Bernard MILLER, was returning to this country to study and that he intended to resume touch with him. Tommy had told Anthony that he considered this most unwise. He said that he had never been wholly satisfied with the peculiar story of Bernard MILLER, who had become acquainted with Guy BURGESS on board ship, had visited Geneva, been present when BURGESS was packing his clothes to depart, and had returned to America immediately afterwards. Tommy thought it quite conceivable that MILLER might have played some part on behalf of the Russians, or, alternatively, that he might have been an agent of the F.B.I. Even if he were wrong, in both of these assumptions, it was quite possible that MILLER might now be acting for the F.B.I., and that information detrimental to Anthony ~~at~~ might go back to them. On all these grounds he had strongly advised Anthony to have nothing to do with Bernard MILLER and had told him that if he, Anthony, had no objection he thought of mentioning the matter to me and asking my advice.

I told Tommy that he could tell Anthony that I entirely agreed with his, Tommy's view, and I was sure that if Anthony did not pull himself together he might well be jeopardising the whole of his career.

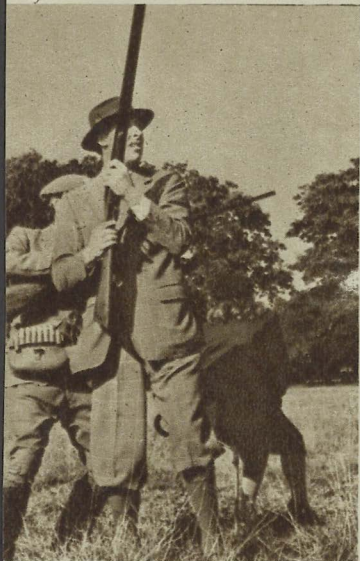
We then talked about Anthony's relations with Jackie HEWITT. Tommy, of course, knew about the latest incident and had strongly advised Anthony to break with HEWITT and not to go on visiting him in St. Mary's Hospital.



*Mr. Nicholas Biddulph, Professor Anthony Blunt, Director of the Courtauld Institute, and Lady Barry (Vera Lindsey, the actress), wife of Sir Gerald Barry, discussing one of the exhibits.*

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Earl of Kimberley watches keenly  
the first birds to come over in the  
early sunlight



The party assembled before the  
R. Schofield, Mr. Guy Moreton  
Kimberley, Capt. S. Van Neck, M

A PARTY GO

THE TATLER October 31st 1951.

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New Scotland Yard,

LONDON, S.W.1

26th October, 1951.

M.I.5.

With reference to your PF.Y.604582/B2<sup>8</sup>/  
E.McB, dated 23rd October, 1951 ; - b6A

Enclosed is copy of list of British  
subjects arriving at Hay's Wharf on 12th  
September, 1935 in Russian M/v "SMOLNY", as  
requested.

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**METROPOLITAN POLICE.**

Special Report }  
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**SPECIAL BRANCH,**

12th day of September, 1935.

**SUBJECT.** British  
arriving in U.K.

The undermentioned British Subjects arrived at Hay's Wharf, London, this day, on the Russian M/V "SMOLNY", from Leningrad:-

**Reference to Papers**

	BLUNT: Wilfred J.	Embarked 10/8/35.
	BLUNT: Anthony F.	" 10/8/35.
<i>PF-604-74P</i>	<i>see list</i> COOKE: Charles F. X	" 10/8/35.
	CUNARD: Nancy.	" 2/8/35.
X	<i>see list</i> MADGE: John H. X	" 10/8/35.
	RAWLINGS: Gerard C.	" 26/6/35.
X	<i>see list</i> RYCROFT: Charles F. X	" 10/8/35.
PF	SIMON: Brian.	" 10/8/35.
PF	VINTER: Fred. R.P.	" 13/7/35.
PF	WALLACE: Michael B.	" 13/7/35.
PF X	<i>see list</i> YOUNG: Michael D. X	" 10/8/35.

The following British subjects also arrived:-

DOCKER: Edward John, born Sydney 26/11/94. Passport No. 148341.

GANTER: Clarence Albert, born London 12/8/03. Cabinet maker. Passport No. 49 issued Leningrad. *NT 7/4/71*

GANTER: Charlotte. A teacher. Passport No. 73 issued Leningrad. *NT 7/4/71*

HEMMING: Alice Louise, born 18/9/08. Passport No. 328448. *N.T. 7/4/71*

KENT: Joan Winifred, born 1/10/09. Passport *N.T. 7/4/71* No. 625282.

LOEWENFIELD: Nilen Clare, born 31/5/19. Passport No. 2173 issued Hamburg.

MORAN: Stanley James, born Melbourne, Australia 1/5/99. A postal clerk. Passport No. A141274.

SHARKLEY: Lawrence Louis, born New South Wales 6/8/98. A labourer. Passport No. A.105827 issued at Sydney 26/5/1930.

(signed) E. FRETWELL

Submitted:

(signed) G. R. GRANVILLE

Inspector

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No. : P.F. 604,582 Name : BLUNDEN

Original in File No. : \*P.F. 604,584 Serial: 149b Vol.: 3 Receipt Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Original from: B.2 Under Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: 25.10.51

Extracted on: 9.10.52 by: JA Section: B.2.a

Extract from Note by B.2. re PEACH case ment. BLUNDEN

The PEACH case was discussed at length with D.B on 24 10.51. B.2. B.2.a(Mr.Simkins) and B.2.b(Mr.Martin) were present.

The following decisions were reached.

.....  
Further Interrogation of Associates of BURGESS and BEACH.

/  
3) BLUNDEN.

Renewed interrogation considered desirable. D.B. to ask D.D.G again if he is prepared to undertake this on the basis of personal and friendly advice to BLUNDEN to be frank in his own interest.

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

JaBaa  
9.10.51



Paul H. ...

PEACH.

BURGESS.

CURZON.

BLUNDEN.

RALEIGH.

KLUGMANN.

1933.

Switzerland.  
(PIECK).

Paris. In summer.  
(MASSING).

Cambridge. Trinity College. Member of C.U.S.S. Took B.A. 20.6.33; studied Marx (self); close friend of BURGESS. (RALEIGH and J. Burnaby). Subscriber to Labour Monthly. Went to Vienna.

Cambridge. Trinity College. Took B.A. Active Communist.

Cambridge. Trinity Hall. Trip to Brittany to discuss Communism. (possibly 1934).

Cambridge. Trinity College. Abroad (dates unknown).

Research Fellow All Souls, Oxford. With Manchester Guardian Berlin and Vienna and later in U.K.

Cambridge. Trinity College

1934.

Paris.

Vienna. Married Lizy 24.2.34. Returned to U.K. May 1934. Associated with SMDIKA in starting London Continental News Service. Asst.Ed. Review of Reviews. Free Lance journalism.

Cambridge. Research and teaching. Visited Russia 28.6.34. Returned 22.7.34.

Cambridge. Took degree & came down in June. Visit to Brittany (probable). Letter to the "Granta" 7.3.34 clearly shows he is a Communist.

Abroad. Returned to Cambridge in Spring.

Manchester Guardian. Contemplated visiting Russia with BURGESS.

Cambridge. Brussels. For World Congr of Students. 28.12.34. Member of C.P.

1935.

London 14-24th June. 11-14th September. Paris.

London. Review of Reviews. Earning £3 a week. Visited Spain.

Cambridge. Left C.P. with some publicity, quarrelled with C.P. friends. Left Cambridge abandoning academic career. Applied for job in BBC. Worked for MacNAMARA MP. Worked for "TIMES" Connected with Anglo-German Fellowship.

London. London School of Economics. Probably abroad. Joined F.O. in Oct.

Cambridge. Visited France, Switzerland and Italy March and April. Visited Russia 10.8.35. Returned 12.9.35.

London. Asst.Editor Spectator. Quarrelled with BURGESS re C.P. Went to Russia. 6 months in Spain, France, Germany, Austria.

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Paul HARDT.

PEACH.

BURGESS

CURZON.

BLINDEN.

RALEIGH.

KLUGMANN.

1936.

London. 4.1. to 4.3.36.  
16-25.3.  
13.4.-9.5.  
21.5.-6.6.  
7.7.-24.8.  
Took over J.H.KING from PIECK in Spring. Private address 32 Duke's Court, Duke St., W. Office 6 Lansdowne Place, W.C.1. (February). Assisted by Brian GOULD-VERSCHOYLE. Started running Imperial Council Source. Paris address 28 Avenue Friedland, In Moscow in August.

London.  
Asst.Ed. World Review. Income £8 a week. Asked by Stafford TALBOT to edit Monthly Mag. to stimulate commerce between Britain & Germany. Joined Anglo-German Fellowship. Visited Germany twice. Marriage with Lizy broke up end of year. (own statement).

London.  
Joined BBC 1.10.36. First met FLANAGAN.  
  
Before joining BBC worked in Conservative Party Central Office. (RALEIGH and FLANAGAN).

London.  
Foreign Office. Dealing with evacuation of British subjects from Spain.

Cambridge.  
Visited Spain, Denmark and France.

London.  
Spectator. Visited Germany & Austria. Living at 20 Randolph Rd., W.9. with BLAIKIE. (November).

Paris. (May).  
With Secretari of World Student Associations.

1937.

London.  
6.1.-20.2.  
27.2.-24.6.  
Took flat. 8 Wallace Court, 300, Marylebone Road. (Jan). Running GLADING. Running Imperial Council ce. s 24.6. to left for

Spain. (Feb).  
Free Lance Journalist, Franco side. London April. Return Spain "Times" Correspondent. Visited CURZON at F.O. Visited Lizy in Paris. (or 1938).

London. B.B.C.  
38 Chester Sq. Engaged clandestine work - anti-Fascist Secret Comintern (RALEIGH).

London.  
Foreign Office.

Cambridge.  
Involved in BURGESS' clandestine activities. (Own statement and RALEIGH). Visited France April, it July.

London.  
Spectator. Renewed friendship with BURGESS, who tried to recruit him to clandestine work. (own statement).

Paris.  
71 rue de Cherche-Midi 1 Representing Oxford

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Paul HART.

PEACH.

BUR SS.

CURZON.

BLIND N.

RALEIGH.

KLINGMANN.

1938.

Spain.  
Frequently in France.  
Visited London.

London.  
B.B.C.  
Visited France, March, April.  
Sept. M.I.6. outside agent, recruited by FLANAGAN.  
Sent in resignation to BBC.

London.  
Foreign Office until 24.9.38  
posted to Paris, 3rd Sec.

Cambridge.  
Still doing work for BURGESS.  
Visited France March & Sept.

London.  
Spectator.

Paris.  
India, Ceylon, China, New York  
Paris.  
For World Student Association.

1939.

Spain.  
Visited London.  
Visited France.  
Returned U.K. August to discuss opening "Times" Madrid Office. On outbreak of war appointed "Times" correspondent B.E.F.

London.  
Resigned BBC 11.1.39.  
In France with BLINDEN.  
Liaison Officer between Section D and M. of I. until May.  
Signed on Section D 16.6.39.  
Told RALEIGH he was giving up Comintern work.  
May have met Grand, Section D, through FLANAGAN.  
(FLANAGAN).

Paris.

London.  
30 Palace Ct. W.2.  
Visited France with BURGESS.  
Joined Army A.O.E.R.  
Appointed Security Off. Corps Mil. Pol.

London.  
Spectator.  
Joined Army Welsh Fusiliers.  
Told BURGESS did not wish to have any more to do with B's Org. (own statement).

Paris.

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Copies in: FF.90,979 - DAVIES,  
 FF.56,268 - HEIKELAVH,  
 FF.42,136 - PASCAL,  
 FF.603,075 - CURRING-BRIDGE,  
 FF.53,236 - HEINEMANN.

NOTE.

I visited Cambridge on 8th, 11th and 12th October with the object of seeing what useful material on Communism in Cambridge during the early thirties could be gleaned from open sources in Libraries.

Undergraduate magazines seemed the obvious ones to look at first, and I found that all back copies of the "Granta", the "Commons" and the "Cambridge Review" are readily obtainable in the reference library of the Cambridge Union Society, the first two being in a room which is open all the time. The "Cambridge Review" is also on the open shelves, but is in a room which closes at the same time as the library.

Of these three magazines, the "Cambridge Review" is the most useful, because it is more accurate and serious and attracted the young Don who wanted books for review. Also Hugh Bykes DAVIES (FF.90,979) was editor for a spell from 1932. The "Review" is the only one which contains notes on Labour Club meetings. It is essential to know what one is looking for, and the initials of the people concerned, since many reviews and articles are not signed. Anything can be relevant - e.g. reports of A.E.C. (Amateur Dramatic Club) productions - and too much attention should not necessarily be paid to political items. Summaries of Cambridge Union Debates, for instance, proved almost useless, because I assume the real business of politics was transacted elsewhere.

The "Granta" has two series worth looking at - "In Authority" and "The Undergraduate in the Dax" - both of which give a slant on the notable undergraduates of the day. The correspondence column is also worth looking at.

The "Commons" has more straight political reporting but struck me as being the least useful, but this may change with editor and period.

The following are typical of what I gleaned from a very rapid review.

- (a) Letter from Donald HARRISON to the "Granta", now on his file, showing he was undoubtedly a Communist in Cambridge.

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(b) "Undergraduates in the Box" - one features HACHMAN, another Marget HEINSSMAN (PP.53,236) - neither shows up politics particularly, but they indicate the prominence of the people interviewed. One of these articles featured Rowley CUSINGS-SHANK (Shrewsbury and Magdalene) who said "I am a Communist". He is presumably identical with the brother of PP.603,575.

(c) The "Cambridge Review" of 10th June, 1931, gives the following details of an A.S.C. production of "Captain Brassbound's Conversion":-

Captain Brassbound - M.S. REDGRAVE (Michael REDGRAVE, PP.56,268, was clearly a leading light in the literary world, although our file on him only begins in 1949).

Producers: - George HILMAN.

Scenery: - G. de H. BURGESS.

(d) The "Cambridge Review" 13th June, 1930. New book called "The Venture" edited by H.R. FREEMAN (H.F.) and Michael REDGRAVE and containing an article on Cubism by Antony BLUNT was reviewed by Roy PASCAL.

(e) A review in the "Cambridge Review" of 24th February, 1933, of a book entitled "Conservatism in England" by F.J.C. Hearnshaw was obviously written by a Communist and was signed "G.P. de H.B." (BURGESS). The following month the same reviewer dealt with Arthur RUSSELL's "Queen Victoria", but this shows no particular political bias.

I read these magazines from 1929 to 1934 and had the impression that politics only began to rear its head in 1933 with the hunger-marches. Before then, interest was centred on art, especially painting, a subject which concerned Roy PASCAL, Antony BLUNT and Michael REDGRAVE (judging from reviews only).



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Pf.Y.604582/B2b/E.McB.

23rd October, 1951.

Commander,  
Special Branch.  
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Thank you very much for your letter of 19th October, 1951, forwarding passenger lists as requested in my Pf.Y.604582/B2b/E.McB dated 15th October, 1951.

I should be most grateful if you would kindly let me see another of these lists, i.e. list of British subjects arriving at Hayes Wharf, London on 12th September, 1935, in the Russian M/V "SMOIN" from Leningrad, your reference 320/FRS/2397.

I am very sorry to have to trouble you with these lists, but they are proving of great value to our researches.

E.McB/BE.

  
E. McBarnet.

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Special Branch,

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New Scotland Yard,

LONDON, S.W.1

19th October, 1951.

M.I.5.

With reference to your PF.Y.604582/B2b/E.McB, dated 15th October, 1951, in which you asked for passenger lists in respect of British passengers on M/V SIBIER for 13.8.35 and on M/V SMOLNY for 14.9.35; *Wrong list*

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We have no passenger list for the M/V SIBIER, dated 13.8.35. It was however confirmed with the writer that list for 10.8.35 was required.

Enclosed herewith are lists for 10.8.35 and 14.9.35.

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*L. J. Burt*  
Commander.

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COPY.

14th September, 1935.

British  
Embarked  
for  
Leningrad.

The undermentioned British subjects left Hay's Wharf, London, this day, per Russian M.V. "Smolny" for Leningrad;-

BIBRA, von Kenneth Charles, journalist, born Launceston, Tasmania, 13.12.10, Australian passport No. A.155116, issued Melbourne 27.11.34

BRANSON, Clive Ali Chimo, writer, born Bombay, 8.9.07 passport No.358556

BURNS, John Henry, born London 22.2.98, schoolmaster passport No.587004.

BURNS, Alice Margaret, nee Hosegood, born Ilminster 5.5.96, passport No.332393,

BUTCHER, Philip Noel Ryde, Civil servant, born Droitwich 14.1.93, passport No.41597

BUTCHER, Ellen Grace Sarah, nee Farthing, born Axbridge, 25.9.93, passport No.449891

CITRINE, Sir Walter McLennan, K.B.E., secretary born Liverpool, 22.8.87, passport No.39703

CITRINE, Lady Doris Helen, nee Slade, born Pendleton 11.11.93, passport No.504464,

COTTRELL, William Frank, Sudan Government official, born Alexandria, Egypt, 9.9.03, passport No. 10017,

HAYSOM, Alfred Charles, storekeeper, born Bermondsey, 24.2.00, passport No.48661,

HUME, Jeanie, teacher, born Manchester 10.3.95, passport No.64308,

JACKSON, Frank, student, born Cardiff 12.5.10, passport No.59415

MANNINGTON, Thomas George, machine minder, born Watford, 18.7.14, passport No.29169

NETTLETON, Barbara Nazel, nee Cuggkwheim, born New York, 30.4.03, passport No.459687,

NETTLETON High St. Denys King Farlow, born London 14.6.02, oil business, passport No.1173

STOKER, William Richard, engineer, born Halifax, 12.12.10, passport No.L.0.6119

SAUNDERS, Paul Edward Max, timber merchant, born Stettin, Germany, 8.10.83, British subject, Naturalisation certificate No.8255, dated 4.3.95, passport No.265065

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Attachment to 60a in PF.604,582

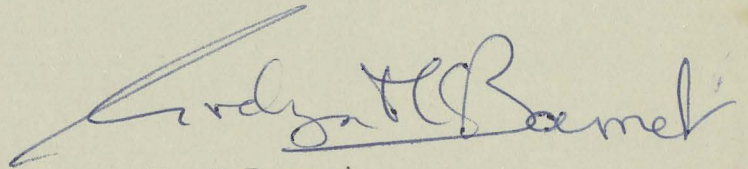
NOTE.

Hayne CONSTANT (PF.709,570 - held B).

This file contains vague Left wing allegations and at P.V. interview CONSTANT admitted former membership of the A. Sc. W., which he left because he considered it a Communist organisation, and his visit to Russia in the Thirties when he said he was accompanied by David McKinnon WOOD.

For the record it may be noted that Frederick William MEREDITH, to whom reference is made in PF.709,570 was also on this trip.

See also 'Who's Who' 1963.



E. McBarnet

D.1/Inv.

15th October 1963

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10th August, 1937. 1935.

British  
Subjects  
left for  
Leningrad.

The undermentioned British subjects embarked at Hay's Wharf, London, for Leningrad, today, on the Russian M/V "SIBIER";-

ASTON, Stanley James, born Stoke, Devonport, 27.4.88, passport No. 189041 dated 9.2.34.

BALL, Robert Wardoper, born Cape Town on 5.2.90, a saw miller. Passport No. 12738 issued Nairobi 11.7.35.

BALL, Ethel Maldwyn, nee VAUGHAN, born Wales 12.8.90. passport No. 10685 issued Nairobi on 21.12.31.

PF 114,041 BLACK, Stephen Jocelyn Ladbrooke, born Wendover on 26.11.12 A student. Passport No. 14863 dated 7.4.32.

BLACK, Dorothy Joyce, nee BEDFORD, born Tring 20.8.13. Passport No. 20082 dated 3.8.35.

*see also 66a*  
BLUNT, Wilfred Jasper Walter, born Ham, Surrey, 19.7.01. Passport No. 53214 dated 8.8.32. A teacher

*see also 66a*  
BLUNT, Anthony Frederick, born Bournemouth 26.9.07. Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Passport No. 313184 dated 26.3.35.

BRADDOCK, Wilfred James, born Hanley 22.3.94. A teacher. Passport No. 30670 dated 8.8.35.

BUCKMASTER, Miss Hilda Mary Adela, born London 23.1.97 A secretary. Passport No. 716771 dated 21.8.28

CAMPBELL, Janet Clark, born Dalmally 29.12.03. A teacher N.T. 7/4/71 of domestic science. Passport No. 752967 dated 10.12.28.

NT 16/10/63  
NT 7/4/71 CHALLENGER, William Arthur Percival, born Whitchurch 5.3.1900. A chemist. Passport No. 287509 dated 1.7.26.

CHRISTOPHERSON, Miss Dorothy Mary, born Swaffham on NT 7/4/71 15.10.91. Passport No. 25707 dated 5.8.30.

Extracted to  
PF 709570  
CONSTANT, Hayne, born Gravesend 26.9.04. Passport No. 365539 dated 25.5.31.

PF 604740 *see also 66a*  
COOKE, Charles Fletcher, born London 5.5.14. Passport No. 306358 dated 17.11.30

NT 21/10/63  
NT 7/4/71 CRUIKSHANK, Charles Grieg, born Fyvil 10.6.14. A student. Passport No. L.O. 2598 dated 27.7.35.

DAVIES, Miss Ethel, born Rock Ferry 15.4.97. Passport No. 503468 dated 19.7.27.

DAVIES Miss Mary, born Rock Ferry, 13.1.95. A teacher Passport No. 357850 dated 5.7.35.

NT 21/10/63  
NT 7/4/71 DUNCAN, James, born Aberdeen 13.11.13. A student. passport No. L.O. 2599 dated 27.7.35.

N.T. 2/10/63

DUSCHINSKY, Miss Dorothy, born London 27.3.11. A student. Passport No.607929 dated 3.4.28.

EVANS, John, born Penygroes 17.1.95. A teacher. Passport No.79694 dated 15.12.32.

N.T. 25/10/63

FIELD, Henry Edward, born New Zealand 11.7.03. University assistant lecturer. Passport No.46067 issued Wellington 9.7.29.

FIELD, Helen Turner, born Glenorchy 2.4.97. Physician and surgeon. Passport No.12442 dated 22.7.35.

FULFORD, Dora Maria. born Denmark 20.7.89. British by marriage, husband deceased. Passport No.55920 dated 13.8.32. An artist.

GRUFFYDD, William, born Llangetri, Wales, 18.8.85. A Minister of religion. Passport No.630116 dated 22.5.28.

P.F. 42397

GURNEY, Ronald Wilfred, born Cheltenham, 1.7.98. A research student. Passport No.35599 issued New York 13.12.28.

GURNEY, Natalie, born Leningrad 30.10.08. British by marriage, passport No.274284 dated 1.9.34.

HARRIS, Vorley, born Pontypridd 13.8.99. Flight lieutenant Royal Air Force. Passport No.4397 issued Berlin 2.5.35.

HAND, William Henry, born Birmingham 29.10.84. A railway inspector. Passport No.L.O.9898 dated 5.8.32.

HEAP, Catherine, nee HEGARTY, born Ireland 1.3.92. Passport No.891 dated 11.7.35.

P.F. 764635 HOLMES, Eric Gordon, born London 16.8.97. University lecturer. Passport No.258369 dated 2.8.34.

P.F. 447029 HOLMES, Barbara Elizabeth, nee HOPKINS, born Cambridge 16.9.99. A scientific worker. Passport No. 259153 dated 3.8.34.

HUNTER, William, born Helensburgh, 22.7.69. A baker. And wife, Elizabeth nee CAMPBELL, born Craignark 17.9.75. Passport No.106165 dated 9.5.33.

INKER, Annie, nee BELFORE, born Russia 16.9.74. Certificate of British naturalisation No.AZ4840 dated 11.10.34. Passport No.304213 dated 8.2.35. a furrier.

JARDINE, Miss Margaret Little, born Motherwell 4.7.1900. A teacher of music. Passport No.338750 dated 5.6.35.

KEENAN, Herbert William, born Manchester 15.6.95. A postal clerk. Passport No.L.O.134990 dated 30.7.28.

KEMM, Miss Sylvia Frances Marion, born London 20.1.95.  
Passport No. 327525 dated 11.5.35.

LAING, Edith Verdin, born Liverpool 15.3.98. A teacher  
Passport No. 352791 dated 29.6.35.

*see also 66a*  
MADGE, John Hylton, born Johannesburg 19.6.14. A student  
Passport No. 115986 dated 12.6.33.

*PF 603 869*  
MAYHEW, Christopher Paget, born London 12.6.15. A student  
Passport No. 295500 dated 21.12.34.

*N.T. 7/4/71*  
MCINTYRE, Miss Anne Douglas, born Scotland 14.2.06. A  
Secretary. Passport No. 331530 dated 21.5.35.

*(int in CONSTANTINE)*  
MEREDITH, Frederick William, born Dublin 10.7.95.  
Aeronautical engineer. Passport No. 19137 dated 2.5.35.

*N.T. 25/10/63*  
MERCER, Dennis Bernard, born Tonbridge 12.12.03. A teacher  
Passport No. 212062 dated 2.7.30.

*N.T. 7/4/71*  
MUNRO, Charles Walter, born Clackinannon 20.6.76. A printer.  
Passport No. 21813 dated 12.5.32.

*N.T. 1/4/64*  
NENK, David Mocreel, born London 6.8.16. A student. Passport  
*N.T. 7/4/71* No. 23654 dated 31.7.35.

OWENS, Miss Freda Oldrieve, born Great Yarmouth 12.9.94.  
Professor of Music. Passport No. 18025 dated 26.7.35.

*N.T. 6/5/60*  
PEMBER, John Timothy Cecil, born London 12.12.10. Passport  
No. 603376 dated 27.3.28.

PHILLIPS, William St. Clair, born Lewes 19.2.82. A teacher  
Passport No. 239579 dated 22.7.30.

*PF 296408*  
POWELL, Cecil Frank, born Tonbridge 5.12.03. A physicist.  
Passport No. 50430 dated 2.8.29.

REED, Herbert, born London 26.6.66. Accountant (retired), and  
wife, Violet, nee HAMMOND, born London 12.12.83.  
Passport No. 243180 dated 14.7.34.

RENDEL, Miss Leila, born London 11.10.82. A teacher.  
Passport No. 511911 dated 26.7.27.

RICHARDS, Olga, nee SCHIPNINA, born Ukraine 15.11.06. British  
by marriage. Passport No. 327549 dated 11.5.35.

*see also 66a*  
RYCROFT, Charles Frederick, born Basingstoke 9.9.14. A  
student. Passport No. 84003 dated 14.1.33.

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*see also 66a*  
SIMON, Brian, born Manchester 26.3.15. A student. Passport  
No. L.O. 49409 dated 5.12.34.

SKILBECK, Oswald, born London 10.7.01. An author, passport  
No. 407579 dated 9.7.31.

*N.T. 7/4/71*  
SKILBECK, Hilda Mary, nee MILES, born Brynmawr, 26.2.90.  
Passport No. 609843 dated 5.4.28.

SPICER, Miss Bertha Dykes, born Woodford 13.1.84. Passport No.147369 dated 1.4.30.

*NT 1/4/64*  
STEPHENSON, James Pinder, born Beveley 28.11.03. A teacher  
*N.T. 7/4/71* Passport No.L.O.133350 dated 23.7.28

*N.T. 7/4/71* WALLS, Miss Betty, born Manchester 15.10.12. Passport No. 146772 dated 1.4.30.

WISEMAN, Miss Gwendoline Muriel, born London 13.5.09. A teacher. Passport No.311405 dated 19.3.35.

*PF 278,*  
WOOD, Ronald McKinnon, born London 11.5.92. Civil Engineer and wife, Gwendoline Elaine Dykes, nee SPICER, born London 16.8.95. Passport No.9447 dated 18.7.35.

*PF 78289*  
WOOD, David McKinnon, born Farnborough 12.2.19. Passport No. 14750 dated 24.7.35.

*PF 749471*  
WYNBURNE, Stephen Barry, born Constantinople 28.10.04. A schoolmaster. Passport No.138023 dated 25.7.33.

*PF 749471* WYNBURNE, Ernest Joseph, born Constantinople 24.10.02. A schoolmaster. Passport No.428828 dated 1.4.27.

*PF 219,920* *see also 66a* YOUNG, Michael Dunlop, born Hale, Cheshire 9.8.15. Passport No.237393 dated 21.7.30.

W. SMITH

Sergeant.



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On 30.3.1935, BLUNDEN went to France and on the following day arrived in Italy where he remained for three weeks. On 20.4.1935 he went to Switzerland and left six days later. On the following day he left France for the U.K.

On 1.7.1935, BLUNDEN went to France where he stayed for a week, returning to the U.K. on 7.7.1935. On 10.8.1935 BLUNDEN left London for Leningrad on the Russian ship M/V SIBIER. He returned to the U.K. on the M/V SMDINY on 10.9.1935, having visited Hamburg en route on 9.9.1935. On 9.12.1935 he arrived in France and left again by air on 13.12.1935.

BLUNDEN arrived at Gibraltar on 24.3.1936, and crossed immediately into Spain, La Linea, on the same day. Six days later he was in Madrid where he received a permit to remain in Spain for three months. In fact, he left from La Linea eighteen days later. On 26.8.1936 he visited Denmark, where he seems to have remained until 12.9.1936. On 25.9.1936 he went to France for five days.

On 6.4.1937 BLUNDEN went to France for six days and on 14.7.1937 he returned there once again and went on to Italy where he arrived on 26.7.1937. He left Italy by way of the Brenner Pass on 7.8.1937 and entered Austria the same day (Mittenwald). On the following day, 8.8.1937, he re-entered France and appears to have remained there until 1.9.1937 when he returned to the U.K.

On 21.3.1938, BLUNDEN went to France for a fortnight. At some later date in the same year he was again in France, and returned to the U.K. on 19.9.1938.

BLUNDEN was in France again in 1939, date not known. On 17.6.1939 he arrived in France and left five days later. He arrived in France again on 19.8.1939 and there is no indication as to when he left, but it is probable that one of the three undecipherable stamps refers to this journey.

Passport No. 313184 issued Foreign Office 26.3.1935.  
Valid until 26.3.40 for British Empire, all  
countries in Europe including U.S.S.R. and Turkey.

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1935:

30.3.35.	Debarquement.	Dieppe.
31.3.35.		? (France).
31.3.35.	Entrata.	Bardonecchia (Italy).
20.4.35.	Uscita.	Domodossola (Italy).
26.4.35.		Brigue, Suisse.
27.4.35.	Embarquement.	Dieppe.
1.7.35.	(? Debarquement).	Dieppe.
7.7.35?	Embarquement.	(? Dieppe).
10.8.35.	? Visa for U.S.S.R.	(In Russian).
15.8.35.	?	Leningrad.
30.8.35.	?	(In Russian).
1.9.35.	?	(In Russian).
5.9.35.	?	Leningrad.
9.9.35.	Eingereist am..9.9.35.	
	Hamburg, den ....	
	Hafen-und Schiffabpolize.	
	(Arrived in .. 9.9.35.	
	Hamburg on .....	
	Harbour & Shipping Police).	
9.12.35.	Debarquement.	? (France).
13.12.? (35)	Embarquement.	Port Aerien du Bou..... (Bourget).

1936:

24.3.36.	-	Gibraltar Police.
24.3.36.	Entrada (from Gib.)	La Linea.
30.3.36.	Permit to remain in Spain for three months, issued Madrid.	
16.4.36.	Saliba (?) <i>salida?</i>	Algerciras.
17.4.36.	Saliba (?)	La Linea.
26.8.36.	Indrejst den.	Esbjerg, Denmark.
12.9.36.	Indrejst den.	Kabenhagen (Copenhagen).
12.9.36.	Udrejst den.	Esbjerg, Denmark.
21.9.36.	? ? Polisen.	? ?
25.9.36.	Debarquement.	Dieppe.
30.9.36.	Embarquement.	Dieppe.

1937:

6.4.37.	Debarquement.	(France).
12.4.37.	Embarquement.	Dieppe.
12.7.37.	Travellers Cheques for Italy issued London.	
14.7.37.	Debarquement.	Dieppe.
26.7.37.	Entrata.	Ponte S.Luigi.(Italy).
7.8.37.	Uscita.	Brennero (Italy).
7.8.37.	?	Ost (?) Grenzkontrolle Strassen Zollamt. Brenner - Gries. Deutsches Zollamt.Mittenwald Landstr.
7.8.37.	Einreise.	Mittenwald.
7.8.37.	Grenzbescheinigung erteilt.	Mittenwald.
7.8.37.	? (money).	Osterr.Grenzkontrolle Sch...
8.8.37.	Entree.	Neuf-Brisac. Pont-du-Rhin.
1.9.37?	Embarquement.	Dieppe.

1938:

21.3.38.	Debarquement.	Dieppe.
5.4.38.	Embarquement.	"
?	Debarquement.	?
19.9.38.	Embarquement.	Dieppe.

1939:

17.1.39.	Embarquement.	? (France).
17.6.39.	Debarquement.	Dieppe.
22.6.39.	Embarquement.	"
19.8.39.	Debarquement.	"

three other stamps which are undecipherable.

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16.10.51.

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Pf.Y.604582/B2b/E.McB.

15th October, 1951.

Commander,  
Special Branch.  
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In the course of a re-examination of our past records, I have had occasion to wish to refer to certain reports which were at one time regularly received from you. These were the lists of passengers embarking on Soviet ships for travel to Russia and the lists of passengers landing in the U.K. from Soviet ships. The reports in our records have been destroyed, but I believe they are still available in your archives.

The reports in which I am particularly interested are your 320/FRS/2392 dated 10.8.1935, referring to British passengers embarking on the M/V SIBIER, and your 320/FRS/2397 dated 14.9.1935 referring to British passengers disembarking from the M/V SMOLNY.

I should be most grateful for a sight of these lists.

E.McB/BE.

  
E. McBarnet.

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Extract from Min.126

D.B.

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All the action decided upon is in hand, with the following exceptions:-

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5) Tomas HARRIS and BLUNDEN.

At a recent meeting with D.D.G.

It was agreed that their close acquaintanceship with the D.D.G should be made use of as much as possible, this depending upon the manner in which the main lines of the PEACH investigation develop.

Following this meeting with D.D.G, I do not myself now feel that interrogation of BLUNDEN is a practicable proposition for the time being.

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B.2.  
9.10.51

J.C.Robertson.

JA/B.2.a 9.10.52

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No. : PF 604,582 ..... Name : BLUNDEN  
Original in File No. : PF 604,529 ..... Serial : ..... Receipt Date : 5.10.51  
Original from : Source Report ..... Under Ref. : B2a/5220 ..... Dated : 25.9.51  
Extracted on : 8.10.51 ..... by : AHC ..... Section : B.2.a.

Copy of Source Report mentioning BLUNT.

At a dinner table a very well informed man Mr. X discussed McLEAN and BURGESS. He said that he had been informed that day by Lord KILLANIN (who lives mainly in Ireland but is often over here) that he (K) knew BURGESS well, that the last time K. had seen BURGESS was shortly before he disappeared, in Dublin, and that on that occasion BURGESS had been extremely drunk in the hall of the Shelbourn Hotel. I could not ascertain what had happened next, but the gentleman telling this story wondered whether the authorities had made any enquiries in Ireland.

Mr. X. went on to say that the night that he disappeared BURGESS was due to dine with one of Lord CAMROSE's sons, that one or two other men were assembled for dinner including "a man called BLUNT". The party waited a long time, and when BURGESS did not turn up BLUNT said "I do not think we should wait any longer. I am quite certain GUY will not come".

N.B. I do not think this last remark was meant to imply anything sinister to "BLUNT", and probably the fact of this dinner is well known to those concerned.

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Telecommunications Dept., G.P.O., have been asked to take the action specified in connection with the T.C. mentioned below :

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28.9.51.

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28.9.51.

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C.A.G. Sinkins

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## EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No.: PF. 604, 582 Name: BLUNDEN

Original in File No.: PF. 604, 584 PEACH Serial: 107b Receipt Date: .....

Original from: B. 2. Note Under Ref.: - Dated: 27.9.51.

Extracted on: 1. 11. 51. by: NSP Section: R. 5.

At a meeting held to discuss the PEACH case on 26.9.51. at which D.B., B. 2., B. 2.A. Mr. Simkins and B. 2.B. Mr. Martin were present, agreement regarding current action was reached as follows:-

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9. BLUNDEN

D.D.G. to be asked to interrogate, on lines provisionally agreed, on return to U.K.

Action By: D. B/D.D.G.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No. : P.F. 604,582 Name : BLUNDEN

Original in File No. : \* P.F. 604,558 Supp.B. Serial : 4a Vol. : Receipt Date : 20.9.51

Original from : Foreign Office Under Ref. : Dated : 20.9.51

Extracted on : 9.10.52 by : JA Section : B.2.a

Extract from photostat copy of book in which Donald MACLEAN's secretary at the Foreign Office kept a record of all outside telephone numbers for which he had asked, ment. BLUNDEN

Prof. BLOUNT (Courtauld Inst.) WELbeck 1388

X referred under Courtauld Institute (Prof. BLOUNT)

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19th September 1951.

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*C.A.G.*

C.A.G. Sinkins

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## EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF. 604,582 Name: BLUNDEN.  
 Original in File No.: PF. 604,582/Supp. Serial: 118 Receipt Date: 15.9.51.  
 Original from: Telecheck on BLUNDEN. Under Ref.: WEL.9841 Dated: 13.9.51.  
 Extracted on: 17.9.51 by: EMN Section: B2a

Incoming call to BLUNDEN from an unidentified woman who asked him to give her a drink tomorrow night. He said he could not as he was leaving for Canada at 18.00. She had not known of the trip. She wanted to see him "terribly badly". She had returned last week but had been ill ever since.

He was going to Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Vancouver.

The caller was alone now as Sylvia had left today. Then she said she was furious that BLUNDEN was going to Canada for three weeks.

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 d Sheila NICHOLSON

BLUNDEN would be back on 7th October.

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BLUNDEN. ✓

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Extract for File No.: PF. 604,584/Supp. Name: 97 13.9.51.  
Original in File No.: Telecheck on PEACH. Serial: KNI. 2437 Receipt Date: 12.9.51.  
Original from: 14.9.51 Under Ref: EMM Dated: B2a  
Extracted on: by: Section:

... Helena (ENGELBACH) remarked that PEACH was just back from America; he had hated everything about it. He had voluntarily resigned, as he had been a close friend of Guy BURGESS. Helena asked whether Peggy remembered BLUNDEN. x SCOTT-HALL. When Peggy said she did, Helena told her that he had offered to resign. BLUNDEN had been interrogated every day, because he used to share a flat with Guy. Peggy could only imagine that "they" had gone on a spree. Helena had at first thought they had gone on a dope weekend. ...

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Extract for File No. : P.F. 604,582 Name : BLUNDEN.

Original in File No. : \* P.F. 604,584 Supp Serial : 95,96 Vol : 2 Receipt Date : 12.9.51

Original from : Telecheck Under Ref : TC. 2186 / TC. 2141 Dated : 11.9.51

Extracted on : 24.12.52 by : JA Section : B. 2. b

Extract from telecheck on PHILBY ment. BLUNDEN

I/c call to Dora from Pamela (?LOVIBOND) who said she and David had arrived home. Dora told her the PHILBYs had gone to a cocktail party the other night and had rather expected to find Pamela there. Dora asked if Pamela had seen BLUNDEN. Pamela had met him in Athens. Dora said the PHILBYs had expected BLUNDEN to be at the cocktail party too. BLUNDEN had told Pamela that PHILBY had resigned.

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I/c call from Dora to Kim PHILBY to say Pamela had just rung to say she had returned, and that she had met Anthony in Greece.

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Subject for File No.: PF. 604,582 Name: BLUNDEN.  
 Serial in File No.: PF. 604,582/Supp. Serial: 115 Receipt Date: 13.9.51.  
 Origin from: Telecheck on BLUNDEN. Under Ref.: WEL.1389 Dated: 12.9.51.  
 Extracted on: 14.9.51 by: EMN Section: B.2.a.

Incoming call to BLUNDEN from REVAI, who asked how he was. BLUNDEN reported that he was weak but would be ready to go to Canada on Friday. BLUNDEN said that today he had two people coming to lunch and they were all going afterwards to see Douglas' pictures. John was dining with him at the club.

They arranged to lunch together tomorrow at the club, at 13.00.

11.54

Note: The Monitors say BLUNDEN will be away for 3 weeks and is on a Lecture Tour.

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nal in File No.: PF. 604,584/Supp.Vol.2. .... Serial: 82 .... Receipt Date: 7.9.51.

nal from: Telecheck on PEACH. .... Under Ref.: SLD.8945. .... Dated: 6.9.51.

acted on: 7.9.51 .... by: EMN .... Section: B2a

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Incoming call from BLUNDEN, answered by Eileen. They agreed that it had been nice to meet again. BLUNDEN asked whether PEACH were sober this morning. Eileen said he had woken up feeling very ill. She had remarked that it served him right, so PEACH was rather cross. PEACH was out now. BLUNDEN said he and PEACH had arranged to meet for a drink this evening. If PEACH had to baby-sit, they would meet here; otherwise they would meet at the Travellers. Eileen said she would find this out and ring BLUNDEN back.

Outgoing call to BLUNDEN from Eileen to ask him to come here this evening. He would arrive at about 18.30 (she would not be here). BLUNDEN apologised for having left early last night on account of his fever and swollen glands. Eileen remarked that PEACH had been in a filthy mood. BLUNDEN agreed that he had been very aggressive. Eileen said she particularly objected to that kind of drunkenness; it made her furious. BLUNDEN was so unused to being sober when other people were drunk that he had not recognised it as drunkenness.

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