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Note on Rudolph WITTKOWER

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into file
D.G. through K.Y.
K.X. to see on return.

I propose to carry out the operation outlined at serial 655a. As STRAIGHT is an important backer of Nixon's campaign for the U.S. presidency, both financially and otherwise, (his New York office is used as a campaign headquarters), I thought you would like to know.

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Minute 656 continued.

2. The F.B.I. (Sullivan) knows we are doing this.

Peter M. Wright

Peter M. Wright.

K.3

7th October, 1968.

657.. (Copy: PF.44,592)

K.3.

I have spoken to D.G. about Minute 656, and he is quite happy that this encounter should take place. I see from STRAIGHT's file that this sort of meeting has been arranged before.

M. B. Hanley

KY

M. B. Hanley.

9 October, 1968.

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Brief for BLUNT interview re PENNING - ROWSELL

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Brief for P.M.W.

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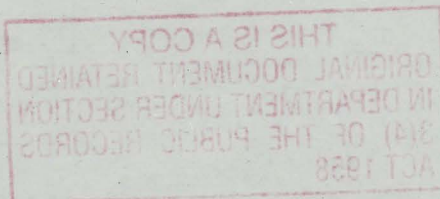
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prod.
D.P.G. through KK and K.3

The Home Office Warrant TS 2508 on Sir Anthony BLUNT is due for the November review.

2. The numbers at his office at the Courtauld Institute are suspended and we are operating on his flat number only, WELbeck 1074.

3. BLUNT is still being interviewed fairly frequently and the telephone check provides useful information about his contacts, movements and reactions in connection with the interviews.

4. I should be grateful if the Warrant could be revalidated for a further six months under category B.

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12.11.68.

Note for file

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Note for file re "Jack" entries

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25.11.68.

Ext from T/C

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Ext from "Daily Telegraph"

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28.11.68.

Ext from T/C

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28.11.68.

Ext from T/C

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4.12.68. Ext from T/C - from GASKIN 670a

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4.12.68. Ext from T/C - from GASKIN 671a

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4.12.68. Ext from T/C - from GASKIN 672a

5.12.68. Ext. from report of meeting with Miss BEECHAM 672b

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~~9.12.68. S.R. re d'ANTAL and associates, Maurice DOBB 673a~~

K.3/P.M.W.

*D3/BP
please speak.
BP 12/12.
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You will be interested to see the extract at 672b from Director F.'s interview with Audrey BEECHAM which we discussed briefly. As you know, Alister WATSON also said that BLUNT had been a member of the Party at Cambridge for a short time. If it were possible to obtain chapter and verse from Maurice Bowra it would clearly be a matter which could be exploited in view of BLUNT's denial that he had ever been in the Party.

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C.O. Shipp

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11th December, 1968.

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14.2.69 Note re blowing of FOAL in King Street 686a

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13th February, 1969.


I attach in the envelope marked "S.L.O. Washington only" copies of the unexpurgated versions of the report of my interview with Michael STRAIGHT in New York on 26th June, 1968 and of my report of the confrontation on 17th October, 1968 between STRAIGHT and BLUNT. Needless to say, I am passing you these copies, which are for your personal information only, with the agreement of K. Branch.

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2. In the attached envelope marked "For the F.B.I." I enclose two copies each of the expurgated versions of those reports and two copies of the report of the interviews with GREENBERG. In each case one copy is for your retention. I should explain that the GREENBERG report is not in fact the original but that those parts which have been excluded are largely comments which do not add materially to the case. (1 attached)

3. Peter Wright is planning to forward to you a less expurgated version of the STRAIGHT/BLUNT confrontation for passing to Sullivan. done on PF 44592 link A.

4. I am sorry that it has taken so long to prepare the attached reports and I would be grateful if you could pass on my apologies to the F.B.I. The delay, which I hasten to add is by no means entirely my fault, has been largely due to our wish to pass the reports together rather than individually.


C. S. Shipp

B. Russell Jones, Esq.,
S.L.O. Washington.

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Report on Interview with Michael Whitney STRAIGHT
in London on 17th October, 1968.

Michael STRAIGHT was contacted in London on 17th October, 1968. A discussion took place on the question of STRAIGHT's contacts with Michael GREENBERG to which he had referred in the interview in New York in June 1968.

2. Unfortunately the question raised by the earlier interview as to whether STRAIGHT was in contact with the R.I.S. in the U.S.A. after the war (paragraph 4 of the report on that interview refers) was not resolved in any way during this interview. When STRAIGHT was reminded of his remark during the previous interview that before deciding whether he could have met GREENBERG as reported in February 1946 he had to establish whether he was still in contact with Michael GREEN after the war, STRAIGHT said that he was sure that he had not been in touch with GREEN or with the R.I.S. after the war. He could not imagine why he had been in doubt about the matter at the earlier interview. STRAIGHT repeated inter alia that he had met GREENBERG in the White House before he, STRAIGHT, had joined the U.S. Air Force in February 1943 (paragraphs 25 and 26 of the interview report on GREENBERG refer).

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Outgoing call GASKIN to GEOFF BENTON.
 This conversation began about last night's snow. GASKIN then went on to mention GEOFF's house purchase question, about which he had learnt something from Blunden by letter whilst away. GASKIN had hoped that his own housing problem might have been settled first and he honestly did not know how BLUNDEN could afford both. He professed to know the financial situation very well and knew that this would not be possible. GEOFF announced that the mortgage was going ahead and BLUNDEN had signed a paper. GASKIN was taken aback and there was a cold silence. This would now be the end, he said, of a chance of getting a place for himself. GEOFF contradicted this. GASKIN went on - 'well, he hasn't got that sort of money, Geoff'. GEOFF had understood GASKIN was to have gone down to Ham. GASKIN here pointed out that the old lady was not yet dead. He remarked - 'Things have got to such a state that I'm not even consulted in this matter'. GEOFF said that BLUNDEN had wanted to help him two or three years ago.

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BLUNDEN

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Incoming call to BLUNDEN from Mrs TODD's husband.
He rang to let him know that she had 'flu.
09.15

Incoming call to BLUNDEN from TESS ROTHSCHILD.
Was it a bad moment? No, on the contrary - he was going to ring her.
TESS referred to his enquiry about the present for EMMA. BLUNDEN confirmed that VICTOR had written about it. He gathered VICTOR was pleased. TESS said he was - very. BLUNDEN - who admitted that he was fond of it - said he had come to the conclusion it was best to do it at once. He would now alter his will.
BLUNDEN was going to be in Cambridge Friday night and wondered whether they were going to be there - or Saturday lunch? No. Not until mid-afternoon on Saturday. BLUNDEN would have to go off late Saturday afternoon. He was going up with DENNIS P. He could not manage to stay any longer because he had to go to Paris at the 'screech of dawn' on Monday morning.
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BLUNDEN confirmed that he would be going up to Cambridge to see GOW again. He would then bring the book up and either get it over to Hershel Road or leave it with GOW and someone could fetch it. TESS however suggested leaving it downstairs here and she would collect it when passing by. BLUNDEN agreed this might be easier. TESS might call at 11.30 tomorrow. BLUNDEN would be here. He told her that it was his mother's 89th birthday tomorrow. He said he would hand her also the Coleridge letter which goes with the book. BLUNDEN mentioned VICTOR's remarks that he should write a letter to EMMA now. BLUNDEN in it would say that VICTOR had given him these a long time ago on condition that he would bequeath them but he would rather do it now. BLUNDEN presumed it was not necessary to conceal any part of the story - he wondered for tax purposes. TESS, after some hesitation, said perhaps it would be best not to refer to the past history, on the whole. They hoped to meet soon.
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Nothing further.
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Report on Interview with BLUNT and STRAIGHT

Having eventually succeeded in contacting Michael STRAIGHT I arranged to meet him outside 39 Hill Street in the late morning of 17th October, 1968. I then took him to 41 South Audley Street, informing him on the way that it had been arranged that a colleague of mine, Peter Wright, and Anthony BLUNT would meet us there for a working lunch. Peter Wright and BLUNT joined us shortly after our arrival and we spent almost two hours talking over drinks and sandwiches.

2. We began by explaining that there were certain matters of importance on which there was apparently conflicting evidence. We had therefore thought it wise to get together the interested parties in an attempt to resolve the conflicts by discussion and by the interplay of memories. As an example of conflicting evidence we mentioned the statements made by BLUNT that he had written to STRAIGHT before the war asking for £100 for "a friend in the cause" and that he had in due course received a cheque for that amount from STRAIGHT's mother. BLUNT repeated the account he had given of this incident to Peter Wright on 23rd July, 1968. For his part, STRAIGHT insisted, as he had done when I interviewed him in June 1968, that he had no recollection of such a request from BLUNT and that he would never have asked his mother to do such a thing. The matter was left unresolved although STRAIGHT did admit that his memory might have failed him in this connection, particularly as BLUNT now maintained that he had not revealed to him the eventual destination of the money.

3. We then turned to a discussion of the journey by car to a road-house with a swimming-pool which BLUNT and STRAIGHT had undertaken with an R.I.S. officer. Again STRAIGHT repeated in almost exactly the same terms the account which he had previously given me of the journey and BLUNT did not contradict it on any major point. STRAIGHT maintained that he could date the episode accurately as having taken place in June 1937 by reference to his return to the States by sea at the beginning of July of that year: STRAIGHT thought at first that he had returned on the "Europa" but then said that he was not sure and would have to check with his papers in the States. BLUNT and STRAIGHT were shown a number of photographs but they failed to identify any of the persons portrayed with the R.I.S. officer in question.

4. During a discussion about STRAIGHT's relations with the R.I.S. in the States mention was made of his suggestion to the R.I.S. officer Michael GREEN that Michael GREENBERG might well be approachable. STRAIGHT repeated that he had met GREENBERG in the White House before he, STRAIGHT, had joined the U.S. Air Force in February 1943. At this stage reference was made to BLUNT's reported statement on 23rd July, 1968 that after the war his R.I.S. controller, MAX, had warned him and Guy BURGESS to keep away from STRAIGHT "as we are doubtful about him" and that they had taken STRAIGHT apart "for being a traitor" at the Reform Club after an Apostles dinner which he had attended. Both STRAIGHT and BLUNT recalled the confrontation in the Reform Club reasonably well and their accounts of it did not differ materially from those which they had previously given (in respect of STRAIGHT, para. 53 of attachment to 65a and para 3 (e) of attachment to 69a on his file refer). Any hope of using BLUNT's statement on this subject to obtain an admission from STRAIGHT that he had been in touch with the R.I.S. after the war evaporated, however, when BLUNT maintained that he was not sure that the warning from the R.I.S. about STRAIGHT had been post-war.

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Indeed, he thought, the warning might well have been given during the war and that the occasion of the Apostles dinner, which had probably been in 1946, had been the first opportunity he and BURGESS had had of taking STRAIGHT to task. When STRAIGHT was reminded of his remark during the interview in June 1968 that before deciding whether he could have met GREENBERG as reported in February 1946 he had to establish whether he was still in contact with Michael GREEN after the war, STRAIGHT said that he was sure that he had not been in touch with GREEN or with the R.I.S. after the war. He could not imagine why he had been in doubt about the matter at the earlier interview.

5. In the course of further general discussions reference was made to BLUNT's reported statement on 14th June, 1966 (serial 528b on vol. 10 on BLUNT's file refers) that James KLUGMANN had attended meetings in BURGESS' rooms in 1934 and 1935 at which various candidates for recruitment were discussed and that KLUGMANN was in on the discussions before STRAIGHT was recruited. BLUNT said that he did not recall having made such a statement. He was quite certain that KLUGMANN had not been made aware of their plans to recruit undergraduates such as STRAIGHT.

6. Nothing further of interest emerged during the remainder of the discussions over lunch. Although BLUNT and STRAIGHT seemed to get on reasonably well together there were undertones of tension in the conversations, particularly on BLUNT's part. STRAIGHT arranged to have lunch with BLUNT the following day to obtain BLUNT's advice on a reference to a painter which he wished to insert in a play which he was writing.

7. After the departure of BLUNT and Peter Wright I continued to talk to STRAIGHT for some time. I questioned him inter alia about Peter VINTER, Henry DRYDEN, John Marcus KISCH, Harry Lewis WOLFSON, Peter ASTBURY, Ian HENDERSON, Gerald CROASDELL, Herbert NORMAN and Laurie TARSHIS. STRAIGHT either could not remember them or could add nothing to what he had previously said. I showed STRAIGHT copies of the photograph of GREINKE @ AKHMEROV (PF 128,288) and of his American wife, Helen nee LOWRY. Although he agreed that the photograph of GREINKE was that of the person he had known as Michael GREEN he could not confirm that that of Helen LOWRY was identical with Helen GREEN as, he said, he had only met her once and the light had not been very good. STRAIGHT said that he was quite sure that Michael GREEN's wife was American but that he had no knowledge of Michael GREEN having been previously married to a Russian woman.

8. During our conversations STRAIGHT mentioned that he was now separated from his wife and that he thought she would shortly be obtaining a divorce. He commented that his wife, who was a psychiatrist, was at present going through what he described as a "female syndrome" which he thought was largely responsible for the break-up of their marriage. In consequence he was very much at a loose end and "on the look-out for adventure". He asked whether there were any tasks which we could set him which would help him to fulfil that need for adventure. I replied that there were not and went on to repeat the advice given him by Michael McCaul that he would be unwise to consider going to the Soviet Union on a journalistic expedition. STRAIGHT said that he did not know where he would be living in future: his house in Washington would presumably go to his wife. I could always contact him, however, through his New York lawyers, from which, he added, the name of Nixon would be excluded if Nixon won the election. He would be happy to meet me anywhere any time.

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9. Both Peter Wright and I consider that too great a reliance should not be placed on the change in BLUNT's account of the warning which he received from MAX (para. 4 above refers). It is possible that BLUNT gave the date of the warning on this occasion as during the war in order to "let STRAIGHT off the hook". BLUNT could in any case not have been in touch with MAX before September 1944, at least eighteen months after STRAIGHT's alleged last contact with Michael GREEN. We therefore feel that the question of whether STRAIGHT was still in touch with the R.I.S. after the war must be judged to be unresolved.

C. O. Shipp
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13th February, 1969.

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BLUNDEN

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O.g. call BLUNDEN to CAN 4676 to BARBARA.
He said how ashamed he was about last night.
BARBARA said it did not matter at all - they had a
quiet evening, her sister happened to be staying.
BLUNDEN asked to speak to DENNIS.
BLUNDEN apologised again about last night.
BLUNDEN talked about next weekend and it was agreed
he would go up to Cambridge together with DENNIS in
his car. DENNIS would collect BLUNDEN at 4.0 pm.
BLUNDEN very much doubted whether he would be able
to stay until Monday.

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Outgoing call BLUNDEN to ROBIN CHANCELLOR.
 BLUNDEN had seen ANDY ~~REBBER~~ who had told him 'the story'
 and he had pretended not to know. ROBIN and ANDY's friendship
 was apparently dying out.
 Remarks about GASKIN being still away.
 BLUNDEN was furious - having found out from ANDY that GASKIN had
 been talking to him for the past six years about their differences
 having sworn to BLUNDEN that he would tell no one.
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PF 604582 Name: BLUNDEN

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Outgoing call BLUNDEN to SIR EDWARD PLAYFAIR.
 (beginning missed due to technical fault)
 A conversation about institute matters. BLUNDEN accepted his
 invitation to lunch at BROOK's on Monday.
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NOTE FOR FILE

I called on Sir Anthony BLUNT at the Courtauld Institute on the morning of 30th January. I spent nearly half an hour with him in his office. He was affable throughout and quite happy to chat.

2. I asked him first whether he recalled Peter LLOYD (GEN F2/URG/187) at Cambridge. I told him that LLOYD had been at Gresham's and then at Trinity College from 1925-29, reading Natural Sciences. I added that there was some indication that LLOYD might have been sympathetic to Communism during his time at Cambridge. BLUNT said that he had no recollection whatsoever of LLOYD.

3. I then asked BLUNT whether he recalled Douglas HOLNESS who had been at Downing from 1931-34. I added that HOLNESS had been fairly prominent in the student branch of the Party and I showed him a contemporary photograph. BLUNT neither recalled the name nor recognized the photograph. He commented, in relation to both LLOYD and HOLNESS, that of course he moved in a very special circle at Cambridge and did not really know a great number of people outside that immediate circle.

4. At the request of K.3, I then asked BLUNT whether he had been able to obtain the information about Kim PHILBY from Rudi WITTKOWER. BLUNT asked me to remind him what he was supposed to have discovered. I told him that WITTKOWER had said that he had been on a cruise with his wife from Manchester to Haifa in ? early 1949. PHILBY and a friend had joined the ship in Cyprus and had "behaved badly". We had asked BLUNT to go back to WITTKOWER to try to obtain a more exact date for the incident and a description of PHILBY's friend. BLUNT said he now remembered the matter well but since speaking to Peter Wright he had only seen WITTKOWER for ten minutes or so before he went back to the States. BLUNT asked me whether we would have any objections if he wrote to WITTKOWER, saying he imagined that would be preferable to trying to interview WITTKOWER in the States. As he said that he could do this without giving anything away at all and indeed without mentioning PHILBY's name, I agreed that he should write as suggested. I did not put to BLUNT the name of Dudley DANBY who was suggested by K.3 as a candidate for PHILBY's friend.

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5. As BLUNT did not seem anxious to draw the interview to a close I said that I understood he had expressed the view in relation to Jenifer HART nee FISCHER WILLIAMS that he was sure that in the pre-war years after leaving Oxford she had been working for the R.I.S. rather than for the Party. I asked him what his reasons were for coming to that conclusion. BLUNT said he could not now remember whether he had been told of "Jenifer's" R.V.s in Kew Gardens in the late 1930s by Peter Wright or by Phoebe POOL: he remembered that Phoebe POOL had told him that she had acted as a courier between "Jenifer" and "that chap in the Natural History Museum" (i.e. Peter FLOUD). In reflecting on who had told him about "Jenifer" BLUNT also wondered whether Tess ROTHSCHILD might have been responsible. After some thought BLUNT said that he was sure he had had no hard evidence that "Jenifer" had worked for the R.I.S. He had only assumed this to be so as he could not imagine the Party having R.V.s with her in Kew Gardens - it sounded just like the Russians. I pressed BLUNT as far as I thought fit on this subject but he maintained that it had merely been an inspired

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guess on his part. BLUNT asked whether there had been any further developments on "Jenifer" - had she been interviewed again for instance? I said she had not.

6. The conversation then turned to BLUNT's involvement with the R.I.S. at Cambridge. I said that I understood that BLUNT had fairly recently told Peter Wright that "Henry" had told him that the R.I.S. always traced potential recruits put up by BURGESS or BLUNT with the Party. BLUNT said that he did not recall having said that but did not deny having done so. I went on to ask him whether he had any indication that anyone in the hierarchy of the student branch at Cambridge would have been told after recruitment not that the person concerned was now working for the Russians but perhaps that he had gone underground or on to more secret work and was therefore not to be "chased". BLUNT replied that he assumed that Bob STEWART in Party Headquarters had been aware of at least some of the R.I.S. recruitments in question but he doubted very much whether anything at all had been passed down the line to Cambridge. In illustrating his point BLUNT said that in the middle 1930s if anyone at Cambridge had been told anything it would have been James KLUGMANN rather than John CORNFORD for instance. He was quite sure that James KLUGMANN did not even know that BURGESS was working for the Russians until the latter had told him when he had called on KLUGMANN in Paris sometime in 1936 or 1937. He was therefore quite certain that KLUGMANN had not been "tipped off" by Party Headquarters. He was also certain that later recruitments e.g. of STRAIGHT and LONG would not have been made known to officials in the student branch at Cambridge: he agreed that in that later period George BARNARD would have been the person most likely to be in the confidence of Party Headquarters. BLUNT added that in that context it was worth noting that the Russians had suggested that fairly elaborate steps should be taken to make it seem that after their recruitments STRAIGHT and LONG for example had undergone a genuine change of heart and had left the Party. I told BLUNT that we had had some indication that in the case of Donald MACLEAN word had been passed down to one member of the Secretariat of the student branch at Cambridge that he should not be troubled further as he was going on to special work. BLUNT said that this surprised him but he thought it quite likely that things were not so well organised at the time of the first recruitments at Cambridge. He added that he had never been sure whether PHILBY or MACLEAN had been recruited first.

7. As I was leaving BLUNT asked me whether I had seen or heard anything more of Michael STRAIGHT. I said I had not although I assumed that STRAIGHT had been over in this country again for his mother's funeral: BLUNT did not seem to know that she had died. He commented that he presumed Dartington would continue in spite of her death. He asked after Peter Wright and said that I should pass him a message to look after himself better. He said he knew that we had had quite a number of bouts of illness in the office recently, some of them serious. I thanked BLUNT for seeing me at such short notice. He said that I should not hesitate to contact him again if necessary: he would be pleased to see me any time.

C. D. Shipp
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30th January, 1969.

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Extract for File No.: PF 604597 Name: PROCTOR
PF 604582 BLUNDEN
 Original in File No.: * PF 604582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 1684a Receipt Date: 28.1.69
 Original from: T/C Under Ref: Dated: 23.1.69
 Extracted on: K.3 17.2.69 by: KS Section: K.3

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Incoming call from DENNIS PROCTOR to BLUNDEN.
 DENNIS thanked him very much for a lovely present (something on art)?
 He mentioned hearing from DAME who would not be able to come to
 dinner until after his trip to Brazil with RAYMOND.
 BLUNDEN accepted his invitation to dinner on Saturday the 1st -
 BARBARA's sister, a major in the Army, would be there.
 DENNIS spoke about the weekend following - the 7th. He planned to
 go up to King's. He wondered whether BLUNDEN might go up that weekend?
 He said that it would be jolly nice if they could go together.
 As an honorary member he said that he felt he ought to show his
 face for the first time.. BLUNDEN, after some thought, said that
 he might possibly go. He would be at Trinity and DENNIS at King's
 'and we could meet during the day'. They would talk about it.

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Extract for File No.: PF 604582 Name: BLUNDEN

Original in File No.*: PF 604582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 1683a Receipt Date: 22.1.69

Original from: T/C Under Ref: 4304 Dated: 21.1.69

Extracted on: 17.2.69 by: KS Section: K.3

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Outgoing call BLUNDEN TO GEOFF BENTON.
 Remarks about last night when they had all enjoyed themselves.
 BLUNDEN brought up the subject of GEOFF's need for money to buy a house and referred to the sum of £2000. GEOFF would let him know how much it was to be. BLUNDEN said that should it be £2000 then he would probably have to sell some shares. BLUNDEN agreed that it would be best to have all this business settled before GASKIN's return.
 n.t.s.

Outgoing call BLUNDEN to RAY GIBBS.
 RAY confirmed getting safely home last night at about 4.0 am. BLUNDEN suspected that he had had a lot to drink. All had enjoyed the party. It was the largest dinner party BLUNDEN had given and he felt it was 'like old days'. 20.44

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Extract for File No. PF 604597 PF 604582 Name: PROCTOR
BLUNDEN

Original in File No.* PF 604582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 1675a Receipt Date: 16.1.69

Original from: T/C Under Ref.: 4304 Dated: 8.1.69

Extracted on: K.3 17.2.69 by: KS Section: K.3

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Incoming call to BLUNDEN from DENNIS PROCTOR.
He apologised to BLUNDEN most profoundly for not knowing that he had been made an Honorary Fellow of Trinity. He had had lunch with EDDIE who had told him all about it. He had also not known about BLUNDEN's 20th Jubilee at the Courtauld and that his big book had come out. This was all the result of being away so long. BLUNDEN laughed and told him to forget about it all. DENNIS wished to invite him and JOHN to dinner. BLUNDEN explained that JOHN was off to Marakesh on Sunday for about 3 weeks. DENNIS wished also to invite DADIE and it was agreed that he would write to DADIE first suggesting an evening when he was going to be in London. DENNIS would ring BLUNDEN again.
21.30

Nothing further of interest.

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NAME: BLUNDEN

Tel. No.: WEL 1074

Responsible Section: M.3.

Line No.: 4304

Date: 3.1.69
Friday

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Incoming call to BLUNDEN from MR. COCK, the caretaker.

Conversation went as follows-

C. Good morning, sir, there's two Post Office engineers investigating a request for a line -

B. - an extra extension,

C. - for your office.

B. No, to my - to my flat.

C. Ah - I thought so - they've got it wrong. Their instructions are to the office.

B. No. It's an extension off 9292 - off the main switchboard to come up - could you bring them up to the flat?

C. Yes, sir.

B. I'll show them where I want it.

C. Right, sir.

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Extract for File No.: PF 604582 Name: BLUNDEN
Original in File No.: PF 604582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 1658a Receipt Date: 13.12.68
Original from: T/C Under Ref.: 4504 Dated: 12.12.68
Extracted on: 23.12.68 by: KS Section: K.3

Outgoing from GASKIN to ANDY REVAI.
To thank him for the weekend. There is a line noise at this moment and GASKIN draws ANDY's attention to it. GASKIN does not know what it is. -ANDY wonders whose end it is. GASKIN immediately replies, "it is probably ours but, anyway, you don't hear anything when they are checking up on your record". (GASKIN puts on his slightly blasé voice as he says this.) They then go on to plan a meeting with ROBIN. ANDY will see ROBIN tonight and tell him. ANDY then asks when GASKIN and BLUNDEN will be coming. On Tuesday and stay for three days. BLUNDEN wants to get back, GASKIN supposes, to see his mother. GASKIN tells ANDY that his girl friends have invited him to go to Marakech, which is tempting as it does not cost him anything. GASKIN send message to ROBI to say that he will help with the cooking.

11.55.

Incoming from RAY to BLUNDEN.
RAY had been tempted to ring over the last couple of days but avoided it. BLUNDEN asks if he means the 'larger project.' RAY says he means BLUNDEN and JOHN. -BLUNDEN replies that things are better with JOHN, he thought RAY meant 'finance'. RAY asks if it is all right to natter? Yes. RAY goes on and stresses that with ~~the~~ regard to the cottage project he thinks it important that JOHN does this under his own steam and "you reimburse over a period unconsciously as it were". BLUNDEN see what RAY means but he thinks it will be very difficult to work out. Actually, BLUNDEN is inclined to think the whole thing is fading. BLUNDEN cannot see GASKIN in a country cottage. RAY then asks if over all things are quiet, and better. BLUNDEN says a good deal better, though the little paranoia pokes its head up occasionally with irrational suspicion but relatively very rarely. But it is alot improved and, indeed, had improved even before the blow up. They must just keep their fingers crossed. BLUNDEN confirms that they are going down to Northampton for Christmas, which is a good thing. RAY asks if JOHN is off the bottle and staying that way. BLUNDEN confirms this. RAY asks if BLUNDEN is also saying off the bottle. BLUNDEN replies, a certain amount - he is doing his best. BLUNDEN then adds - "about our arrangement, I was going to send you a little extra for Christmas. The larger amount I shall have to try and draw gradually from the bank. It is a question of drawing it rather discretely." RAY has had a word with JEAN and thinks they know enough to have a bash at it. He has negotiated with a few car dealers for them to sell cars, for him, on their front and will know at the end of the year if they can show an over all profit. BLUNDEN hopes it works out. RAY thinks BLUNDEN sounds alot brighter. BLUNDEN has recovered alot and his head is above water. They will keep in touch and BLUNDEN will in fact be in Cambridge on Saturday week but he will ring before then.

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Extract for File No.: PF 604582 Name: BLUNDEN
 Original in File No.:* PF 604582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 1656a Receipt Date: 13.12.68
 Original from: T/C Under Ref.: 5404 Dated: 10.12.68
 Extracted on: 23.12.68 by: KS Section: K.3

Outgoing from GASKIN to TONY WINSTON.
 Long prattle and then subject of RAY is brought into
 conversation by GASKIN. He tells TONY that BLUNDEN
 is very silly to have RAY round here. TONY says that
 GASKIN know RAY far better than he does. He thinks
 RAY drinks too much for one thing and, TONY adds, he
 does not think he is very faithful or sincere. *and*
~~well~~ not loyal. GASKIN agrees and says he has

absolute proof that RAY has pinched things. GASKIN repeats
 that BLUNDEN is very silly, in having RAY round to this flat.

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Extract for File No.: PF 604582 Name: BLUNDEN

Original in File No.: PF 604582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 1655a Receipt Date: 13.12.68

Original from: T/C Under Ref.: 5404 Dated: 9.12.68

Extracted on: 23.12.68 by: KS Section: K.3

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Outgoing from GASKIN to Clive BISLOP.
 GASKIN would like to have a chat with CLIVE sometime - and keep it between themselves. GASKIN is contemplating getting a cottage in the country and wanted to know if CLIVE thought it a good idea. Is it worth it? GASKIN says, to be frank, BLUNDEN is going to buy it for him. CLIVE points out that GASKIN would have to have a car. GASKIN agrees and continues saying he has to think of the future as in five years time "this all closes" and five years goes very quickly. He and BLUNDEN had a plan once of going to Rome but nothing is settled. CLIVE agrees that GASKIN could not lose on the deal and might make something out of it, but he should really study the pros and cons. GASKIN says BLUNDEN is not really concerned with a place in the country. GASKIN would really like to have a serious talk with CLIVE. CLIVE warns him not to get anything too inaccessible. GASKIN then prattles on about the fact that he spends so much time abroad and is trying to build up the 'Rome thing'. He tells CLIVE that the half the trouble is that it has become an irritation him being in the flat all the time. BLUNDEN really wants the place to himself. CLIVE agrees that if BLUNDEN is giving him the money for it he should try the project.

15.39.

Incoming from STEVE MARSH to GASKIN.
 Conversation of no interest except that on hearing some clicks GASKIN says he hopes this phone is not being tampered with - he had heard the noise on a previous call and wondered what it was.

16.30.

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Extract for File No.: PF.604,582 Name: BLUNDEN
Original in File No.: PF.604,582 Supp.A Vol.: 16 Serial: 1654a Receipt Date: 11.12.68
Original from: T/C - WEL 1074 Under Ref.: Line No: 4504 Dated: Friday 6.12.68
Extracted on: 16.12.68 by: C. Brian Section: K.3

Extract from telephone check on BLUNDEN.

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Incoming from RAY to BLUNDEN.
BLUNDEN mentions that GASKIN is in Northampton. He will be coming back tomorrow and they are both dining with John GOLDING. BLUNDEN wanted to report that things seem to be remarkably calm. There really does seem to be a change of heart and GASKIN is going to try and get some kind of job. He has also really set his heart on trying to get some sort of tiny cottage in the country. BLUNDEN thinks this is a good idea because it can be in his name and then GASKIN can invite him down there. RAY agrees this would be a good idea. BLUNDEN thinks it would be quite an expensive job but well worth it. BLUNDEN will keep in touch. BLUNDEN mentions that old ANDY REVAI is is rather a low state so GASKIN has gone down to keep him company. For the first time for years BLUNDEN is optimistic about GASKIN. It is a change on a scale of a different type and the doctor has got GASKIN off the booze. BLUNDEN

must, he says, keep this up and set an example himself. Orange juice or milk in future! RAY laughingly agrees and hopes BLUNDEN well.

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

Original in File No. : PF.604,582 Supp.A Vol.: 16 Serial: 1653a Receipt Date: 11.12.68

Original from : T/C - WEL 1074 Under Ref.: Line No: 4504 Dated: 5.12.68 Thurs.

Extracted on : 16.12.68 by: C. Brian Section: K.3

Extract from telephone check on BLUNDEN.

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Outgoing from GASKIN to Clive HISLOP. During the conversation GASKIN says that he is bored with this place. He has no intention of doing things around the flat and is just going to sit back. CLIVE agrees and thinks GASKIN has been inclined to put BLUNDEN on a pedestal. GASKIN adds that he is not going to want for anything from now on. When he sees and hears of the money that has gone out this year on useless rubbish - on people - and, he thinks, Tony WINSTON is the contact with RAY. CLIVE asks what BLUNDEN is doing tonight. GASKIN says, sour that BLUNDEN has gone out to dinner because he did not know he was coming back from Scotland.

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P.A. in: PF 604,582

Original in: PF 864,555, Vol. 2 at serial 41a.

Dated: 5.12.68.

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Extract from report of meeting between Miss Audrey BEECHAM and R. Thistlethwaite at the Athenaeum on 4th December, 1968.

I met Audrey BEECHAM on 4 December at the Athenaeum and gave her tea. The last time we had met was in Paris in 1937 when we had a night out with Maurice (now Sir Maurice) Bowra and Guy Chilver. Maurice had just finished editing the Oxford Book of Greek Verse and I remember that he was sufficiently intimate with Audrey to read out his own translations of various Greek poems for her critical comments.

2. I asked after Maurice. She said that he was now seventy and was not a good insurance risk. It was an open secret that he had had a stroke some years ago and he was terrified of having another. She thought in fact that he had had another not long ago because he suddenly began to speak very slowly. It was partly for this reason that she wanted to get in touch with me because she was uncertain how long Maurice would be around to reminisce about matters which were of interest to us. She had had dinner with him alone soon after the PHILBY books appeared and they had got on to the subject. I said to her I was glad that she brought this up because I had vivid memories of a game Maurice used to play at Oxford in which one was asked to name the three biggest crooks in the University (Lord Charwell ranked as No. 1). I therefore imagined that he could play a similar game of Communists and spies. Audrey said that this is precisely what he did. He named as Communists and spies:-

(a) Anthony BLUNT, who he said had to his knowledge been a member of the Communist Party and was still likely to be a Communist.

(b) Goronwy REES, who was utterly disloyal to his friends. He was undoubtedly a Communist and likely still to be a spy even though he was no longer in the Public Service because he had an uncanny ability to exploit his old contacts. *at home*

Other Communists were:-

(c) David WORSWICK

(d) Pat THOMPSON (spelling uncertain) formerly of Wadham.

(e) BROWNLEE (full name not known) who until two years ago was a Law Fellow at Wadham.

3. I asked Audrey whether Maurice would resent being approached on this subject. She said we could certainly not use or quote her and the best intermediary would be John Sparrow (Warden of All Souls). In fact I think I could approach Maurice myself without embarrassment.

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11.12.68

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672a

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

Original in File No.:* PF.604,582 Supp.A Vol.: 16 Serial: 1650a Receipt Date: 4.12.68.

Original from: T/C Under Ref.: Line 4304 Dated: 30.11.68.

Extracted on: 5.12.68 by: KH Section: KX

Extract from T/C on BLUNT, self-confessed spy - WEL 1074

Incoming from JOHN GASKIN to BLUNDEN.
 BLUNDEN says he has just been speaking to JANETSKI about CHARLES' funeral. GASKIN asks BLUNDEN ever heard from SAM. BLUNDEN says no, he does not think SAM is a letter writing type. GASKIN complains of being short of money. BLUNDEN will put £20 in the post to him today. GASKIN asks if BLUNDEN is going to Birmingham today. No, he has had to cancel the whole thing.

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671a

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

Original in File No.:* PF.604,582 Supp.A Vol.: 16 Serial: 1649a Receipt Date: 4.12.68.

Original from: T/C Under Ref.: Line 4304 Dated: 29.11.68.

Extracted on: 5.12.68. by: KH Section: KX

Extract from T/C on BLUNT, self-confessed spy - WEL 1074

Incoming from GASKIN to BLUNDEN.
 GASKIN says he is fine. BLUNDEN mentions that he is still not certain whether he will get down to Birmingham or not tomorrow. BLUNDEN will forward any mail. GASKIN asks if BLUNDEN is alone - yes. He asks what GASKIN's plans are. GASKIN thought he would be down next week sometime - probably on Friday. GASKIN asks if there is any news. BLUNDEN says that he rang TONY this evening because he wanted to find out how he was. BLUNDEN remarks that he is looking forward to GASKIN coming back. GASKIN repeats it will be Friday and they can then have the weekend together. BLUNDEN agrees this is a good plan. He thinks GASKIN sounds much better. GASKIN agrees to this but stresses that he had a very bad time. It will never happen to him again - that is one thing he is quite sure about. GASKIN goes on about how wonderful the air is. BLUNDEN thanks him very much for ringing.

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

Original in File No.:* PF.604,582 Supp.A Vol.: 16 Serial: 1648a Receipt Date: 4.12.68.
 T/C Line 4304 Dated: 28.11.68.

Original from: Under Ref.: Dated:

Extracted on: 5.12.68. by: KH Section: KX

Extract from T/C on BLUNT, self-confessed spy - WEL 1074

Incoming from GASKIN to BLUNDEN.
 GASKIN was feeling very well. He thought that he would stay with his sister until the following weekend - the air was doing him so much good. He felt sure he would soon be recovered. BLUNDEN would not be going to Birmingham until "Saturday" and might come back on "Monday morning". (See 22.35 call on 27.11.68)

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Extract for File No. : PF 604582 Name: BLUNDEN

Original in File No. : PF 604582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 1647a Receipt Date: 28.11.68

Original from : T/C Under Ref.: Dated: 26.11.68

Extracted on : 2.12.68 by : KS Section: K.3

Outgoing call BLUNDEN to Kilsyth 3286 to GASKIN.
 During this conversation GASKIN asked if he had thought any more about 'the future'. BLUNDEN had thought but had no clear ideas. He would try to think a little more 'and perhaps write'. He emphasized that he wanted him to come back but said things must be straightened out. How long was he intending to stay? He mentioned that it was this weekend he was going up to stay with ELLIS WATERHOUSE. He did not like the idea of GASKIN being here alone for the weekend and suggested coming back on Monday. GASKIN agreed to do this.
 09.34

27.11.68

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Outgoing call BLUNDEN to Harlow 26049, to RAY.
 BLUNDEN was depressed - partly, he said, because he had slept badly. He mentioned having had a long talk with JOHN's doctor yesterday who had said that he doubted whether psychiatric treatment was necessary at the moment. He was prepared to talk to JOHN. BLUNDEN intended ~~not~~ ringing JOHN later in the day. BLUNDEN said that the doctor understood the whole situation now - he had briefed him thoroughly. BLUNDEN asked if he could meet RAY and suggested that Friday might be a good day. They agreed to get into touch about it.
 10.21

Outgoing call BLUNDEN to ELSA SCHERRER WEL 9292.
 He was going to have a rest - he was feeling totally incapable of dealing with a meeting and felt sure they could manage without him. Should he not emerge before 4.0 would she please ring him?
 14.41

Outgoing call BLUNDEN to Birmingham 334 1594, ELLIS WATERHOUSE.
 BLUNDEN explained that 'the situation' had become so complicated and he regretted he was having to call off the weekend. ELLIS, who would be in London tomorrow, agreed to call on him at 2.30.
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Extract for File No.: PF 604582 Name: BLUNDEN
 Original in File No.:* PF 604582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 1646a Receipt Date: 28.11.68
 Original from: T/C Under Ref.: Dated: 25.11.68
 Extracted on: 2.12.68 by: KS Section: K.3

Incoming call to BLUNDEN from GASKIN.
 GASKIN was feeling much better. They had a friendly chat.
 GASKIN hoped he was not proposing to have any more trips with
 'the gentleman'. BLUNDEN said he was not for the moment. He
 promised to let GASKIN know in future.
 09.11.68

Outgoing call BLUNDEN to ERIC HEBBURN, Rome 562282.
 BLUNDEN began about GASKIN's money matters and this seems now to have
 been sorted out. BLUNDEN then mentioned GASKIN and 'the crisis' and
 said they had had the worst row ever. He told him about GASKIN's ideas
 of possibly spending a time in Rome and wondered, if this took place,
 whether they could find him a room. ERIC said they would do, of course.
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26 NOV 1968

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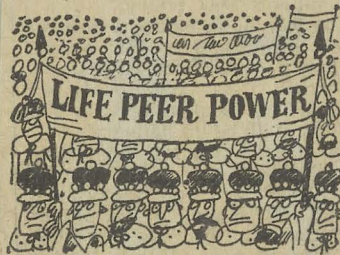
from "Way of the World" by Peter Simple

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Lords of Creation

MR. WILSON may soon have to create some 80 progressive life peers. Who will they be? My guess is as follows:

Raymond Williams, Stuart Hall, Dr. A. H. Halsey, Philip Toynbee, Arnold Wesker, Des Wilson, Jeremy Sandford and Nell Dunn (joint peerage), Dr. Joseph Needham, Christopher Hill, Claud Cockburn, Judith Todd, Dee Wells, Simon Dee, A. J. Ayer, James Cameron, Joan Robinson, Tariq Ali, D. A. N. Jones, Peter Watkins, Mick Jagger, Jonathan Miller, Karl Miller, Paul Johnson, T. C. Skeffington-Lodge, Peter Hall, Peter Brook, J. C. Dancy, E. H. Brooks, Bernard Braden, Frank Giles, James Margach, Dr. Hilde Himmelweit, Twiggy, Justin de Villeneuve, Mary Quant, Brigid Brophy, Dame Sybil Thorndike, Most of the Redgraves, David Frost, Royston Lambert, Cliff Michelmore, Michael Barrett, John Neville, Mr. Teasy Weasy, Professor Albert Sloman, Erno Goldfinger, John Freeman, Alan Freeman, Sir Frank Kearton, Harold Evans, Professor Titmuss, Dr. Brian Abel-Smith, Tony Lynes, Kenneth Tynan, Canon Hugh Montefiore, the Bishop of Woolwich, Canon Douglas Rhymes, Elkan Allan, Nobby Styles, Professor E. H. Carr, David Bailey,



Nicholas Tomalin, A. L. Alvarez, Paul Foot, Joan Littlewood, Clive Irving, Huw Wheldon, Cyril Ray, Dr. Edmund Leach, Marghanita Laski, Ken Loach, John Calder, Michael Kustow, Conor Cruise O'Brien, Warren Mitchell, Johnny Speight, Sir Anthony Blunt, C. Day Lewis, Stephen Spender, Professor George Catlin, Dr. Alex Comfort, Jo Grimond, Sir Hugh Greene.

All Labour MPs have been excluded out of deference to Mr. Wilson's feelings about by-elections. I must leave you to judge for yourselves what standards have been applied in the selection of names. If you think this list is meant to be "satirical," just wait till you see the real one.

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NAME: BLUNDEN

Line No.: 4304

Tel. No.: WEL 1074

Date: 20.11.68
Wednesday

Responsible Section: K.3.

25 NOV 1968

Incoming call to GASKIN from GEOFF BENTON.

During this conversation, in which GASKIN assured GEOFF that he was much better, though he still felt very angry with BLUNDEN, he remarked about BLUNDEN--'Somebody once said -you know his great friend GUY BURGESS the spy - you know, what he once said about ANTHONY? That he has his cake, eats it and gives some to the poor as well'. GASKIN said sarcastically -'and I think that's rather marvellous'.

09.35

Outgoing call GASKIN to DECCA for CLIVE HISLOP.

He was not there but was asked to ring back.

Whilst chatting with distant GASKIN mentioned that CLIVE lived here for about 6 months 10 years ago.

10.18

Outgoing call GASKIN to CLIVE HISLOP. he

GASKIN reported to him that ~~BLUNDEN~~ had discovered that whilst he (GASKIN) was in Greece BLUNDEN had been touring on the continent with RAY GIBES. GASKIN said that this was the reason why he became ill. He added that he had got BLUNDEN now in such a position where he (BLUNDEN) would almost sign a cheque for anything. GASKIN was determined to get as much as he could out of him.

11.07

Outgoing call BLUNDEN to GEOFF BENTON.

BLUNDEN said that GASKIN had gone to bed in a state of exhaustion. GEOFF agreed to come over later - presumably to be chauffeur. BLUNDEN said that he still felt that 'he ought to be got a ticket to Athens tomorrow. He can write the cheque, if there's any difficulty I'll do it. If he can't face the journey the answer is to try and press him to do so on the grounds that it's the only way to regain health. I'm being a little selfish in this but -'. GEOFF said he would deal with it'.

12.39

Outgoing call GASKIN to TONY WINSTON.

GASKIN told him exactly what he had told CLIVE HISLOP - that BLUNDEN had been touring on the continent with RAY GIBES whilst he was in Greece. He disliked intensely BLUNDEN's secrecy over his association with RAY GIBES. TONY said that he had himself suspected that BLUNDEN was seeing him and he reminded GASKIN that he had told him so. TONY remarked 'Anthony has a weakness to his character and that is not always owning up'. GASKIN-'he's very much like that, he's very secretive'. GASKIN went on to say how open and frank he was himself with BLUNDEN and it was not fair that BLUNDEN had not told him.

18.44

Outgoing call GASKIN to KEN 0661 (549) to CLIVE HISLOP.

During this conversation GASKIN mentioned that he was going to get £5000 out of BLUNDEN sometime.

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Incoming call to GASKIN from TONY WINSTON.
TONY said he had been thinking things over. He strongly advised
GASKIN not to upset BLUNDEN and to behave quite normally and as
pleasantly as possible. GASKIN said that this was exactly the line
he was taking but he still felt very strongly about RAY especially
as he was considered to be a thief and had quite definitely taken
away various things in the place. GASKIN talked of ideas to
possibly go away to Greece for a bit.
19.13

L.E.

Extract from Note for File/Interview Report

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Extract for File No. PF.604,582 Name BLUNT

Original in File No. PF.607,236 Serial 25a Dated 25.11.68.

(where there is also a transcript of the interview)

Date and Place of *Interview/Meeting XXXXX Room 055 on 11.11.68.

with (also give security context of person being interviewed) Sir Henry LINTOTT

Subject

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6. He acknowledged knowing Anthony BLUNT, again in The Apostles context. He said he saw him last year when BLUNT stayed with him in Canada.

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Outgoing call BLUNDEN to 435 9329 to RUDI. (WITKOWER)
RUDI confirmed that he was coming at 11.30 today. BLUNDEN invited
him also to lunch and MARGARET too if she was able to.
09.17 (Discussions with RUDI are normally about art and Institute)

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NOTE FOR PF.604,582

BLUNT's Diaries

1. Reference P.M.W.'s interview with BLUNT on 7.11.68. at which BLUNT gave him his diaries for 1955 and 1956.

2. BLUNT said that entries "JACK" with a time such as 7.30 or 8.0. on the half hour might well relate to appointments with the R.I.S. The following "JACK" entries occur, applying to various times of the day.

- (a) Monday, 10 January 1955 7.30 JACK
- (b) Thursday, 27 January Jack. 1.
- (c) Thursday, 3 February Dinner Jack
- (d) Sunday, 13 March ? Dinner Jack
(followed by illegible squiggle)
- (e) Monday, 31 October Jack dinner 7.30
- (f) Monday, 12 December Lunch Jack Travellers
(It is possible that "Travellers" goes with another entry at 11.15)
- (g) Friday, 16 December Dinner Jack R.
- (h) Friday, 27 January 1956 Johannes dinner
- (i) Monday, 30 January Jack (and what looks like: dinner 7.45)
- (j) Wednesday, 30 May Dinner Jack 7.45.
- (k) Monday, 26 November 1956 Jack R.

3. Of these dates, the first five, (a) to (e), relate to a period when MODIN was not in this country. The second six, (f) to (k), coincide with one of his periods of residence here.

4. During the times of the first four entries we did not have BLUNT on check. At the date of entry (e) BLUNT was back on check in order that we might observe his reactions to the BURGESS/MACLEAN White Paper debate on 7.11.55.

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5. On 29th October 1955 he returned to London from a visit to Paris. He spent a few days in London before setting off again on a visit to Rome. The entry for 31st October 1955 (e) coincides exactly with his spell in London and it seems very reasonable that he would have had an appointment with the R.I.S. at this time and for them to have kept in touch with him and, possibly, through him, with PHILBY, just a week before the House of Commons debate. (The T.C. shows that two days later, on 2nd November, he was to meet Jackie HEWITT at the corner of Jermyn Street and Haymarket between 7.15 and 7.30 before an engagement at his club at 8.0 p.m. The engagement at the club appears in the diary but not the meeting with HEWITT. This suggests a (?) blackmail meeting and Jackie HEWITT almost certainly has no relevance to the Jack entries in the diary).

6. Entry (f) for 12th December 1955 (for which date there is no T.C. to consult), as it refers to lunch (and possibly to the Travellers Club), does not strictly fall within the description of "JACK" entries which BLUNT has said might well apply to the R.I.S. On the other hand, it is interesting to note that this is the day after MODIN returned to the U.K., and also that BLUNT deleted an original entry "? Willie lunch", altering it to "Lunch JACK". However, the next entry, Friday 16th December, "Dinner Jack R." could equally well apply to a meeting with MODIN early after the latter's return.

7. I included entry (h), thinking that "Johannes dinner" might well be a variation on the Jack theme but the T.C. shows that at about this period BLUNT had a genuine contact called Johannes. Entry (h) is closely followed by entry (i). This would have seemed very likely to represent an R.I.S. contact as it would have been well timed to provide MODIN with an opportunity to warn BLUNT of the forthcoming surfacing of BURGESS and MACLEAN by the Russians in Moscow on 11th February 1956. (The T.C. was put on again to cover this and the first intercept obtained was one of 13th February 1956 showing that BLUNT was (conveniently!) away in America.) According to BLUNT, the "7.45" would tend to disqualify it. On the other hand, he did mark it down as of possible interest on the scribbled notes he passed to P.M.W. It would not be impossible for him to have added the "45" - though the pencilling on the entry looks fairly uniform. The "7" is heavier than the "45" but it is characteristic of him to make all the initial strokes heavier.

Likely to be
Johannes
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K.3.

B. Palliser

12th November 1968

NOTE FOR FILE

Thurs. K.3/Peter Wright saw BLUNT on the evening of 7.11.68. at the Courtauld Institute. He received from BLUNT two diaries for 1955 and 1956 (photostat copies of which are in PF.604,582 Supp.B together with a slip of paper on which BLUNT had scribbled some notes on certain of the diary entries) and also took back the schedule of dates he had left with him.

2. They discussed the diaries and the possible implications of various entries in them. Down the years, BLUNT said, when he recorded meetings with the Russians he recorded them as "JACK" in his diaries and the times were likely to be on the hour or half hour in the evening. So he wondered whether the entries of this type in these two diaries refer to meetings with Russians. (The only acquaintance of his he could think of genuinely named "JACK" was Jackie HEWITT, usually known as "Jackie".) There are eleven "JACK" entries ranging from Monday, 10th January 1955 to Monday, 26th November 1956. (Entries with a time such as 7.45 should not relate to the Russians but on the other hand BLUNT had noted down the entries of 30th January and 30th May 1956 as of possible interest, so these must not be disregarded out of hand). BLUNT asked if these dates fitted with MODIN's times in the U.K. and was told that not all of them did. He made no further comment!

3. Entries such as "J. goes" and "J. back" refer to the comings and goings of John GASKIN (see BLUNT's slip of paper. Reference to the telephone check confirms this).

4. BLUNT said he sometimes ringed, or made a square enclosing an actual date to indicate some significance attaching to that date (see 14.10.55., 26.7.56., 5.8.56. and possibly 5. and 6.1.56.).

5. BLUNT noted on his slip of paper among other things the dates:

- 20.7.55. (in the diary at this date, there is along with other entries, a plain 8/8.30 noted with nothing against)
- 22.8.55. (in the diary at this date, after other entries, there is a plain "7" noted, with nothing against it).
- 17.10.56. (in the diary at this date, after other entries, there is a final faint scribble which could be "7" or "J" scratched out. He himself said this was irrelevant.

6. BLUNT

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6. BLUNT now maintains that the lecture at which MODIN appeared was that one in the autumn of 1954 when he lectured on Mannerism. This was in effect, he said, a "singleton" in that it did not form a part of a series with the three on Philibert de L'Orme and indeed he produced evidence that yet another lecture had intervened between the one and the three. He repeated what he had said on a previous occasion (see 528b of 14.6.66) that this was the first lecture at which he had spoken with a non-Marxist approach.

7. BLUNT could give no genuine explanation of the circumstances of his meeting with PHILBY at lunch-time on 19.8.54. but suggested the following sequence of events as a likely explanation. The meeting was at PHILBY's instigation, he being out of touch with the Russians and desperately anxious to get in touch. PHILBY asked BLUNT if he could possibly put him in touch with the Russians. BLUNT said, yes, he would put a chalk mark and see what happened. At first nothing did happen and then eventually MODIN's return to the U.K. on 17.9.54. was organised expressly for the purpose of meeting PHILBY and his accosting of BLUNT at the lecture was the next step. This hypothesis of BLUNT's presumes that PHILBY's account in the memoirs of events of this period is quite fictitious. Unfortunately BLUNT has not provided a diary for 1954 so we cannot see if there is any confirmation of all this. P.M.W. has the strong impression that on the table at his last meeting there were four diaries lying on the table, not two. BLUNT maintains there were only two and these the ones he has now lent us.

8. BLUNT added that the singleton lecture of May 1956 (sic) in fact took place on 26th June 1956 and that this could not possibly have been the occasion of MODIN's accosting him because he, BLUNT, flew off to Paris on the next day, the 27th, and so could not have been making his two attempts at rendezvous. (There is an entry in the diary for Tuesday, 26th June 1956: "Ricci lecture" and for 27th June 1956: "Paris". There is also an entry which looks like a lecture on Tuesday, 8th May 1956 and again on Tuesday, 15th May 1956).

9. P.M.W. made no arrangements with BLUNT for a further interview. He will do this in due course.

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Outgoing call GASKIN to DICK SPALDING, 622 8842.
 During this conversation GASKIN mentioned the extension telephone in BLUNDEN's office and said that BLUNDEN sometimes- when he was working switched off the bell.
 He said that BLUNDEN was very tied up these days and he liked visitors to be out of the place by a quarter to 11.0 at night.
 GASKIN mentioned GEOFF, saying that he had just got £100 out of BLUNDEN to buy a new car 'one of these loans that never gets paid back.
 GASKIN added -'I've just read the riot act with him - we'll have no money left if this goes on'.
 MOORE CROSTHWAITE spoke briefly to GASKIN saying he hoped they would meet soon.
 10.57



Note for file

On the evening of Thursday 17th October I interviewed BLUNT at Portman Place.

2. Our discussion opened with BLUNT's raising the question again of the offer he had received to go to an American University. He said he was not in fact anxious to take the offer. I told him that in my view it would cause nothing but embarrassment if he were to try to take it; I was certain he would not get in to America at the present time and to attempt to organise it that he should get in would cause major difficulties. He accepted this and said he would turn down the present offer, which he did not really want. He said that at some stage in the future it might be more difficult to turn down an offer. I commented that things might be easier for him when Hoover had left the bureau!

3. We went on to discuss the problems of the mid-50s. He had found some diaries from about 1955 on (it was not made clear how many but there seemed to be four or five on the table). He asked me for relevant dates in the period and I gave him the attached schedule. He said there would be no point in our looking at the diaries unaided as they would be quite unintelligible and he kept the schedule of dates with which to go through the diaries and attempt to decypher them. There was, he said, a reference to "JACK" in the diaries which related either to the Russians or to PHILBY, he could not remember which. I said that I would like to have the diaries and arranged that we should discuss them when we next meet in a fortnight's time on 29th October at 6.30 pm. He said he had found two out-of-date passports which we were welcome to keep and he gave me these. He presumed we had experts on passports who would be able to work our his travels from them: they meant very little to him.

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4. BLUNT said that he did not know d'ANTAL and had not known him at Cambridge. He asked whether he was a Hungarian and I said that he was. He said that any Central European who was a friend of PHILBY would be worth our attention. Before the war, owing to the influence of Lizy, Central Europeans were of special significance in the PHILBY world. He, PHILBY, trusted and admired them, regarded them as the salt of the earth. If d'ANTAL had Communist associations and was a good ideological bet, PHILBY would almost certainly have put him up for possible recruitment. At this stage BLUNT elaborated at great length about Austrians in England, emphasising what a dynamic character Lizy was and how close she was to Guy, particularly in the late thirties and early forties. I took this opportunity to remind him that he had said, in discussing the events of the fifties, that the only

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 non-Russian with whom he had had contact over "the game" was Lizy. How could he reconcile this with his earlier statement to Arthur Martin that when he was out of touch in 1939-40 he re-established contact through Bob STEWART? I had been under the impression that he had met Bob. BLUNT claimed that in that case he had misled us: he had not met Bob - he certainly would not have risked doing such a thing when he was in the office! He insisted that Lizy had been the intermediary. I asked him to tell me the mechanics of this. (He does not like having to describe the mechanics of any episode). BLUNT said that when he and BURGESS were out of touch they became rather desperate, wanting to pass all the good material they had and not being able to. Guy discussed the problem with Lizy, Lizy with Edith TUDOR-HART, Edith with Bob STEWART, and this formed the chain of contact: Guy to Lizy to Edith to Bob. It was Edith who could meet Bob STEWART. I then asked BLUNT if all the people in "the game" known to Guy were using this channel or if any of them was in touch with the Russians. He said he did not know the answer to this but common sense would suggest that Guy would have asked everyone he knew "in the game" if they were in contact, and the fact that Guy remained out of touch proved that the others he knew were in the same position.

5. BLUNT emphasised once again the importance of Lizy. She was, he said, extremely attractive. He liked her very much. Today he would find her rather overdone. Her character was painted in pastiche colours but she was a wonderful person.)

6. I asked BLUNT whether he knew Eddy PENNING ROWSELL. He said that he did, but not in the context of "the game", rather in the context of publishing. Eddy had tried to get the rights to publish his book on Picasso. He was surprised that we should think Eddy relevant.

7. I asked BLUNT whether he knew Paul EISLER. He said he did not.

8. I discussed PENNING ROWSELL's and d'ANTAL's associates with BLUNT. He did not know Newton BRANCH but had heard the name. He knew John DAVENPORT who, he would have said, was older than the rest of this group. It had never occurred to him that DAVENPORT was political in any sense of the word. He did not know Malcolm LOWRY. I asked when he first knew Eddy. He said it was in connection with a paper Eddy published called "Mind in Chains" in 1937. BLUNT had written an article for it. He said that John DAVENPORT had published a journal at Corpus, Cambridge, called "Venture" with which he and Michael REDGRAVE N.A. had helped. John, he commented, had had a raging affair with that tedious Communist Charlotte HALDANE.

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I asked him about "Venture". He said it was political: "we tried to inject a political aura" But he would not describe DAVENPORT as political. (Comment: this view of DAVENPORT may not be a true one: there was some sort of emotional tie between him and Michael REDGRAVE).

9. I asked BLUNT about Maurice DOBB's seminars, attended by d'ANTAL. He said DOBB was a political idealist who would not have got involved in anything clandestine. These Marxist seminars had gone on for many years, starting in the 20's when DOBB was very much a lone wolf as a Communist at Cambridge.

10. ^{NLT} Jim CHAPLIN was just a name to BLUNT. I asked him whether he knew Henry ROLAND. He said he did not but I do not believe him and I think the name should be raised with him again. See 705a para. 10.

11. I asked him about Lizy PHILBY's house party in Wales in 1937. He did not know she had a cottage in Wales and said he would not have attended such a party.]

12. I told BLUNT about the meeting between Eddy PENNING ROWSELL and Kim PHILBY in St. Jean de Luz in August 1939. He said Kim had never mentioned this to him.

See SR. 6.13. BLUNT denied knowledge of Sam GOLDMAN. I showed him d'ANTAL's photo. He failed to recognise it.

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In the course of Cecil Shipp's and my interview of BLUNT and STRAIGHT at 12.30 on Thursday 17th October I showed them three photographs of Leopold TREPPER and one of RADO. Both BLUNT and STRAIGHT said that neither was GEORGE/OTTO (i.e. BLUNT's first controller and the Person whom STRAIGHT said he and BLUNT accompanied to a swimming pool on the Great West Road in June 1937) though TREPPER was roughly the right type.

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Outgoing call BLUNDEN to 734 5320 to ELISABETH and then to CHRISTOPHER.
 This was about their mother. CHRISTOPHER mentioned that she had said
 BLUNDEN would be going off again soon. BLUNDEN said this was not so.
 He was now settled down until Christmas for the whole term and was not
 going away except for the odd day or two.
 09.19

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Brief for P.M.W. on 17.10.68

12.10.50	MODIN arrived U.K.
1951	BLUNT gave no public lectures
22.7.51	BLUNT to Athens for about a month
1952, 4 th March	BLUNT gave one public lectures at R.A.
April 1953	BLUNT to (?) America <small>(Source: K. Williams' diary; she attended the lecture) 19/6/53.</small>
17.4.53	MODIN left U.K.
May 1953	BLUNT gave one public lecture
Late summer 1953	BLUNT lecture tour to Greece
December 1953	BLUNT to Sicily
January 1954	BLUNT gave one public lecture
April 1954	BLUNT three weeks in Italy
13.4.54	Publication of news of PETROV's defection
28.4.54	PETROV's mention of BURGESS & MACLEAN first noted in Press
circa July 1954	PHILBY wrote BLUNT asking for meeting
15.8.54	BLUNT wrote PHILBY suggesting Thursday 19th for lunch
19 8.54	PHILBY met BLUNT at lunch time and at 3,0 pm said on the telephone: "a bit of a cloud had passed over"
20.8.54	Mrs. Dora PHILBY tells Kim she has a letter for him from the Courtauld
17.9.54	MODIN returns to UK
Oct/Nov. 1954	BLUNT gives four public lectures, <u>one on Mannerism</u> , three on Philibert de Lorme
Friday 3.11.54	MODIN left U.K.
28.12.54	Kim, Connie and BLUNT and the HARRISES all dine together
A few days later:	Kim bumps into BLUNT
May 1955 <small>March 29 - 31, April 4, 7, 14, 21, 28</small>	BLUNT gives series of four public lectures on Baroque staircases
23.9.55	White Paper appeared on BURGESS and MACLEAN
1.10.55 onwards:	PHILBY pursued by Press
25.10.55	Question in House by Lipton mentioning PHILBY by name
7.11.55	Debate in House of Commons on White Paper. PHILBY cleared
8.11.55	PHILBY Press Conference

Diary 14.7.

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23.11.55	BLUNT to meet Kim for a drink at Mrs. Bassett's
11.12.55	MODIN arrived U.K.
Feb to May '56	BLUNT to America Brit 2.ii - 30.iv
X 7.5.56 or 7.6.56 26.vi	(BLUNT gives public lecture ^{Lehr for Paris 27.vi}
7.5.56	MODIN left U.K. for Moscow
15.5.56	MODIN returns U.K.
Summer 1956	BLUNT to ^{Ir} Ireland ^{5.viii - 2/2.viii}
5.8.56	MODIN left U.K. for Quaker Conference in Switzerland
19.8.56 to 10.9.56	BLUNT to Italy
20.8.56	MODIN returns to U.K.
6.9.56	PHILBY left U.K. Date of arrival in Beirut not certain but sometime in September
23.x., 30.x., 6.xi., 13.xi	MODIN left U.K. ^{Lehrnes}
17.5.57	MODIN returns U.K.
4.8.57	MODIN leaves U.K. for last time
30.5.58	BLUNT to Rome
Jan to Mar 1961	BLUNT to Beirut, Syria, Jordan, Egypt
April 1961	MODIN visited Finland
Autumn 1961	MODIN to Iraq via Austria and back
Late June 1962 (after 18th)	MODIN left Beirut for Vienna
16.8.62	

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Brief for BLUNT
Interview

Edmund ("Eddie") Lionel PENNING - ROWSELL (PF 48,855)

b. 16.3.13.

1930-35 With the 'Morning Post'.
1935 (?or March 1939) Alternative dates on different "Still Life" forms.
Joined C.P.
1937 Married Meg WINTRINGHAM - (in recent years Dues
Organiser, South Midlands District Communist Party.)
1935-40 and 1949-52 Publisher with F. Muller Ltd.
1953-59 Sales Manager B.T. Batsford Ltd.
1959-64 Hulton Press.
1964- Self-employed publisher.

Royal Signals during the war. D.N. PRITT (friend) and Geoffrey BING tried to get him Commission and Secret work. Organised C.P. activities in Royal Signals.

Uses flat at 190 Russell Court, Russell Square, W.C.1. for Secret C.P. meetings in publishing world.

(245b) Betty REID told George MATTHEWS (S/F) that Meg had had an affaire with Paul EISLER.

(314a) 18.5.61. Told Judith TODD (S/F) he had seen Anthony BLUNT about a book on Picasso. Had not seen him for years - "a very nice chap, though still making slightly progressive noises" - had not taxed him about his views.

(332a) Further refs. to Paul EISLER.

(360a) Second half 1964: Had nine engagements reading own scripts in Home and European Services B.B.C. Subjects: Wines (is member of Wine Society), book clubs, public libraries and Sir Stanley Unwin. *

Close contacts include James KLUGMAN, James McGIBBON, Basil DAVIDSON.

M.L.B. Williams

M.L.B. Williams

K.1

15th October 1968.

* D'ANTAL, pre-war friend of PENNING-ROUSELL, is Chief Editor BBC European Service, but does NOT admit any recent contact.

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I discussed today with F.2/URG/Mr Shipp and K.3/Mr Crassweller the situation arising from the forthcoming visit of Michael STRAIGHT to this country.

2. We all agreed that it was evident from Cecil Shipp's last talk with STRAIGHT in America that he had not come clean about the full length of his association with the R.I.S., and that this fact was very relevant to the GREENBERG case.

3. Michael STRAIGHT is due to arrive here on 11th October. Cecil Shipp and I propose to arrange a meeting between STRAIGHT and BLUNT at which we shall both be present, taking care that they have no opportunity to get together beforehand.

4. I have an appointment to see BLUNT on Tuesday evening next, the 8th October. On this day I shall telephone him to cancel it, owing to other business, and make a date for the evening of Wednesday, 16th October or, failing that, Thursday 17th. On the morning of the day arranged I shall ring him, ask to see him at lunch-time, and then tell him I have just heard from Cecil Shipp that Michael is over here and that we want to take the opportunity to bring him along to BLUNT to try to sort out Michael's story.

5. Cecil Shipp, meanwhile, will ring Michael STRAIGHT when he arrives here on the 11th, tell him that he would like to see him on the 16th or 17th (the 16th is in any case the first day which STRAIGHT has offered for a meeting between them), making no mention of BLUNT or the proposal to bring him to the meeting too. STRAIGHT has said he proposes to go straight to Lickfield (?) on the 12th, then to Dartington, before returning to London on the 16th.

Peter M. Wright

Peter M. Wright.

K.3

4th October, 1968.

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NAME: BLUNDEN

Line No.: 4304

Tel. No.: WEL 1074

Date: 23.9.68
Monday

Responsible Section: K.3.

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Incoming call from RAY GIBBS to BLUNDEN.
Remarks about some plans for Wednesday which RAY thought he would have to change because of other engagements.
BLUNDEN said he would ring him later - someone had just come into the room.

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Outgoing call to MAC 1714. No reply.
19.54

Incoming call - unanswered.
21.10

(Line was put on at 16.40).

24.9.68.
Tuesday

Incoming call to BLUNDEN from RAY GIBBS.
RAY could manage Wednesday after all.
RAY mentioned having received BLUNDEN's letter from Agropoli this morning. BLUNDEN, who was amazed that it should have taken so long, said that this was sent long before he had sent him the telegram - about 10 days before.
A discussion followed about taking the car across the Channel and prices etc. RAY would pay for this this morning and BLUNDEN agreed to let him have the money. BLUNDEN spoke of having a French guide and about 10 maps.

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Incoming call from RAY GIBBS to BLUNDEN.
RAY said that he had booked for Dover-Calais tomorrow at 2.0 o'clock, and had booked back on Monday at 11.15 by the same route.
BLUNDEN would look up trains. They discussed further arrangements and decided it were best if BLUNDEN got down to RAY's (Harlow) by 08.30 because it would take about three hours to Dover.
BLUNDEN suggested jokingly that they ought to make first for Champagne and then for Burgundy. They would speak to each other again later.

15.56

Incoming call from RAY GIBBS to BLUNDEN.
BLUNDEN would go down by a train arriving at 08.35. He was looking forward to the trip.

19.24

Outgoing call BLUNDEN - booking an alarm call for 06.30.
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Current London telephone book shows an entry for Rudolf WITTKOWER at 7a Crediton Hill, N.W.6.

according to BLUNT's statements WITTKOWER has recently only been visiting London from the U.S.A., I asked Mr Stewart to make a Voters List enquiry about the Crediton Hill address.

2. He now tells me that Rudolf and Margot WITTKOWER appeared on the 1963 Voters List at 7a Crediton Hill, N.W.6 (i.e. qualifying date 10.10.62) but have not appeared on the Voters List for that address in any year since.

3. He was rather intrigued to discover that the 1964 Voters List for the address carried the names of Mario M. and Fiammetta WITT, but I doubt if the similarity in the names WITT and WITTKOWER have any significance and as Rudolf WITTKOWER's name is still in the telephone book it seems probable that the flat still belongs to him but has, since he went abroad to the U.S.A., been let out to tenants.

B. Palliser

B. J. B. Palliser.K.3

23rd September, 1968.

On 24.11.51 Mrs WITTKOWER telephoned BLUNT from the Crediton Hill address. See 208 in Vol. 4 of Supp.

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NOTE

I saw Anthony BLUNT in his flat at the Courtauld Institute on 20th August, 1968.

2. BLUNT started by telling me that an old friend of his, called Rudi WITTKOWER, and his wife, Margaret, both Berlin Jews by origin, had paid him a visit. WITTKOWER is Professor of Art History at Columbia University, New York City. BLUNT had known Rudi since before the war when he had fled from Nazi Germany. They had found themselves discussing the publicity over PHILBY, who was well known to WITTKOWER, who had met him in BLUNT's company down the years. WITTKOWER said that the last time he had seen PHILBY was probably early in the year 1949. He and his wife were on a cruise on a freighter from Manchester to Haifa - one of those ships which carry about a dozen passengers. The ship stopped at Cyprus. There, Kim and another Englishman had joined it and travelled as far as Haifa. WITTKOWER remembered this particularly because Kim and his English friend made themselves very objectionable to the other passengers, being more or less continuously tight and rude. Looking back on it all, WITTKOWER concluded that Kim must have been under great strain at the time. BLUNT will go back to him to try to discover the exact date of this trip and to obtain a description of Kim's friend.

3. BLUNT told me that he was going on holiday to Naples, leaving in the first weekend of September and returning by about 1st October.

4. He raised with me the question of getting a U.S. visa. He had been offered a chair for a year, 1969/70, in some unspecified American University. I advised him very strongly not to consider this and he said he would try to get out of it.

5. I showed BLUNT the At Home card with the list of names on it, including that of Michael ROSE, with his telephone number. In looking at the card BLUNT commented that the writing on it must all be of the same time because the pencil was the same. (Guy's writing varied over the years.) He thought it probable that BURGESS had written the names down on the card at someone else's house. BURGESS himself never used cards for parties; he preferred always to write personal letters of invitation. (The only two names in the list known to BLUNT were those of Christopher MAYHEW and Michael ROSE.) BLUNT asked me whether MAYHEW had been on the same trip to Russia on which he himself had gone. He was sure that MAYHEW had paid such a visit to Russia and that he was hostile to Communism after it. He then said that he remembered a very bitter debate on Communism between Michael STRAIGHT and Christopher MAYHEW, with Michael defending and Chris attacking. He said he also remembered Pat LLEWELYN-DAVIES saying on one occasion before the war that Chris MAYHEW was to the right of her in his political views. (On the subject of Michael ROSE he asked me whether he was in the Foreign Office. I said that he was. BLUNT said he connected ROSE with

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Guy in the late 1940s and would have said this list of people had something to do with Guy's activities in the Foreign Office after the war.) I asked him if there could be any homosexual connection in this list of names. He said this was certainly not a list of homosexual friends. Chris MAYHEW had always disliked him, BLUNT, because he so intensely disliked homosexuals and was himself aggressively heterosexual. I came back to Michael ROSE. BLUNT reiterated that he knew the name in connection with BURGESS but could not recall the incident. He would think about it. He was convinced that he had heard of Michael ROSE post-war.

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6. On the question of the BLUNT/PHILBY relations in the period 1954/56 I talked with BLUNT for over two hours and achieved nothing. He is very worried at my questioning him about this period. He realises that his story does not hang together and also that I do not believe him. The position remains now as at the previous meeting when we discussed this - on 30.4.68 (see 635z). BLUNT has not altered or added to his story at all. He vehemently denies that he was in touch with anyone but PETER during this period. He admits that he must have had more contacts with him (PETER) than the isolated one at the Courtauld Institute - which he now dates confidently as April 1956. (Comment: See 642a paragraph 7, also 635z paragraph 2, line 24 and Comment VI. Although BLUNT is now firm about April 1956 he must be asked about this again.) He tries now to suggest that on the occasion of his lunchtime meeting with Kim on 19th August, 1954 Kim had asked him to get in touch with the Russians for him, that he agreed, and that PETER's return in September was a result. He says he cannot recall meeting PETER in September of that year but that he may have done. I told him I did not accept this explanation which in no way accounts for Kim's evident relief and pleasure on that day. BLUNT says he will try to think all this out on his holiday! It is clear that we will get no further on this subject unless we can find some fresh lever, which may exist somewhere in our material, to prise the truth out of him. I feel convinced that his failure on this occasion to vary his story as previously given or elaborate it in any way suggests strongly that he is particularly conscious in this case of something which he needs to cover up. I showed him KONDRASHEV's photograph. He dismissed it at once, denying that he had ever had anything to do with KONDRASHEV, and maintaining that he had been asked about him before.

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7. I arranged to meet BLUNT again on 8th October at 7 o'clock.

Peter N. Wright

P. M. Wright.

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19th September, 1968.

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listed under Columbia Un^y N.Y.C. .

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XROM A.K. MITCHELL, RB LIAISON, NEWCASTLE.

RUDOLF WITTKOWER, BORN 22.6.01 NI NO. ZB 000742A, EMPLOYMENT
NOT KNOWN, ADDRESS "'LORNE'" WOODHOUSE, SITTINGHURST,
SUSSEX, INEFFECTIVE 5.4.57, MARRIED - DETAILS NOT RECORDED
ABROAD 1955 TO 56/57 YEAR - ADDRESS C/O COLUMBIA
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NOTE

K.3/P.M.W. passed on to me yesterday some information he had obtained from BAEL when he saw him last on 20th August, 1968.

2. BAEL had recently had staying with him an old friend called Rudi WITTKOWER. WITTKOWER and his wife were, in origin, Berlin Jews. He was now a distinguished art historian at Columbia University, U.S.A. He had been a friend of BAEL's for many years and, through BAEL, had met PHILBY socially before the war.

3. While WITTKOWER was staying with BAEL, the two men had discussed PHILBY's memoirs and WITTKOWER had produced the following story:-

Sometime during the first half of 1949, WITTKOWER and his wife went on a cruise by freighter from Manchester to Haifa. The boat called at Cyprus where it was joined by PHILBY and a friend, an Englishman. WITTKOWER was quite sure that it was PHILBY as he spoke to him during the last part of the cruise from Cyprus to Haifa. PHILBY and his English friend behaved most objectionably on the boat: they were almost continuously drunk and annoyed the other passengers. WITTKOWER deduced that PHILBY must have been under considerable strain to have behaved in this way.

4. BAEL has been asked to obtain more specific details about the cruise from WITTKOWER (i.e. its exact date, etc.) and as full a description as possible of PHILBY's friend.

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Incoming from ELSA to BLUNDEN.
 Conversation no interest but BLUNDEN confirms that he will be going away on Sunday morning to Venice for two or three days then Florence and then Naples. About dates for getting back, BLUNDEN says, he is "leaving it rather vague but will be back anyhow before the end of September."
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Incoming call JOHN GOLDING to BLUNDEN.
JOHN and JAMES were off to Rappallo - he rang to say goodbye.
BLUNDEN confirmed that he was himself leaving on Sunday going straight to Venice first. He would spend three days there and would go on to 'Malcontenta' on the 5th for two nights. He had rung up CLAUDE who wanted to go with him to Vicenza where BLUNDEN was making the opening speech in Italian for the Palladium Congress. After the Bologna exhibition he would go on to Naples on the 10th where he expected to stay for about three weeks.

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Outgoing call BLUNDEN to GEOFF BEBTON.
 BLUNDEN tried to invite him to come over this evening. GEOFF spoke of being too busy with family etc. He asked when BLUNDEN was leaving. BLUNDEN said 'not until today week - not until Sunday'. BLUNDEN mentioned that he was going away tomorrow night - up to Cambridge. GEOFF would come over on Tuesday.
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Saturday

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Incoming call from PETER MONTGOMERY to BLUNDEN.
 BLUNDEN thanked him for all the bottles received.
 PETER promised there were more on the way and said
 how much he appreciated his stay and how 'long suffering'
 they were. PETER would probably return at the ~~beginning~~
 end of October - would BLUNDEN be here then? BLUNDEN said
 that he would be back early in October for the beginning of
 term - he intended going away the first days of September.
 19.08

4.8.68
Sunday

Outgoing call GASKIN to Nice 892289, to TONY WINSTON.
 During a discussion about holidays GASKIN mentioned that
 he was probably going to Greece. It had been his idea to
 join BLUNDEN who was going to Naples with a photographer
 in connection with the book he was writing. He decided against
 this in view of BLUNDEN's terrific pace - he felt he would never
 be able to keep up with him. ANDY REVAI had also wanted to
 join BLUNDEN but decided in the end not to for the same reason.
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Note for File

In a letter to Assistant Commissioner W. J. Higgitt of the R.C.M.P., at serial 20a in SF. 441-16 Link B. dated 7.8.68., we informed him that BLUNT had no comment to make on names that he had previously submitted to us, with the exception of Herb NORMAN.

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7.8.68.

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for B. Palliser



D.3/PMW

Attached is the brief for your meeting with BLUNT on 20th August 1968.

2. As regards the whole question of the meeting between BLUNT and PHILBY on 19.8.54., I feel very strongly that BLUNT could help us much more over this: surely he must know what they talked about and with whom he had been in touch. Is there no means by which we could exert pressure on him? Could we not threaten a little? Surely we must not let him get away with the idea that his immunity from exposure is of vital interest to anyone but himself. We have been very good to him: he owes us much more - which I am sure he has it in his knowledge and memory to give us. Could we not impress it on him that if he does not give us more help than he is giving at the moment, then the dialogue must be at an end and he has failed to fulfil his side of the bargain.
3. I know we ourselves do not want to expose him and I know this is not a good moment for a showdown when we have his next meeting with STRAIGHT to look forward to in the near future, but I do not subscribe to the theory that threat of exposure would force him either to defect or to commit suicide. I think he would never come near to doing either. It seems to me unproductive to continue asking him questions if we have no means of ensuring his co-operation in answering - at least where the important questions are concerned.
4. The more I study the pages of interview records accumulated in the files since 1964, the more convinced I become that he has the ability to help solve some more of our problems if he could be made to: such things as the identification of OTTO/GEORGE, for instance. There is surely more that he could say about what was in his mind as to who it was who lived at Park West. The first time he mentioned it he seemed to think it was HARDT - who did not in fact live there - and after that he became very unclear as to what he meant. In the same way, he must know in his own mind why Phoebe POOL's breakdown alarms him, he must know why he thinks Herb NORMAN was implicated.
5. The feelings I have expressed above are not in any way reflected in the framing of the attached brief. It consists purely of an aide memoire for you of questions to which we would like an answer, regardless of what way you intend to play the interview. (Though I do think it might be a waste of ammunition to show him the KONDRASHEV photograph unless he was in a pretty cooperative or chastened mood).
6. I have not included on this one any more reference to the STRAIGHT/BLUNT/CAIRNCROSS money incident - no doubt you will want to save that up for the October BLUNT/STRAIGHT meeting.

Brief for Interview with BLUNT

1. Renewed discussion of the BLUNT/Kim PHILBY meeting on 19th August 1954.
(Note attached).
2. What can BLUNT tell us about Bill ALLEN?
(Note attached).
3. ? Ask again about CROASDELL
(Note attached)
4. ? Reopen the subject of Phoebe POOL/Willie TOWNSEND. ? Mention the death of Sir Andrew COHEN in the context of what Phoebe said; Willie was to tell him "he must get out at once"
5. ? Ask him again why he is certain Herb NORMAN was "in the game". He must in fact know more.
6. Ask about FREYER (note attached).
7. Ask some more about PETERS (~~note attached~~).

1. Renewed discussion of the BLUNT/Kim PHILBY Meeting on
19th August 1954

BLUNT was asked to say last time (30.4.68.) whom he had seen to give him information to give Kim. The only Russians he has admitted to meeting are:-

- (a) GEORGE/OTTO (unidentified)
- (b) HENRY/GROMOV/GORSKY
- (c) MAX/KROTOV
- (d) PETER/MODIN

None of these were in the U.K. during 1954 with the exception of PETER who did not arrive here until September. Lizy PHILBY was not in the U.K. in 1954. She left in 1946. Does BLUNT recognise the attached photograph? Could he have seen this Russian (KONDRASHEV) (photograph attached)? (KONDRASHEV ran BLAKE at that date. BLAKE said that he had no name at all to use in his dealings with KONDRASHEV).

Other suggestions for persons BLUNT might have contacted:

- (i) Allie WATSON - who had a half memory of meeting KONDRASHEV in 1954/55 at a cafe in Teddington.
- (ii) ?? PETERS who, just prior to this date, had written a minute in the BURGESS file setting out in full the details of what PETROV knew about BURGESS and MACLEAN and espionage in the U.K., i.e. that he did not know about PHILBY and BLUNT.
- (iii) ?? LLEWELYN-DAVIES
- (iv) CAIRNCROSS was over here in this country being interviewed by us.

2. What can BLUNT tell us about Bill ALLEN?

Bill ALLEN tried to get in touch with BLUNT on 7.12.56. saying that he had had a letter of introduction from PHILBY which he had lost. He wanted to see BLUNT about art matters. BLUNT's secretary pleaded pressure of business on BLUNT's part and Bill said he would try again when he was over from Ireland once more in February 1957. By this time we no longer had BLUNT on check. Perhaps he could be asked if Bill ALLEN did in fact contact him again and what it was all about.

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3. ? Ask again about CROASDELL

When BLUNT and Leo LONG were interviewed together, Leo said that he had suggested Gerald CROASDELL to BLUNT as a possible recruit. BLUNT said that he did not remember this (though he remembered CROASDELL) and did not think that any action was taken about it.

Much more recently, when the name of CROASDELL came up, BLUNT described him as a great friend of Leo LONG, an Apostle, a polished, clever man, a queer, definitely worth our consideration, possibly involved "in the game".

D.3.Grattan Dermot FREYER (L.260-4945)Born: 27th July 1915, Cambridge
Naturalised Irish

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- 1935-36: Communist at Trinity, Cambridge (source A. CAIRNCROSS
Leo LONG, J.E.H. SIMON)
- Sept. 1936: Visited Soviet Union
- 1936-1939: Graduate student Trinity College, Dublin
- 1940: Teaching at Royal College Armagh; applied for job in
Argentina with British Council. Exit visa refused on
basis of allegations of anti-British utterances at the
Royal College. These allegations were later substantiated
by a former colleague and borne out by censorship reports.
2. Leo LONG and A. CAIRNCROSS knew of FREYER as a Communist at Cambridge
so it might be worth putting his name to BLUNT.
3. FREYER has not come to notice, except in the F2/URG researches since
1944. His father was apparently a left wing pacifist Irish nationalist
who ran a hotel/boarding house at ACHILL Island. This was the home of
Barbara MULLEN, the actress, who married John TAYLOR, having met him before
the war on Achill when TAYLOR was making his famous film on the shark fishers
of Achill in which her father Patrick MULLEN played the lead. TAYLOR is
one of a closely associated and much intermarried group of left wing or
C.P. film producers. His sister Margaret is the wife of John GRIERSON whose
name appeared in the CORBY case.
4. There are a number of KGB/GRU leads to Ireland e.g. HARRY II's visits
which have never been explained.
5. Madeleine FREYER née GIRARDEAU was a member of the Brest branch in 1936
when the P.C.F. informed the C.P.G.B. of her imminent departure for Dublin
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24.7.68. - Wednesday.

Incoming call to GASKIN from GEOFF BENTON.
During the conversation GASKIN asked him if he could paint 'this' bedroom sometime. It was agreed GEOFF would do it this weekend whilst BLUNDEN and GASKIN were away. GASKIN mentioned that PETER MONTGOMERY would be staying here over the weekend.
GASKIN expected to be leaving on Friday night and to return on Sunday.
GASKIN mentioned having had a discussion with BLUNDEN about the future. They had talked about the question of finding somewhere to live in five year's time. GASKIN had come to the conclusion that BLUNDEN's mother's house would not be so bad after all. He had always been against the place but on thinking about it he had come to the conclusion he would like to live there.
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Note for File

I had a quick meeting with Sir Anthony BLUNT at 12.30 p.m. on 23rd July 1968 to see if he had any comments on the PHILBY Memoirs and to put one or two points to him.

2. I showed him the photograph which the Essex Police had put to us as that of Jackie HEWITT and a companion. I just showed him the photograph without any explanation, pointing to the man said by the police to be HEWITT and asking him who it was. He said that it looked like a man he used to know called KLEGAN (ph). He then asked the date of the photograph and I said it was taken in the last few months. He said then it could not be KLEGAN because he died before the war. I then asked him point blank "Is it Jackie HEWITT?" He said that it was a little bit like Jackie but as he was 20 years ago. He now weighs 16 stone!

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

Extd to Pf. 44,592, Pf 72493.

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

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

Comment: This tends to confirm BLUNT's previous tentative admission that he continued to see MAX after the war. He said ^{10/2} before (on 12.7.64.) that he had a meeting with MAX on BURGESS's behalf in either late 1945 or very early 1946. Moreover, the meeting was not an isolated occasion although there cannot have been very many such meetings.

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4. I put to BLUNT the Canadian names - not surprisingly he said these meant nothing to him at all.

5. He had the following comments on the PHILBY Memoirs:

- (i) pages 12 to 15. Kim's account of how he ate his code instructions. BLUNT said that this was incorrect. Kim had told him this story during the War. What had really happened was that Kim had had to stop at the frontier to change trains and as he was carrying, not code instructions, but a list of FRANCO agents he was to contact in

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BLUNT's Public Lectures

Account of them compiled from various statements
of his on the subject.

1951/52:	None	624z
March 1953:	One	624z
May 1953:	One	624z
January 1954:	One	624z
October/November 1954:	Series of Four Mannein(?) 1st 3 on P. de Lorme	624z 624a
May 1955:	Series of Four Baroque Staircases	624z 624a
7th May 1956 (on which date PETER flew to Moscow)	One	
<u>or</u> 7th June 1956		
(This last is made up from following statements:		
14.6.66.:	"One in May 1956"	624z
23.7.68.:	Note from him "1956. Summer-one (7th i.e. early June?)"	624a

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Incoming call to BLUNDEN from ANDY REVAI.
He rang to invite them up to Stoke next weekend.
BLUNDEN would consult with GASKIN and would let him know.
REVAI enquired about BLUNDEN's stay in Cambridge.
BLUNDEN explained that he had not enjoyed it owing to the
bad weather and having to be cluttered up in a small room
with ANDREW GOW aged 81.
REVAI here asked - 'And with VICTOR?'.
BLUNDEN - 'Then I went down to VICTOR'.
REVAI laughed and continued - 'And to similar conditions with
more room!' (He continued to laugh)
BLUNDEN too laughed - 'Similar conditions with more room -
equally emergent!' - BLUNDEN promised to let him know about
19.00 /the weekend.

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Extract from ~~Note for File~~/Interview Report

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Extract for File No. P.F. 604,582 Name BLUNT
 Original in File No. P.F: 44,592 Serial 114a Dated 19.7.68
 Date and Place of Interview/Meeting 26th June, 1968 at Boardroom of the law firm of Nixon Mudge at 20 Broad Street, off Wall Street, New York.
 with (also give security context of person being interviewed)
 Michael Whitney STRAIGHT
 Subject To seek further information about Michael GREENBERG.
 Officer C. O. Shipp using @ of Section F2/URG
 Extracted by G.A.L. Section K.7 Date 17.7.72

Extract from Report on Interview with Michael Whitney STRAIGHT

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He had certainly been a Communist and a member of the Trinity cell throughout STRAIGHT's time at Cambridge, i.e. from 1934-37, and STRAIGHT thought of him throughout as an open member of the Party. I asked whether GREENBERG had been a member of the Apostles. STRAIGHT said he thought he had not been: he was not the type and certainly not a person STRAIGHT would have sponsored. When I told him that it had been suggested that GREENBERG might have been recruited for the R.I.S. at Cambridge and activated only later during the war, STRAIGHT said he doubted this. He could not recall GREENBERG associating at all with Guy BURGESS, Anthony BLUNT, Victor ROTHSCHILD, or any of that circle. His background, which STRAIGHT thought of as lower middle class from the provinces was such that it would not have been natural for anyone in the BURGESS circle to have mixed with him. In answer

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to a question, STRAIGHT said that he could think of no-one with whom GREENBERG associated at Cambridge who could have put him in touch with the BURGESS circle and indeed he found it very difficult to remember who GREENBERG's friends were at that time.

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8. I next asked STRAIGHT to expand on his earlier reference to the occasion in the U.K. when he had been introduced by Anthony BLUNT to an R.I.S. officer. I reminded him that he had stated that they had driven along the Great West Road to a road-house which had a swimming pool. STRAIGHT said he remembered the occasion well. It had been a very hot summer's day and they had all gone swimming in the pool. He was able to date the occasion fairly accurately as June 1937: it was certainly after he took his finals and before he went down to Dartington prior to returning to the U.S.A. When I mentioned that there had been a suggestion that they had travelled in BLUNT's car, STRAIGHT said that as far as he was aware BLUNT had not owned a car and indeed he did not believe that he could drive. He himself, however, had had a car at that time which they must have used. I asked whether Guy BURGESS had been present. STRAIGHT was quite certain he had not been. He repeated that BLUNT had at no stage revealed to him that BURGESS was in any way involved with the

Russians and his suspicions had not been confirmed until BURGESS had approached him in the States in 1940. STRAIGHT recalled that they had all been in good spirits on the day in question and the atmosphere was light-hearted and facetious. Nevertheless they had been conscious that they were "all in the game" and that there was a serious purpose to the expedition, namely to enable the R.I.S. officer to "look STRAIGHT over". During the course of the journey there had also been some semi-serious discussion of anti-surveillance techniques and of methods of choosing, filling and emptying DLBs.

9. I asked STRAIGHT to describe the Russian. He said that he had been a stocky person with a beefy (i.e. ruddy) complexion. He was not an intellectual and not particularly cultured. STRAIGHT said that his overall impression was of a man who was not the lean scholarly intellectual type but rather a Soviet Army officer, possibly a Major, "having a jolly day off". The Russian had been about forty years old. He could not remember the name he had used or whether he spoke good English. He would have judged that the Russian was then living in this country rather than that he was a visitor. I showed STRAIGHT a photograph of Arnold DEUTSCH which he rejected immediately. He commented that it reminded him rather of a Czech who had been sent to meet him in the States on one occasion when Michael GREEN could not attend an R.V. (paragraph 41 of 65a refers). When I showed him a photograph of GORSKIY, STRAIGHT said that that was more the type of person although he could not be sure that the photograph was of the man he had met. I read out to STRAIGHT, without revealing the authors, the descriptions of GEORGE/OTTO given by PHILBY, CAIRNCROSS and BLUNT. STRAIGHT did not agree with PHILBY's description of OTTO as a man of considerable cultural background. He also doubted whether the Russian had had light curly hair although he could not in fact remember the colour of his hair. STRAIGHT agreed with those parts of CAIRNCROSS' description which referred to a large head on a stocky body, broad shoulders, a heavy face and a height of 5'6" or 5'7".

10. I next referred to STRAIGHT's earlier statements about Anthony BLUNT's visit to Lubeck with Charles FLETCHER-COOKE during their journey to the Soviet Union in 1935. STRAIGHT said that the boat had called at Hamburg and at a number of other ports en route to Leningrad. BLUNT and FLETCHER-COOKE had disembarked at Hamburg, had spent a few days in Lubeck and had then rejoined the boat at its next port of call, whatever that had been.

COMMENT

This disposes of the contradiction noted in the comment to paragraph 12 of 98a.

11. Questioned about his earlier reference to Leo LONG having been seduced by Anthony BLUNT, STRAIGHT said that he had heard the story from BLUNT. The occasion had been after an annual dinner of the Apostles in London when those attending had gone on a pub crawl and had got hopelessly drunk. LONG had been seduced sexually, he thought however by Guy BURGESS. STRAIGHT doubted whether BLUNT had been responsible as, if he had, it was unlikely that he would have re-told the story to STRAIGHT. STRAIGHT added that Leo LONG was otherwise entirely heterosexual - he recalled that he had brought a girl friend with him when he came up to Cambridge in 1935.

COMMENT

STRAIGHT's present version differs considerably from that recorded at paragraph 26 of 98a when he maintained that the occasion was LONG's introduction to the Apostles in 1937 and that BLUNT was responsible.

12. I told STRAIGHT that Anthony BLUNT had stated that at some time after STRAIGHT went back to the States he had contacted him with a view to getting him to arrange for his mother in England to give a draft to someone else who was involved "in the game". STRAIGHT replied firmly that the story was certainly not true. He would never have asked his mother to do such a thing. In any case, from the time of his return to the States he had been a most reluctant agent of the Russians and he had written to BLUNT on one or more occasions asking to be "let off the hook". STRAIGHT said that BLUNT had got his facts wrong. I pressed the point as hard as I could, saying that if there were any truth in the story it would imply that STRAIGHT knew the identity of someone else who was working for the R.I.S. but he continued to deny the whole episode. At a later stage in the interview I asked him about John CAIRNCROSS. STRAIGHT said that he merely remembered him as a Communist at Trinity, he thought a closed member of the Party, who was going into Government Service. He did not connect him in any way with the Russians or with espionage. He reiterated that, leaving BLUNT and BURGESS aside, the only persons he suspected might have been approached at Cambridge to work for the Russians were Leo LONG and Leslie HUMPHREY.

COMMENT

BLUNT has stated that the arrangement referred to above was to help John CAIRNCROSS out of temporary financial difficulties.

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[redacted] telephoned me yesterday to say that Kenneth EAST was coming into the D.S.A.O. in the afternoon for an interview and he thought we might like to take the opportunity to see him. He might also be coming in the next day as well. We eventually arranged that I should see EAST at 3 p.m. on Tuesday 16th July.

7. EAST volunteered that he knew BLUNT, saying that BLUNT had come into the office several times to try to get Pat's help in connection with art matters in Europe and was introduced within the office as a friend of Pat, Richard and Guy. I gave EAST every opening to talk about Canada in connection with BLUNT but he did not rise to my bait at all and it is fairly obvious that BLUNT

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cannot have contacted him there. I told him that Pat had lived at Bentinck Street, where BURGESS also lived, and it became apparent that he knew this already and also that he had met Tess and Victor ROTHSCHILD. In fact he knew all about the Bentinck Street people. He liked Tess and thought her probably the nicest of them. He said she was very shy and he was evidently surprised that she had married Victor, whom he looked on as rather tough. He regarded Pat's group of friends in the days that he knew her as BURGESS, BLUNT, Francis CUMMING-BRUCE, the CHILVERS, Tess, Victor because of Tess, Stuart HAMPSHIRE, although he had never met him personally, and, on the fringe, CURSON. These names were all volunteered by EAST; I did not have to enquire about them.

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Incoming call GASKIN to BLUNDEN.

During the conversation GASKIN asked if he had had a good time. BLUNDEN said, no - the weather had spoilt everything.

How were VICTOR and TESS, asked GASKIN?

BLUNDEN said they were all right but 'they were covered with very, very high powered American economists - so, I couldn't really understand any of the conversation at all'.

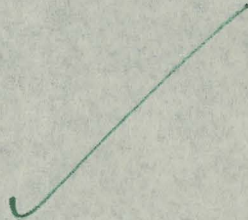
GASKIN - 'But - er - VICTOR was in good form - he was nice!'

BLUNDEN - 'Yes, he was nice. He was in a bad way when I arrived because he'd just come back from America and he'd literally - he'd been away for a fortnight and had flown back that night and was in the state of fog one is, plus a fortnight's work piling up - but, he settled down within 24 hours -- and TESS was very ~~lovely~~ sweet'. He said that TESS sent her love. GASKIN suggested BLUNDEN going to France for a long weekend before going away. He thought that BLUNDEN should cut down his visits to ANDREW GOW. BLUNDEN seemed to agree that short and relatively frequent visits would be better than longer stays.

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Incoming call to GASKIN from BLUNDEN. (from Cambridge)
BLUNDEN complained of the weather - it had not stopped raining.
BLUNDEN expected to be back at lunchtime tomorrow.
The holiday had not been what he had hoped for - a complete
relaxation - because they had not been able to sit in the
garden. Instead, he had spent two days with ANDREW GOW in
a very small room. He added however that he had been to work
quite a lot in the Fitzwilliam.
GASKIN mentioned the fact that PETER MONTGOMERY had been to stay
for two nights and would be returning later..
GASKIN enquired whether VICTOR and TESS were well.
BLUNDEN replied 'Yes, they're very well'. He added that there
was a rather tiring American economist staying there.
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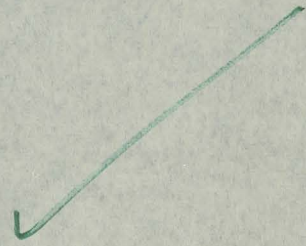
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Incoming call to GASKIN from BRIAN SEWELL.
They discussed the question of GASKIN doing a job.
GASKIN mentioned that it was one of BLUNDEN's ideas
who felt it was not good for him to be 'knocking around this
place all day long'. He complained about BLUNDEN saying
he did not like the way he criticised him behind his back.
BRIAN rather defended BLUNDEN saying he had never heard him
make such criticisms. GASKIN continued - 'when he gets a few
drinks he makes attacks on me'. GASKIN did not like the way
BLUNDEN continued to see his worst enemy, ROY PIERCE.
BRIAN again spoke in BLUNDEN's defence saying that he was
always desperate to do anything to make him (GASKIN) content
and happy. BRIAN pointed out to GASKIN how he was giving
the impression now of being fed up and embittered and was no
longer the easy and affable person he used to be.
GASKIN said that he was fed up to the teeth with the GEOFFs and
the MURPHYs and this one and that one around the place. These
were the only people who seemed to come nowadays. He continued
to complain and told BRIAN that he had himself made the flat
into what it was. There existed practically nothing except
for the three almost bare rooms when he moved into the flat.
BRIAN lost no time in telling GASKIN of all his faults and
said that all these troubles were there simply because he was
not sufficiently occupied. He agreed with BLUNDEN's idea that
he should do a job.
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5th September, 49.

D. Footman, Esq.
13, Bruton Street,
W. 1.

Dear David,

I am afraid I have behaved abominably in not answering sooner your letter about talking at your Meeting at Oxford, but I believe that Guy has actually told you what the situation is. Unfortunately, this is a subject on which I really could not talk without a great deal of preparation, and at the moment I am squeezed between writing a book on one hand and trying to organise two exhibitions on the other. So I very much hope you will forgive me.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Blunt
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Orig. in PF. 604,582 Supp A. V.15 ser. 1581a
Dated 25.6.68.

Incoming call from JOHN GASKIN to BLUNDEN.

GASKIN was speaking from Scotland and talked about his plans. He may be going to Ireland to see PADDY. He was not sure when he would be back. He confirmed his arrangements to work in the shop for the whole of July.

BLUNDEN mentioned that he may be going down to DOLLY's on Sunday. Here GASKIN suggested -'don't forget to ask her for some more money'. BLUNDEN replied that -'I'm going to do that through VICTOR as a matter of fact'.

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Incoming call from GASKIN to BLUNDEN.

Chatter. He was still in Scotland.

GASKIN thought he would probably be back by Friday.

BLUNDEN planned to go off on the 5th or the 6th. He was not going to France, his original idea, but would probably go down to Ramsbury for a couple of days and then perhaps to Cambridge.

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brother Christopher
lives*

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Extract from T/C on BLUNT

Date 8.6.68. Saturday

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Incoming call to BLUNDEN from BURNETT

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BURNETT ~~spoke~~ spoke about holidays. In the course of this discussion BLUNDEN mentioned that he was going off somewhere on July 5th for about a week and would go away properly at the beginning of September.
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Comments on information given by BLUNT at
interview on 30th April 1968.

I. Paragraph 2, penultimate sentence.

It is true that BLUNT said this before. He said it on 24.5.66. (519c) and then contradicted it again later!

II. Paragraph 3.

All this is a repeat, with slightly more detail, of what BLUNT has said before. He did not mention a feeling of alarm before at seeing PETER, though he did say he felt PETER would think his lecture rather less Marxist in approach than, say, an earlier lecture of his would have been.

III. Word "Angel" on card is new detail. Evelyn McBarnet has never heard of this as a nickname for Guy.

IV. On 20.5.64. (364b) he said he made contact at the Caledonian Road. On 27.4.66. (512a) he said he went first to Caledonian Road, which was wrong, and then next day to Holloway Road, which was right.

V. On 20.5.64. (364b) and on 27.4.66. (512a) he said he put Kim in touch but Kim had not succeeded in meeting the Russians and Kim was in a panic.

VI. Peter was in the U.K. until 7.5.56. On

7.5.56. he left, returning on 15.5.56. He was therefore in the country for the month of May 1956 with the exception of the dates 7th to 15th.

VII. And yet on 14.6.66. (528b) he said the most likely lecture date was October/November 1954 because this was the first date at which he lectured with non-Marxist approach and he remembered feeling that PETER would notice this. No mention of summer evening on that occasion.

VIII. The letter was undated. The postmark was 15.8.54. The suggested day for lunching was 19.8.54. (a Thursday) and this was also the date of the T/C at 3 p.m.

IX. We have no confirmation of this. We would not have about Guy - and Kim has certainly not mentioned it.

X. (364b, page 25). ASM and BLUNT on 20.5.64. Met PETER in 1951. PETER wanted him to flee but he would not. PETER said "Go tomorrow morning or else meet me two months later". BLUNT chose to meet him two months later, and said then he had made up his mind to stay. (The meeting place was somewhere right out at Hendon and a lot of evasive action was taken). He thinks it was at this last meeting that he was given long term instructions: if no direct contact ever made (interruption here and ASM asked if he was still to look out for chalk marks). "I suppose - yes. Go on looking out for chalk marks" but after a very few days he stopped this altogether. One long term arrangement e.g. meet at Caledonian Road Station on 1st December next year. He did not keep it. The instruction

was possibly for the year after as well, very long term.

XI. (432a, page 17). ASM and PMW and BLUNT on 11.2.65. PETER said "You will leave tomorrow morning or else meet next Thursday". He met on the Thursday and broke off relations for quite a long period. He dated this as probably after Kim came back but before he had seen him. When he met Kim he was already out of touch. He could not remember how contact was re-made but presumably a series of monthly possible contact points.

XII. (PF. 72,493, 545a, vol. 13, 554a and 559a vol. 14, 581b and 585a). CAIRNCROSS had a similar emergency system. He had to make a chalk mark on a pavement in street near Westbourne Park station. This meant meeting the following Monday at Gunnersbury. He tried it in early 1952 and it failed.

XIII. From the T/C it would seem that GASKIN came to live with him in about April 1952.

XIV. If this lecture was indeed in May 1956, then his last attempted R.V. must have been later than May 1956.

XV. BLUNT has acknowledged the following Russian controllers:

GEORGE/OTTO - unidentified

HENRY (GROMOV) who was not in the U.K.
in 1954

MAX (KROTOV) who was not in the U.K. in 1954

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PETER (MODIN) who was not in the U.K. in 1954 until September.
(These facts have been checked both from the records of their entries and exits and by looking at the photograph album of entries during 1954).

XVI. Lizy PHILBY left the U.K. in 1946. Since 1951 her movements in and out have been on check and it is highly unlikely that she could have slipped in.

XVII. The news of PETROV's defection became public on 13.4.54. Kim in the Memoirs dates the "Third Man Affair" from the date of publication of remarks by PETROV about BURGESS and MACLEAN. (PETROV's mention of BURGESS and MACLEAN was first noted in the press on 28.4.54. but Kim was probably referring to the statements of PETROV on the subject at a much later date, 15.9.55.)

XVIII. For BLUNT's previous account of his and Kim's worry over PETROV's defection, see 565b, vol. 11, paras. 2 and 3. He said they were worried and they knew that PETROV's successor knew about them. (He thinks Kim told him this). After the defection had taken place, Kim had been reassured by the Russians.

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I saw Sir Anthony BLUNT at his flat on 30th April 1968.

2. I started by saying that I wanted yet again to go over the whole business about Kim PHILBY's being in a panic, said to be connected with the presence of PETER at a lecture at the Courtauld, and the general subject of BLUNT's activities vis a vis any Russians in the mid 1950s. I said I should be interested to know how he had made contact with Kim. Had he made it by means of a letter? BLUNT said that he did in fact contact Kim by means of a letter on more than one occasion. I then showed him a photostat of his letter to Kim postmarked 15.8.54. (copy attached) but with the page representing the envelope held firmly back so that he could not see the date, the letter itself being undated. He read this right through and agreed that it was his and asked me whether we also had Kim's letter. I said that we had no check on him at the time, only one on Kim, at which joke we both laughed! BLUNT said that he remembered very clearly indeed that this certainly was an occasion connected with "the game". Kim had taken the initiative and had written to him suggesting a meeting and inviting him to come to a new Indian restaurant which he had discovered, either in or just off the King's Road. The photostated letter was BLUNT's reply. He kept the lunch appointment and met Kim and remembered that he certainly had some news for him but he could not remember what. It was in spring or summer, the weather was fine. When they arrived they found the restaurant crowded out. He said "we can't talk here", whereupon Kim called the waiter and told him that he had just discovered that his friend did not like Indian food and they would have to go elsewhere. In fact they walked up and down the King's Road talking. They did not, he thought, lunch anywhere else, though they possibly had a sandwich at a pub when their business conversation was over. These details he did not remember. I asked BLUNT if he thought the whole episode related to a contact with the Russians and he said he was certain it did and that he handed over some sort of a message. He suggested that it might have been the follow up to the occasion when PETER accosted him at the Courtauld Institute. I pointed out to him that he said this was in the summer and that this represented a difficulty in that if Kim's panic was to do with the Third Man affair, the dating of it must have been somewhere in the autumn of 1955 which would not tally with his description of spring or summer weather. "Oh well", said BLUNT, "I think we have got all this wrong" and he went on to say, adding that he was sure he had said it before, that he really thought the episode connected with Kim's panic was a different one from that when PETER contacted him at the Courtauld. He thought the latter concerned a time when they were all out of touch with the Russians at a later date, for instance the spring or summer of 1956.

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3. At this point I asked him to describe for me yet again exactly what happened. BLUNT said he remembered first of all noticing PETER in the lecture audience. He did not realise who it was but merely felt conscious of its being someone he knew and of a vague feeling of alarm. PETER was a very striking person with his wavy fair hair, so he noticed

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his presence, though without ascribing any special significance to it, except, of course, for this vague emotion of alarm. After the lecture, he, BLUNT, was walking out with his papers under his arm and a number of people gathered round him to talk. PETER made his way through the gathering, passed BLUNT a post card with a picture on it and said "What do you think of this picture"? The picture itself was circular and there was a message written round it in BURGESS' handwriting "meet me at 8 o'clock tomorrow night Angel". BLUNT said that afterwards he muddled in his mind what was in the message and that in a woolly kind of way he thought that the Angel was in the Caledonian Road and went to the Angel but nobody turned up. Only afterwards did it occur to him that Guy was sometimes known as "Angel" and that this was a form of signature. The next day he lunched with Kim, told Kim the story and as they discussed it he realised he had made a mess of the business. That evening he set off again to his old R.V. in the Caledonian Road, succeeded in making contact and put Kim in touch as a result. BLUNT then said that he thought this had the effect of re-establishing contact after the Third Man affair, Kim having been on ice for about six months. He asked me to remind him when he had given a lecture. I referred to my note book and told him that he had given one, a singleton, in May 1956. He asked me whether PETER was in the country at the time and I said that he was. He repeated again that he was convinced the lecture was a singleton and not one in a series. I said that the only other likely occasion on which he had given a singleton lecture was in January 1954. Was he certain this episode could not have happened in January 1954? "No", he said, "it was in summer time". He remembered going to the Caledonian Road in the evening and its being day light. He then asked me whether the letter I had shown him did not refer to this. At this point I showed him the envelope with the date and said I would be very surprised to hear of the Courtauld holding public lectures in August and in any case the list of lectures he had given me included no such date. BLUNT was extremely embarrassed and confused at being caught out in this way, commented on his memory being poor but gave me a very clear impression that his memory was in fact not in any way at fault; he had been telescoping different episodes into one. I pointed out to him that he must in fact have had more meetings with the Russians than he had hitherto admitted. He was forced to agree. I asked him if he had had an emergency system for arranging meetings. He said that he had but that he had used it only once and that it had not worked. He had to put white chalk crosses on a gate post in Ladbroke Grove. He went there on one occasion and found that the gate post was beside a bus stop where people were queueing and he was forced to stand with his back to the bus queue trying to make marks on the gate post! The Russians did not keep the R.V. Both Guy and Kim had also had to put crosses on this gate post without ever succeeding in arranging an R.V. thereby. I asked when it was that he had tried thus to make contact. He said that it was after the crisis time in 1951 and before 1954. He could not really vouch for the exact time. I reminded him that he had talked about this emergency meeting before and asked him at what time of year it would have been. He said quite definitely in the autumn when the evenings were dark and the weather rather nasty, possibly in October/November. He did not remember that any of his emergency R.Vs were kept. The last one he remembered trying to keep was after the time when John GASKIN came to live with him and certainly no one turned up on that occasion. He then decided not to try again. It was almost certainly after the occasion when PETER spoke to him at a lecture.

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4. I then tried to press BLUNT for more details of the occasion when he lunched with Kim in August 1954. He said he really could not remember. I then showed him the typed T/C extract and when he had read it he did admit that he was sure that what he had to say to Kim that day had pleased him. Next I pressed to know who it was who had been in touch with him on that occasion. He could think of no one but PETER. I said this was all very well but PETER was out of the country and I read to him from PETER's card that PETER had left the United Kingdom on 17.4.53. and returned again only on 3.11.54. It could not have been PETER whom he met in August of 1954. I showed him MODIN's photograph again and he confirmed that this was PETER. I told BLUNT that he must have met somebody else but he could not remember, he said, meeting any Russian other than those about whom he has told us. Were we sure that none of these others were in the country? I suggested that the contact might have been made not by a Russian but by someone of some other nationality. He affirmed that the only people he had talked to in the sense of the "game" were Guy BURGESS, Kim, Lizy PHILBY and Bob STEWART. He did not think that he had seen or hear of Bob STEWART later than 1940. KLUGMAN's name was suggested in this connection but BLUNT did not remember meeting him. I said that there must have been somebody else and he showed very considerable anxiety. He asked if Lizy had been in the country at that time and I said that I thought she had left considerably earlier. He did admit that it was quite definite now that Kim's panic and the occasion of PETER's contact at the Courtauld were unconnected. I then took the PHILBY Memoirs and read out the heading "The Clouds Part" and the passages about the PETROV defection and asked him point blank whether he had been involved in what Kim called his "warning" through the most ingenious of routes. BLUNT said he could not remember. I asked him if he had had any assurance about PETROV's defection before it took place because it was quite clear from Kim's account in the memoirs that he, Kim, had been warned but also reassured. BLUNT said he had not heard anything, in fact he had been rather alarmed at first to read in the press about PETROV's defection. It was Kim who had reassured him.

5. Summing up the results of this discussion, I told BLUNT it was now clear he had been more frequently in touch with the Russians in the 1954/56 period than he had hitherto admitted. He agreed with this but maintained he could remember no more about it and that the mind tended to telescope events in this way.

Comment: It struck me forcibly during this talk that I was on very delicate ground with BLUNT. I suspect very strongly that he is perfectly well aware who it was who was in contact with him when PETER was out of the country. I suspect that his refusal to admit it is significant. He may well have produced originally to Arthur Martin the isolated story about PETER approaching him at the Courtauld because he had reflected on what he had said about meeting Russians after the end of the war, and the implication that he had met PETER only at the time of the 1951 defection, and he was afraid that if anyone in any way representing or in touch with this office had seen the contact between him and PETER, which was after all in a public place, he might be challenged about it and caught out. He had told us on more

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than one occasion about the elaborate counter surveillance measures he and Kim would take before meetings with Russians and Kim has also described these in the Memoirs. But on this occasion he was accosted in public without any warning or any chance to protect himself. Speaking of his R.V. at the time of the Third Man affair, he made the decision to telescope all the later occasions of contact into this one, to which he would admit. He is now using faulty memory as a refuge. I think it is important that we take advantage of his embarrassment and anxiety at this moment and press him further.

6. We just touched upon the subject of ^{Pf 760,502} [Phoebe POOL.] He said she had greatly improved, was more coherent, she was having shock treatment. For the time being he was keeping away from her.

7. I asked him about Stephen LAIRD. He said the name was ^{Agreed} familiar but that he had not known him. LAIRD, he said, ^{with} must have been known to Guy BURGESS. ^{DCS -}
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8. I closed the interview by leaving the PHILBY Memoirs with him to read at leisure, saying that we would discuss them together later. I left BLUNT with the feeling that he was distinctly worried and on the defensive but that it would be unprofitable to press him further that night. I planned to return with further ammunition, namely hard facts to refute the various suggestions he had made to try to extricate himself from his difficulties.

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