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DDG through K/K and K7

I support the application. 26/4/72 K7

The validity of H.O.W.'s no's TS 3083 and PS 13382 which operate on Sir Anthony BLUNT is due to expire. I wish to apply for its renewal in both cases.

2. The telephone check continues to provide information about BLUNT's contacts and activities. While the series of interviews comprising OPERATION SILK continues, this is particularly necessary. I recommend that this H.O.W. be revalidated within category B.

3. The postal check continues to produce a large quantity of material, of which only a small proportion is of direct intelligence value. Nevertheless, for the present, we need to know of any communication between BLUNT and the targets of OPERATION SILK - we know that Richard LLEWELLYN DAVIES intends to talk to him. I recommend that this H.O.W. be revalidated within category B.

4. Please also see minute 35 in PF. 604,582 Link A (attached).

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K.7/RP through K.7/MF

In connection with the consideration that will have to be given to 985z I think it would be useful to have in this volume:-

a) a note setting out in as precise detail as possible the degree of immunity offered to BLUNT when he first confessed. Would you also say whether this is the only occasion on which his immunity has been discussed with him.

b) a note examining:-

(i) whether any of the initiatives that BLUNT has made at the outset of the interviews with him over the past three years contain any pattern to suggest that he was probing for information on behalf of the R.I.S.

(ii) whether there is any evidence to show that BLUNT may have reacted to GOLDFINCH's defection.

J. A. Cradock

K.7/0

5 May 1972

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K.7/JAC

Please refer to your minute 996.

2. A note on the immunity offered to BLUNT already exists at serial 742b in volume 14 (attached). In his interview with BLUNT on 23 July 1970 (56b in Link E attached) John Day told him that nothing he said on that occasion would in any way be admissable. I have found no other mention of the subject since L.A.'s note of 28 November 1969.

3. There was no observable reaction by BLUNT to GOLDFINCH's defection.

4. I am working on the note requested in your paragraph b)(i) and hope to produce this shortly.

5. Please also see the copies of TOW ROPE at serials 1003a and 1004a. This suggests the possibility of leakage to BLUNT of the recommendations at serial 985z. Lord ROTHSCHILD seems the most likely source.

I sh'd doubt this JC 12/5/72 K7

K.7/6

11 May 1972

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5.6 .72	PHIDIAS (cheque for royalties from Kraus-Thomson Organisation Ltd.)	1018a

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Secretariat/B.S.

We have spoken about the BLUNT case and I promised to refer the papers to you. I think that you last saw this file when you expressed the views recorded at 742b in volume 14. The subject of immunity has only been discussed with BLUNT on one subsequent occasion at an interview with Mr Day on 23 July 1970; the relevant extract from the transcript of the tape recording of that interview is at 771b.

2. Before leaving K.7 [redacted] prepared a major re-assessment of the BLUNT case; this is at 985z. I agree with the conclusions about BLUNT's position set out in paragraph 13 of that paper except that I think that paragraph 13(c) may oversimplify BLUNT's motives in suggesting that continued sympathy with the Russians is the probable reason for his continued failure to tell the whole truth.

3. Operation SILK is not yet finished and the statement in paragraph 14 of the paper that it has not succeeded is not therefore true; but I fear that it soon will be. Accordingly I am anxious to begin to prepare new recommendations for the future of the BLUNT case for consideration by KX and the D.G. I am sure that these recommendations must seek to bring the case to a final conclusion. To this end I have enclosed at 1004a a statement on what has been said about the case in the past and to whom.

4. I should also be grateful if you would say:

a) whether you still adhere to the views set out in 742b

b) if you have any comments on the assessment of BLUNT at 985z

c) how you think that BLUNT's immunity should be left if the case is wound up on the basis of this assessment; but not necessarily in the detailed manner proposed at the later paragraphs of 985z

/d)....

d) what, if anything, you consider should be said to the D.P. and/or Attorney General.

e) what, if any, other action you think is required; BLUNT is, incidentally, talking of retiring from his position in the Royal Household. A note on this subject is at 1006b.

J. A. Cradock

K.7/0

14 June 1972

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K.7

My general view on our legal position is as set out in 742b. It is reinforced by the discussions which Day had with BLUNT in July 1970 (771b).

2. I do not dissent from conclusion (985z) that BLUNT has not been frank with us and that he is probably a more important figure than he has wished us to believe. I do not entirely accept her analysis of his possible motives and I think she may attach too much importance to the effect of the inducement offered by Mr. MARTIN (paragraph 5 of 985z). Promises of immunity from prosecution are often insufficient to persuade people to confess and a refusal to do so cannot necessarily be ascribed to some sinister reason.

3. However, if BLUNT has withheld information we clearly ought to seek to obtain it from him. At the same time we must recognise the risk that his espionage may eventually be made public and that it may be suggested that as a former member of the Security Service he has been protected from the consequences.

4. We have not had much success in getting a full confession out of BLUNT so far and I agree with the view that the old methods at least are unlikely to be more successful in the future. This being so I think it would be more realistic to concentrate upon mitigating the effects of public disclosure of BLUNT's espionage than upon obtaining a confession from him. However these two objectives are not necessarily mutually exclusive. I think action on the following lines would help to establish that we have been motivated solely by the public interest:-

(a) Ministers and officials who need to know should be given our current assessment of BLUNT (paragraph 16(b) of 985z).

(b) The Attorney General and the D.P.P. should be among those informed and should be frankly told of the actual inducements offered to BLUNT.

(c) Their advice should be sought on the removal of these inducements in relation to BLUNT's future conduct and, in so far as this is possible, upon their limitation in respect of his past conduct.

(d) Depending upon the outcome of the discussions in (c) BLUNT should be left in no doubt about our attitude to him.

(e) ...

(e) Irrespective of the outcome of the discussions in (c) we should cease to treat BLUNT as a near colleague and should in no circumstances repeat or add to the inducements already given.

5. BLUNT will wish to protect his own good name (at least while he is alive) and would not welcome a prosecution with the certainty of publicity and the risk of punishment. If he concludes that our attitude has changed and that we would be prepared to prosecute it is just conceivable that he might offer to speak in return for a formal promise of immunity. I believe that we would then be able to show that it was in the national interest that he should be given such a promise. It would of course require to be drafted with care so that there was the maximum self interest in making a full confession because the promise would only apply to matters actually disclosed by him.

Bernard Sheldon

Sect(Home)/1 — Bernard Sheldon

5 July 1972 — MS Ext. 518

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EXTRACT

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

Original in File No.:* PF. 604,582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 2959 Receipt Date: 14.7.72

Original from: TOWROPE Under Ref.: 4304 Dated: 13.7.72

Extracted on: 20.7.72 by: JM Section: K.7

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I/C to BLUNDEN from TESS (ROTHSCHILD).

BLUNDEN recognised her voice.
TESS had heard that he was lunching with DOLLY. Yes, BLUNDEN confirmed that he was. Was she? No. What a pity added BLUNDEN.
TESS went on -'I wondered if you were free and would look in for a quick drink beforehand -probably not?'
BLUNDEN -'I'd love to - no, I'd love to'.
At what time was lunch? At 1.0. said BLUNDEN.
TESS suggested 12.30 and BLUNDEN agreed and repeated that he'd love to very much. They said goodbye.

09.26

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K/Adv.

We have discussed the attached vet and I have, as agreed, replied to C.3.A as in the attached minute.

2. You are going to look for a suitable opportunity to discover whether BLUNT has been asked by the British Council to make this Hungarian tour; I am inclined to suspect that he has not been.

for J.A. Cradock.

K.7.

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C.3.A/HJK

Sir Anthony BLUNT

Thank you for letting me see the British Council vet for BLUNT. We should, I suggest, send a "No Security Objection" reply.

J.A. Cradock
(MS 470)

K.7./0

14 July, 1972

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EXTRACT

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

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Original from TOWROPE Under Ref.: 4305 to 4308 Dated: 11.7.72

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I/C from BLUNDEN to the switchboard operator.

He had been trying for a long time to get through. Had she been very much engaged he asked? Yes. The operator asked whether he had the numbers of the new lines? No. BLUNDEN wanted to have these and to make a note of them. The operator said she would give them to ELISABETH. BLUNDEN asked to be given one now, in case of need, and he made a note of it - 486 5913.

BLUNDEN spoke to ELISABETH mentioning that he was having 'a break' and wished to know if she had any messages. No, none. BLUNDEN expected to be back for lunch which Miss TROY was preparing for him. ELISABETH reminded him about the printers coming at 4.30 and GEORGE and ROY wished to see him - BLUNDEN said that he would do this after lunch.

10.07

Courtauld Inst of Art
20 Portman Sq,
W1.

Inst. (4305) BARNECK DAVIS

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EXTRACT

1025

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

Original in File No.:* P.F. 604,582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 2958 Receipt Date: 13.7.72

Original from: TOWROPE Under Ref.: 4304 Dated: 12.7.72

Extracted on: 3.8.72 by: G.A.L. Section: K.7

I/C GASKIN to BLUNDEN.

GASKIN sounded interested to hear how BLUNDEN had got on at the doctor's. BLUNDEN gave an account of his visit and said that there seemed to be nothing 'major ' wrong with him which was very comforting. He had had an ex-ray of the intestines. He would have to go again.
GASKIN wished to know of any holiday plans.
BLUNDEN explained that he intended to concentrate on the exhibition until the middle of August 'plus' and, he thought, he would therefore make plans to go about at the beginning of September.
BLUNDEN asked for instructions about Miss TROY's payments- £6 for 2 weeks plus 30 and 20 were put in her Post Office book.
BLUNDEN questioned him about the spare keys. These, said GASKIN?, were in a drawer in the bedroom. BLUNDEN mentioned that he might want the use of the garage. They said goodbye.

18.49

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10244

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

Specialist Tours Department
BWB

TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCK LETTERS, OR TYPED.

All available information should be included. If information is not available, this should be stated.

	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
1. SURNAME: SLUP (a) Now: BLUNT (SIR) (b) At birth if different: (c) Any other surnames used:	
2. ALL FORENAMES: ANTHONY FREDERICK	
3. FULL DATE OF BIRTH: 26.9.07.	
4. PLACE OF BIRTH:	
5. (a) PRESENT ADDRESS: 20. Portman Square, London W.1. (b) HOME OR OFFICIAL ADDRESS: (If different from 5(a)). Department of History of Art, University of London.	-6 JUL 1972 C. 3.
6. NATIONALITY: (a) NOW BRITISH. (b) AT BIRTH IF DIFFERENT	
7. EMPLOYMENT DURING LAST THREE YEARS (Details and Dates) Professor of History of Art, London University. Director of the Courtauld Institute of Art. Surveyor of the Queens paintings.	
8. PROPOSED OVERSEAS VISIT: (a) Country or Countries Hungary. (b) Duration (approx. dates) Two weeks 1972/73.	
Date of Information 4.7.72.	

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LOOSE MINUTE

Attached to PF. 701,429

F2B/JMK

Thank you for letting me see your report of the third interview with RYCROFT.

2. K7's source can certainly be asked when he is seen again why he named RYCROFT and FLETCHER-COOKE as secret communists. However, as I told you, he claimed to have no knowledge of this world, and merely suggested them as possibilities, so he is unlikely to produce any very convincing reasons.

3. Further to your loose minute of 22nd June 1972, source's only reason for suggesting PLU 3 as a secret communist, was that this had been suggested to him by Tess ROTHSCHILD. He was unable to comment himself.

-1022h

K.7/6

3rd July, 1972

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NOTE

Ray GIBBS returned from Tunisia on June 29th 1972, having sent his family home a couple of weeks earlier. The water ski school venture had been a total failure, chiefly according to GIBBS, because he had been unable to get a work permit. Despite selling his car and his boat, he appears to have lost all his money. AZURE suggests that this includes £2,000 given him by AFB.

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AZURE

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23.42 BLNDEN, GASKIN and some students including GEOFF BRUNNELL and a girl were laughing and chatting - following the party in the Courtauld.

00.01 A call came through for GASKIN (see T.C. 4304) which was answered by BLUNDEN and GASKIN went away to take it. A little while after he returned and they were in the midst of chatting about holidays, GASKIN turned aside and said to BLUNDEN -'there's something drastically wrong with that 'phone, you know'. BLUNDEN asked - 'what, the one the other end?' Yes, said GASKIN. BLUNDEN muttered something inaudibly suggesting that 'it goes on ringing' and adding- 'it's MI5 I think'. A burst of laughter by all followed. GASKIN went on-'I thought you couldn't tell when they were checking u Another burst of laughter. BLUNDEN -'Well, yes - I think....' This was drowned by laughter. BLUNDEN added -'No, I think they would do it more subtly than that'! GASKIN -'well, they wouldn't have got much out of that conversation, anyway'. BLUNDEN - sounding as if he had had quite a lot to drink - laughed and then observed - 'No doubt you have conversations that they would enjoy'. GASKIN laughed this off saying something inaudibly amidst laughter. A discussion followed about drink.

01.01 all go out and appear to leave.

01.43 Coverage dropped.

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Professor Sir Anthony Blunt, KCVO,
Courtauld Institute of Art,
20, Portman Square.
London. W.1.

M.

28 JUN 1972

W.D.O. SECRET

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Per

Prof

M.

26 June 1972.

Dear Anthony,

Thank you for your letter in which you express the wish to retire as Surveyor of The Queen's Pictures after twenty-seven years of distinguished service to Her Majesty.

I understand the reason for your action in sending me such a letter. I will speak with the Queen at the earliest opportunity.

I regret that your retirement has arrived so soon after my appointment to the

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1022

A2A Reference:	4305 to 4308	Target:	BLUNDEN
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I/C to BLUNDEN from RICHARD LLEWELYN DAVIES.
BLUNDEN spoke to his secretary who was obviously ringing back in answer to a call. BLUNDEN went on to say -

B: Would you tell him that in fact I've now solved my problem. I wanted to ask his advice about something and I have in fact got the answer. However, I would like to speak to him because I haven't spoken to him for about 3 years.

Dist: Aha - well, he's right here, if you'd like to- just a second.

RLD: Hallo?

B: Richard!

RLD: Anthony!

B: I'm awfully sorry-

RLD: How are you?

B: Very well indeed and you?
I rang - I was going to ask your advice about an architectural problem arising but I've in the meantime got the answer. It's a question about our - some fire precautions people who want to ruin the house.

RLD: Oh.

B: But I've discovered-

RLD: You've fixed them-

B: Well, I haven't fixed them but I've discovered the man to get on to

RLD: Oh fine - right. Well, it's lovely to hear from you.

B: Well, we must meet sometime?

RLD: I meant to be in touch with you sometime ago and have a gossip because there are one or two things I'd ~~love~~ like to have a chat - to chat with you.

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B: Well, yes-

RLD: Will you be around in July?

B: I shall be around the whole of July.

RLD: Late July?

B: Yes - I shall.

RLD: Can I ask my secretary to have a talk to yours and fix a lunch in late July?

B: It would be very nice indeed.

RLD: Splendid.

B: I shall be here - as far as I know - I may go away for a few days but in principle I shall be here the whole of the time.

RLD: Good, splendid.

B: Good.

RLD: We'll do that.

B: Lovely.

RLD: Goodbye - I'm sure PAT would send lots of love.

B: Yes, and send mine to her.

RLD: Bye, Anthony.

B: Goodbye.

17.10 (4305)

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I should have added the following point to paragraph 3 of my minute 73 on PF 701,429. Since I gather the K7 source suggested Jack PLUMB as a possible secret communist as well as RYCROFT and FLETCHER-COOKE and since (para. 30-31 of the interview note at serial 72a on PF 701,429) RYCROFT has now admitted having "been thick" with PLUMB it would be interesting if the K7 source could also give some reasons for having named PLUMB in this context. He could also be asked if he was aware of any social or other relationship linking these three.

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Dear Sir Anthony,

Re: Your Tax,

We have now agreed your Sur-Tax for the year 1969-70 at £702.25. You already have paid £200.00 which leaves a balance £502.25. I would be obliged if you would let us have remittance for this amount payable to the Inland Revenue as soon as possible.

I would remind you that we still have not dealt with your income tax return for the year 1970/71 as there are one or two points outstanding, and of course we should be now working on the returns for the year 1971/72. I hope that it will be possible for me to come and see you at an early date to deal with these matters.

Yours sincerely,

for G. L. Edmonds.

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20th June, 1972

presumably call on 18/6

Dear Anthony,

I don't know the results of Tess having been in touch with you, but I would very much like to get the name* and address of that man who copied the Lac d'Annecy. Could you send it to me?

Yrs
Victor

* Lem?

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19.05 JB. came in with un. id. Visitor.

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Visitor asked when JB. would be retiring and interested to hear this was in two years and that JB. would be moving to the Albany. He knew members of the staff evidently as JB. mentioned SHERMAN, and other members of the Institute as taking over running of Institute when he left.
Visitor evidently up from country as he spoke of invoking John BETJEMAN's help over preservation of his village.
This led to criticism of BETJAMIN's passion for Victoriana.
JB. recalled that he remembered this all started as a joke at Marlborough. JB. also recalled other incidents at Marlborough where they had both founded an art society. This was in 1923-24. BETJEMAN, Louis MacNEICE and JB. had been the forerunners of anti-philistinism at Marlborough at that time. JB. and BETJEMIN had been the same generation in arrival but BETJEMAN being older had left earlier, to go to Oxford. Visitor had been at school with Louis

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MacNIECES's son, DANIEL, but had not seen him since then. Further recollections by JB. of BETJEMIN's activities at Marlborough where he had a splendid way of deal with all the toughs. When Visitor repeated that they were hoping to see BETJEMIN soon JB. sent his regards. He had not himself seen BETJEMIN for over ten years.

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14.6.72 Report of Interview with RYCROFT 72a

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Noted for further enquiries SR 20/4/72

K3/Mr. Pratt BF 28/6
K3/Miss Palliser 30/6
K7/

You may like to see the report of my third interview with Charles RYCROFT (serial 72a).

2. In my conclusion, at paragraph 45, I have drawn attention to the tentative suggestion (serial 50a) that RYCROFT and Charles FLETCHER-COOKE were secret communists and to the possibility that there could have been more to RYCROFT's role in the S.C.R. than he has revealed to me. I should therefore be grateful if you could bear in mind, when talking to your sources, that I should like to know more about RYCROFT's involvement with the S.C.R. There is of course no doubt that RYCROFT was widely known as a communist at Cambridge but it could be that, later, having apparently left the Party he was subsequently active on its behalf in the S.C.R.

3. It would also be helpful if the K7 source who suggested RYCROFT and FLETCHER-COOKE as secret communists could give some reasons for having named them.

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19th June 1972

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22.6.72. Loose Minute to K7/6 re RYCROFT and FLETCHER-COOKE. 75a

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22. I told RYCROFT that I had been surprised to read that the Cambridge Review of January 1936 had referred to a revival of the S.C.R. in Cambridge; since MADGE had organised the trip to the Soviet Union in the previous summer it would appear that the revival had already occurred. RYCROFT thought that the answer might be that the trip to the Soviet Union had been one of the first things that MADGE had done for the S.C.R. and that the article had been referring to the resurgence of activity which had begun in the previous summer. I asked RYCROFT what had prompted MADGE to get it started again; he replied that, as with himself, it had been a matter of conscience. They had been concerned with the way the world was going; both had been involved with the Communist Party and had not been very happy in it and therefore the idea of improvinginternational relations had held considerable appeal. I asked whether the initiative for the resurgence had come from the London office of the Society but RYCROFT was not certain to what extent they had been responsible. I suggested that we looked at some of the names on the Society card and asked whether Anthony BLUNT might not have had something to do with the revival of the S.C.R. in Cambridge. RYCROFT thought this unlikely and then said "Of course Anthony is a candidate for the fourth man, isn't he? I quite see why and how. He knew BURGESS very well". RYCROFT found himself being protective about Anthony who in many ways was a very nice person; there must have been two very different sides to his character; he reminded RYCROFT of that other aristocratic homosexual, Proust. RYCROFT thought that BLUNT had been fatherless and suspected that there must have been an adoring, if not adored, mother in the background. There had been an aristocratic tradition in the family but not quite enough money to go with it.

Leslie HUMPHREY (Trinity 1935-38; PF 764,541)

23. I asked RYCROFT who had been Leslie HUMPHREY's circle of friends at Cambridge. RYCROFT thought he had associated with a lot of his brother John's (Trinity 1934-32; PF 220,305) friends although he had been nothing like so intelligent as John and had not been much of a worker. On the face of it Leslie HUMPHREY should have charmed his way through life. RYCROFT then proceeded to relate in rather more detail what he had told me earlier about the occasion when AUDEN (Christ Church, Oxford 1925-28; PF 63,329) had come to Cambridge and Anthony BLUNT had given a party for him and afterwards Leslie HUMPHREY had behaved in such a fulsome way towards AUDEN that AUDEN had thought he was the boyfriend laid on for the night and had been furious on discovering he was not. On the other hand RYCROFT had been enormously impressed by the great skill with which, as a young man dying in hospital, he had managed to put his visitors at ease. There had been something peculiar about the family, they had lacked some basic vitality and they had probably been prone to T.B. HUMPHREY's wife had also died early and RYCROFT was surprised that John was still living. John and Janet HUMPHREY had taken on the responsibility of seven children, five of their own and Leslie's two. The father had been a successful businessman, RYCROFT thought in South Africa, and would never have understood John, his Winchester Scholar son. Leslie, although also at Winchester, had not been a Scholar.

Steven RUNCIMAN (Trinity 1921-24/27-38; PF 604,878)

27. I asked RYCROFT whether RUNCIMAN had been part of Anthony BLUNT's circle of post-graduate friends. RYCROFT had no particular memory of him other than as a familiar sight around Cambridge. I asked whether he could remember him at any of Anthony's parties and although RYCROFT would have thought RUNCIMAN would have attended them he could not honestly remember having seen him there. Although he had earlier said that RUNCIMAN and BATES had been the first two made-up men he had ever seen he did not associate them together as friends. Although RUNCIMAN was homosexual he had none of the typical homosexual's pessimism; RYCROFT had always been impressed by how, in his work on the Albigensian heresy, RUNCIMAN had intelligently defended the Roman Catholic Church's anti-homosexual policy which had asked in effect what was the value of faith and charity if there was no hope?

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Original in File No.: PF.701,429 Vol ..... Serial 72a .... Dated 14.6.72

Extracted by: ..... AH /F2/URG Date 19.6.72

Subject: Charles RYCROFT

University, College and dates: Trinity, Cambridge 1933-37

Position in Student Movement or other significant involvement:

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RYCROFT was a member of the Cambridge University branch of the Communist Party between 1934/35.

Reliability: RYCROFT is regarded as reliable, at least in his comments on his Cambridge contemporaries. He may be glossing over the depth of his own role.

Date and Place of Interview: 19th May 1972 at Room 055

Interviewing Officer: @ (if used)

17. I asked about Anthony BLUNT (Trinity 1926-38; PF 604,582) who was shown as Chairman of the S.C.R. and asked whether he had had any influence on the running of the Cambridge branch. RYCROFT thought not since the branch had been run by the Secretary, in the first instance John MADGE and then himself. The Chairman had little to do, he would have attended meetings and introduced speakers and that would have been about all. I asked whether BLUNT had been the senior member of the University required to serve on the committees of all Societies. RYCROFT thought this possible but had an idea that there had been something illegal about the S.C.R. in that the senior member should have been senior treasurer.

21. I reminded RYCROFT that earlier he had told me that apart from Anthony and Wilfrid BLUNT the Cambridge party had stayed together throughout their trip to the Soviet Union. I wondered, however, whether among the other visitors Anthony had had a boyfriend. RYCROFT said that he knew of nobody filling this role and went further to say that he knew of nobody with whom he could be certain that Anthony had had an affair. Anthony had admitted his homosexuality and one wondered whether Brian SIMON or Leslie HUMPHREY might have been his boyfriend but if it had been so BLUNT had been incredibly discreet. I then asked whether he associated Charles FLETCHER-COOKE with BLUNT; he replied "possibly, possibly". RYCROFT added that at that time he had been very naive about such matters and proceeded to tell me a story about being invited to a dinner party at which a homosexual pass had been made at him but it had not been for another three years that he had realised the fact! In his innocence he had thought his host had been merely blathering in his constant references to the aphrodisiac qualities of lettuce and his appreciation of Athenian meals. RYCROFT remembered that BLUNT had once told him that no homosexual would ever be attracted to RYCROFT but quite a few men who were not homosexuals would think that he was one. RYCROFT added that this was absolutely true.

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Sir Anthony Blunt KCVO.

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NORTH GARDEN,
TREYFORD,
MIDHURST,
SUSSEX.

11 June, 1972

Dear Sir Anthony,

It is nearly four years since you wrote me the very nice letter of which I attach a copy for convenience of reference.

I had written to you about my son Mark who had just left school and who was hoping to make some sort of career in art. He has no qualifications to do so on the academic side and his A levels were reasonable but not good enough to get him a place at the University. But he is and always has been very interested in painting, and seems to know quite a bit about painting although unable to paint himself. But I do still remember with pleasure the fascinatin series of lectures on French painting you gave at Cambridge when I was there although I regret to say my study of the subject ended there. Mark however has continued to pursue his interest.

Why you heard no more from me or from him at the time was that we strongly advised him to obtain some recognised academic qualification andpersuaded him to read for the Bar. As it turns out

what was a great mistake. The poor boy applied himself really hard to a subject in which he had no interest and could find none and when he sat his third examination recently his nerves gave out and, although he says he knew all the answers and then the exam paper was an easy one, he experienced some sort of dang to and was suddenly physically unable to write or form any legible letters. He has been advised whose diagnosis is really that the exam paper brought to a head his subconscious rejection of the law, so we are back to square one and regret very much we did not give him his head in the first place. He has now gone off to France and Italy on what I hope will be a really good holiday and when he comes back again in the middle of July he would very much like to take up your kind offer to have a chat with him if you would still be willing to see him. I knowhow busy you must be and it is the holiday period but if you could possibly find time to see him and give him the benefit of your valued advice I would indeed be most grateful.

Since last writing my own fortunes have somewhat changed. I was one of the 30 redundant diplomats who were axed in 1969 and returned home in 1970 and spent some time reading the FO archives of 1943, 44 and 45 before they were "opened" under the new 30 year rule. I came across a number of letters from certain HI organisations some of which were signed with your name and I assumed they were yours.

See over

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Since then I have got a regular job at the Civil Service College in London taking part in what the Prime Minister described to a journalist not long ago as "Europeanising Whitehall". It is rather fun, and has the added advantage of keeping the wolf from the door, which these days unfortunately a pension can hardly do !

With kind regards, and I look forward to hearing from you when you have a moment,

Yours sincerely,

John Fisher.

(John Fisher)

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Dear Mr. Fisher,

I do indeed remember you from the time when I taught at Trinity and am glad to hear from you again.

I think the best thing would be for your son to ring me up and fix an appointment. I am just going away for a few days and shall be pretty busy when our term starts on October 3rd, but if he could ring me about the middle of the month I would certainly arrange either to see him myself or for him to see someone else.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Blunt
Director.

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Dear Anthony,

Many thanks for your letter. I will call you in the very near future.

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This was all in addition to the fact that he was guarantor to the overdraft. This was all rather frightening, JB. commented, and what he was worried about was what was going to happen in the future. To put in crudely RAY had had one way or another something like four thousand pounds - two thousand of this was for work at the Institute - but all this had simply vanished. JEAN spoke of expenses over the boat and the fact that no money could be got out of that. JB. agreed and remarked that the awful arithmetic was that the whole bloody lot had gone down the drain and he himself could not go on forking out any more money. JEAN complained that RAY was not content with working and enjoying life in the normal way. JB. agreed and said that he had found he had been wrong about this. He had felt that RAY was worth encouraging because he had got a great deal of imagination, which was something JB. liked to encourage. JEAN agreed that he was not satisfied with anything. He would never listen to her and accused her of being frightened of life. This was not so. This was rather being more realistic of problems. He completely lacked responsibility and everything in the house having been sold she was left with an empty shell. JEAN remarked pathetical that RAY must come down to earth but he would never take any advice from her. JB. broke in stressing that RAY would have to take advice from him but he would not "get" any more from him. He really felt that it had become too much. JEAN stressed that JB. was the onl person RAY would ever listen to. JB. asked her how the children had reacted to coming back. Very well. Both liked being back. This led to discourse by JEAN on SHARON's boy friends.

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Later in conversation JB. repeated that he was very worried. Both came to same conclusion that they did not really understand RAY. Both agreed that the picture was pretty grim. JB. would try and read the riot act and make RAY try to grow up.

JEAN then spoke of wanting to buy the house they had lived in and anyway to rent it again. She would like the boat to be sold in order to raise/ money. JB. thought that what would happen was that RAY would come back with no money as well as an overdraft. ~~It~~ He did not want to be bitter but this was the situation and it must be sorted out. JEAN agreed. Later she promised to ring JB. the moment she was really worried and if she saw a crisis brewing. She was to ring him privately.

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JB. then told JEAN that he regarded any money he had lent him as written off.

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14.20. After answering i/c call JB. and SHERMAN resumed conversation. JB. told him that he felt rather relieved as they had appointed BELLAGUE and he had just signed his retirement from the paintings but would stay on on the drawing side. SHERMAN interested.

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Incoming from ELSA SHERER to BLUNDEN.
Conversation merely about manuscripts which she would bring in next week and go through with BLUNDEN. During conversation she mentioned that she had had a card from her sister in West Germany. They had enjoyed BLUNDEN's lecture and meeting him so much. BLUNDEN pleased to hear this. ELSA had heard from someone else in Berlin to say there was alot about him in the papers and a photograph also. BLUNDEN had seen one cutting from a paper - what was the paper, he queried - it was one he had never heard of - he would look it up as he thought he had bought it back - was there a paper called DER SPEIGAL he asked? ELSA confirmed that there was and it was very widely read.
BLUNDEN mentioned he would be going to Waddesdon on Sunday. ELSA would ring again next week to make date with BLUNDEN.

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My dear Anthony

A second thought in case Robin Fedden doesn't be solve your problem. The right expert advice to go for is a good architect with urban, or negotiating, experience. One such is Richard Davies, who of course is senior partner of a large practice as well as professor, & who has a reputation of

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knowing the ropes very well.

He is a member of the Managing Committee, isn't he? He never comes — all the more reason for him to help you behind the scenes

Yours

Eddie Playfair

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I/C FRANCIS WATSON, Wallace Collection, toBLUNDEN.
BLUNDEN reported to him the steps he had taken and conversation with JOHNNIE prior to their joint meeting with the Lord Chamberlain.
All they need now do is to find a suitable date when the Lord Chamberlain could meet them both.
BLUNDEN explained that in his own case he would definitely continue to be in charge of the drawings whereas FRANCIS would be totally retired.
There remained now, said BLUNDEN, the question of deciding what their - or BLUNDEN's-retirement title was to be called.
As regards a successor for FRANCIS, BLUNDEN emphasized that it was not absolutely certain that GEOFFREY (De BELLAIGUE) would be appointed.
This became clear after a conversation ROBIN MACKWORTH YOUNG had had with the Lord Chamberlain during which the latter had hesitated about GEOFFREY and had merely said -'I don't know how much you know'.
Both BLUNDEN and FRANCIS were puzzled as to what this could mean.
Both agreed that probably Monday the 12th would be a good ~~[illegible]~~ time to have a meeting with the Lord Chamberlain.
16.10 (4305)

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O/G ELISABETH HASLOCK to the Lord Chamberlain's Office.
Arranging for BLUNDEN and FRANCIS WATSON to see the Lord Chamberlain at 11.00 on Monday. ELISABETH mentioned that the matter had already been discussed.
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I/C RAY GIBBS from Tunisia to BLUNDEN. 7.6.72 Wednesday
He had sent BLUNDEN a telegram asking if he could send the fare for JEAN SHARON and MARCUS to return. BLUNDEN would be paid back the moment JEAN returned. It was merely a currency problem, he said. BLUNDEN was merely to confirm with BOAC BUA Tunis Air that he would pay the £105 required. RAY said that the whole thing would be explained fully - he would not talk now because of the expense of the call.
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19.53. JB. came in with JEAN GIBBS.

Long discourse by JEAN about difficulties during trip to Tunis. The allowances - the car insurance - customs regulations - and the possibility of selling the boat out there. They had had some trouble with the car and there was talk of RAY selling the car.

20.04. JEAN asked JB. to tell her how his dealings with RAY worked. JB. thought he should tell her but that she must not let on to RAY about this. JEAN knew that they had a thumping overdraft which RAY had raised on their house and that JB. had been the guarantor in the transaction. JB. agreed that this was so. JEAN thought the overdraft was about £800 and unless the money was forthcoming he would have to be declared bankrupt. This was as far as she knew and anything else she had no knowledge of. JB. told her that he had given RAY a thousand pounds two years ago and that was to get them going in the antique business. RAY then asked him if he would lend him another £500 which he did. In addition to that JB. had got RAY work decorating the Institute for which he was paid two thousand. Then for their holiday in Tunis at Christmas JB. had advanced RAY £200, who then asked for another £400.

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20.30. Later referring to future plans JB. talked of GASKIN getting a cott in the country as being the best solution. When he himself moved to the Albany there would not be room for GASKIN. So if GASKIN had a cottage in the country this would be the easiest way out.

20.55. Later still referring to this again PETER asked what JB. would do when he retired. JB. laughingly replied that he would sell a very expensive picture and live off this and by then he hoped GASKIN would be installed in the country.

21.02. The wandered from the room and it was quiet in here until coverage dropped at 01.00.

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6 June 1972

Dear Sir Anthony,

Many thanks for your letter of 31 May. I am so glad to know that you had an easy and interesting visit to Berlin, and I am sure the lecture went splendidly. James McDonaugh has written to say that it was a very great success and that you had a well informed and enthusiastic audience.

I am asking the Council's computer to send you a cheque for £220, for the fee and for incidental expenses. The text of the lecture is, I understand, published in Englisches Rundschau, the Bonn Embassy's information periodical.

May I say how much I did enjoy reading the lecture and how much I appreciated your kind forbearance when I had to trouble you over details?

Yours sincerely,

John Aris

J A Aris
Secretary
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The 1954 Incident

Either	HARP writes to AFB (who happened to be away.)
7th August	MODIN's passport (05178) issued in Moscow.
or	HARP writes to AFB.
15th August	Date of postmark of AFB's letter to HARP (addressed Athenaeum) in reply to one from HARP which had "chased [BLUNT] round Scotland." Letter re K. Clark's book on Leonardo. Mentions AFB's departure on 21.8. Suggests lunch on 19th.
19th August	Date suggested AFB/HARP lunch (approximately 1500 hours HARP expresses feeling of relief to come).
20th August	Letter from AFB awaiting HARP c/o HARP's mother.
21st August	AFB crosses to Boulogne en route Italy.
17th September	MODIN arrives London Airport from Moscow.

Comment: AFB has said that this letter was followed by a meeting with HARP and was to do with putting HARP in touch with the Russians. To do this he himself had to make contact with the Russians. Whoever the contact was, it could not have been MODIN.

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6th June, 1972

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Further to our telephone conversation of May 30th and June 1st, the overseas mail of the subject of H.O.W. number P.S. 13382 need no longer be tested for traps.

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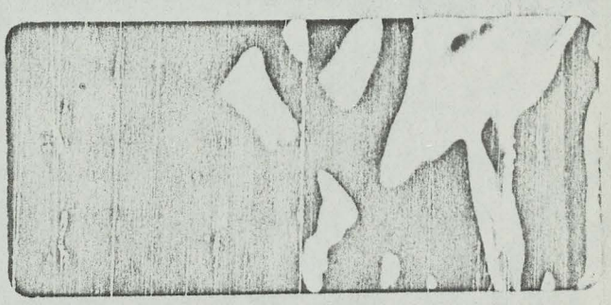

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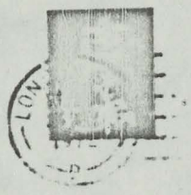

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31st May

Sir Anthony Blunt
Courtauld Institute of Art
London W.1.

Dear Anthony,

I enclose the particulars of Andrew Adams; if you would be kind enough to peg them on to George Rainbird, or anyone you think might offer a job, it would be a great help. It appears to be very difficult to get into publishing as a designer.

Many thanks again, & I look forward to seeing you in Rome before long.

Yours sincerely

Mary

Mary Sherer

P.S. Sorry I have bothered you about Frankham!

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Andrew ADAMS

40 Stepping Stones Rd
Coventry

age 22

Educated: All Hallows
Ampleforth College
Lanchester polytechnic faculty of art & design, Coventry

Qualifications: "O" Levels Art, English Language, French, Maths, English Literature, History, Latin, General Science

"A" Levels Art, English Literature, History

Use of English General Paper

Studying design at college. specialising in book design with illustration as main interest. Will complete final year of course at end of June, qualifactions being L.S.I.A. & College Diploma.

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O/G BLUNDEN to ELSA SCHERRER.
Brief discussion about Naples photographs. ELSA would be coming along to the student's party at a quarter to 6.0 tonight and would collect them then. Talk followed about Berlin - ELSA asked how he had enjoyed it. BLUNDEN realised that they had not spoken since. He described as 'yes and no' his enjoyment of Berlin, and mentioned that ELSA's sister came to the lecture and her husband. He had not been able to have a long talk with them because-'it was one of those awful parties with 200 people after the lecture and very noisy'. They agreed to talk again this evening after an interruption when someone dialled across their line. BLUNDEN merely added that the obsession with the wall in Berlin was rather terrifying, and claustro-
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John Gaskin Esq.

Tuesday 30th

17 CRESCENT GROVE
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My dear Anthony,

I shall be in Athens (with a trip to Delos) between June 13th & June 26th. Just in case John is there then, I'd like him to know, so would you be an angel & forward the enclosed to him when you have a reasonably reliable address? No hurry, as you can see from my dates.

I shall be back in Athens for the night, & hope you enjoyed the museums

Tuesday 30th.

17 CRESCENT GROVE
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Dear John,

a line to let you know (if this ever reaches you) that I shall be in Athens from Tuesday June 13th till Monday 26th: c/o ROMANOS, ANAGNOSTOPOULOU 10, Athens 136 — Telephone 616-048.

If by any chance you're in Athens then, it would be nice to see you. But I can still imagine that you're enjoying life too much in the islands to come near Athens. At all events, I hope.

Yours

I've been an excellent time
not like in England — the weather's
frightful. When it's not pouring
with rain, there's a gale, and often
both at once. I go to Beirut
on Friday 2nd, & simply hope my
results will be best with chattering.

A hello from Dick.

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Jane. Crathwaite

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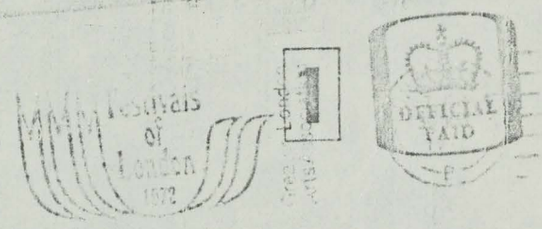

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Dear Blunt

Thank you for your letter of 17 May agreeing to continue as a member of the Reviewing Committee on the export of works of art. I am very pleased indeed to re-appoint you for three years from 1 September 1972, and I should like to say how much I appreciate your acceptance of this further term.

I am grateful too for your suggestions with regard to other suitable people who might be asked to serve. I have in fact now written to Basil Gray to ask if he will fill the present vacancy, but I do not know if he will accept. I am in any case glad to have one or two names in reserve because I understand that it is sometimes difficult to fix meetings when a quorum can attend, and there may be a case for an extra appointment.

Yours

David Lascelles

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May 26 1972

Dear Anthony,

I have spoken to Hilda Mrs HARRIS & to my sisters about your wish to acquire the textile collection, and they would all be very happy for it to remain permanently in the Courtauld Institute. The fourth trustee, Michael Tooth, is away at the moment and they would like his opinion before coming to any decision. So you will be hearing again from one of us in the

near future.

Yours sincerely

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22nd May, 1972.

Sir Anthony Blunt,
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Dear Anthony,

I hate to bother you once again, but may I play an old Italian trick on you.

We are coming to London next Sunday, 28th May, and shall be there for a week and very much hope to get into the exhibition of the Tutankhamen treasures. I understand that the procedure is six hours' queuing with packed lunch etc.

Do you have any back door way of getting in, and if so is it too much to ask? I will give you a ring Monday morning and if the answer is no, I shall go out and buy a camp stool.

With many thanks.

Yours ever,

Larry Sheerer

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22nd. May 1972.

Dear Sir Antony,

I am writing to thank you for the perceptive and kind obituary that you wrote about my sister Phoebe in "The Burlington Magazine." We appreciated it very much.

I would like to contribute some money for books, to be given, to the Courtauld Library, in her memory, and I think that the rest of the family would like to join in this.

Moreover I wanted to ask about the picture that I chose from her estate.

POOL

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It is a portrait of herself by Victor Pasmore. I understand that she had left it, at one time, at the Courtauld, to ask if it was possible or desirable to have it cleaned. We would be grateful if you could put us in touch with anyone who could give us advice about this.

Yours sincerely

Gillian Johnson-Gilbert.

Interview No. 69.

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NOTE

At the interview which is reported on the attached piece of AZURE, PMW was attempting to encourage AFB to talk to Patrick DAY, Richard LLEWELLYN-DAVIES, Leo LONG, Peter ASTBURY and Brian SIMON at 20 Portman Square.

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12.46. JB. came in with Peter WRIGHT.
As they did so they seemed to be in middle of discussion on lecture. Then story regarding insurance of something in the R.I.B.A. exhibition.
PETER then said there were one or two problems he wanted to talk about - could he talk about JB.'s problem first though. The point PETER made was that the whole thing had been given alot of thought and the matter had been right up to the top, on the trip to BERLIN. West Berlin they were not worried about. The official advice he was to give JB. was that if he could avoid going into East Berlin he should do this. He should make no bones about the fact that what he was doing in the war might put him at risk. This was the official view.
The decision must be JB.'s. JB. agreed that he knew a great deal about M.I.5. and the Russians knew this and this was the line he could take. It did not rest with him entirely. PETER agreed that it probably did not and asked if JB. would let him know. JB. reported that he would be staying with Major General Lord CATHCART - G.O.C. British Troops in Berlin, who had sent him a programme. This included an invitation to the Opera which was, in fact, in East Berlin. JB. had also been asked to visit two museums in that Sector. JB. thought the best thing was for him to write to General CATHCART and say that for reasons he would rather explain verbally he had better not go into E. Berlin. PETER repeated that they literally could not say O.K. because if anything did happen it would be very difficult to ~~[illegible]~~ track. JB. said that the things he was professionally concerned with were mainly in the West.

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Continuation Sheet No 2.

PETER said he wanted to ask JB. something which was relevant. When did he last contact - had VON PUTLITZ ~~BUCHER or BUCHER (ph)~~ been in contact with him? JB. replied no, the last contact he had with him at all - he had told PETER about this - was with the publisher, [illegible]. PETER broke in to remind JB. that there was an Australian journalist, POMEROY who had met PUTLITZ ~~BUCHER~~. JB. remembered this but repeated there was another man (May be name here) who rang him two years ago to say that there was a project.....(Unintelligible here)... and as far as JB. could remember he had asked the chap about this. What he did remember was that he did nothing about it. (Both continued to discuss this - fairly unintelligible). PETER emerged say that the thing that did strike him was that the whole trip had been pretty widely publicised and they would know JB. was going to Berlin, so they might contact him there. (Very unintelligible). PETER wanted to leave it that JB. would get in touch. JB. broke in to ask whether this would be in touch with someone in Berlin or what. PETER had not thought this out but would give JB. a ring on this. There was somebody in Berlin and he saw no objection to giving JB. his telephone number. JB. repeated that he went to Berlin on the 22nd, he lectured on 24th and would leave again on 26th. PETER pointed out that if it was something really exciting he could fly out to Berlin and have a chat with JB. there. He would have a thinK about this. If he did not heard from him, JB. was to leave it until he came back from Berlin. Unless it was very exciting, JB. broke in, and in that case he would ring PETER on 6050 or at home. PETER asked again if there was anyone else in the German context that JB. was worried about. No, it was simply a question of whether they put KIM there. PETER queried whether they would put KIM there, pointing out that the problem really was that they could not assess with any realism how much the Russians know about "your" relations with "us". JB. made agreeing remark - not clear. PETER continued to say that all they could do was to advise JB. to expect something to happen. (ph) JB. repeated that if KIM or Moscow came in with any proposition - PETER broke in to say simply turn it down but "we "would like to know what it was. If JB. turned it down flat they would not know what they were after but if he stalled, they might get an indication. On the whole he thought probably nothing would happen at all. JB. agreed. PETER added that he did think there was a possibility that PUTLITZ ~~BUCHER~~ might contact JB. So they would leave it like that. JB. agreed that if he PUTLITZ ~~BUCHER~~ invited him ~~JB.~~ to East Berlin he could just give the excuse that he had official engagements.

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AZURE

Continuation Sheet No ...3.....

12.57. JB. asked PETER if he was still in Essex - yes, from Monday to Friday. He asked if JB. was here at the weekend - no. PETER would give JB. the Cornish number. After a pause he gave Essex number as 0245 34 340 and Cornwall was Lanreath 278.

A further problem was raised by JB. about invitation to U.S.A. He gave details of this. PETER gave difficulties concerning this. If JB. really wanted to go they would go into the whole matter to see what could be done. The policy was to say no. JB. said he was happy about this. PETER did not entirely trust American Security on this matter so if JB. could decline he advised him to do so.

13.03. Further about lecturing and JB. mentioned having to give a lecture in Leicester shortly. He might stay with BRIAN. (SIMON).

PETER then mentioned that one of the things he wanted to talk about was to tell JB. that one of the people thay had talked to about the old days was PETRICK DAY. They had told him that he could chat to JB. about the old days. JB. said that PATRICK came to stay about a fortnight go but did not actually say anything about that. (?)

verbatim extract of this passage attached at end and see 985y

PETER went on to explain that one point which DAY had told them that when he went to visit the flat - when TESS had gone with VICTOR to SHAPE (ph). Then there had been a nice young Army Captain staying there, but he could not remember the name. It could not have been POLLOCK as he was in prison at that time. JB.wondered whether DAY did not"in fact mean - I think he meant a man whose name I can't remember, who did not live in the flat but had a room below. He was in someway connected with the 'Practitioner'(ph). I am not sure he had not been a member of their staff in.... And he had a tiny flat, I think it was, on the - in the front on the floor - "the flat"was the top two floors and he was either the floor below or half a floor below. We very rarely saw him." PETER queried whether he was in JB.'s menage. JB. - "No and he - we us to meet him during the air-raids when he came into the shelter. It would not be difficult..... I think I must have seen him."

PETER repeated that they had not been able to place this chap as part of the menage. JB. was very welcome to discuss this with PATRICK when next he saw him. There was no harm in this. JB. asked if GUY had still been there. Yes. JB. made some remark ~~(difficult to get) which seemed to~~ indicating that GUY had the sitting room. PATRICK DAY had TESS's room ~~[illegible]~~ room then and GUY in the back room and JB. himself had a room on the first floor. He did not think there was a spare room. JACKIE was there too. He would

/HEWITT

talk to PATRICK about this again. PETER said he would be grateful as this was a new factor they had not come across before and he repeated that it could not have been PETER POLLOCK, and this was after PATRICK had come back from France. JB. murmured that he had forgotten all about this. PETER asked him again to talk to PATRICK about this next time he saw him and to admit to him that they had spoken about this. PATRICK knew PETER well he said as they belonged to the same club. Here PETER spoke about Desmond VESEY, who had died, who was also a friend and a member of the Travellers. (Unintelligible piece about VESEY). PETER hoped that JB. and PATRICK would be able to sort out something together.

There was another slight operational problem, PETER went on, and this was the general problem of LEO LONG - Peter ASTBURY and all that.

13.03. JB. broke in to say he would get ~~PETER~~ himself another drink before discussing this problem and there was a pause as he went out to do this. On his return PETER continued to say that he wanted to review the situation. Reminding JB. of when they had first talked about all this, what JB. had then said was that LEO had approached him saying that BRIAN had come to him - it wasn't PETER (ASTBURY) - and had suggested that ~~JB.~~ LEO worked on the Army side. JB. interrupted with the observation that he thought BRIAN came in later on this. PETER reminded him again that they had argued this point - first ARTHUR (MARTIN) and then PETER - and then they had had LEO in and had questioned him - then they had had another go at him and he (LEO) had then said - which JB. had agreed with - that it was a direct approach from ASTBURY. What ~~they~~ we had done since was to see LEO again on a number of matters and LEO had stuck firmly to the fact that it was ASTBURY. JB. broke in commenting that he thought he was right. PETER then told him that they had also seen ASTBURY and he had denied this. JB. thought he would deny it. PETER wondered why? ASTBURY knows that "we" know he was a spy, ~~(Both spoke at once). PETER emerged~~ "because he was involved with SPRINGHALL and we told him so - he never really admits to this - so that's fair". PETER continued to say that what he was wondering was whether JB. would be prepared to talk to ~~him.~~ ASTBURY (All this very drowned by incessant banging from s.p.) He asked JB. whether he knew ASTBURY at all well. JB. retorted that he had not see him for - he had seen him literally once in the last X years. At a University function and only just for a moment. In a curious sort of way, JB. added, he felt he was one of the people he knew rather well although he had not seen him. PETER did not know anything about ASTBURY's present views - not really. JB. asked if he had any reason to think they had changed.

PETER replied no, he had just become more respectable. JB. asked if he still lived in London. Partly in London and partly in Geneva PETER told him, but he was also part of the Imperial College. The ideal thing would be for JB. could talk to both of them together and see if they could get an agreed story out of them. JB. pointed out that this would put an awful lot of his own cards on the table. PETER agreed - as far as ~~LONG~~ ASTBURY was concerned - yes but with a bit of luck that wouldn't matter. Another way of doing it would be to get LEO LONG along and for JB. to talk to him - JB. to talk to him first - and see whether he /LONG would talk to ASTBURY - there were all sorts of ways of doing it. JB. recalled that LEO had said that he was directly approached by ASTBURY. PETER said this was right but that ASTBURY had denied this.... (drowned by bangin JB. commented that for the moment everything depended on LEO. PETER asked again if he would be prepared to get LEO along and speak to him - have a chat with him. JB. ~~consented~~ agreed that he would. PETER would not mind JB. telling LEO that PETER (ASTBURY) denied all this. What they really wanted to do was to somehow or other break the impasse - the story had never been really satisfactory as JB. knew. Would he be prepared to do this? JB. said he would certainly but he did not know what LEO was doing now. PETER had his telephone number and he had ASTBURY's as well. He gave both - ASTBURY was 607 5810 which was his home. LEO's home was 883 3593. JB. commented again that he thought that ASTBURY would be likely to deny this and queried whether he had been told that LEO had said all this. PETER confirmed that this had been done but what they did not tell him was that they knew JB. was involved. He stressed again that they really were most anxious to sort this thing out because the fact of the matter was that /that LEO had been seen again and his story was not satisfactory. It could not be accepted that a man who was in Germany and in British Intelligence from 1945 to 1952 and was well know to ~~"your friends"~~ the RIS - "yousee what I mean?" And mm from JB. in acknowledgement as PETER repeated it just did not make sense. Nor did it make sense, JB. concurred, that anyone working in M.I.14 would

13.14. have been allowed to get away with what he did with me. (Very phon owing to more noise from s.p.) PETER again pointed out that it did not make sense.

LEO ~~He~~ stuck to his story which was that he was not in touch with anyone else. (ph) ... ~~(quite unintelligible) owing to noise from s.p.~~) JB. repeated that this was that he was not in touch with anyone else. And the thing that did not make sense at all, PETER went on, was that - one of the crucial things in the story was that JB. had said quite independently long before the actual LEO operation took place that ~~(both speaking at once)~~..... ~~PETER continued with~~ he (JB) had been asked to approach LEO in Germany and ask him to join MI5.

~~this reminded JB. of when he introduced LEO to.....(There was a short un intelligible piece here and drowned by noise from s.p.) PETER referred to when JB. had said he had recruited LEO and that.... wanted...~~ and JB. had said the only contact he had had with LEO after LEO went to Germany, was when one of the R.I.S. had asked him when he was going to Germany to contact LEO and urge him to join M.I.5. Did JB. remember? JB. remembered and added that LEO did apply. ~~something but as they were both speaking at on it was not audible,~~ the RIS had told JB that they had failed to persuade LEO to apply to MIS, PETER continued.... ~~we had tried and failed to trace LEO would JB. have a go?~~ JB. ~~did not seem~~ affected not to remember this. PETER repeated that the point was how did the RIS know that LEO had refused, if they were not in contact with him in Germany. ~~they try?~~ And LEO denied that this ever happened. PETER reminded JB. again of what he had said before they ever tackled LEO and said he was convinced that LEO was not coming clean with "us". PETER believed it to be because he remarried about 1952 and his present wife knew nothing of his background, and then got out, and he personally thought the whole thing came to an end in 1952 and not 1945. This would make sense. JB. queried whether ~~MARY (? not VERA)~~ LEO's first wife was in the Office. Yes, PETER said, and she has just disappeared into the blue. PETER added that LEO was no longer a RIS target. JB. queried whether he was a target in Germany. This was confirmed by PETER and he added that he just could not believe that "they" would have left him alone, partimlarly as JB. had been told to contact him. LEO did in fact write in for a job in MIS. JB. did remember this and also the fact that he had recommended him to M.I.6. PETER continued to say that DICK WHITE had wanted to take him but that Guy LIDDELL had turned him down. JB. enquired on what grounds? PETER said that he just did not think he was suitable for the Office. LEO objected when he was told ~~is~~ this story quite recently and denied ever having wanted to take the job. Fortunately PETER laughingly added, he had GUY's LIDDELL diary. The whole thing did not add together and this was why they were so interested in the ASTBURY side. There was something very funny about this story, and ~~it had~~ we also been felt that there may be yet another person "we" are all forgetting in this. JB. agreed, pointing out that he was the person who had suggested that. JB. then spoke of BRIAN (SIMON) and said that he only came into all this in his (JB's) reconstruction and not ~~as~~ in the original ~~an~~ approach. It was LEO who approached him (JB) as a channel to ASTBURY. JB. repeated that this was a reconstruction (i.e. the role of BRIAN SIMON) made by ~~given by a ...with BRIAN who thought that..... (JB. burbling unintelligibly here)~~. LEO and himself. PETER told him that as far as LEO was concerned he had no problem. If he (JB) could get him along - ~~ring him~~ give ~~us~~ him a ring - he did not mind JB. knowing that "we" have talked to LEO again - he had been talked to again - and that it just does not make sense. Anything that can be done to help to ~~find~~ find out really what happened would be ~~everybody's~~ in everybody's interest.

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Arising from mention of Leo working for Granada Television, there was some talk about penetration of the B.B.C., the Times, M.I.5. and M.I.6. as objectives. The Conservative Party as another one. There was a pause and PETER then commented that he would leave it to JB. to play it how he liked. JB. replied that he would like to think a little about this. There was no complication about his speaking to LEO but he thought there would be if he talked to PETER (ASTBURY). This he would have to think about very carefully. PETER agreed that this was something he would have to leave to him. JB. did not agree with this and said that on the contrary and in the end it was something possibly ~~they~~ we would have to decide together. PETER ventured again that LEO could get Peter ASTBURY along and talk to him and JB. agreed that this would be the best as he could not talk to ASTBURY without putting all the cards on the table. They did not know what the ASTBURY situation was and that ASTBURY either knew or assumed the situation. (? very inaudible). PETER then asked if JB. had got any further in thinking how to tackle BRIAN (SIMON). JB. did not reply but may have shaken his head. PETER made inaudible remark and think he may have suggested JB. having BRIAN here for a talk sometime, There was a pause and after reflection JB. commented that it was very difficult to know - as he had told PETER - when he met BRIAN they kept off the subject and it was clear that neither wanted to get on to it. PETER wondered if JB. had BRIAN here for a drink sometime and whether he could recall the old days (hammering drowned words). ~~(Think)~~ Then PETER asked if LEO had been

13.30. in touch with JB. since they had talked to him. JB. said ~~xxxx~~ no he had not and he had not seen him since the last time they met. PETER went on - there was one thing he must tell JB. and that was that they had talked to RICHARD (L.D.) Oh had they, JB. replied (sounding slightly surprised). PETER reported that RICHARD had in effect asked ~~then to~~ if he could talk to JB. and ~~so he may talk to JB. as well.~~ we said ~~that~~ he might. JB. asked what his line was to be? PETER thought he should not admit anything and just see what RICHARD had to say. They had not told RICHARD that they knew JB. was involved or anything else. The thing that PETER found worrying about the discussion with RICHARD was that - using the old Communist trick of twisting the weapon in order to avoid giving a straight answer, they had questioned him as to whether he was approached by anyone....(inaudible again) .. and he had started to debate as to whether ~~it/[illegible]~~ it was a recognised approach. Did JB. see what he meant? PETER added he was somehow suspicious of people who did that. (Both laughed and spoke at once). PETER then added that one or two other people who he had no doubt were involved used this particular technique. S.B. said he had learnt it from ALISTER. JB. said he could not remember ~~was~~ whether we had ~~[illegible]~~ got any clear idea as to who would have made the approach to ALISTER? Was it GUY, GEORGE or - PETER broke in to say that what they did know was that

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ALISTER and said that he (RICHARD) was the man who took him out ~~in~~ to Chester Square. JB. had forgotten that. It was one of the few things that ALISTER had talked about and ~~he continued on this (drowned by noises from s.p.)~~ JB commented that ALISTER had said that J.B. was present at Chester Square. PETER ended with observation that it was curious. Very, admitted JB. adding that that was the occasion when he (ALISTER) was supposed to have been approached. (Both spoke at once so again inaudible and unintelligible.) PETER reminded JB. that ALISTER had described the ~~route through~~ house in Chester Square and JB. had said that this was obviously the place. Laughter as they remembered another awful ~~night~~ evening - etc. ~~Think there was mention of ANDREAS (ph) but as they were both laughing and talking at same time this was difficult to make out. There was also some mention of what JB. had commented on this occasion and further laughter as they recalled all this.~~

13.34. JB. went out then to get lunch (?). PETER remained in here whistling.

13.40. When he came back they looked at some architectural manuscript and conversation switched to other subjects. PETER asked what JB. planned to do this summer and JB. related that he had to organise the next exhibition in the Queen's Gallery. His retirement spoken of etc. Various incidents recalled ~~of~~ and spoken of. Then of his ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ relations with GASKIN and the Albany flat. ~~XXXXX~~

14.17. PETER spoke of his house in Essex and in Cornwall and general talk of houses and prices and rising values, selling house property, etc.

14.23. A bell rang in distance JB. ~~XXXXXXX~~ mentioned that he would have to go now as he had an appointment at 14.30. PETER agreed that he must go too. They both went out. Distant voices, as conversation continued there.

14.34. JB. came in with BELLAGUE. JB. apologised for communications having broken down and related that he had just had someone here who was coming for ten minutes at a quarter to one and he had only just got rid of him. (!) Conversation which followed was entirely on art matters.

15.04. They wandered out. It was quiet in here until -

17.40. JB. came in with Geof BENTON. Conversation no interest.

18.05. They went out.

It was quiet in here until coverage stopped at 01.00.

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13.03. JB. There is just one other point. I have got to go and give a lecture in Leicester. I will probably - er - probably stay with BRIAN. (A few more words murmured quiet unintelligibly.)

PW. Well, one of the things I want to talk to you about touches on BRIAN.

JB. Oh I see.

PW. One of the people we have talked to about the old days is Patrick DAY.

JB. Oh yes.

PW. We told him incidently that he could chat to you. We also... to him...

JB. No. (While PW. was speaking.)

P.W. at all well.

JB. Quite.

PW. But that he should chat to you about the old day..

JB. Oh yes. He came to stay about a fortnight ago..

PW. Did he. (While JB. was speaking)

JB. and didn't actually say anything about it.

PW. No.

Slight pause and P.W. continued.

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17 May 1972

Dear Anthony,

I was glad to hear from you. As you know John had great affection & respect for you & reciprocated your friendship & help in your MI5 days. He was so sorry we could so rarely persuade you to come here but much enjoyed your visits when you did come.

He did so much for so many people,

Sir Anthony Blunt
University of London
Courtauld Institute of Art
20. Portman Square,
London. W1.

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things. It is very warming to hear from them all with their appreciation of his wisdom & help & modesty.

I hope one day you will come again tho' it can only be dull comparatively for you.

The children are so good & supporting

Love, & thanks —

Elizabeth NOBLE
(Mrs. widow of John NOBLE
late of MI5

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THE BRITISH MUSEUM

DEPARTMENT OF PRINTS AND DRAWINGS

LONDON WC1

18 May 1972

Dear Anthony,

pres CROFT-MURRAY
formerly of MI5

As you probably know, Teddy is retiring this year, probably at the end of October, after having been Keeper for nearly twenty years. His colleagues in the Department feel that the occasion should be marked by some form of presentation, with which, of course, we should like to associate as many as possible of his other friends.

I am therefore writing to ask whether you would like to join with us in this. It would give him, I know, particular pleasure to know that you were associated with the presentation. We haven't yet, of course, decided on

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the form it should take. That must depend on (a) the amount of money we collect and (b) what is available on the market. I think he would most like a drawing or picture.

I am so glad to hear that your negotiations with Warner have been successful. You couldn't have got a better man for the job.

Yours ever

John

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I/C BRIAN SEWELL to BLUNDEN.
BRIAN asked about his trip.
BLUNDEN remarked that it was very strange really and ~~[illegible]~~ -'terrifying, I think, the moment you start talking to any Germans - and, the sort of paranoic state of mind about the wall'. He said that the feeling of being in a state of siege there was quite frightening. Otherwise, said BLUNDEN, it was quite enjoyable. To his great surprise, he said, the Major General with whom he was staying had turned out to be as kind as he could be and lived in a marvellous villa overlooking one of the lakes. BLUNDEN continued 'and we had various links that I thought we might have'. He went on- 'oddly enough, my father, apparently, was a great help to him - his father died when he was 7 and he seems to have been at the mercy of a lot of crooked relations and my father, who was the local vicar, apparently helped him a great deal and he remembered this with immense gratitude'.
A conversation about drawings followed.
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6. We asked if he had come across any familiar faces while he was in Germany - particularly people about whom we talked at the previous interview. His response was: "You mean people like Anthony BLUNT?". When we agreed that he was the sort of person we had in mind he added: "No, I didn't. I didn't know he was in Germany". We told him BLUNT had visited Germany several times soon after the end of the war. He repeated he had not seen him there. We then suggested he might have come across Leo LONG there. Having said he was quite sure he had not, characteristically added at least he did not think he had. We told him LONG had spent some time in Dusseldorf. He didn't think the team had visited Dusseldorf, though they had been quite close when they visited Essen. He explained they had been on the move nearly all the time; they had visited a good many places and talked to a good many people but almost all of these were technical people, not those associated with his Cambridge past; indeed he was pretty sure he had not met anyone from Cambridge in Germany.

(Comment:
(i) The fact that his immediate reaction was to raise BLUNT's name in this context struck us as a little odd.

(ii) Leo LONG (Trinity 1935-38/39; PF 604,789) was in Germany from April, 1945, and from the formation of the Control Commission served in counter-intelligence in Dusseldorf.)

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16. We asked if he had ever met Jack PLUMB (Christ's 1934-39 and 1946 onwards; PF 606,905) at the LINTOTT's or elsewhere. He thought he might have met him at the LINTOTT's; was he a short fat man? We were unable to answer this with certainty but suggested he was probably brought to the LINTOTT's by Ian HENDERSON. He thought this was possible. We said we had heard about an occasion in about 1935/36 when in addition to PLUMB and HENDERSON those who had been at the LINTOTT's that night probably included Alister WATSON, Guy BURGESS, Anthony BLUNT, Victor ROTHSCHILD and LLEWELYN DAVIES himself. He could not recall any specific evening when such a gathering had taken place but added he could see no reason why those people should not have been at the same party at the LINTOTT's. This would not have been unusual. His only doubt was as to whether Victor ROTHSCHILD would have been among those present.

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38. We went round and round the incident when (according to WATSON, but of course we did not vouchsafe the fact that it had been according to WATSON) LLEWELYN DAVIES was supposed to have taken WATSON to meet Guy's friend "Otto" at BURGESS's flat when BLUNT was also said to have been present. ----/---

40. ---/--- He mulled this over and asked whether he could have taken WATSON to see this friend of Guy's without being aware of anything sinister. We said we doubted it. He repeated he had no memory of anything of that nature and made the point that had there been sinister overtones at any occasion when he had been in WATSON's and BURGESS's company he would certainly have recalled it when BURGESS defected and would certainly have spoken either to Tess ROTHSCHILD or to Anthony BLUNT about it. He added he had known WATSON very well; he had been almost one of the family.

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49. We told him we were probing his relations with WATSON to help provide a background against which he might be able to recall the circumstances of any meeting he might have had when WATSON, BURGESS, possibly BLUNT, A. N. OTHER (a middle European) and himself had been together.

50. He said nothing came to his mind and then asked: "Anthony BLUNT - presumably Anthony was never an agent of any sort?" Before we could reply, he went on: "I wanted to talk to him after our first meeting; I refrained because I was not sure what level of confidentiality all this was supposed to have."

(Comment: As one of the main reasons for seeing LLEWELYN DAVIES was to provoke him into talking to BLUNT, at the first interview we had not given him the usual warning that he should not talk about our discussion to anyone.)

51. He made the point that if BLUNT had known about the proposition to WATSON he should have reported to the authorities at the time. Had he done so? We managed to avoid a direct answer; we told him we had discussed this matter at great length with BLUNT who, as he would know, was a wartime member of our Service. We would have no objection to his talking to BLUNT about this meeting; it was possible if they discussed it something might emerge which could throw further light on what is at present an incomplete and very unsatisfactory story. LLEWELYN DAVIES said he would like to do this.

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56. We reverted to his suggestion that he should talk to BLUNT and took the opportunity to ask him how long and how well he had known him. He thought he had met him very soon after going up to Trinity; he was pretty sure BLUNT had not visited their home in Ireland before then. He had had great prestige at Cambridge and symbolised the Society probably more than anyone else; he had had great charisma. He was uncertain when BLUNT had become an Apostle but had been well established in the Society by the time LLEWELYN DAVIES had been elected.

(Comment: According to the Conversazione Society President's Book, BLUNT was elected to the Apostles in 1928.)

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63a. We could get nothing new from him on this period and therefore moved on to wartime Bentinck Street. He could not recall any specific occasion when he had met PHILBY there but recalled that he was talked about particularly by BLUNT but also by BURGESS. He admitted that PHILBY had probably visited the flat but he simply had no definite memory that he did so. On the other hand he did have a definite memory of meeting Aileen with Pat and Tess.

(Comment: Although there are indications that PHILBY visited Bentinck Street there is nothing recorded relating to an association between Aileen FURSE and Tess MAYOR and Pat RAWDON SMITH (as they then were). If Aileen was friendly with them, the question arises did Flora SOLOMON have anything to do with the Bentinck Street menage. This is referred to again in the comment following the next para.)

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Incoming call to BLUNDEN from MARGARET WINNIE.
A discussion about Institute matters, art matters etc.
BLUNDEN mentiond the fact that he and FRANCIS were going to retire in the Autumn.
He talked about OLIVER MILLAR who, MARGARET said had been in the army for two years before beginning in 1945. At that time he was thought to have been aged 45. BLUNDEN mentioned also that OLIVER had been working
but he could not remember how long. He thought he had probably been there a couple of years.
Further about MARGARET WINNIE's holiday due any moment.
18.11

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Note. Margaret WHINNIE was Elsa SCHEERER's referee at her naturalisation on 29.6.46

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It was quiet until -

18.39. JB. came in with ELSA SHERER. They discussed manuscript etc. PF 44974

18.45. JB. mentioned his BERLIN trip. He had a clear picture of what BERLIN looked like but thought it was entirely imaginary. She asked where he was staying and he told her - believe it or not - with Major General Lord CATHCART - G.O.C. Berlin.

He spoke of the locality of a museum - DAHLEN (ph) and ELSA told him there was a DAHLEN (ph) Underground station next to the Museum. JB. imagined he would go by military transport.

18.50. JB. gathered the University was banned. ELSA confirmed this. Some complaint against Lord ECCLES followed by JB. Then they spoke of Institute matters and personalities, students etc. Then JB. spoke of his retirement from the Surveyorship. As she knew he had been trying to retire from this for some time. Then he suddenly discovered that he and Francis WATSON were twins nearly. They were both due to retire in the Autumn and no one knew whether the 65 rule applied. However they both agreed that whether or not it was a rule it would be sensible for them to keep it. He then repeated the story of being overheard talking on the telephone - as he always seemed to have the door open when speaking - and the rumour having spread that he was ~~xxit~~ retiring from the Institute - not the Surveyorship - in the autumn.

19.01. They switched to talk of John SHEARMAN at some length. ELSA thought he looked tired and ill.

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Dear Sir Anthony

We are now pleased to enclose the air ticket for your forthcoming visit to Germany.

Further to our letter of 10 May may we draw your attention to the change of flight to Berlin. This is now flight number BE 614 departing London 18.00 and arriving in Berlin at 19.45.

If you are checking-in at the West London Air Terminal, Cromwell Road SW7 you should do so no later than 16.40 hours on 22 May and if going direct to Heathrow Airport you should check-in at Terminal No 1 no later than 17.30.

As this now completes your travel arrangements may we take this opportunity of wishing you a very pleasant journey.

Yours sincerely

A Duster

(Mrs) A Duster
Travel Section

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15 May 1972

(Dear Roach)

Sir Anthony Blunt has asked me to write to you about one matter to do with his visit to Berlin from 22 to 26 May, to give the Queen's Lecture on 24 May.

According to Lord Cathcart's letter of 4 May, Sir Anthony was to make a visit to East Berlin in your company on Tuesday morning 23 May. In replying to Lord Cathcart he has now said that he should not go to East Berlin. He would however be grateful if you could arrange for him to visit the Kunstbibliothek, in particular the collection of Italian and French architectural drawings. A possible difficulty is that he has written in Burlington a severe review of a recently published catalogue of their French drawings by Berckenhagen, and he will very well understand if a visit might embarrass the museum people and had better not be done.

Would you please let me and the DOC's office know what you arrange?

(Yours ever)

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May 10th.

Dear Antony,

I'm sorry not to have answered your letter before but things have been a bit difficult here. I am all in favour of the un-hung pictures being re-arranged and better stored as you suggest. Of course it would be splendid if you and Bobbie came down - at anytime of your choosing - to supervise the operation, and Mason I'm sure could construct some racks for the smaller pictures. The re-organizing and painting of the North Gallery is certainly something to look forward to for next winter. It will be important to get the wall colour just right but this shouldn't be difficult. About the Bosch - could you keep it for the time being? John is not able to get downstairs at all at the moment and I think it might distress him if he

knew it was back in the house and he couldn't get down to see it, help decide how sisters it might be hung etc. That it should go in place of the Matsys would seem to be the answer. If you would like the 18th century Venetian portrait up in London during the next week or so, we can easily get it up to you in the back of the car as it is quite small. Perhaps your secretary would ring up Miss Gordon Williams here to fix it up.

yours ever

Pamela

pres. Lady Egremont

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BLUNT's Retirement

Recent TOWROPE and PHIDIAS have shown that BLUNT intends to retire shortly from his appointment as Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures. The subject was first mentioned in a conversation with Oliver MILLER (Deputy Surveyor) on May 4th 1972 (997a - other references are at 998a and 1003a).

2. BLUNT will be sixty-five in September this year, and apparently thinks that this will be a convenient moment to go. He hopes to retain some sort of 'honorary' Surveyorship which will enable him to continue work on the collection of drawings. He does not seem to be considering retirement from the Courtauld Institute at the same time.

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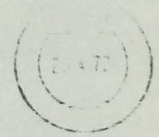

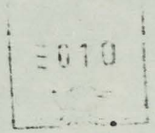

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GDR Government Strongly Condemns US Air Raids on DRV

On 15 and 16 April American air pirates carried out savage raids on Hanoi, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and Haiphong, the country's most important seaport.

With these air raids the US Government has escalated the criminal aerial warfare against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in a dangerous manner. The barbarous air raids carried out by US airplanes endanger the lives of the civilian population in Vietnam and of citizens of other countries, including citizens of the GDR whose ships are being unloaded in the Haiphong port.

The GDR Council of Ministers resolutely condemns this escalation of the American terror attacks.

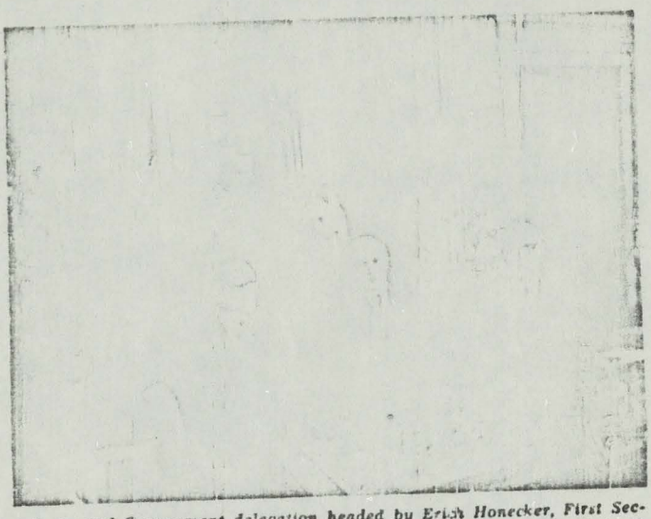
The unscrupulous American raids of terror constitute a criminal but hopeless attempt at continuing the American policy in Indochina, a policy that has failed in every respect. Even by applying the most brutal force, the USA will never succeed in subjugating the Indochinese peoples under their yoke. The only way out of this blind alley into which the Government in Washington has manoeuvred itself will be the consent to the just proposals submitted by the DRV and the Republic of South Vietnam, which are aimed at finding a political settlement to the Indochina problem.

The GDR Council of Ministers corroborates that side by side with the Soviet Union and the other members of the community of socialist states the German Democratic Republic firmly supports the demands made by the DRV and the RSV that the USA immediately end their aggressive actions against Indochina. At the same time the Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic emphasizes the firm solidarity of the GDR with the heroic Vietnamese people in its struggle against the aggression and the criminal US conception of Vietnamizing the war.

The GDR Council of Ministers resolutely condemns the US air raid against the GDR cargo-ship "Halberstadt" in the port of Haiphong, which constitutes a violation of international law, and declares that the US Government is fully responsible for the injuries suffered by GDR citizens and the damage to property.

There is no doubt: any new attack perpetrated by US air pirates against peaceful towns and villages in Vietnam will contribute to intensifying the peoples' hatred against the aggressors even more and to bringing about more quickly their final defeat.

The Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic emphatically demands the immediate and unconditional cessation of the terror attacks on the DRV and of the sabotaging of the Paris conference on Vietnam by the US Government.



A Party and Government delegation headed by Erich Honecker, First Secretary of the SED Central Committee, visited Bulgaria from 17 to 19 April. Photo shows Stanko Todorov, Chairman of the Bulgarian Council of Ministers, Erich Honecker, Todor Zivkov, First Secretary of the C.C. of the Bulgarian Communist Party and State Council Chairman, and Willi Stoph, Chairman of the GDR Council of Ministers during a friendly talk after the GDR representatives had been awarded the Georgi Dimitrov Order.

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JB. heard in early morning having breakfast and then not again until -

14.39. He came in with Roy PEARCE. Conversation about food and drink, as they cooked the steak. There was another lunch guest. A young Italian - possibly student - not identified. Conversation general and of no specific interest.

15.20. I/c call interrupted - see T.C. about burglar alarm. After call they resumed eating. Conversation no interest - very general. Food, wine, art.

15.50. JB. explained underground system in London. The Parliamentary system in this country and the London park etc. No interest

16.08. Then London churches pre fire of London etc. No interest.

16.17. By now JB. had got on to talking about and explaining historical fact of London and the City. Then pictures and sculptures etc.

16.33. Now speaking of Italian architecture etc. JB. instructing Italian Visitor which ROY listen with interest. It seemed ROY knew Visitor well.

16.50. Visitor asked where JB. stayed when in Naples. Usually he stayed in a hotel on the Via Roma (ph) just near the Largo Carita, called Hotel Toledo Regina. They went on to discuss Italian elections. Visitor gave views and account. JB. broke in to ask ~~if~~ what he voted V. replied Communist to which JB. replied that was good.

17.02. They spoke of the lack of coverage and news in the paper in this country.

17.07. Conversation switched to shopping and buying shirts.

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BONN'S DECISION

Comments by Soviet Party Leader Leonid Brezhnev

The West German Federal Republic faces a serious decision which can determine the attitude of the world for many years to come, Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev stated in a speech in Moscow on March 20th. He was referring to the forthcoming Bundestag vote on the ratification of the Bonn-Moscow treaty of 1970. Leonid Brezhnev said:

"Positive changes have come about in our relations with the German Federal Republic (GFR); they have become possible because of the signature of the treaty between the Soviet Union and the GFR, and the treaty between Poland and the GFR.

"There can be no doubt that the ratification of the treaty between the Soviet Union and the GFR would bring about a qualitatively-new and definitely more fruitful stage in the development of relations between the Soviet Union and West Germany.

"A sharp struggle has broken out in the GFR on the question of the ratification of the treaties. There are politicians who oppose the treaties, and who even claim that there can be no genuine reconciliation and no development of normal relations between the GFR and the socialist countries.

"The opponents of the treaties make no secret of their plans. They state that the treaties are no good, since they establish the inviolability of the frontiers in Europe, and they suggest that these articles of the treaties should be 'revised'.

countries are immovable, and in this respect the treaties simply reflect the existing realities.

"The enemies of the treaties do not conceal the fact that they would like to weaken the sovereignty of the German Democratic Republic. In this respect too they wish to revive the past. For nearly a quarter of a century the GDR has been striding confidently down the socialist path. The GDR is an active participant in the international life of today. Anybody who does not recognise this will find that his policy ends in a blind alley. The time has long been ripe to recognise that there can be no real normalisation of the European situation until full respect is paid to the position of the GDR as an independent sovereign socialist country.

"The GFR today faces a weighty decision, a decision which will determine for many years to come the destiny of its people, and the attitude of other states towards the GFR. The GFR must decide between co-operation and confrontation, between detente and a sharpening of tension, and in the final analysis between a policy of peace and a policy of war.

"As far as the Soviet Union is concerned we are approaching both honestly and seriously the question of improving relations with the GFR, though for obvious reasons this is not a simple question for our country. The people of the Soviet Union still recall the horrors of the past war, and the suffering which the Hitlerite-fascist aggression brought to our people. We believe, however, that the difficult past should not constitute for all time an insur-

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The attached manuscript note (to be typed when time permits) is a guide to what has been said about BLUNT since 1951 to Whitehall Departments, H.M. Queen's Private Secretary and Liaison Services.

done with amendments, 15/6 KP KJ

S. M. Toml

(signed in her absence)

12 May 1972

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1.	15.6.51	H.O.W.	"For many years closely associated with Guy BURGESS. It has been alleged that BURGESS was a Soviet agent and that AFB assisted him...."
2.	7.53 128a minute 129	Vetting re F.O. sponsored lecture Germany	Talbot de Malahide spoken to by GRM (C.1) "along lines" B2a (CAGS) minute, presumably - AFB thoroughly communist in outlook in '30s. Not now, or if now, not notoriously. 'Formal' answer to vet - 'N.R.A.' (Carey-Foster also involved at F.O. end over similar vet some months earlier.)
3.	8.54 147a 149a	Another British Council sponsored lectureship. F.O. vet.	De la Mare (F.O., Security Department) advised Head/F.O. Cultural Relations Dept. "although no specific security objection", AFB unsuitable for reasons of possible embarrassment (Press, etc.)
4.	7.10.55 164b,165a	Correspondence re questions raised in the press	Summary sent to F.O. (C.A. Thompson, Security Dept.) concluding - AFB's seeming lack of total frankness possibly due to homosexual motives.
5.	13.6.56 212a	To F.O. J.E.D. Street	Informed that there had been a recent further talk with Prof. AFB to go over points raised by Goronwy REES.
6.	28.10.57 257b	Conference in Attorney General's rooms (Sir Reginald MANNINGHAM-BULLER)	Context whether fiat for prosecution of BURGESS could be granted - agreed that AFB - the key witness should be questioned again. A.G. told he had been seen 'on several occasions'. A.G. asked to see what statements AFB had made.
7.	13.12.57 264a	Papers sent to D.P.P. on Security Service interviews with BLUNT	Report of an interview cut to include only information on Guy BURGESS - not comments on AFB per se.
8.	7.1.58 266a	Meeting in D.P.P.'s office	D.P.P. did not require a further statement from AFB in view of reports of previous ones. No evidence justifying prosecution of Guy BURGESS.
9.	2.3.64. 313a	Sir Charles Cunningham (CC) Home Secretary (BROOKE)	Seen by D.G. (RHH) and told briefly that STRAIGHT had alleged that BLUNT had recruited him for R.I.S. Agreed that D.P.P. would have to be consulted and Sir Michael Adeane informed prior to interview.

10.	26.3.64 328a		HOW short reason. Guy BURGESS intimate (as before). Recent information that he himself in contact with the R.I.S.
11.	13.4.64. 339a	Sir Charles Cunningham (CC)	By D.D.G. (F-J) to arrange for D.G. and C.C. to see D.P.P. and Sir Michael Adeane on our proposal not to prosecute AFB.
12.	14.4.64 340a	Maurice Crump Acting D.P.P.	Seen by L.A. (J.A.A.) and told case against AFB. Crump authorised M.I.5. to give immunity for actions pre-war and if necessary for period he served in M.I.5. Crump informed A.G. who had nothing to say.
13.	16.4.64 minute 343	Sir Michael Adeane (MA)	Seen by D.G. (RHH) with C.C. and told that AFB had been interviewed a number of times mainly on connections with Guy BURGESS. New information from STRAIGHT had now been received and BLUNT was to be interviewed again. D.P.P. had authorised immunity. M.A. would not tell anyone. He asked to be warned of publicity.
14.	?29.5.64 374b	R.C.M.P.	Supt. Bill Kelly in London told by D (MEDC) - information to be confined to Kelly, Commissioner Bordeleau and Higgitt.
15.	17.6.64 388b	Home Secretary (BROOKE)	D.G. reported that AFB had admitted spying for the Russians during war when in M.I.5.
16.	prior 25.6.64 394a	F.B.I./C.I.A.	PMW told Belmont and Angleton in U.S.A. that AFB had admitted working for R.I.S. up to 1945.
17.	1.7.65 461a		RCS' summary of who had been told and what (copy attached).
18.	Between 2 and 6.10.65 474b	Kelly, R.C.M.P.	By PMW in Canada. Outline of case and our use of AFB as continuing source. Information to be restricted to Kelly, Higgitt and Bennett.

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19.	6.6.66 520z	Home Secretary (Jenkins)	Jenkins asked for paper on 'Ring of Five' and if AFB a spy. Told he was, and the information.
20.	Between 1.11 - 12.12.66 545a	Home Secretary (Jenkins)	Note on Ring of Five prepared at Jenkins request, handed by D.G. (F-J) to Sir Philip Allen (PA) and handed back by P.A. to D.D.G. (CAGS).
21.	16.10.67 593a		D (AMMacD) establishes that Palace had not been told of AFB's confession. Last information at serial 343a.
22.	16.10.67 594a	Sir Burke Trend (BT)	D.G. spoke as a result of B.T.'s anxiety as to whether anything should be said to the Palace re 'Insight' team's interest in AFB. D.G. gave B.T. outline of our dealings with AFB and said as far as we knew the offences were committed a long time ago. Sir Michael Adeane had been informed and no useful purpose could be served in speaking to him again. Risk of libel would deter "Sunday Times" from printing anything particularly damaging.
	"	Philip Allen (PA)	At B.T.'s request spoken to by D.G. P.A. thought it would be wise to warn Adeane that AFB's name might appear in papers, reminding him of what he had been told in 1964.
23.	18.10.67 595a	Philip Allen (PA)	Note on AFB for Home Secretary to brief P.M. because of possible notoriety in press - brief account of admissions made by B and his continuing use as source.
24.	14.12.67 604b	Home Secretary (Callaghan)	HOW review with D.D.G. (CAGS) and P.A. D.D.G. mentioned Ring of Five including AFB's name.
25.	27.3.68 - 5.4.68 616abb	Home Secretary (Callaghan)	Ring of Five - note sent by D.G. to P.A. for Home Secretary. Returned having been shown to Home Secretary. (Similar note to 24)
26.	1.5.69 699a	Philip Allen (PA)	D.D.G. letter re Application for new HOW - continuing source, used to check veracity and help handle case. Letter returned and destroyed.

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			HOW short reason - intimate friend of Guy BURGESS and involved with him in Russian espionage before, during and after the war - investigation continues.
27.	?10.2.71 799a	Philip Allen (PA)	Seen by D.D.G. (CAGS) and agreed FCAL coverage. P.A. told AFB believed to be concealing information and may be still in touch with R.I.S.
28.	31.3.71 818b	C.I.A.	KX (MBH) told Angleton in London that we were re-assessing AFB
29.	2.4.71 821a	Philip Allen (PA)	D.D.G. (CAGS) reported on Operation MOOT POINT (the Microphone Installation). It was proposed to brief Michael Adeane again and also brief Home Secretary (Maudling).
30.	11.5.71 843a	Philip Allen (PA)	D.G. (EMF-J) provided brief for Home Secretary and Adeane - similar to previous briefs ((24) and (26)) with addition that AFB may still be under R.I.S. control.
31.	Nov-Dec 71 900a,914a, 915a,917b	Philip Allen (PA)	D.D.G. (MBH) discussed Queen's lecture to be given by AFB, with P.A. In the context of the Queen's ignorance of AFB's security record, M.B.H. told P.A. that there could be revelations in the press after his death.
32.	Jan 72 link H 11a	Philip Allen (PA)	Note about Operation Silk (LLEWELYN-DAVIES, ASTBURY, LONG and WATSON) together with HOW applications on LONG and WATSON.

A.C.E.

12 May 1972

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NOTE FOR FILE

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1. This note examines the following questions: -

(a) Who knows about the BLUNT case and what have they been told ?

(b) Do we need to give additional information to those already informed ?

(c) Do we need to inform anyone else ?

2. Who knows about the BLUNT case and what have they been told ?

The following table shows who have been told about the case and what they have been told, apart from people in the Security Service A tick in one of the right-hand columns shows what information has been given. The figure in brackets after the tick refers to the relevant serial in the file.

Ministers & Senior Officials	(1) STRAIGHT's allegation	(2) Intention to interrogate BLUNT	(3) BLUNT's confession
Home Secretary (former)	✓(313a)		✓(388b)
Attorney-General (former)	✓(340a)	✓(340a)	
Sir C. Cunningham	✓(313a)	✓(327a)	✓(388b)
D.P.P. (former acting)	✓(340a)	✓(340a)	
Sir M. Adeane	✓(Min.343)	✓(Min.343)	
Other Intelligence Services			
F.B.I.	✓(312b)	✓(312b)	✓(394a)
C.I.A.			✓(394a)
R.C.M.P.			(374b)
Other Persons			
D. FOOTMAN (PF.604,589)			(372a)
Leo LONG (PF. 44.592)			(379a)
K.JOHNSTON (PF.604,711)			(396a)

3. All the above were informed orally. There has been no written report on the case. The F.B.I. were informed by D.3 in June 1964 that they would be getting a report.

4. So far as is known, no Ministers in the present Government have been informed, nor has Sir Burke Trend.

5. The Foreign Office has not been told that BLUNT was a spy. However, his name has been mentioned in circumstances which must, in my view, leave little doubt in the mind of certain officials that we know him to have been a spy. This has arisen in connection with the cases of STEWART (PF.604,620) and WATSON (PF.148,260).

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6. In the case of STEWART it was decided at a meeting attended by D.G., D.D.G., D. and D.1. on 11th August, 1964, that BLUNT should not be named to the Foreign Office as a spy; the Foreign Office could be told that we had certain knowledge of a sixth spy in addition to the Ring of Five, but his identity did not bear on Foreign Office security. Street was so informed on 11th August, 1964, and he did not press the matter.

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7. On 14th August, 1964, Henley discussed the STEWART case with Street. In the course of doing so, he said that we were going to interview an individual, now known to have been a spy, who was to have been at an R/V outside the Athenaeum Club on 7th June, 1951, to meet the "Stewart" who had telephoned the Reform Club earlier that day asking to speak urgently to BURGESS or BLUNT. Since the Foreign Office already knew the story of the telephone call, it should have been evident to Street that the person we were going to interview was BLUNT. He did not, however, ask if this was so.

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8. On 2nd September, 1964, Martin briefed Sir Bernard Burrows for his forthcoming interview with STEWART. Sir Bernard quizzed Martin about BLUNT and clearly hinted that we were being less than frank with him concerning our information about BLUNT. However, Martin stuck to the agreed story that we were no more than highly suspicious of BLUNT because of his close association with BURGESS.

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9. A statement on the WATSON case was sent to the Foreign Office on 1st March, 1965. This included a reference to WATSON's knowledge of people in the "BURGESS/BLUNT Circle". BLUNT's name was included inadvertently and was meant to be omitted from the version of the statement sent to the Foreign Office. Subsequently the Foreign Office was asked to excise his name. No questions were asked, but the inference must have been fairly obvious.

10. <u>Do we need to give additional information to those already informed ?</u>

I think we ought to give the F.B.I. a short written report on the case, since we undertook to do so and the original lead came from them in the shape of Michael STRAIGHT's statement.

11. <u>Do we need to inform anyone else ?</u>

From the point of view of D. Branch, I see no necessity to tell anyone else about the case, with the possible exception of John CAIRNCROSS, and the Foreign Office. The pros and cons of informing CAIRNCROSS are discussed in a separate note at serial 651a in PF.72,493. As I have said there, we

need to form a clearer idea of what intelligence we hope to derive from informing CAIRNCROSS, before we take the risk of doing so.

12. As regards the Foreign Office, it remains true that the identity of BLUNT does not bear directly on Foreign Office security. However, we are bound to get into further discussions with the Foreign Office about the Ring of Five in connection with the cases of STEWART and WATSON, particularly since in our letter to the Foreign Office about STEWART dated 18th June, 1965, we committed ourselves to the statement that we had probably not yet identified all the members of the Ring of Five. I should personally find it very much easier if I could be entirely frank in discussing the Ring of Five and our theories about its membership. Indeed I think I should find it impossible to continue for long to refer to BLUNT and to a certain 'X' as if they were two separate persons.

13. It is not for me to advise on whether any Ministers or additional Senior Officials need to be informed of the case on general policy grounds. There would appear to be no need to do so, so long as we can anticipate no risk of publicity. A leak in present circumstances could, however, be highly embarrassing.

R. C. Symonds

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1st July, 1965.

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			HOW short reason - intimate friend of Guy BURGESS and involved with him in Russian espionage before, during and after the war - investigation continues.
27.	?10.2.71 799a	Philip Allen (PA)	Seen by D.D.G. (CAGS) and agreed FCAL coverage. P.A. told AFB believed to be concealing information and may be still in touch with R.I.S.
28.	31.3.71 818b	C.I.A.	KX (MBH) told Angleton in London that we were re-assessing AFB
29.	2.4.71 821a	Philip Allen (PA)	D.D.G. (CAGS) reported on Operation MOOT POINT (the Microphone Installation). It was proposed to brief Michael Adeane again and also brief Home Secretary (Maudling).
30.	11.5.71 843a	Philip Allen (PA)	D.G. (EMF-J) provided brief for Home Secretary and Adeane - similar to previous briefs ((24) and (26)) with addition that AFB may still be under R.I.S. control.
31.	Nov-Dec 71 900a,914a, 915a,917b	Philip Allen (PA)	D.D.G. (MBH) discussed Queen's lecture to be given by AFB, with P.A. In the context of the Queen's ignorance of AFB's security record, M.B.H. told P.A. that there could be revelations in the press after his death.
32.	Jan 72 Link H 11a	Philip Allen (PA)	Note about Operation Silk (LLEWELYN-DAVIES, ASTBURY, LONG and WATSON) together with HOW applications on LONG and WATSON.

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9.5.72
Wednesday

Outgoing call BLUNDEN to Windsor Castle, to
ROBIN MACWORTH YOUNG.
BLUNDEN, after they had discussed various art questions,
[redacted] told ROBIN of his intention to see JOHNNIE (COL JOHNSON)
sometime this week.
He mentioned his talk with FRANCIS WATSON who had brought up the
subject of retirement since they were both going to be 65 this autumn.
Very much to BLUNDEN's surprise FRANCIS had said 'yes' to the
question as to whether retirement was advisable, and had added
that GEOFFREY was perfectly able to take over.
BLUNDEN went on to emphasize therefore that -'it looks to me as
though probably FRANCIS and I will formally retire in the Autumn'.
ROBIN -'Autumn of this year?'.
BLUNDEN replied -'Yes - I mean, that would be good - well, you see,
OLIVER has been deputy for 25 years - it's really monstrous'.
ROBIN agreed about OLIVER and added -'it's about time'.

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BLUNDEN continued by explaining that- 'I don't want to bow out
altogether' -'but I'd like to be called something like honorary
which in fact I have been for most of the time - also, I should very
much like to be continued as honorary curator of the drawings'.
ROBIN stressed that - 'this is what we would all like' and BLUNDEN
thanked him very much. BLUNDEN felt that it would be a disaster
from his point of view to give up work not long ago begun on the drawings.
BLUNDEN then continued by saying that he did in fact hope that when
-'I retire here in two years'- that he would be able to devote more
time to those drawings and possibly go there regularly—possibly a
day a week perhaps.
ROBIN brought up the subject of a possible title for BLUNDEN's work
under those circumstances and BLUNDEN suggested he could simply be
called- 'Honorary Keeper of Pictures and Drawings', and ROBIN seemed
to agree.
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Professor Sir Anthony Blunt, K.C.V.O. F.B.A.

The Courtauld Institute

20 Portman Square

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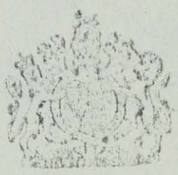

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE, S.W.1.

8 May 1972

Dear Anthony,

I was, of course, enormously touched by our conversation the other evening. I have always said to myself that if I ever succeeded you, the first thing I'd do would be to call on John Brealey and ensure that good relationships were continued and increased. And of course I'd regard you as in overall charge of the Orangery scheme.

As for the Print Room at Windsor, I don't think I'm being unfair to him in saying that your regular presence there would not matter. Indeed I think it would be a great advantage to get it

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working in a round here. I finish next month, I am sure, really fortunately to encouragement and stimulus and challenge. And it seems to me, he certainly has to know that in certain days good to be found at Windsor, so that we will keep happily in touch.

Yours ever

Oliver Millar

Dep. Surveyor of Queen's Pictures

AFB has obviously discussed retirement with O.M.? at 997a

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Tel. 689.629

5th May, 1972.

Sir Anthony Blunt,
Courtauld Institute of Art,
20 Portman Square,
LONDON W1.

Dear Anthony,

Would you be very kind, as always, and ask one of your young men to do a little research for me on behalf of a customer.

She has a painting by Harry Hall (painter of horses in about 1800) and she would like to know something about him if possible, or at any rate, the date of his birth and death.

Would it be an awful nuisance to get someone to look up this information and drop me a line.

Hoping to see you in Rome again before long during your annual visit.

Yours ever,

Mary

Mary Shearer
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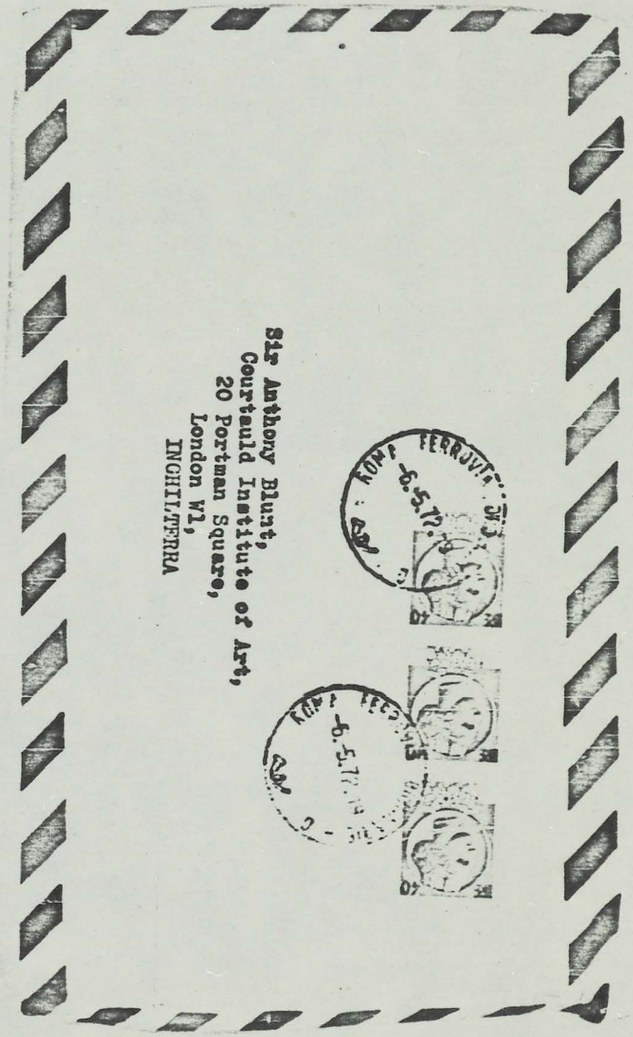

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Note for File

K/Adviser saw BLUNT today at 13.00 at 20 Portman Square at his request. BLUNT wished to consult him about the advisability of fulfilling the part of his Berlin programme which involved visiting East Berlin.

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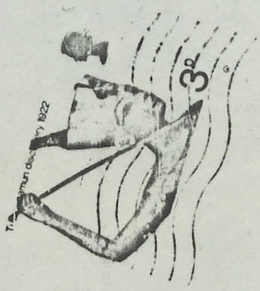

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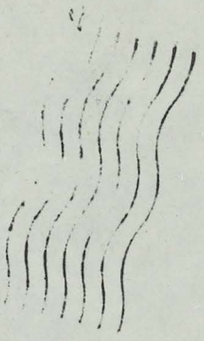

FROM: MAJOR GENERAL THE EARL CATHCART DSO MC

HEADQUARTERS
BERLIN (BRITISH SECTOR)
BRITISH FORCES POST OFFICE 45

GOC 1402

4 May 1972

Dear Sir Anthony Blunt

The arrangements for your visit to Berlin to deliver the Queen's Lecture seem to be coming along well. I understand that Aris of the British Council intends to book you to Berlin on an afternoon flight on Monday 22 May and back to London on a morning flight on Friday 26 May. On this basis we have drawn up the following outline programme:

22 May :	pm	Arrival
		Dinner at Villa Lemm (private)
23 May :	am	Visit to East Berlin, accompanied by Mr Roach (British Council, Berlin)
	1300	Lunch with Mr Roach
	pm	Free
	2000	Dinner at Villa Lemm (to which I plan to invite leading figures in the Berlin museum world)
24 May :	am	City tour, including New National Gallery and Schloss Charlottenburg
	1300	Lunch given by Governing Mayor
	pm	Free. (Possibly a quick visit to the Lecture Room to check slides, etc)
	1930	Lecture, Kongresshalle; followed by Reception by Governing Mayor, also in the Kongresshalle. Late supper back at Villa Lemm
25 May :	1000	Dahlem Museum and Picture Gallery, accompanied by Professor Waetzold
	1230 (approx)	Lunch at the Museum, at the invitation of Professor Waetzold
	pm	Free. Possibly continued visit to the Picture Gallery
	Evening	Deutsche Oper ("MANON LESCAUT")
26 May :	am	Depart

Perhaps you would let me know if this looks about right or if there is anything else you would wish to have included. In particular, I would be grateful to know if there is anything special you would like to see during your visit to East Berlin. The visit to the Opera on 25 May has very thoughtfully been suggested by the Senate, the City's governing body, who

have offered the tickets, but I do not think they would be at all offended if it did not appeal to you and you declined it. Perhaps you would let me know how you feel about this?

Yours sincerely

Cathcart

Sir Anthony Blunt
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Outgoing call BLUNDEN to the Lord CHAMBERLAIN's office, for COL. JOHNSON.
BLUNDEN was off to Paris in a few minutes' time - he presumed with JOHNSON's permission. He emphasized that he wanted to see JOHNSON upon his return in order to talk about the question of retirement. Would he wish to talk to the Lord Chamberlain personally?
BLUNDEN replied that he would rather like to talk to JOHNSON as a preliminary. His talk would unofficially include remarks by and on behalf of FRANCIS WATSON whom he saw yesterday.
BLUNDEN would be back on Tuesday at midday.
Arrangements agreed for BLUNDEN to go and see JOHNSON, Thursday at 15.30.

BLUNDEN went on to enquire as to whether the retirement at the age of 65 applied to himself-and to FRANCIS WATSON?
JOHNSON really had no idea but as, a snap answer, he would have thought 'yes'- 'but it's not necessarily a binding yes'. JOHNSON explained that he did not know whether surveyors, who were on a slightly different basis than full-time working members of the Household, were kept on after the normal retiring age.
BLUNDEN and FRANCIS were the same age - so BLUNDEN had discovered yesterday.
BLUNDEN continued -'We would both feel that this might be a rather convenient formula for sort of settling the matter'.
JOHNSON promised to have the answer for him by Thursday.

BLUNDEN -'I mean, we both feel that we ought to get out'.
JOHNSON -'Exactly'.
Amidst laughter, BLUNDEN said that he did not like the tone of enthusiasm with which JOHNSON had expressed himself.
JOHNSON, on the other hand, said that he had almost tears in his eyes at the thought of it. He explained that he had merely meant that he now knew the sort of line BLUNDEN would be wanting to take which made it very helpful and clear.
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Outgoing call BLUNDEN to OLIVER MILLAR, Penn 2124.
BLUNDEN asked if MILLAR would let the office know that he would be away in Paris from tomorrow until Tuesday morning.
BLUNDEN, mentioning that the Queen had opened the RIBA drawings gallery at number 21 today, talked of his meeting at that ceremony with FRANCIS WATSON when they were standing about talking about this, that and the other.
The question of retirement suddenly came up when BLUNDEN had said to WATSON that -'I wasn't at all clear what the situation was but that I'd gathered that the rule of retirement at 65 might well apply, and, that I was going to get in touch with JOHNNIE to find out whether this was the case or not'.

Ech. G. Mann

Director Wallace Collection & Surveyor of Queen's Works of Art

pres Col. Johnson of Lord Chamberlain's Office

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WATSON, to BLUNDEN's surprise, had said -' Well, that would solve all our problems, wouldn't it?'.
BLUNDEN added, in confidence, that WATSON was not for the moment retiring from the Wallace. His age was almost the same as BLUNDEN's. WATSON relished the idea of 'GEOFFREY' taking over from him.
BLUNDEN had talked of his plans to get into touch with JOHNNIE upon his return from France to discuss his own position. He would also ask to see the LORD CHAMBERLAIN. He would suggest to him that both WATSON and himself were formally given the title of 'honorary' when retired. By this, BLUNDEN said, he would be able to continue to see the Mantegna through to it's end and, above all, he could go on working on the drawings.
MILLAR felt sure that this must be everyone's desire, in particular Lord COBBOLD'd.
BLUNDEN mentioned having met Lord MacLEAN for 1 minute and had found him extremely kind.
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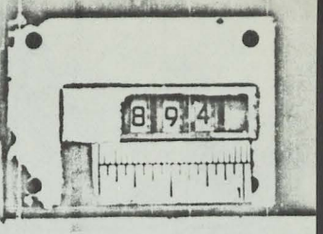

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PAR AVION

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R. Gibbs
Villa Thouraya.
El Ksmar.
Sousse
Tunisie.

6.00 AM.
26. 4. 72

Dear A,

Not a lot of progress since I last wrote, a little more sunburn. I have been waiting for an Arab friend to return from France to help us to negotiate the work aspect but he keeps delaying his return so today I may approach the Capitaine de Porte who apparently is in control of the beach etc; and there is another potential for work in Hammamet 30 miles north of here

All I seem a little

in case you didn't it should be for the attention of MR J. SMITH.

It is now 6.30 the sun is just getting some strength in about half an hour it will be hot. I suspect one of our problems will be the heat in June, July, August, at the moment we can only lie out in the sun because of the breeze, but the locals say that after this month it gets very hot, even for them (at the moment they wear scarves and over coats)

well, All the family are fast in still asleep after her cup of tea

Perhaps I'll be in a happier frame of mind the next time I write.

TAKE CARE.

Ray.

depressed. I think it is mainly that we have arrived at least 3 weeks too soon there are quite a number of tourists here but they are mainly middle aged Germans who are not the most likely prospects for water-skiing on the other hand we have noticed there last few days an increase in the younger tourists mainly French and British so things may be brighter sooner than I expect

I should have to return in about 3-4 weeks to see about the house. Oh by the way did you write that letter about my earnings at the contracted. to the Harlow Development Corp Harlow

Y.

~~Spare~~

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It was quiet until - (Notes)

13.27. JB. came in to the room with Caroline PILKINGTON and lunch guest. (Un. id. man) Sovial chat and then on drawings on which CAROLINE was doing some

13.38. research. They eventially drifted out.

It was then quiet until - (Notes)

18.34. JB. came in with ANDY REVAI and ROBIN CHANCELLOR. Continuing conversation started already ANDY asked about Berlin. JB. told him that it was a thing called the Queen's lecture. Kenneth CLARKE would also be lecturing. JB. would do so in English and it would take an hour. After these details he went on to relate that he would be staying with the G.O.C. British Troops - BERLIN. It would be staying in his private house. He thought he would probably be very nice. He was called Lord CATHCART. ANDY would like to read the lecture and JB. would see a copy was sent to him.

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18.59. Digression on drawings- possibly this was description of those which CAROLINE PILKINGTON was interested in. They continued to talk about art series in the portfolio. The tests and research involved.

19.10. They spoke of lecture on the 11th on Baroque and Rococco. ANDY would be delighted for invitation and JB. would give him a double card (for Thursday week 11th), when they went down to his office. Then of trying to get into the TUTENKHAMUN exhibition.

19.15. JB. went out to get replenishment for drinks. ANDY and ROBIN continued to look through a portfolio. Seemed to be pictures now.

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19.20. Now seemed to be looking further pictures, chatting over them. Discussing the artists. Then personalities in the art world.

19.38. Then various art functions and dates of lectures. JB. laughingly related that ELIZABETH HASLOCK had told him sternly today, when he was trying to make an appointment, that he could not make any appointments at all until after May 19th. ANDY queried this as being after Berlin to which JB. replied - "no the week after I come back from Paris - there just wasn't a gap." ANDY asked when he would be in Berlin. JB. told him, after a slight hesitation as he tried to remember date, it would be the 22nd -23rd. He added "and I am purposely taking an armoured car into East Berlin to see the OUTER ZEN ZEE (??PH) pictures (ph)." ANDY seemed to know and added that most of the pictures were in DAHLEK (ph) or DAHLEN (ph) and quiet alot in CHARLOTTENBERG. JB. queried where exactly CHARLOTTENBERG was. ANDY informed him that it was in the British Section Zone and POTSDAM in the Russian. Slight pause as JB. pondered on this and then he remarked that no doubt Major General Lord CATHCART would lay it all on. Slight pause and they all laughed about the trip in the armoured car and JB. emerged asked about the Berlin Wall. To this ANDY replied that the Wall did exist because the stop before passports were checked at the Check Point. ROBIN laughingly reminded them that the ordinary Berliners were not allowed through so there could not be all that many - so all agreed it would be for a limited number. ROBIN described some Martian object which was an hotel. There was another slight pause and JB. then spoke of RAY GIBBS giving latest news.

19.43. Further pause and ANDY asked when he would be coming for the weekend. JB. pondered and suggested Bank Holiday weekend. Various reasons against this weekend and finally it was decided that he should come down in July definitely and possibly the Bank Holiday weekend as well. Lengthy chat about ROBIN's mother. ANDY then remarked on some chairs and asked if he had seen them before. JB. told him that had come up from down below but had in fact been here for about ten years. ROBIN broke in with the crack that JB. was very Conservative although a Left Winger.

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19.50. Chatting and laughing they drifted from the room. They were heard laughing and talking in the distance until -

20.00. It was quiet until -

20.10. JB. came back and he rustled through papers, clearing throat and coughing. These movements went on until -

21.30. It was quiet and remained so until coverage stopped at 01.00.

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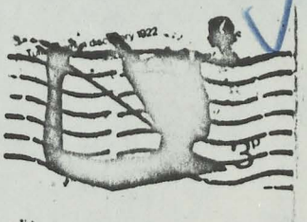

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PKH/JIT/EGR 1 May 1972

OPENING OF DRAWINGS COLLECTION AND GALLERY

21 PORTMAN SQUARE 4 MAY

I am so glad that you will be present on Thursday 4 May when Her Majesty The Queen visits Portman Square to open the new home of the Drawings Collection and the Heinz Gallery.

Guests must be in their places before the arrival of Her Majesty and we should be glad therefore if you would arrive between 2.30 and 2.45. Please make sure you have your invitation with you as admittance will only be made on presentation of the invitation card and no guests will be admitted after 2.50 until opening ceremony is over.

The Queen will arrive at 3.0 pm and will immediately be conducted to the exhibition gallery on the ground floor where she will make a short speech. The President will then escort the Queen round the exhibition and upstairs, to the Study Room and to the Curator's Room.

In order to make room for Her Majesty to see the exhibition in the Gallery in comfort we are asking some of the guests to visit some of the other rooms as soon as the speeches are over. We should appreciate it if you would remain in the gallery.

The Queen is due to depart at 3.45 and tea will be served immediately afterwards.

There is no space for cars outside the building but there are parking meters in Portman Square and a National Car Park Garage opposite in Gloucester Place.

P K HARRISON
Secretary

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Movements only during the morning and until -

15.08. It was quiet and remained so until -

17.02. JB. came in with Martin KILBRIDE. He spoke of Naples - the rain and journey home. MARTIN had brought some slides of Germany and showed these. JB. mentioned that he had to give two difficult public lectures - one in Berlin. There he added, he would have MARTIN know, he was staying with the Officer Commanding - the G.O.C. English troops - Major General Lord CATHCART (ph ?) MARTIN impressed and asked how that had happened. JB. explained that he was giving rather a grand foundation lecture organised by the Embassy and he could not very well say no - he could not say he would rather stay at the smallest hotel in Berlin. MARTIN liked BERLIN. JB. said that he had only been there once since the war and that was in 1945. He did not like it and was not happy in Germany nor Berlin. If he had to be in Berlin he would like to be as far as possible from the border. He added that more and more he felt he did not like anywhere except the Mediterranean, or near it. The other lecture he had to give was at the British Academy here.

Digression as they spoke of Brazilia and Mexico. No further interest.

17.39. MARTIN left.

18.11. JB. came in with John AVORY. Conversation of no interest.

18.35. JOHN went to have a bath and was followed by JB.

It was quiet until -

21.09. Movements.

21.42. It was quiet and remained so until ~~coverage stopped at 01.00.~~

~~Note~~ It was quiet all day in XJR/3

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NOTE

John GASKIN left for Athens on Saturday, April 22nd 1972, where he was meeting a (presumably) Greek boyfriend, LEFTERI. TOWROPE reported that he intended to be away for three months.

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THE FRIENDS OF THE COURTAULD INSTITUTE

Combe Hay Manor,
Bath

26th April 1972

Sir Anthony Blunt,
Courtauld Institute of Art,
20, Portman Square
London

Dear Anthony,

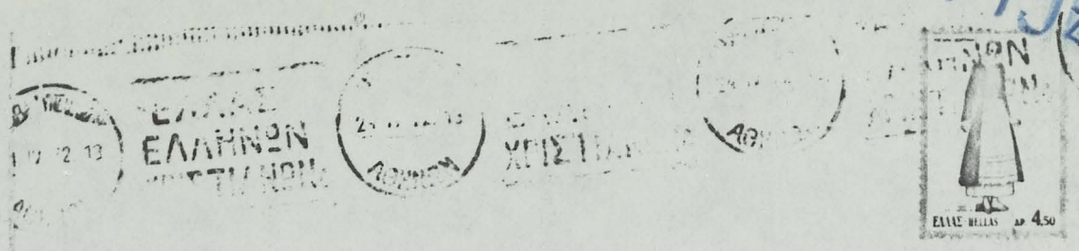
Please could you let me know whether Elsa has accepted the chore of looking after the Friends. I know you are frightfully busy but I yearn to be let off this hook.

— Sheever pres

Yours ~~sincerely,~~

B Robertson

Mrs. C. Robertson.



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20. Portman. Sq.
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WELBECK 1074.

Dear A

Got away having left as you ~~know~~ know suddenly. Our super maid as Eric calls her was very nice and looked after me during that last week. Peter gave her some money, and she bought it on what she called a fine half quart of whisky. Still they usually say can imagine.

Peter was not at the airport to meet me and is staying with me. I took your advice, he certainly is super, super but things don't work out really for me and I am sure that you can manage much better than me. Anyway I do suggest we change him and to stay he is terrific.

Unfortunately I did have a bad night with my back. But a good flight as I did not care if the plane crashed or not.

Esther still seems as sweet as ever.
but he has developed into a husky man –
After all he was only 17 when I first met him
ten years ago. He speaks good English –
with a nice accent.
I could not but feel very happy at the thought
of him meeting me – the plane was late and he
was so endearing and warm. We had a lovely
meal at Scingers Stuffed wine leaves, Moussaka
and beautiful baby pig – Cost £2 with Salad
Retsina and tip. Better than Tot Lymes
This is to let you know I am well

Love,

GASKIN

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IN CONFIDENCE

26 April 1972

Professor Sir Anthony Blunt, KCVO,
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Dear Blunt

I am concerned about the membership of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art as your present term of office expires on 31 July and there is already a vacancy as a result of the death of David Talbot Rice. I am very anxious that there should be a strong Committee at the present time and that there should be a reasonable degree of continuity to give the maximum possible support to Lord Perth, who can be expected to take over from Lord Cottesloe as Chairman before long.

Your own contribution to the Committee over these many years has been invaluable and I very much hope that you can be persuaded to serve for a further term. If you felt able to accept another term of three years, I should be delighted, but I hope that at the very minimum you would accept appointment for another year so as to give Lord Perth the best possible start.

The new appointments should be made as soon as possible and if I do not hear from you by, say, the middle of May that you wish to withdraw, I will write a formal letter of re-appointment.

David Eccles

Lord ECCLES

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Extract from Note for File/Interview. Report

Extract for File No. PF 604582 Name BLUNT.

Original in File No. PF 604604 Serial 182a Dated 28.4.72.

Date and Place of *Interview/Meeting 10.3.72 at Brown's Hotel.

with (also give security context of person being interviewed) Lord LLEWELYN DAVIES (1931-34, student at Trinity College, Cambridge, Apostle, member of C.P., close associate of BURGESS and others).

Subject Association with BURGESS and others.

Officer K3/P.S. and E.W.P. using (or of) Section K.3.

Extracted by K3/6 Sec. Section K.3. Date 8.1.73

Lord LLEWELYN DAVIES was, in the main, co-operative, but is believed to have held back where his own involvement was concerned.

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The Apostles

8. He thought BURGESS was a year senior to him (he had a moment's doubt whether BURGESS had been at Trinity or at King's) but had no memory of having met him before BURGESS had become an Apostle. LLEWELYN DAVIES explained that he himself had become an Apostle some time before BURGESS; he had been elected fairly early on in his first year (1931/32) whereas BURGESS had not been elected until the following academic year. (Note: We think BURGESS was elected in the course of the Michaelmas Term, 1932) In answer to our question, he said he thought his own Apostolic "fathers" had been George THOMSON (King's 1923-26/36; PF 55,682) and Alister WATSON (King's 1926-29/39; PF 47,496). He had known them both before going up to Cambridge: they had both been friends of his mother and had been fairly frequent visitors to their house in Ireland. He thought he had probably also received support in his election from Anthony BLUNT (Trinity 1926-29/37; PF 604,582) whom he had known "rather well"; he was not sure, however, whether or not he had met BLUNT before going up. In answer to our further question, he said he was pretty sure that BLUNT had been BURGESS's Apostolic "father" but he was not aware that anyone else had given the latter's candidature particular support.

9. Although BURGESS had been a protege of BLUNT, whom LLEWELYN DAVIES had liked and admired, from the outset he had disliked him. He had felt an immediate and strong antipathy towards him; he had detected in BURGESS psychopathic qualities at that early stage, qualities which manifested themselves in his total disregard for other people. "Everyone said how nice he was but I thought he was horrible and I think Guy knew I had rumbled his personality."

*Strike out inapplicable.

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The Meeting with "Otto"

38. During the time he was working at Stone he had visited London regularly. He made the point that from the time he returned to this country from Ireland in 1940 he had been living with Pat; he explained that by then he had parted from his first wife, Ann. He finally moved into Bentinck Street soon after he started working for the L.M.S. Through his visits to Bentinck Street and subsequently living there he had, of course, seen a lot of both BLUNT and BURGESS. He repeated that he had thought Guy horrible; a loose, floppy personality. It had not crossed his mind that he might have been sinister. He had kept out of his way as much as possible. We asked if before going to Ireland he had ever visited BURGESS's flat in Chester Square. He said he was sure he had not. Could he recall meeting any foreigners, particularly Russians, in BURGESS's company? Not that he could think of, but he qualified this by saying there might have been foreigners in Bentinck Street whom he had seen - even met - but he had no clear memory of any, or whom they might have been.

41. We asked him to think back and whether it came back to him that he had gone with - possibly taken - WATSON to BURGESS's flat to meet a friend of BURGESS known as "Otto"; Anthony BLUNT might also have been present. "Am I supposed to have done that?" For the first time in the interview he seemed disconcerted. He sat forward in his chair, pushed his spectacles up on his forehead and ran his fingers through his hair; his very bright blue eyes became wider and very alert. "That seems very important", and after a pause, he added slowly: "I have no memory of having done this".

42. We showed him three different photographs of the same man and asked if he recognised him. He looked at them all and said he could not remember the face. Was he a German? We said he was not. Continuing to study the photographs, he commented that this seemed "terribly vital". We told him that this was the man who was known as "Otto" and whom we believed was in BURGESS's flat when LLEWELYN DAVIES and WATSON visited it. We had reason to believe on that occasion "Otto" had made a proposition to WATSON and that this might well have been made in the presence of LLEWELYN DAVIES. We added that the photographs were of a Russian Intelligence Officer who at one time controlled the espionage activities of PHILBY, BURGESS and MACLEAN.

43. He was silent for some moments and then asked whether this incident had taken place in BURGESS's Chester Square flat. We said we had reason to think it probably had but it might have been elsewhere. He then said: "I am certain I never heard anyone make a proposition to Alister; I would not have forgotten that". We agreed that it was most unlikely that he would have forgotten.

(Comment: This was the crux of the interview.

WATSON, who said that "the beginnings were at Cambridge", told us he had been taken by LLEWELYN DAVIES to BURGESS's flat to meet "Guy's friend 'Otto'"; either LLEWELYN DAVIES or BLUNT had been present when "Otto" had propositioned him. Unfortunately WATSON either could not remember, or perhaps more likely, would not divulge where this had taken place or indeed when. However, he did to some extent describe the flat and according to BLUNT, with whom this description has been discussed, it sounded like the Chester Square flat where BURGESS lived from early 1936 until, we think, 1940. He subsequently stayed for a short time at 32 Addison Road, Kensington, the house which Flora SOLOMON had lent Kim PHILBY and Aileen FURSE, before he moved into Bentinck Street.

The photographs we showed LLEWELYN DAVIES were of Anatoli GROMOV who was identified by WATSON as "Otto". KAGO has told us that GROMOV was responsible for the Ring of Five and this has been substantially borne out by what a number of other sources have told us.)

56. This reconsideration of WATSON's character and his relationship with him gave us the opportunity to re-introduce BURGESS's name in a context which linked it with that of WATSON. We told him "Guy worshipped Alister and thought him some sort of god".

(Comment: This has its origins in a remark made by Isaiah BERLIN when he was interviewed.)

LLEWELYN DAVIES reacted sharply. "Really? I am greatly surprised. Alister was really a miserable little man; a weak and/effective personality. How very strange that Guy should have regarded him so." He went on to stress yet again how much, even at Cambridge, he had disliked Guy but at the same time had liked Anthony BLUNT. Reflectively, he said he supposed he had tended to associate with older people. He gave his friendship with Eddie PLAYFAIR as an example. Digressing, he said he thought PLAYFAIR was devoted to him because not having become an Apostle himself - and this was something which rankled with him - he had been delighted when LLEWELYN DAVIES had once cut an Apostle dinner to dine with him. We asked why he thought PLAYFAIR had not become an Apostle - had someone blackballed him? He said he did not know; all that must have happened before his time.

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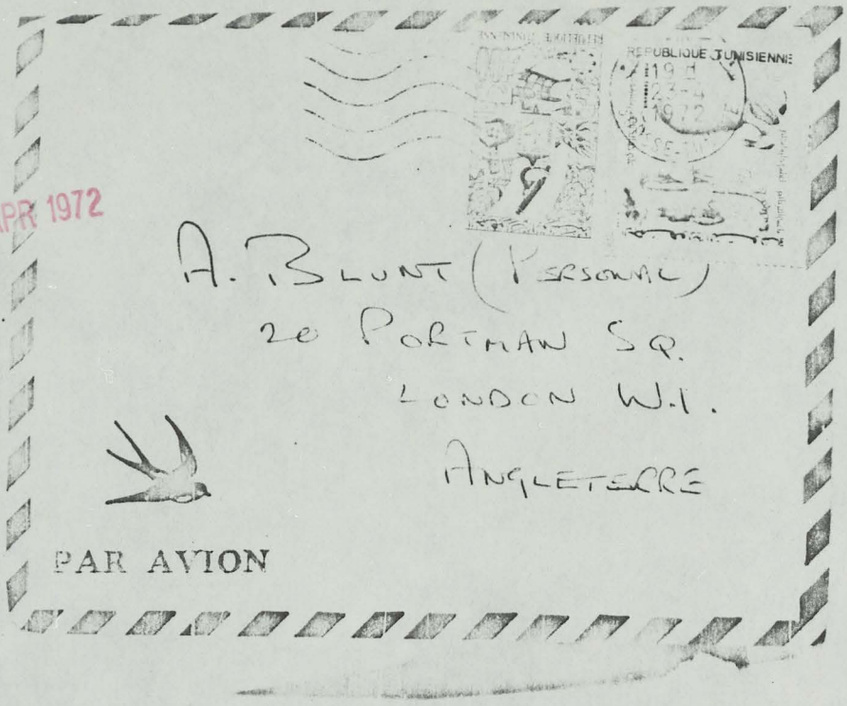

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19.4.72.

Dear A.

At long last we are settled, in a rented house. The hotel thing hasn't happened yet, but that doesn't necessarily mean it won't. We have in fact earned some money on the beach. (not a lot) but the weather has not been good apparently April is the one bad month of the year for sun.

The trials and tribulations that we had in preparation for this episode have followed us all the way to Sousse but on the contrary we are now running out of things to go wrong (everything is new) after almost unbelievable luck on the journey down it took us three and a half days to do the Tunis/Sousse sixteen stones but nobody got disheartened (just bad tempered)

At this stage everybody is quite sure that we will earn money (our crowd that is) and we can be patient as it only costs about £30 a week for six people to live - medicine is from 2/- to 3/- a bottle - we are working on a heavy type routine each having a turn at cook, cleaner etc, its all a bit of a giggle really

Ah before I forget our address is Villa Thouraya, Hammam-Sousse, Sousse, Tunis but as yet I've not seen a postman

Everybody made the necessary fuss when we arrived (especially me Sharon) incidentally Paul is all but forgotten already 'Dee Gratias' and she is having wild affair with both Pete & Clive

So far the boat itself is working like - clockwork and the Sayers has given precious little trouble (most of the problems were to do with the boat trailer

this is the last piece of paper in the house.

We got a bit of a shock today a dozen assorted sausages cost 24/- more than a kilo of beef. we're going to eat them in about an hour, probably bloody awful. some things are extremely expensive 100 tea bags 35/- but loose tea is cheaper than in U.K.

Poor Princess Baked Beans do not exist out here and so we've had to produce our own, white (haricot) and tomato concentrate (not bad) Food Res just been served (By Princess) all said their love, look after yourself

Bang off,

Ray Gibbs

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CLARE HALL CAMBRIDGE

25 April 1972

Dear Professor Blunt

I am now back in Cambridge after an interesting couple of weeks in Italy and France (I took the liberty of sending you a postcard from Chartres, as I thought I ought to let you know that I had seen Thuillier, but I gather you were yourself away at the time). Thuillier was very amiable, not to say effusive, but it was rather difficult to hold any kind of coherent conversation in the boulevard conditions in which he was working - surrounded by crowds of people, and with constant interruptions. He was, no ever, both interested and co-operative in what we did manage to discuss, and I hope to have the chance to go back to Paris during the summer.

In Chartres itself I had two more days on Félibien's journal and letters (which Thuillier said he had spent weeks trying to decipher) and managed to make out a few more passages. (I've arranged for about a dozen pages to be photographed, when the Bibliothécaire gets round to it.) I took with me the photographs of the volume of Scamozzi with marginal annotations; Félibien's hand varies very greatly, from a well-formed, tidy script to an almost indecipherable blur (as in his Journal, when he is noting things down purely for his own benefit). My impression was that the hand which was responsible for the annotations to Scamozzi is indeed very close to Félibien's when he is writing carefully (though there are certainly no little hands in Félibien's letters or journal). But it is very unlike Félibien's more careless script - so there may still be a chance that it is Poussin's, I suppose!

I met Nicholas Turner when I was in Rome, and had some interesting discussions with him. I believe he is intending to write to you about his own plans.

Yours sincerely

Claire Pace

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CLAIRE PACE

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Personal.

Sir Anthony Blunt
Courtauld Institute
20 Portman Square
W1.

Claridge's
Brook Street, W1

April 19th
1972.

Dear Anthony.

I rang you up, but you were away, to tell you that at the last NACF meeting it was decided to ask both Ben Nicholson and EW Waterhouse to join the Committee and I have written accordingly but not yet had their replies.

It was felt that EW would very soon get used to the "feel" of an Committee and conform

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even when being controversial.
Anyway, as you say, you
can control him if necessary!

Yours ever
Sir Antony Hanky

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April 20, 1972.

Sir Anthony Blunt
Director
The Courtauld Institute
20 Portman Square
London, England.

Dear Anthony:

Sending you your annual honorarium gives me an opportunity to inform you that I will be in Germany June 23 to July 9 and stopping over in Paris and London on the way home. This should mean that I will be in London about July 12. I do hope that I will be fortunate enough to find you there so that we might discuss, among other things, the Tudor portrait owned by my friends in New York and chief curator candidates.

Kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Bill

W. J. Withrow,
Director.

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Note

Ray GIBBS

Ray GIBBS and his family have finally left for Tunisia (probably on 8.4.72). According to GASKIN on TOWROPE, GIBBS intends to start a water-ski school, and will be away six months.

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18th April, 1972

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K Adviser

In answer to your request this morning, the new term begins on Monday April 24th 1972. Your friend is expected to return from abroad on the evening of Monday 24th.

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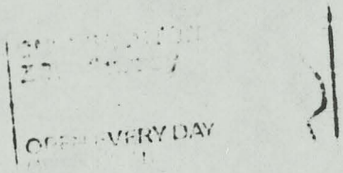

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Sir Anthony Blunt

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Professor Sir Anthony Blunt
20 Portman Square
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Wed 15th

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My Dear Anthony,

I'm sorry to say I misled you the other day. It was Foxy Ferdinand, the first king of Bulgaria (a Saxe-Coburg-Gotha) ~~who was [illegible]~~ whose mother was a daughter of Louis Philippe. I was correct in saying that the kings of Romania were Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, the Catholic & probably older branch of the H. family. But I can't see that this was

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was any Orleans blood in Charles II
elected Prince of Romania in 1866
& King (1881) who married the
eccentric Carmen Sylva & had no
children; or in Ferdinand, whose
wife was then equally notable Queen
Marie of our youth, a daughter
of the Duke of Edinburgh.

So the taste for El Greco
seems to have been spontaneous,
at least not fostered by heirlooms.

Sorry.

Nancy

Sir Moore Crosthwaite

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My dear Anthony.

Is Antonia Seilern's little Bruegel landscape definitely going to the Courtauld when he dies? That is my recollection.

Just because Martin Davies has put it down on the secretive N.G. Desiderata (Paragone) list, though I don't think it should in any case qualify among the "top treasures", it would be silly to include it if it will be my case to the Courtauld – then keeping some other picture up the list.

Mr S. Cunningham is now discussing the list – next week: so I am anxious to know.

... I suppose if my recollection is correct, Lord Wolfe knows? He should be able to eliminate it.

Yours Lord Crawford

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31/3/72

My dear Anthony,

Thank you very much for a most pleasant visit.

*Your society is like one of those wonder-drugs, stimulating yet simultaneously soothing!

With best wishes to John

Yours ever

Patrick

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EXTRACT

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Extract from T/C on BLUNT - 935 1074

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Outgoing call by GASKIN to TONY WINSTON.
During this conversation about each other's ailments GASKIN mentioned his talk with the doctor as follows-
-'I told the doctor - he's Anthony's doctor - what happened to me - and he said to me 'what extraordinary people' - I'm shutting the door in case he hears - 'what extraordinary people', he says, 'from that dreadful GUY BURGESS', he said, 'I wouldn't let him in the place - what extraordinary people he gets around him, you know'.
They soon said goodbye after some laughter following further remarks by GASKIN.
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LOOSE MINUTE

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1. The attached note records the history of our acquisition of the various letters and documents in our possession, usually referred to as 'the BURGESS correspondence'

2. It will be seen that these documents were obtained from:

(1)	An official black brief-case.	All Received 7/8.6.51.
(2)	A writing-case. (described as 'green' but the case with 'Guy Burgess' inscribed on it in fact is navy blue).	
(3)	BURGESS's flat at 10 New Bond Street, searched by R.T. Reed, T. Holmes and BLUNT, together.	
(4)	A small package from the Reform Club.	
( )	A black tin box in the basement of the Courtauld Institute.	Received c. 14.11.

The documents contained in items (1) to (4) were all processed together so that it is now impossible to tell what paper was found in which place. The contents of the black box produced later by BLUNT from the Courtauld were naturally processed later and it is therefore still possible to distinguish them from the others. (The list of all the documents forms Vol. 1 of PF 604,529 Supp. B. Items 1 - 310 are those found in source (1) to (4) above. Items 311-481 are those from the Courtauld Institute. A few miscellaneous papers were possibly added later to existing serials among these numbers (see paragraph 2 of 38a in Volume 2) but the original typed list forming Volume 1 provides generally speaking an indication of which documents were available to us in June and which in November 1951).

3. With reference to item (1) in paragraph 2 above, a note written in 1952 after the original processing of all this material (38a in Volume 2) refers to 'two briefcases'. Nowher else in all the files I have studied have I found reference to more than one briefcase. I have consulted K3/Z/EMcB on this point. She confirms that she can remember only one briefcase. (The black tin box now contains, in addition to a collection of miscellaneous envelopes and photographs which is examining and sorting, an envelope of mixed junk, a small navy blue attache case fitted as a writing case with 'Guy Burgess' inscribed on it, a small brown writing holdall with a green lining and a monogram, not BURGESS's, on it - presumably the so-called second briefcase, and the official black briefcase. The old sock, talcum powder bottle and

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suspender I have thrown away). EMcB does remember, however, the one briefcase containing documents - e.g. the Foreign office documents - as opposed to personal letters. But as she also remembers one day finding all the June material (items 1 to 4 above) being mixed on an office table while it was examined, in such a way that individual papers could never again be ascribed to one of the particular four early sources, it seems likely that the material was re-sorted and at this stage anything resembling a document rather than a letter was temporarily housed in the briefcase. This might explain ASM's idea that the briefcase contained documents of interest (see 77a in Supp. B pages 18 - 19) which BLUNT denied.

4. The search of the flat on 7th June 1951 took place as follows. BLUNT left his flat between 10.20 a.m. and 10.37 a.m joined Ronnie Reed and Tom Holmes, called at Jack HEWIT's office in the City, obtained authority from him to enter the flat and received his key, then proceeded to BURGESS's flat to search it. By 2.47 p.m. Ronnie Reed was back at the office looking for a receptacle to bring back to Bond Street to collect the correspondence. By 2.53 p.m. he was still at the office but saying that he was about to leave in a few minutes time. Three minutes before, at 2.50 p.m., BLUNT had had a conversation with HEWIT on the Bond Street phone assuring HEWIT they were just about to finish and his rooms had not been disturbed. By 3.03 p.m. BLUNT was still in BURGESS's flat as he was using the phone once more. By 4 p.m. however, he and also presumably Tom Holmes and Ronnie Reed, had left the Bond Street flat because BLUNT was telephoning to his secretary at the Courtauld from elsewhere. The above timing is taken from evidence in BLUNT's Telecheck and the BURGESS Telecheck (now PF 604,591 Supp.) and from 39a in Vol. 2 of BURGESS Supp. B.

5. All this suggests that for a good half hour or so at least BLUNT was alone in the flat with Tom Holmes and would therefore have had that much more opportunity of working on his own, concealing things etc.

6. There has been considerable speculation on what steps BLUNT took to suppress significant material in BURGESS's papers. It was among the early batch of documents received 7/8.6.51. that the CAIRNCROSS document was found, and also the first of the SMOLLETT documents. The pinpointing of the involvement of CAIRNCROSS and SMOLLETT in BURGESS's espionage has been the greatest contribution of the BURGESS correspondence. However, further SMOLLETT documents were found also among the Courtauld papers and with these alone it would have been possible similarly to trace authorship back to SMOLLETT. Indeed, it was not until after BLUNT had produced the Courtauld papers, and with the help of these, that SMOLLETT was identified as BURGESS's source for

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all these items.

7. BLUNT has admitted having suppressed at least four papers, some, perhaps all, from the flat, one involving PHILBY, one CAIRNCROSS and himself, one Flora SOLOMON and PHILBY, and one concerning arrangements for BURGESS to meet his controller. He also referred to destroying considerable numbers of letters to BURGESS from Peter POLLOCK and from himself from among the papers in the Courtauld. (He in fact left in a few of his own, but presumably ones he thought insignificant - though they have been quite useful to us. There is also at least one of his letters in the June papers. Similarly, numerous letters of POLLOCK's remain to us in the earlier papers. These latter are homosexual but not apparently sinister.)

8. One of the POLLOCK letters in the June papers is interesting in this connection. It must have been written to say goodbye to BURGESS between January and March 1943, as POLLOCK was about to set off to go abroad with his regiment. He said 'I'm sending you these letters (mostly yours) to look after. - Put them in the tin box and keep them for me'. This would suggest that the POLLOCK letters BLUNT destroyed were more likely to have been written by BURGESS to POLLOCK than by POLLOCK to BURGESS. (Perhaps they were sinister, in the sense that they implicated POLLOCK in BURGESS's espionage, or perhaps they contained toofrequent references to BLUNT himself). It would also suggest that POLLOCK knew the tin box as BURGESS's repository for the safe keeping of letters. If POLLOCK knew it, BLUNT also certainly would too. In fact this makes it more certain that BLUNT himself, and not Mrs BASSETT (see paragraph 11 below), had all along been custodian for BURGESS, at least from the time of his going to Washington, of the black tin box. He on one occasion (see the T.C. on Mrs BASSETT for 7.6.51.) pointed out to her that he had dealt with BURGESS's correspondence for him while he had been in America. She had said that she was sure Guy would prefer Anthony rather than her to open his letters. She would therefore tell the Foreign Office, who had enquired what they should do with BURGESS's letters, to send them to the Club. Anthony could collect them from there.

9. BLUNT may of course have removed other things from BURGESS's papers without admitting it.

10. We shall never know what the black brief case contained which BLUNT collected from the Reform Club. He has said repeatedly that it contained nothing of interest and that he was at a complete loss to know why BURGESS had bothered to say that he could have access to it. One can only presume that it and its contents represented or contained some kind of parting message from BURGESS to BLUNT. It may have been part of a pre-arranged understanding between BURGESS and BLUNT for the passing of a message in an emergency, just as we know from BLUNT that they had an arrangement for passing each other messages in their letters when BURGESS was in Washington. It is not clear from the various notes in the files recording events in June, 1951 how BLUNT came to know that there in fact was a brief case of BURGESS's awaiting

collection at the Reform Club. He told Jim Skardon (107a in his file) that Mr Bell had told him about it. Mr Bell himself was not explicit on this point. He rang up the F.O. (116a in BURGESS's main file) on 7th June, after public announcements of the disappearance of the two, reported the existence of the briefcase, that BLUNT had collected it the evening before and that, after hearing the news, he had told BLUNT that he must let the F.O. know about it. It seems possible that BLUNT knew by pre-arrangement with BURGESS that something would be waiting for him at the Club and took the initiative in asking Mr Bell for it.

11. The papers in the Courtauld BLUNT kept from the time of the disappearance until the 14 November, 1951, when he reported that he had them in his possession. At the time he made this report he was believed in his contention that he had forgotten about them. We have more recently been highly sceptical about this. He maintained that Mrs BASSETT had left with him some good time before (she moved from her house at Newbury to her flat in Arlington Street sometime between 1950 and June, 1951) a quantity of miscellaneous objects belonging to BURGESS, and that his possession of them had slipped his memory. (In addition, on 30.8.51 - see volume 2 of PF 604,591 Supp. - Mrs BASSETT gave Jackie HEWIT, through BLUNT, an ultimatum to leave BURGESS's flat, which they intended to pack up. The BASSETTs planned to collect Guy's belongings on 8.9.51. and get them stored. On 8.9.51. Jackie informed BLUNT that he would bring round a trunk and a case of books.) He would certainly have put off handing them in, however, until he had had time to go through them.

12. Although this particular batch of papers does not contain material quite as important as that found in the flat, there are numerous letters in it which have helped us in assessing different personalities in BURGESS's circle and in dating certain events and from this point of view it has not been a waste of time to process it either originally or in our recent renewed study. It included an old passport of BURGESS's (1928 - 38) which has provided us with the details of his travel during those years and has been a most useful item for research.

13. The letters in the suitcase belonging to Jackie HEWIT which BLUNT has described, which he has said that he and the M.I.5. searchers decided to put back in its place in the flat, may well not have been destroyed by Jackie - they may have been kept by him for his various blackmailing attempts. This suitcase may have contained, for instance, the correspondence between BURGESS and John SPARROW about which REES wrote in his 1956 book (without naming SPARROW). The few letters which we have from John SPARROW to BURGESS in the rest of the material are fairly guarded in tone and would have been difficult to use for blackmail. On the other hand

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BURGESS may have exaggerated to REES the nature of their contents. REES questioned in 1956 about this point, said that SPARROW was the man referred to and that HEWIT had told a friend that he had kept some of BURGESS's correspondence from the flat. REES has referred to this again in his latest book 'A Chapter of Accidents' (p. 114). He has said that he mentioned to BURGESS the young Oxford don in the 1930's; BURGESS laughed and produced a neat little bundle of letters labelled with the don's name. REES goes on to say that BURGESS never destroyed a letter but kept them filed in bundles for the individual writers. There is no reflection in our records of whether or not the original processors of BURGESS's material found it kept like this, in bundles according to subject. But there can be no doubt that BURGESS, in keeping papers, was not only being true to his disorderly nature but deliberately making provision for eventual possible blackmail or domination of his 'friends' and acquaintances.

Conclusions.

14. The paper in the BURGESS correspondence which exposed CAIRNCROSS was found in the early batch of material. The later, Courtauld, documents, however, gave us additional material to help us to pinpoint SMOLLETT also as a collaborator with BURGESS. BLUNT has admitted to having suppressed certain papers from the early material and from that which he had at the Courtauld. He may well have suppressed more. We cannot tell exactly why he produced the Courtauld material when he did: it may have been that he was impressed by his talk with Tommy HARIS (on 9.11.51.) who told us that he would tell BLUNT that we were not satisfied with the information that he had so far given us. The Telecheck informs us that he had another session with HARIS the day before he gave us the Courtauld papers, in the black tin box. It is strange in a sense that he did not take the opportunity to remove much more from the tin box. If there was any truth in what he has implied, that Mrs BASSETT reminded him of what he was storing for her, then he presumably may have felt he had to produce it as she might give him away. But, although it may be true that he stored certain things for her, it seems most likely that he himself had always been the sole custodian of the tin box and that he had always known it contained papers and letters. He could have destroyed its contents entirely. Perhaps he was trying to enhance his reputation with us and appear to be thoroughly co-operative. He may have been so confident of his knowledge of the full extent of BURGESS's espionage that he could feel he knew that there would be nothing to incriminate anyone else of significance in the material he passed. He could not know that he was passing us documents which could incriminate SMOLLETT. On the other hand, they might again for all he knew, have incriminated CAIRNCROSS. But these two, perhaps, were expendable as far as he was concerned. SMOLLETT was out of harm's way in Austria. He would lead us firmly to PHILBY but PHILBY was already finished. As long as his own part in the recruitment of CAIRNCROSS was safe from discovery BLUNT perhaps did not care about him: he had never been a very outstanding spy. And perhaps he knew that there were in fact no others in BURGESS's immediate circle to be revealed.

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15. These conclusions, highly speculative ones, such as they are, might encourage the opinion that the later BURGESS material, from the Courtauld via BLUNT, is not worth further attention. [redacted] in her processing work, has not yet reached serial 311 although some material later than serial 311 has already been examined because it overlapped with earlier material. We have gone so far, however, that I think it is worth continuing. And many of the considerations above would not have been possible without detail extracted from our present scrutiny of the papers. I do not think we are going to uncover a new spy in our further examination of the BURGESS papers. But we are all the time finding new detail, of timing and interplay of character, which may help to confirm or give the lie to what has already been said by other principal characters in the story. This may contribute considerably to the resolution of their cases.

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Note on BLUNT's involvement with
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compiled from
the BLUNT and BURGESS files

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6 June, 1951	BLUNT collected an official black brief case from Mr BELL of the Reform Club (BURGESS had left it on 25 May saying that he was going on leave to France, asking Mr BELL to look after it but that BLUNT could have access to it. Mr BELL rang Mr Alan Campbell on 7 June to report: (a) that BURGESS had left the case and that it was locked; (b) that Mr BLUNT had collected it the previous evening. He asked that BLUNT should not be told that he had reported this. He said he had told BLUNT that, if asked, he must let the Foreign Office know. He rang later to say that BURGESS had left another case unlocked and full of papers with the Club accountant.) BLUNT handed over the official briefcase on 7 or 8 June, 1951.	50z, 115a & 116a in PF 604,529 Min.37 41a,137a in SuppE
7 June, 1951	Skardon collected from Mr BELL of the Reform Club an unlocked green writing case with 'Guy Burgess' inscribed on it. The case had been deposited during the past 2 or 3 weeks with the Club's accountant.	115a in PF604,529
7 June, 1951	R.T. Reed and T. Holmes went to 10 New Bond Street with BLUNT, searched BURGESS's flat and removed papers.	39a in PF604,529 Supp. B.
8 June, 1951	Mr BELL found some more papers, made them up into a small package which Tony Burbidge collected.	39a in PF604,529 Supp. B.
14 November, 1951	BLUNT called on Guy Liddell (D.D.G.), reported he had further load of BURGESS's personal papers including an old passport. It was arranged that A. Simkins should go back with BLUNT to the Courtauld where the papers were, in the basement, collect them and bring them back to this office. (it was believed that BLUNT came forward on this occasion as a result of a talk which M.I.5. had had with Tommy HARIS in which Tommy offered to indicate to BLUNT that the Security Service feared he was holding back information from them).	328b in PF604,529 & 39a in Supp. B.

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21 November, 1951	Guy Liddell recorded an additional note relevant to 328b, (which had been recorded by D.B.) to say that BLUNT had been at pains to say he had not withheld the papers in the Courtauld basement, but had forgotten about them. Mrs BASSETT had left them with him calling them 'books' and only when he was asked for their return had he looked at them and discovered there were papers.	72c in PF 604582
9 May, 1952	BLUNT, interviewed by Skardon, said he was told by BELL that despatch case was awaiting collection. It was unlocked, contained a lot of papers, an Old Etonian tie, and political cartoons. Some of these things he removed, but nothing of security significance, he reported he possessed it and handed it to the D.D.G. at some later date.	107a in PF604582
25 April, 1964	BLUNT admitted to ASM that he had censored BURGESS's papers before passing them on to us. He removed personal letters from himself and POLLOCK from the papers at the Courtauld. He removed one letter from PHILBY from the papers in the flat. Reported that it was pure forgetfulness made him delay over the Courtauld papers.	355c in PF604582 para. 25
1 May, 1964	Int. ASM and BLUNT. Discussing his talent-spotting of CAIRNCROSS he said he found one of his own letters to Guy referring to his arranging for Guy and CAIRNCROSS to meet at Cambridge as though it were a coincidence. This letter he destroyed from among those in the flat not the later batch.	360z, page 18 & 20.
20 May, 1964	In another interview with ASM, BLUNT showed that he knew that a CAIRNCROSS report had been found in Guy's papers (presumably he was told by Skardon in April, 1952. Compare 103a in Vol. 2 of PF 604582). BLUNT was then told by ASM about the discovery of the SMOLLETT papers.	364b in PF604582 P.11-13
31 August, 1964	Interview between ASM and BLUNT. They were were discussing the 'Stewart' telephone call on 7 June, 1951. ASM told BLUNT that he collected the briefcase the same day (not quite accurate, BLUNT actually collected it the evening before) and BLUNT expressed great surprise; he thought he had collected it much earlier. Guy had said that he himself or BLUNT could collect it - a thing BLUNT could never understand, because the contents were not at all important. He then asked ASM whether they were important or not. But he obviously had a very good idea that the contents of the briefcase, at least as they were when he handed it over, were virtually nothing at all. He said it contained papers but mainly newspapers, and he could not remember what else. The only	77a in PF604529 Supp. B Page 19-17

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compromising papers he found were two in the flat.

5 February, 1965 — Interview between ASM and BLUNT. BLUNT said he had removed a paper from BURGESS's correspondence to protect Kim. It was a short note from Kim to a woman, by way of introducing Guy, suggesting to her that Guy was privy to Kim's affairs and could be spoken to as though he were Kim. BLUNT could not name the woman (about a month later he did identify her flat and name her - see 440a on his file) but said she was possibly wealthy, not involved in Kim's espionage but sympathetic to it and she or her husband was director or partner in Marks and Spencer. BLUNT said he thought he found this letter as he and the two M.I.5. men were searching the flat (he later slightly took this back in implying that he could not be certain that he had found this particular paper in the flat as opposed to elsewhere, he thought it was not in the briefcase as there was almost nothing important there, he had thrown away only newspapers and was always quite baffled as to why Guy had left it). There was also in the flat a very compromising recent letter from PHILBY in the States to Guy, implying that there was real danger, the heat was on. Guy should never have kept this letter. — 431b in PF604582 p. 1-6

ASM and BLUNT went on to mention the Courtauld papers. BLUNT said that Guy's mother at some moment (perhaps some months or years before) decided her flat was too small for all the things he had left with her and asked if she could deposit some things with BLUNT, largely Eton photographs, old school books, junk and a lot of letters, mainly personal. Some were from BLUNT himself, a great many were from Peter POLLOCK and those he destroyed. The rest he handed over (note: presumably in the black tin box - see 38a in Vol. 2 of PF 604529 Supp. B). He forgot about them for a long time and then remembered them and handed them over. He could not remember anything of significance in them, many were first-year Cambridge and Eton, and there were history notebooks from Cambridge. — and 137a in S. E

BLUNT was then asked to repeat that the only significant items he had found were those in the flat, He said he thought so - as far as he could remember. He could not be quite sure where he found the letter to the woman. The letter from Kim he hid in a book in the flat as he was searching. He was afraid to

be caught actually removing it. He vaguely remembered a slip of paper with notes of arrangements for Guy to meet Peter or someone when he got over here. It was unintelligible but clearly sinister so BLUNT destroyed it or hid it away.

BLUNT added that in the bedroom of the flat there was a small suitcase of letters on top of a wardrobe. The letters on the top in the suitcase belonged to Jackie. BLUNT told the two M.I.5. searchers he thought it looked like a batch of Jackie's belongings and it was decided not to bother with it and replace it. About a month later Jackie told BLUNT that the suitcase had in fact contained a lot of Guy's papers and that he had since burnt them. (This had earlier, in March, 1952, been reported by BLUNT to Guy Liddell - see 37b in Vol. 2 of Supp. B).

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Note

V7/JAC interviewed Patrick DAY at Keele on Wednesday 16.2.72, his ostensible reason being research into the R.I.S. attack on British Intelligence organisations in Germany at the end of and immediately after World War II. DAY appeared willing to help with recollections of his experiences in Germany but these were pretty hazy.

2. In this context Leo LONG's was the only name put to DAY - he did not himself produce it. His comment was "strongly left-wing - indeed 'fanatical' ... would not be surprised if LONG had been involved with the R.I.S."

3. DAY was also asked, as it were as an afterthought, about Bentinck Street/BURGESS. Again his memories were not very clear as, during the period he lived at No. 5, he was working very hard and spent little time in the flat. He said he always thought of BURGESS as being a blatant Communist and had many political arguments with him. His brighter memories of Bentinck Street were of his friendship with BLUNT of whom he was still very fond. Throughout the interview DAY showed no suspicion that BLUNT might have been involved with the R.I.S.

4. DAY was due to stay with BLUNT on Friday 18.2.72 but BLUNT put him off because of the power cuts (due to the coal miners' strike). The visit occurred at the end of term on Tuesday 28th March.

5. DAY arrived just before 7 p.m. on 28th March. Over drinks with BLUNT and GASKIN, BLUNT asked DAY if he had read J. C. Masterman's book and then told him how awful it was. BLUNT then took DAY out to dinner. There are no details of what was discussed between them. Later that evening, DAY resumed the topic of "the old days in the office".

6. He told BLUNT he had recently been visited by a member of the office who was researching into spies of long ago, specifically East German or Russian penetration of the Special Counter Intelligence Units in Germany and France post war. "And not merely KIM or GUY." led BLUNT. DAY did not tell BLUNT in relation to M.I.5. interest in R.I.S. penetration of 'operations on the Continent', that he had been questioned specifically about Leo LONG.

7. [redacted] He did not tell BLUNT however that he had been asked about BURGESS and 5 Bentinck Street by the M.I.5. officer.

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8. On the face of it, this conversation between BLUNT and DAY which lasted just under half an hour was natural and harmless. As befitted a former member of M.I.5. BLUNT adopted a very proper attitude to M.I.5.'s investigation into possible leads stemming from the 1930s. Although DAY raised the subject in the first place and told BLUNT, which strictly speaking he should not have done, that he had been questioned by M.I.5., he did not tell BLUNT much apart from the subject of the interview. He did not relay M.I.5.'s interest in LONG, nor that in Bentinck Street about which he might have been tempted to reminisce. What prompted this reticence is not evident.

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Coverage during April

JB is due to be away from London for two periods during this month. On Monday 10th he is planning to stay in Buckinghamshire for just under a week to be returning to London either on Saturday 15th or Sunday 16th April. He will then be leaving for Italy on either Sunday 16th or Monday 17th April. The Easter holiday ends on Sunday 23rd April and BLUNT is expected back to start the new term on Monday 24th April. These dates may of course be changed at the last minute.

2. As soon as JB leaves London for the country, both JB/1 and XJB/3 can be suspended. They should be re-activated for his brief return to London before he leaves for the Continent. They may then be suspended again until he returns to London, whenever this may be.

3. At the moment T/C lines 4305 and 4306 have been suspended because of the Easter holidays. On 10th April when the use of all lines will be resumed, I would be grateful if we could go back to operating lines 4305-4306 inclusive from 18.00 hours to 09.30 hours; line 4304 remains on twenty-four hours without a break. Although JB is not expected to be in London, we need this coverage in case he changes his plans. Once he has left for Italy i.e. on 15th or 16th April all T/C lines can be suspended for a few days. I would be grateful if they could be re-imposed on Friday 21st April just in case he decides to return to London earlier than planned.

4. If of course JB changes his plans, then we will need to adapt our plans for coverage accordingly.

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I attach the latest version of the BLUNT paper.

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RE-APPRAISAL OF THE CASE OF SIR ANTHONY BLUNT

A. INTRODUCTION

BLUNT has been interviewed very many times (seventy to date) since he admitted on 23rd April 1964 that he had been a Russian spy. A confused picture has emerged in which it is far from simple fully to determine what BLUNT has said from his own knowledge, what he has been induced to say, what information he has offered as his own which is merely a repetition of something mentioned by his interviewers during earlier sessions of the dialogue, what he has said about people and events based on the knowledge he has gained since 1964 of the extent or poverty of our records, where he has been wilfully misleading and where he has suffered from genuine memory failure. On a number of subjects therefore it would be a barren exercise to go through all BLUNT's statements and demonstrate how he has varied his story during the eight years of discussion as it is difficult conclusively to establish the reason. Moreover he is likely to say - as he has before - that with lapse of time, and after prolonged questioning his memory is no longer reliable. It is indeed possible that this is a valid explanation for many of his inconsistencies.

2. There is however one subject which lies at the heart of the BLUNT case and about which BLUNT cannot have become

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confused - his own relations with the R.I.S. We are justified in asking whether his original confession on this score was full and honest and whether, he has since dealt with us frankly. The first part of the paper is devoted to an examination of this question. For the reasons set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 below, the conclusion is reached that BLUNT has not told the truth about his relationship with the R.I.S. The paper then discusses why he has not done so and what conclusion can be drawn about his present status. Finally, proposals are made for the future handling of this case.

B. BLUNT's RELATIONS WITH THE R.I.S.

3. In his initial 'confession' BLUNT claimed that his contact with the R.I.S. was dropped two or three months after he had left the Security Service (in the autumn of 1945); that it was renewed briefly in 1951 over the crisis of MACLEAN's and BURGESS' defection and that it ceased in about June or July that year. He was quite certain that that was the end of his contact with the Russians.

4. BLUNT's statements in the course of the many interviews following April 1964 showed that this original confession was far from complete and that he was in touch with the R.I.S. more often and over a longer period than he first claimed. Thus:-

a) he referred to the following as his R.I.S.

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controllers, (listed in sequence of contact):-

i) GEORGE (unidentified)

ii) HENRY (GROMOV @ GORSKIY) - in U.K. (apart from duty visits to Moscow) from 11.36 to 1.44

iii) MAX (KROTOV) - in U.K. from 8.41 to 3.47.

and to the Russian whom he met briefly in 1951 as:-

iv) PETER (MODIN) - two long U.K. postings between 5.47 and 5.58 and a two month visit in 1954.

b) He later admitted to contact with MODIN before 1951, i.e. between 1947 and 1950.

c) he admitted to a meeting with MODIN well after 1951 and agreed that it occurred around the time of Marcus LIPTON's accusation in the House of Commons in October 1955 of PHILBY as the "Third Man". Consistently vague about dating this meeting, BLUNT has, in subsequent discussion placed it in April 1956, well after the "Third Man" episode.

d) When shown an intercept of a letter which he had written to PHILBY, BLUNT said that it referred to an occasion when PHILBY was out of touch with the R.I.S. and he, BLUNT, contacted the R.I.S. on PHILBY's behalf. At first BLUNT said that this incident occurred at the same time as that referred to in c) above. When it was pointed out to him that the letter was dated August 1954, he said that it must refer to another occasion when he put PHILBY in touch with the R.I.S. He added that he believed

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that his controller on this occasion was MODIN. MODIN did not arrive in the U.K. until the 17th September 1954 by which time BLUNT had been abroad for four weeks.

e) As a result of being caught out over the August 1954 contact with the R.I.S. BLUNT reluctantly agreed that he had been in touch with the Russians more frequently post-war than hitherto acknowledged.

These illustrations show that BLUNT's original admission about his relations with the R.I.S. was incomplete and misleading. Moreover his interrogators over the years have concluded that he has continued deliberately to withhold information.

5. BLUNT cannot have withheld information initially and continued to have done so over the years because of fear of prosecution for any services which he performed for the R.I.S. before 1964 since he was offered a complete immunity by Arthur Martin when he made his original confession. Possible explanations for his failure to tell the truth are:-

a) that the picture that he gave in 1964 of his R.I.S. role and to which he has subsequently adhered is false

b) that although no longer in contact with the R.I.S. he is unwilling to tell the whole truth because to do so would implicate others whom he wishes to protect. His motives could be either loyalty to his

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friends alone or in addition, continued sympathy for the cause for which both he and they were recruited

c) that he was in 1964, and has continued to be, in contact with the R.I.S.

These three explanations are not mutually exclusive, nor are they necessarily the only motivating forces in BLUNT's complicated character. They are credible reasons for his behaviour and each is of sufficient security significance to merit more detailed consideration.

6. Throughout the years BLUNT has always pictured himself as being less important as a spy than either BURGESS or PHILBY. The circumstances of BURGESS' defection to the U.S.S.R. and the detailed investigation during the following years into the mass of material he left behind him certainly highlighted BURGESS' role as a spy. When BLUNT, thirteen years later, confessed to having spied for the Russians, he described his role as subordinate to that of BURGESS. In subsequent interviews he has consistently sought to reinforce this impression that his was a minor role. His interpretation has been accepted.

7. But it is not difficult to paint a very different picture of BLUNT's R.I.S. role.

a) at Cambridge BLUNT was senior to BURGESS and was much more respected; Goronwy REES says -

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for what it is worth - that it was BURGESS' statement to him that BLUNT was working for the Comintern that made REES agree to spy,

b) much is made, by BLUNT and others, of BURGESS' ability to talent spot, but BLUNT was in an equally good position both in his days at Cambridge and while serving in M.I.5.,

c) setting aside KLUGMAN, PHILBY and MACLEAN, the agency of whose recruitment is still in doubt, major recruitments within that circle are to be attributed to BLUNT as much as to BURGESS. BURGESS recruited Goronwy REES (but see a) above) and, in broad terms, PROCTOR. BLUNT recruited STRAIGHT, LONG and SIMON. Those who are known to have been actively talent spotted had as close, if not closer associations with BLUNT as with BURGESS, e.g. CAIRNCROSS and WATSON,

d) during the war it was BLUNT who had the access to M.I.5. secrets not BURGESS; and by his own account BLUNT passed these secrets liberally to the R.I.S.

e) BLUNT has built up a picture of PHILBY as a dedicated and professional spy much superior in his role to BLUNT himself. Yet none of BLUNT's associates in the office knew or apparently suspected that he was a spy and close friends like Patrick DAY thought of him as being politically much less far to the Left than either BURGESS or PHILBY; moreover it was on PHILBY and not on BLUNT that suspicion fell when BURGESS and MACLEAN fled.

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f) yet it was BLUNT who helped BURGESS to depart from England in 1951 and who conducted the subsequent negotiations with M.I.5. which included the handing over of some of BURGESS' papers, the selection of which remained to some extent under BLUNT's control,

g) further, it was BLUNT who - by his own account - put PHILBY back into contact with the R.I.S. in the 1950s.

8. The points made in the foregoing paragraph lead to the conclusion that BLUNT was a more important spy than he admitted in 1964 or has done so since. Significantly, the Russians still trusted BLUNT in the 1950s during the years he successfully co-operated with the Security Service over the BURGESS papers and survived a number of interviews about his own possible involvement with the R.I.S. BURGESS, who was recognised by all as the weakest character and most volatile of the three spies, fled to Russia - or was perhaps withdrawn there - in 1951. PHILBY left in 1963. BLUNT has been able to stay and to maintain a prolonged dialogue with M.I.5.

C. POSSIBLE REASONS FOR BLUNT's FAILURE TO TELL THE TRUTH

9. If BLUNT has concealed his true importance as an R.I.S. spy, one must ask what is the essential information

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which he concealed. It was not information about the secrets which he passed to the Russians while he was working in M.I.5. during the war; he has freely admitted to passing everything that came his way. A different picture emerges when his role as a talent spotter is considered. There was no difficulty in obtaining from him admissions that he had recruited Michael STRAIGHT and Leo LONG to work for the R.I.S., that he had talent spotted John CAIRNCROSS whose subsequent recruitment he understood was effected by someone else and that among his M.I.5. colleagues he had talent spotted Kemball JOHNSTON but after discussion with Guy BURGESS had decided against recommending him to the R.I.S. He identified Peter ASTBURY as a G.R.U. spy and suggested that Michael GREENBERG and David HEDLEY probably worked for the Russians. On examination this information counts for very little. Michael STRAIGHT had already confessed to spying when BLUNT named him. CAIRNCROSS had confessed. Leo LONG had been already identified by STRAIGHT as having been recruited by BLUNT. ASTBURY had been identified conclusively as a Russian spy by source LASCAR in 1943; BLUNT should have known about this identification when he was serving in M.I.5. JOHNSTON was a marxist and an awkward character whom M.I.5. could be assumed to suspect. GREENBERG had already been named by STRAIGHT. HEDLEY worked openly for the Comintern; he died in 1948.

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10. But not all the statements which BLUNT made implicating others with the Russians were given so freely. Outstanding examples of those about whom he initially offered no information and when repeatedly questioned, has prevaricated are Alister WATSON, Richard LLEWELLYN DAVIES and Stuart HAMPSHIRE. These three were all highly talented men. During the war and after, WATSON was employed on secret research by the Admiralty, LLEWELLYN DAVIES, as an architect on secret contracts and HAMPSHIRE worked in the Radio Intelligence Section at Barnet. After exhaustive interrogation, WATSON, who regarded himself as BLUNT's Marxist mentor at Cambridge, made certain qualified admissions of involvement with the R.I.S. which implicated BLUNT and LLEWELLYN DAVIES. BLUNT, when challenged with this information adopted the fall-back position of being unable to remember. He has not however committed himself to a complete denial. Over HAMPSHIRE, BLUNT offered little information when questioned and tried to steer us away from interviewing him. He was later challenged with HAMPSHIRE's story of the Paris trip in 1937 when BLUNT and KLUGMAN clearly 'looked him over' and which was followed by what HAMPSHIRE recognised as a recruitment approach by BURGESS. BLUNT first tried to date the Paris meeting a couple of years before it occurred which would have brought it well before the alleged date of his own recruitment and thereby cleared it of any R.I.S. implication. When this was disproved he retreated to a similar position as the one he took over WATSON which was that he

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had no recollection of the incident. Again he has not denied that it took place.

11. It is possible that BLUNT's reticence in certain instances has been due to loyalty to former friends. This has not however been typical of his general attitude during his interviews when he has been very ready to talk about all his friends and acquaintances with apparent candour. BLUNT has been prepared to name a number as having been involved with the Russians. As demonstrated above in paragraph 9, his identifications have not provided the Security Service with new leads and have done little damage to Russian interests. It is more likely therefore that if he has been concealing information about other leads it has been because it is in the Russian interest to conceal it from us.

12. The question must now be asked whether BLUNT still remains in contact with the R.I.S. A prolonged telephone check (supported recently by PHIDIAS and AZURE) has provided no evidence of any contact between BLUNT and the R.I.S.; and he himself maintains that there is no such contact. But this can not be regarded as conclusive. BLUNT has been evasive over the duration of his post-M.I.5. contact with the R.I.S. He travels abroad regularly; contact could be maintained outside the U.K. His adroit handling of awkward questions in the many interviews to which he has been subjected could point to R.I.S.

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assistance. If he were still in contact with the R.I.S. he would, in the course of his interviews - and particularly in the period when he was believed to be fully co-operative - have obtained much information of direct interest to the Russians particularly about our VENONA work and our approach to the penetration problem. This makes him a source of considerable value and one which they would be reluctant to drop.

D. AN ASSESSMENT OF BLUNT's POSITION TODAY

13. Based on the foregoing, the following statements can be made on BLUNT today:-

a) that his original confession was both incomplete and misleading and that he has not subsequently told the whole truth.

b) that it is likely that as a spy he was a good deal more important to the R.I.S. than he has ever admitted or that we have originally appreciated.

c) that he has over the years concealed information of value probably because of continued sympathy with the Russians. This information concerns his own relationship with the Russians and, most likely, his knowledge of other Russian spies.

d) that over the past few years he has received from us information which would have been of value to the R.I.S.

e) that there is no evidence that he remains in contact with the R.I.S. but he has the opportunity

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to do so without detection and his past history makes it impossible to rule out this possibility.

E. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE HANDLING OF THE BLUNT CASE

14. The conclusions set out in the preceeding paragraph differ radically from those accepted when BLUNT first confessed and during the early stages of his case. Largely because of the initial impression he made and because of the exceptional delicacy of the case, our handling of him over the years and the early references to his case in Whitehall were kindly and underrated its true security significance. It was not until last year, in the brief for the Home Secretary, that a warning was sounded that BLUNT was suspected of withholding the truth and possibly of having maintained some degree of contact with the R.I.S.

15. If the conclusions reached in this paper are accepted more positive action needs to be taken. To do nothing involves further risks both for us and for Ministers, since BLUNT's role as a spy is known to some of his former friends and acquaintances. Moreover a good deal of information about this is available in newspaper files. A major press scandal could erupt once he died; he is already sixty-four, drives himself hard and drinks heavily. A A newspaper campaign on BLUNT could lead to criticism both of the role of the Security Service in his case and of successive Governments.

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16. It is accordingly proposed:-

a) that BLUNT should no longer be allowed to think that M.I.5. believe him to be telling the truth and in general accept him as a friend; and he should no longer be given any M.I.5. information

b) those ministers and senior Civil Servants who have a need to know should be told of our current assessment of BLUNT and should be invited to consider whether the Government should revise its attitude towards him and specifically whether he should be allowed to retain his post as Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures

c) his immunity from prosecution should be withdrawn.

17. Two further questions are outstanding

i) whether and, if so, how the news of his changed position should be conveyed to BLUNT and

ii) whether a final attempt should be made to persuade him to tell the whole truth.

These questions, which are interrelated, cannot be answered until decisions are reached on the major recommendations set out in the previous paragraph. Clearly M.I.5. should, if possible, make a further effort to get the truth out of BLUNT particularly as the information he is withholding may well concern further R.I.S. penetration of British Intelligence. This cannot be done by trying to convince

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BLUNT that we know that he has lied in the past. This line of approach has been tried and has failed. It is possible that if BLUNT can be confronted by intelligence which he cannot discredit of hitherto unacknowledged involvement with the R.I.S. that he might be forced into making further admissions. Operation SILK, involving interviews with Richard LLEWELLYN DAVIES, Leo LONG and Patrick DAY, has been an attempt to do this: it has not succeeded. New recoveries from VENONA might also provide a lever, but although they may be made, none are yet available. The chances are not great but it may be possible to exploit the situation which will be created when BLUNT is told of his changed position to obtain further information from him. But such action would need to be carefully and delicately handled. It is impossible to formulate proposals to this end until decisions are taken on the proposals in paragraph 16 above.

CONCLUSIONS

BLUNT has not told the whole truth about his own relations with the Russians and has played down his importance as a spy. He has withheld information about other Russian recruitments and attempted recruitments. His motive may be continued sympathy with the Russians; certainly his actions have coincided with Russian interests. This Service and H.M. Government are vulnerable were the truth about BLUNT and our handling of him since 1964 to

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be made public. Action should be taken now to inform Ministers of the current assessment of BLUNT and of the danger he represents. Recommendations should be made that the Government revise its attitude towards him and consider his removal from the position as member of the Royal Household. His immunity should be withdrawn. This Service should seek to exploit any such action to obtain the truth from BLUNT.

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22.31. JB. and PATRICK had come in having returned from dining out. Drinks offered - whisky and water for PATRICK and JB. went out to get this. PATRICK remained in here.

22.34. When he came back with the whiskies and they had settled in here PATRICK started conversation touched on earlier.

P. Talking about the old days in the Office. I had a visit from one of those chaps the other day.

JB. What from one of the old office gang? (Laughing tone.)

P. No, one of the chaps there now. They are still working on the lines - of the spies of long ago - he was very nice.

JB. MM - (In a reflecting tone).

PATRICK went on to say that this chap had been interested in the period after he had gone abroad and they were operating on the Continent.

JB. queried the date. PATRICK remembered it as being shortly after the

22.38. invasion. Adding that they had appparently got some theory that the S.C.I. (JB. boke on with query as to what this stood for) and PATRICK told him that this ~~xxxxxf~~ stood for Special Counter Intelligence which was an M .I.5. set up. He complained that it was difficult trying to remember things that happened a quarter of a century ago. JB. had forgotten in exactly what capacity PATRICK had gone. He then continued to relate that apparently - this chap probably knew more than he let on - but apparently they seemed to think that the S.C.I. units operating in Germany and France were ~~xxxxx~~ penetrated by East German or Russians.

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JB. broke in - "Or ultimately Russian. And not merely KIM and GUY?"
PATRICK - "no, this was all about operations on the Continent."
JB. agreed that it was terrible difficult when one tried to remember the simpliest facts that took place a quarter of a century ago. Adding - "I mean I have had - as you can imagine - a good deal of this."
PATRICK continued to stress how difficult it was to remember who worked in these various S.C.I. Units. When they remined him of so-and-so he would / then /remember all this well.
There was a slight pause while they both ruminated. JB. emerged.
JB. " I think that they have got reason to go into all this".
P. "Have they"?
JB. "Well, I think they have. There were as far as I can remember plans - I think that the one thing that they are trying to do is - they are not interested in the past but they are interested in the past as possible routes for the present. If they can find someone who was doing something in 1945 -"
P. (Breaking in.) "He is likely to be doing something now."
JB."Well, not likely to be but it is something they ought to investigate."
PATRICK agreed. They ruminated again briefly. JB. emerged again.
JB. "There is something I got a very clear impression of and that is - is that they are not anxious to - is that they are not vindictive. They simply are interested in the present and therefore the future."

PATRICK went on to repeat how difficult it was to remember all this when it was so long ago. JB. broke in with remark - "Especially when they were largely interested in trying to check up on their own incompetent records. I suspect their records are terribly bad."
P."Well, he jogged my memory with a few names."
JB. "Oh did he? So that was not too bad."
P. "But I was faintly surprised that they should -" (Breaking off).
JB. "I think that very much - and I think probably rightly - that

JB. "they are going back to the route - even in the - in the direct Russian sense - right back to the Cambridge and Oxford days of the thirties."

PATRICK agreed this was so and asked to what end. Would there be anyone now?

JB. " Well, I think they was to make certain that that is not the danger."

PATRICK repeated that it was curious since it referred to so long ago.

JB. "Well, but you see - I mean - if you think of James KLUGMAN .

PATRICK queried witha murmur.

JB. "James KLUGMAN who was one of the great Cambridge Communists in the early thirties. He is still - whether he is still a member of the Central Committee I don't know but I mean he had gone right through. Er - Some of the other ones were killed - and so on - or - alot of the rest were - (Ruminating again and broke off). Alot of the rest/ just lapsed.

PATRICK then made remark and it was rather difficult to follow the sequence of words. He implied that PHILBY was a different matter but there was a certain disparity in/all this and it was a sort of exercise of memory in remembering people. Unless one was suddenly confronted with a certain name ones / memory of things had dropped out al_together. When a name was mentioned then one remembered the chap and then one did wonder what had happened to him now. Laughingly JB. broke in to say he had probably committed suicide two or three years ago. He added -

JB. "Yes, I know this very acutely. Also I have found in this particualar game that on occasions I have reacted when a name had been mentioned. I have said, "Oh yes I remember - I never knew him but I certainly remember what it was all about." And then a couple of years later - er - "you remember you talked about so and so" Who? Never heard of him. And then it is proved that I did make these statements about it. And it had gone absolutely out of my mind. And this is - this is partly due to age but not totally".

PATRICK agreed adding it was not age but time. They he asked -

P. "I suppose you have had to answer all sort of questions about old people who have died?"

JB. "Well, constantly, yes." (Short pause as they reflected.)

Then PATRICK wondered what kind of information - KIM was different - but what kind of information of any importance would GUY have given? JB. replied -

JB. "Well, GUY I think was able primarily to give good political gossip. Mostly that. KIM of course was a another matter, in the sense that if you read his autobiography - (PATRICK broke in to say he hadn't) - if you read his autobiography it contains a number of statements like "when I was in such and such section, sixteen M.I.6. agents were sent in to Yugoslavia on

such and such an occasion - nothing further was heard of them. The actual number of deaths that KIM caused must have been frightful."
PATRICK agreed but said this was all past history. JB. agreed -
JB. " Yes, I think KIM and GUY are past history but I think what they want to know is what the ramification or the system may be. It is not - I mean - ". (JB. broke off.) (ph)
Slight pause and PATRICK spoke again - referring to their previous mention of TREVOR ROPER - of his acticle (in the Sunday Times) and thought, as usual, he was right on some aspect.
JB. agreed and added "I think he was right and I think he ignored all the evidence against this case. If I remember rightly - am I wrong about this - he minimised the effect of GARBO and the whole double cross thing."
PATRICK did not agree and JB. consented that he was probably wrong. PATRICK went on about this stressing that TREVOR ROPER's point was rather that even all that would not have been so effective in isolation. It was in combination with the other massive camouflage thing etc that it was so effective.
JB. agreed saying that he thought this was a very good article - a little bit b minded but after all T.R. always was.
After further reflection JB. prophecied that the next war it would be treble cross or three dimensional cross and the human eliment may drop out.
One of the thing which JB. never knew about but which was obviously fascinating and this was when you captured a spy you had to learn not only to impersonate him as a character, but in every other aspect. TOMMY had been so marvellous at this JB. added. His book had he written one on this subject would have been a marvellously interesting one. There was a slight digression by PATRICK and then he took up theme that it was difficult to decide what was really crucial as regards information. JB. agreed with this adding -
JB. "Well, there again you see one could maintain that what GUY could have got through would have been more valuable than - ultimately than what KIM - KIM was responsible for the information which led to the death of a number of individuals. DONALD - as far as I understand - though I don't know very much about it - may have really been the most important of them all. Because he apparently really did have a great many of the scientific -".
PATRICK broke in with a query to which JB. continued -

JB. "DONALD - though he was no scientist - had access to a great deal of this." (Further pause for reflection.) JB. continued - "But I think that TREVOR ROPER's argument that by the time you have got into the spy - doubled by double-cross- triple-cross etc who is losing what - you can't judge. And also that an enormous percentage of the information exchanged is of

the information exchanged is of no importance what so ever."
Agreement by PATRICK and another pause.
Then JB. announced that as usual he was going to be rude and retire to bed. He had had rather a rough week. PATRICK asked if he had a rough day tomorrow. No, JB. replied tomorrow on the whole would be less rough than the last two or three. He asked about breakfast tomorrow.
PATRICK would not want to be called early and would have two boiled eggs tea and toast. Joke about footman or butler would bring in at 08.30.
22.59. PATRICK would get himself a cup of tea if he woke up early. Chat about sleeping pills. JB. mentioned he only took them very rarely.
He gave PATRICK another drink - gin and water - and after thanks by PATRICK for dinner, which he had enjoyed very much, JB. pointed out a block of offices which were brightly lit and so presumably being cleaned
23.02 and the Churchill Hotel. He apologised again for leaving and departed.
PATRICK called out sleep well and he would turn out all the lights.
23.14. Movements until -
23.45. It was quiet and remained so until coverage stopped at 01.00.

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It was quiet in here all day, except for distant noises until -

18.37. JB. and GASKIN in here. Inconsequential remarks by GASKIN.

18.40. i/c. GASKIN answered.

Back in here there were inconsequential remarks between them.

18.44. Bell pealed. JB. thought that would be PATRICK and apologising said he would have to bring him up here for a drink. GASKIN asked what time they would go out to dinner. Not too late JB. replied, about 19.30. GASKIN said that in that case he would just disappear now for a bit.

18.47. JB. came in with PATRICK DAY. GASKIN greeted him and they exchanged views on the weather.

18.49. They were now discussing various wines - merits of these and their tastes.

18.56. Still on subject of wine and food in various countries. Then on to power cuts during miners strike. How they kept warm etc.

19.01. Still on subject of various forms of heating. Then on plans during the holidays. JB. telling PATRICK that he would be going away for a week to his favourite county - Buckinghamshire then on to Naples. He had finished the book but had some things to check on when there. PATRICK asked if this was his last professional visit to Italy. JB. said not as he had got tied up in a scheme for photography in southern Italy, so this would take him there, which should give him another excuse for going. PATRICK evidently going to Wales during holidays.

19.07. GASKIN admired the socks PATRICK was wearing which switched conversation

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Now discussing driving on motorways - lorries using motorways -

19.11. Then student troubles - drug taking. Then of some project to distroy poppy seed to prevent making of canabis. etc etc.

19.15. Switched to medical research museums. GASKIN spoke of incident when he was in Villefranch. PATRICK asked if JB. had ever been there. JB. had and remembered going to there most disreputable brothel in that area, where they picked up French sailors. He was talking of the early 1930s and it was the sort of place where GUY and DADIE used to go to when staying with VICTOR.

19.18. GASKIN asked if VICTOR had a permanent villa there in those days. No, JB. said, he/merely took a villa there that summer in Cap Ferrat - in '33. GASKIN queried when the actual season was in those days. The real season was in February but they were there in full summer. JB. added that he remembered having a row in the Wellcome Hotel (joke about the spelling). There they had only had an omlette and DADIE had made a row because he thought the bill was too expensive. He had wanted JB. to make a scene but he was not very good at making scenes in hotels. However DADIE had taken over and made a scene which JB. described briefly and amusingly. This made the other two laugh. GASKIN thought it surprising that DADIE did not speak better French since he had spent a certain amount of time there. PATRICK supposed GASKIN's French was very good. He denied that but added he was fluent. This led to troubles with language when at school from GASKIN.

19.22. Now discussing change of fashion - drinking and food. PATRICK spoke of slimming diet he had been on and complained of suffering from malnutricion (?!) now. In that case JB. suggested a steak and baked potatoe at Lyons. PATRICK did not think he should have the latter. This led to talk about effects of pills and drinking, which led to Turkish baths and other aids to slimming. PATRICK recommended the R.A.C. swimming pools and baths.

19.28. Now of traffic problems in London. Incidents related by each.

19.34. Speaking of TUTANKHAMUN exhibition. JB. had seen it in Cairo in fact. Discuss financial reasons for the loan of exhibition.

19.39. Then story of discovery of the tomb. Mystery of death of those who made discovery etc. Inbreeding of the Pharoahs

19.46. JB. expounding in an extremely interesting way. Pause and PATRICK mentioned seeing something about TREVOR ROPER in the Times and asked if he had resigned the Chair. JB. did not think he evrr would except perhaps if he was offered the job of Lord Chamberlain - then he would as he was a prodigious snob. His wife, JB. thought, was a melancholy character.

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She was Earl HAIG's daughter so no wonder. She was called Lady Theodora TREVOR ROPER and no doubt did not agree with all the nasty things
19.50. written about her father - some laughter.
JB. then asked PATRICK if he had read J.C. MASTERMAN - not yet.
JB. did not think it had come out in this country yet. He strongly advised PATRICK not to read the book. It was so badly done and it was an outrage that he had got away with publishing it. PATRICK could not really recall but thought he had been pottering around at the end of the war filling in time before being demobilised and was working on this manuscript. JB. broke in - "well he made an extra carbon copy of it." PATRICK had heard about this from CHRISTOPHER MARLOW (ph). JB. went on - "But it is tragic. I was outraged to hear that he of all people - I mean why not T.A.R. - well TOMMY HARRIS is dead - but why should he of all people get the credit for this which should have been one of the great best sellers of the century. And - er - the answer is that he apparently got no authority at all. And secondly it is so boring". PATRICK butted in with "well, he was rather a boring old man". JB. - "well, exactly and all he did was to frustrate everyone else - and one feels that in the book. There is no reference - the names of T.A.R. and TOMMY - T.A.R. and TOMMY - they don't appear at all. He never says that he was actually in charge of the whole thing - it gives that impression - there is actually one foot note about VANDOR (VANDA, VANGOR - ph) I think it is, in which he says that as a result of this the head of the double cross was arr - not arrested - was identified and followed by Special Branch - in times he wasn't - but that is the only indication the whole way through the book that it wasn't - that it wasn't entirely his invention". PATRICK agreed that this was very like old MASTERMAN. JB. added that Eric WATERHOUSE had lent him a copy which he had got from America. "When it came I said that I must read it as it was the most fantastic story of the war. JOHN read it for half an hour and said he did not know what I was talking about. And this is absolutely true. I managed to read it because, I mean, one knew it all and it was interesting - I didn't know it all and I didn't know.. (couple of inaudible words) exactly but one knew the whole scale of the thing - but for anyone else who didn't know it (short piece missing owning to technical fault). Really TOMMY - TOMMY we know dictated a complete account of the GARBO case - I think mainly from memory before he left. Now if that had been published in tact it would have been one of the most extraordinary psychological documents - I mean, about GARBO, about TOMMY, about ROGER and all the people involved. And also a document of great historical interest". PATRICK interrupted to say he disliked the way people made money out of it. TRAVOR ROPER had started this. JB. pointed out that DUFF COOPER really started this. PARTICK argued TREVOR ROPER was before DUFF COOPER. Didn't JB. remember the book that Dick WHITE had authorised?

[redacted] Some burbled complaint from JB. about TREVOR ROPER agreed by PATRICK. JB. added - "in fact all the nasty people have cashed in most. ~~You and~~ Ewan MONTAGUE* (ph) cashed in a bit on the later stage. The DUFF COOPER and TREVOR ROPER, who cashed in. And, in fact, no doubt was in a good position to collect the evidence". PATRICK then asked what JB. made of GORONWY REES. JB. "he I think now is absolutely obsessed with GUY. I am surprised that anyone would really want to hear anymore of what GORONWY said. He had said it all." PATRICK agreed that he was surprised that anyone wanted to heard any more about any of it - he was not sure that they did. JB. agreed. It was noticeable that the Sunday Times ~~only~~ cut off after two articles. Referring again to J.C. MASTERMAN JB. said that if the Director of Public Prosecutions wanted to he could apparently get ~~him~~ J.C. inside for 25 years. PATRICK had heard this from CHRISTOPHER HARMON (ph or HARMER). All this statement in the press JB. added about after so many years at last Her Majesty's Government gave the authorisation was absolutely untrue. PATRICK agreed that he had not had any authorisation at all. There was a slight break and JB. suggested they might go and have dinner. PATRICK disappeared (? to the loo.) GASKIN asked what JB. was going to do. JB. was going to give PATRICK a steak and on Tuesday it would not be full.

20.08. PATRICK had come in again. Conversation switched to which was the oldest university - they settled for PADUA. JB. announced that this summer he celebrated his quarter centenary as Director. He thought he would give a garden party for members of the staff married or unmarried. GASKIN asked who would be the oldest student. JB. thought Geoffrey AGNEW's wife. Then he had a Peer and a Peeress both in their own right as members.

20.16. Jokes by them all on how they could get into the House of Lords. GASKIN announced that he had put the fire on in PATRICK's room so it would be nice and warm when he came in.

20.18. They all left the room.

* Wrote 'The Man Who Never Was'

PF.604,582 984a

Note for file

Gerald CROASDELL

Peter Wright interviewed Leo LONG on May 12th 1966, in the presence of BLUNT. The interview was not recorded, - why not? but Peter Wright's report says that LONG recalled that he had once put up a scientist called Gerald CROASDELL to BLUNT as a candidate for recruitment. BLUNT said that he could not recall this, and thought that no action would have been taken. Peter Wright further reported, after a meeting with BLUNT on May 6th 1969 that he had raised this question again, and that BLUNT had further denied it, but became very uncomfortable at the mention of CROASDELL.

2. CROASDELL is the subject of PF.48,860. He was at Pembroke College from 1934 to 1937 (LONG was at Trinity from 1935 to 1938). He is a homosexual and an Apostle (as was LONG). He is a lawyer and has never been a scientist. He has been recalled by numerous URG sources as a Party member at Cambridge, originally an underground one, who probably joined during the 1934/35 year and was used to penetrate the N.P.M, before becoming an open member in about 1936.

3. Although he must have been called to the Bar between leaving Cambridge in 1937 and joining the army in 1940, the file does not record him having a job. His overt Communist activities continued, however, and we have him recorded as active in a number of Communist, Communist front, and left wing youth and student organisations. Although he applied for the Intelligence Corps, he in fact served in the Border Regiment and later the R.A.C. Since 1948 he has worked for Equity.

4. When LONG was seen recently by K.3./A.B., he denied that he had put CROASDELL's name to BLUNT as a candidate. He said, 'it certainly doesn't add up that I'd recommend Gerald CROASDELL to Anthony - I'm sure that Anthony knew him as well if not better than I did ..... and .... I couldn't have been under the apprehension that he was a scientist.'

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29th March 1972.

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Original from: T/C material Under Ref.: 4304 Dated: 25.3.72

Extracted on: 29.3.72 by: MAS Section: K7

Extract from T/C on BLUNT - 935 1074

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Outgoing call GASKIN toTONY WINSTON.
GASKIN told him about the row. GASKIN was supposed to have hit RAY first.
GASKIN hinted that he wanted to leave the place. TONY told him not to be stupid - it was not very easy to find nice places in which to live.
He said that he was not to be a fool - there were enough troubles in Ireland without bringing them to Portman Square. TONY would defend him when he speaks to BLUNDEN and would say 'you'd have been in trouble years ago ' if it hadn't been for GASKIN, and 'TONY knew very well' that GASKIN had been BLUNDEN's 'guardian angel'.
TONY described BLUNDEN as 'a moral coward' and very pro the person he was fond of at that particular moment.
TONY also thought that BLUNDEN could be -'a little insincere'.
GASKIN 'yes, well, I know! '
GASKIN queted having said last night - 'I said last night to him - I said, 'nobody really knows you'- I said 'there's nobody ever worked out that devious mind of yours, ever'. GASKIN went on to speak about the way in which he had betrayed him - going to France etc. without telling him. TONY advised him over and over again to hang on, 'you hang on long enough- he'll/hang himself '. TONY was afraid -'there'll be a lot of scandal when it does happen, but that doesn't matter' -'if you're there for Anthony to lean on, you'llbe the lucky one'.
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Note

As recorded in the note at 960a dated 13.3.72, coverage on BLUNT had informed us that the Management Committee (of the Courtauld Institute, understood) was due to meet on Friday 17th March 1972 at 16.00 hours.

2. TOW ROPE (filed at 2788 in PF 604,582 Supp A) told us on 16.3.72 that the meeting on 17th March would start at 16.30 hours. BLUNT had arranged to meet Jeanne Courtauld and Lord Robbins at the Courtauld Institute before the meeting, Miss Courtauld at 15.30 and Lord Robbins at 16.00. Earlier TOW ROPE had reported that BLUNT expected the meeting to be "a long one".

3. According to A4 (973a in PF 604,582) LLEWELYN-DAVIES arrived at the Courtauld Institute, by taxi, at 16.15 on the day of the meeting. He left again at 18.20 on foot. A4 had been asked particularly to watch for general departures from the Institute so that we could assess whether LLEWELYN-DAVIES left with the other members of the Management Committee or whether he stayed behind after they had gone when, presumably, he would have been able to have a private conversation with BLUNT. From the A4 coverage LLEWELYN-DAVIES would appear to have left the Institute before some other members of the Management Committee as A4 recorded that at 19.00, BLUNT came to the front door "with several people, men and women" whom he saw off the premises.

4. John GASKIN was up in BLUNT's flat from at least 16.13 onwards during the afternoon and evening of Friday 17th. BLUNT may have come up at about 19.30 but AZURE was not sure of his presence until 20.16

Comment:

We have no evidence that LLEWELYN-DAVIES said anything to BLUNT about his interview with the Security Service. We know however that the two men saw each other on Friday 17th and I think we should work on the assumption that LLEWELYN-DAVIES has told BLUNT something of his contact with us.

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28th March 1972

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re Giles ROBERTSON (no file)
succeeding David TALBOT RICE at Edinburgh.
G.R. was a member of a party of Oxford undergraduates 1st class.
AFB. took to Paris in 1935. Other members - ~~Stuart~~ HAMPSHIRE,
Ben NICHOLSON - see 528b

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22nd March, 1972.

Professor Sir Anthony Blunt, KCVO,
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20 Portman Square,
London W.1.

Dear Sir Anthony,

On Monday morning I conveyed your telephone message to the Principal and members of the Special Committee. The Committee recommended the appointment of Mr Giles Robertson to the Chair and the University Court has approved - with effect from 1st April 1972. (I telephoned your secretary this morning). I enclose a copy of the Committee's formal recommendation to the University Court together with a Press statement to be issued tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Fletcher

(Miss S.D. Fletcher)

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20.3.72.

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Report to the University Court by the Special Committee set up to make a recommendation for the filling of the WATSON GORDON CHAIR OF FINE ART with effect from 1st October 1972 on the retirement of Professor David Talbot Rice.

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Members of the Special Committee

The Principal (convener)
Sir William Kininmonth (President, Royal Scottish Academy)
The Vice-Principal, Professor Denys Hay
The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Professor Campbell
Sir William S. Murrie
Professor Hepburn
Professor Leighton
Professor Piggott

Professor Sir Anthony Blunt)
Professor Hamish Miles) External Assessors
Sir Norman Reid)

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that Mr Giles Robertson, M.A., at present Reader in the Department of Fine Art should be appointed to the Watson Gordon Chair of Fine Art.

Following the death of Professor Talbot Rice on 12th March 1972 the Special Committee recommends that the appointment should take effect from 1st April 1972.

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WATSON GORDON CHAIR
OF FINE ART

Giles H. Robertson
Appointed

The University of Edinburgh has appointed Giles H. Robertson, M.A., presently Reader in Fine Art at the University, to the Watson Gordon Chair of Fine Art with effect from April 1, 1972. He succeeds Professor David Talbot Rice, CBE, who in October 1971, because of ill health, intimated his intention of retiring in September 1972 and whose death has regrettably occurred very recently.

Mr Robertson was educated at the Leys School, Cambridge, and at New College, Oxford where in 1936 he graduated Bachelor of Arts in Literae Humaniores. After travel on the continent of Europe and several months of study in Vienna under Dr Johannes Wilde, then Kustos in the Kunsthistorischesmuseum, Mr Robertson worked in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, where he was later appointed personal assistant to the Director, the late Louis Clarke. On being called up into the Army in 1940 he served first in a Searchlight Battalion, and in 1941 was released for civilian work under the Foreign Office, in which he remained until posted to Germany in the Allied Military Government in July 1945: there he served as a Monuments Officer, chiefly in Westphalia, organising the care of war-damaged monuments, and of museum and archival collections.

In 1946 Mr Robertson was appointed to a Lectureship in Fine Art in the University of Edinburgh, and was promoted to a Senior Lectureship in 1961 and to a Readership in 1968. In 1965-66 he was elected to a Membership in the School of Historical Studies in the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. Mr Robertson's

main interests lie in the Renaissance age, and he is a leading authority on the Venetian School. His book on the Venetian painter Vincenzo Catena (Edinburgh University Press, 1954) has remained the standard work, and that on Giovanni Bellini (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1968) has been recognised by scholars as an art-historical event of major importance. Mr Robertson has since completed a general book on The European Renaissance, to be published by Phaidon in the autumn. He has also published a number of articles and critical reviews, notably in The Burlington Magazine on the Giorgione Exhibition at Venice in 1955 and the Carpaccio Exhibition at Venice in 1963. From 1955 to 1959 he was Art Critic of The Scotsman, and he has given public lectures in the Universities of Oxford and Newcastle upon Tyne, and at the Courtauld Institute in London. He is regarded as an excellent and patient teacher and one of the most widely liked and respected art historians of his generation.

Mr Robertson is 58 years of age, and is married, with four sons and one daughter.

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Note

During a telephone conversation A4/NBH - K7 on 17.3.72, A4/NBH mentioned that one of the A4 girls who had been involved in coverage of STATE LOTTERY said that she knew a girl who worked at the Courtauld Institute. The girl concerned is Caroline Scarlet. She is receptionist and has been at the Institute for about five or six years. The A4 girl assessed her as a sensible sort of person and did not think she was particularly closely attached or involved with her director. I thanked NBH and said I would note this on the file.

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27th March 1972

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Extract from T/C on BLUNT - 935 1074

Incoming call PATRICK DAY to BLUNDEN.
PATRICK was ringing to discuss when it would be convenient for him to come down.
BLUNDEN suggested Good Friday or the Thursday before but neither of these were considered very convenient because of travelling.
BLUNDEN then suggested Tuesday and this was agreed upon subject to BLUNDEN ringing back in the event of their having to change it.

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Note

The technical fault on XJB/2 and 3 was finally repaired at about 19.15 on Thursday 23rd March. Apparently the cable had been cut in the general process of removing wiring from No. 21 Portman Square.

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24th March 1972

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A.4 SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Section K.7. Subject

Officer Nickname STATE LOTTERY

Copy to PF. No. 604,582

A.4 Ref. F.1284/7

Day Thursday Date 23.3.72

We took up observation with our cars at 0800 hours and then withdrew to the area of Grosvenor Street with the cars as soon as the O.P. could be occupied at 1000.

2. At 1255 STATE LOTTERY left and walked east.

3. At 1720 STATE LOTTERY was seen to go into his address from the west and at 1835 a man we believe to be PITCHFORK came out and walked south towards Oxford Street.

4. At 1930 the lights were seen to be on in STATE LOTTERY's flat and at 1935 he was seen walking around.

5. When we saw STATE LOTTERY in his flat wearing a dressing-gown at 2125, we remained in observation for a further ten minutes and then withdrew.

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24th March, 1972

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KX has decided that DEAD SLOW shall have priority over STATE LOTTERY for A4's services during the weekend of March 25th and 26th. He also considered that routine coverage of STATE LOTTERY on Friday 24th was not necessary in the face of K4 demands for A4 services, since we now knew that CRICKET MATCH would at some stage see STATE LOTTERY. It might however be necessary to use A4 in a special operation to support A1A.

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CLARE HALL CAMBRIDGE CB3 9AL

18 March 1972

Dear Professor Blunt

I thought I should let you know that my encounter with Nottingham was a rather unfortunate experience : a case of mutual incompatibility, which I think was quickly recognized. Alastair Smart himself was amiable, but quite evidently what they required (and understandably so) was someone prepared to devote himself to Nottingham and live there all the time, and to be constantly accessible to students. (This I'm afraid I made it clear I was not prepared to do.) Their interest in interdisciplinary themes was only secondary to their anxiety to acquire someone to 'join the team', as it were. It really wouldn't have suited me, but I suppose it was just as well to go and find out. I really do begin to think that I ought for the time being at least to go for some gentler kind of job; if you think I had any chance at all, I might put in for the Ashmolean job. Otherwise, Jennifer tells me that the Witt gives occasional temporary grants for people to work in the Library; I'd be quite content

to do something like that for a while. Jennifer also suggested my putting in for a research job at the Tate - but here again I imagine this would go to a modern period specialist.

I'm sorry to have had to trouble you about the Nottingham job, but - again on paper - it looked as though it might suit me, if I'd been able to make my own conditions. But since they stipulated that I should have to live there, I was from the first an 'infirm' candidate.

I forgot to ask you when I saw you on Thursday whether you thought it advisable to go to Rome and Chartres armed once more with letters of introduction. I hope to be in the Courtauld again on Monday afternoon (perhaps I might come to your lecture?) and could ask Elizabeth about this.

Yours sincerely

Claire Pace

Claire Pace

Thank you again for kindly advising me about Edinburgh

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Note

K3/EWP told me this afternoon that CRICKET MATCH had suggested he discussed matters with STATE LOTTERY. EWP had agreed that he should do so. When he might do this was not discussed.

2. Nevertheless, it became all the more urgent that AZURE should function again as soon as possible. The P.O. have apparently failed to find a fault, and an A.1.A operation this evening may be necessary.

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23rd March 1972

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Note

A.2.A/EH told me this morning that XJB/2 and XJB/3 had not been working since the afternoon of Tuesday 21st March. A.2.A had only been informed of this late on Wednesday 22nd. The trouble is apparently an external cable fault for which the engineers are still searching. I emphasised to A.2.A/KH that coverage was most important today, and she agreed to keep me informed.

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A.4 SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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Section K.7. Subject

Officer [redacted] Nickname STATE LOTTERY

Copy to PF. No. 604,582

A.4 Ref. F.1284/6

Day Tuesday Date 21st March, 1972

We took up observation in the STATE LOTTERY O.P. at 0745 as well as having crews standing by in the Grosvenor Street area.

2. At 1300 hours a male that we believe might have been PITCHFORK was seen talking to one of the scaffolders on the first floor.

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3. At 1450 STATE LOTTERY left the address and caught a taxi.

4. As you know, we had to vacate the O.P. by 1800 hours, and we took up indirect observation as soon as this happened. Towards dusk we moved closer in and at 1920 STATE LOTTERY and a male companion came out of the address and took a taxi, and travelled to the South Bank. At 1940 they entered the Queen Elizabeth Hall with tickets, and having seen them safely installed we ceased observation.

5. We deemed it possible for STATE LOTTERY to have re-entered his address after our O.P. closed down as it is quite likely that the cars deployed at some distance, [redacted] were not able to cover everybody entering the address.

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22nd March, 1972

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

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Extract from T/C on BLUNDEN - 935 1074

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Outgoing call GASKIN, to MOORE CROSTHWAITE, 622 8842.
DICK, whom GASKIN wanted, had not yet returned from America.
GASKIN talked of his plans to invite them over to a meal when the Institute closed.
GASKIN mentioned that BLUNDEN had worked at Windsor all of yesterday.
This was connected with a television programme which, GASKIN thought, was going to appear on April 15th.
MOORE talked of wanting to go over to his sister's to see it. Long chat.
MOORE enquired whether BLUNDEN was now a little less exhausted?
GASKIN replied that he was terribly exhausted last night when he returned.
He had slept for 10 hours after taking sleeping pills.
GASKIN said about BLUNDEN that 'to keep going' he takes drink.
MOORE recalled that he too had begun this habit when working hard in New York. He understood it so well that the drink keeps you going.
GASKIN looked forward to seeing them both upon DICK's return and once the institute was closed.
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Note

A4 Coverage of State Lottery

On Tuesday 21st March p.m., and on Wednesday 22nd March, STATE LOTTERY is to be abandoned by A4 in favour of a K2 case, DEAD SLOW. If at all possible there will be A4 coverage during the evenings. Information currently available on STATE LOTTERY's movements, suggests that he will remain at the Institute during working hours on both days.

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21st March 1972

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A.4 SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Section K.7. Subject

Officer [redacted] Nickname STATE LOTTERY

Copy to PF. No. 604,582

A.4 Ref. F.1284/5

Day Friday Saturday Sunday & Monday Date 17th 18th 19th & 20th March, 1972

Friday 17th

We took up observation on the STATE LOTTERY address in the morning and at 1210 he appeared on the first floor balcony and spoke to the scaffold errectors. After a short time he returned into the building.

2. At 1540 BRAN TUB came out of the building and entered a green Vauxhall Estate, registration No. O F E 609 K and drove away east.

3. At 1615 CRICKET MATCH entered the address from a taxi, carrying a document case. At 1820 he left on foot walking east and still carrying his document case.

4. At 1900 hours STATE LOTTERY appeared at his front door with several people men and women, and he said goodbye to them and returned into the address.

? men had managerial office

5. At 2115 the lights were out in the STATE LOTTERY flat and by 2145, when there was no further movement we ceased observation.

6. From 1530 to approximately 1830 there was a steady flow of what we took to be business types entering and leaving the home address.

7. We shall obtain registration particulars of the car registration No. O F E 609 K and let you have the details in due course.

Saturday 18th

We took up observation in the morning and at 1115 STATE LOTTERY left on foot and was brought under control walking in Wimpole Street. At 1125 he entered No. 21 Devonshire Place W.1, his dentist. At 1140 he came out of here reading a piece of paper and

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A.4 SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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walked to John Bell & Croyden, a Chemist in Wigmore Street where, at 1145 he entered the Prescription Department.

2. At 1210 he left here and walked to the home address which he entered at 1215. We continued observation throughout the afternoon, and the O.P. reported that a possible STATE LOTTERY left walking east but we were unable to make contact, and this person was not seen by the mobile crews outside.

3. At 1910 the lights came on in STATE LOTTERY's flat and an unidentified male was seen in the flat and we are certain that he was not BRAN TUB, PITCHFORK or indeed CRICKET MATCH. This man was seen to lean out of STATE LOTTERY's window on several occasions, and was also seen to walk about on the roof looking down on the traffic in Portman Square. We are not able to give a description of this person as he was too far away, but we can say that his build is similar to that of BRAN TUB, although he is not BRAN TUB.

But nobody else was there

4. We remained in observation until 2145 and then ceased.

Sunday 19th

We took up observation on STATE LOTTERY in the morning and at 0920 he left on his own and walked due west to Berkley Street, where he hired a taxi and was driven to Paddington Station. He entered the booking hall and was overheard by one of our officers to ask for a cheap day return to Windsor. At 0948 he boarded the Windsor train and after seeing the train out of the station we withdrew observation.

2. We remained in observation throughout the afternoon and at 2110 STATE LOTTERY returned to his address by taxi, and having seen him safely inside we ceased observation.

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A.4 SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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Officer ..... Nickname.....

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Monday 20th

We covered the STATE LOTTERY address throughout the day until closing at 2200 hours and during that time we do not have anything of significance to report.

2. Our crews, during the day now stand by in the region of Grosvenor Street awaiting information from you that we should close in on STATE LOTTERY.

3. Please refer to my report of 17th March, 1972, the dark red Rolls Royce belongs to:-

(Sir) Roger Anthony HORNBY, (BART)
Claridges Hotel,
Brook Street, W.1.

A.4.

21st March, 1972

Note: We have been informed that O F E 609 K is not a G.L.C. registration. If you wish to pursue details in respect of this vehicle perhaps you would do so with P.L.S.

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A.4 SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Section K.7 Subject

Officer [redacted] Nickname STATE LOTTERY

Copy to PF. No. 604,582

A.4 Ref. F.1284/4

Day Wednesday & Thursday Date 15th 16th March, 1972

Wednesday 15th

We took up observation at the STATE LOTTERY address and at 1225 STATE LOTTERY left in a cab which duly proceeded south and was allowed to continue.

2. At 1415 STATE LOTTERY returned to his home address.

3. We remained in observation until 2145 but we saw nothing of STATE LOTTERY outside his home address.

4. Our O.P.s reported a lot of coming and going at the address throughout the afternoon and early evening. At 1740 they noted that the lights came on in STATE LOTTERY's flat. At 2010 he could be seen walking about in his flat wearing a fawn coloured dressing-gown, and at 2100 he was still in the flat still wearing his dressing-gown. We saw nothing of BRAN TUB or PITCHFORK.

Thursday 16th

We again took up observation at 0745 and at 0830 a man wearing gold coloured pyjamas could be seen walking around in STATE LOTTERY's flat, but we could not actually recognise him.

This must happen a Saturday surely

2. At 0845 we were informed that STATE LOTTERY was expected to leave the home address for an appointment with his doctor at approximately 1100 hours.

3. At 0915 the golden pyjama gentleman came to one of the flat windows and appeared to be dusting the sills.

4. At 0940 our view of the address was obstructed by a large pantechnicon, but a man left the building and walked East and then South down Baker Street. He was dressed in a light grey overcoat and dark pin stripe trousers. He was carrying a distinctive light-brown/tan leather hold-all and a rolled

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5. At 1200 hours we were informed by collateral, that STATE LOTTERY was at his home address. We saw nothing of BRAN TUB or PITCHFORK during our coverage on the address during the morning.

6. At 1647 a dark red Rolls Royce registration No. D L L 595 J drew up at the address and a tall erect man, who walked with two sticks, and had very white hair entered No. 20 and his chauffeur drove off immediately. At 1755 the chauffeur returned with the car and at 1825 the white haired gentleman left the home address and was driven away in the car.

Sir Anthony Hanby's car (Hanby?)

7. At 1950 STATE LOTTERY's flat lights went on and at 1953 he came into view at the left hand window for a few minutes.

8. As soon as it was dark we resumed our car surveillance outside the address, but there was no movement up to 2200 hours when we ceased.

9. We shall obtain the registration particulars of the Rolls Royce and let you have these in due course.

10. It has been agreed with you that during the nons following periods we should maintain crews in the area of A.4 control at immediate notice should you require them for following. During the following periods; during the hours of darkness and at the weekend our crews will remain in the area.

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Note

After lunch yesterday, A4/NBH, K3/EWP and I discussed coverage of STATE LOTTERY and CRICKET MATCH over Friday 17th March/Sunday 19th March. Everyone was agreed that the main object of Friday's surveillance was to confirm whether CRICKET MATCH went to the Courtauld Institute in the afternoon for the meeting at 16.00. A4/NBH said he would brief his officers to be on the look-out for CRICKET MATCH from 15.30 till about 16.30 (to allow for CRICKET MATCH being late although EWP thought this unlikely.)

2. A4 officers should then watch out for the departures after the meeting had finished to see whether CRICKET MATCH stayed behind after the others had left.

3. If we learnt that CRICKET MATCH went to the Courtauld Institute on Friday 17th I said it was important for STATE LOTTERY to be covered over the weekend. I told A4/NBH that KX had given this task priority over the K4/A1 operation which might come up over the weekend. If however CRICKET MATCH did not attend the meeting, then I would not ask for A4 coverage over the weekend. A4/NBH accepted that the K7 operation had been given priority and said that coverage might as well be maintained on STATE LOTTERY over the weekend whether or not CRICKET MATCH attended the Friday meeting. By the time we were sure CRICKET MATCH had not been to the Courtauld Institute it would be too late to brief A4 officers for alternative duty.

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Note

John GASKIN's references to Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES

Shortly before 09.39 on Monday 13th March 1972 John GASKIN telephoned Geoff BENTON (a former boy-friend of BLUNT's who is still in touch with both BLUNT and GASKIN). Geoff mentioned that his son Andrew was going into Gt. Ormond Street Hospital. GASKIN received this news without comment. Later that morning, just after 11.15, BLUNT came up to the flat from downstairs and GASKIN told him that Geoff's boy was due to go into* the next day (514 in PF 604,582 Supp D). The subject was not discussed again by GASKIN or BLUNT before GASKIN's telephone conversation with Dot just after 18.00.

2. By that evening however something had prompted GASKIN to recall Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES' connection with the Gt. Ormond Street Hospital as he telephoned Dot BENTON, Goeff's wife, and told her about this and BLUNT's friendship with Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES (see extract at serial 964a). The following morning GASKIN telephoned Geoff BENTON and during the conversation repeated that Anthony BLUNT and he knew Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES who was "the boss of the Gt. Ormond Street Hospital" (2782 in PF 604,582 Supp A).

3. Unfortunately there is no hint from AZURE as to what prompted GASKIN's effusion about Pat LLEWELYN-DAVIES; there is no evidence that he and BLUNT discussed Gt. Ormond Street Hospital again after the first exchange during the morning.

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*Gt. Ormond Street Children's Hospital for an operation

EXTRACT

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

Original in File No.:* PF 604,582 Supp A Vol.: Serial: 2785 Receipt Date: 16.3.72 Wednesday

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Incoming call to GASKIN from ALI. (?Arab boyfriend of GASKIN's)
It was agreed ALI would come over at 7.30. GASKIN asked him about the money he owed BLUNDEN. ALI confirmed that he would be paying some of this back tonight.
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Day Tuesday Date 14th March, 1972

To Paddington 1711 09.03 train to Windsor

We took up observation in the area of the STATE LOTTERY address and at 0835 he left his address on his own without any luggage and walked west.

2. At 1400 hours BRAN TUB left alone and walked East.

3. At 1520 STATE LOTTERY returned alone. At 1635 a man who we believe might be BRAN TUB entered and at 1645 the same man left and drove away at the wheel of a white Saab car registration No. A B Y 585 C.

4. We remained in observation until 2130 hours when, as there was no further movement we ceased.

5. We have the following particulars of cars which have already been passed to you by telephone:-

R W A 626 E Jaguar saloon
Dark blue in colour
Registered owner:-
David ALTWARG,
Leinster Towers,
Leinster Gardens, W.2.

R R 1 Silver Shadow Rolls Royce
Duo/Blue in colour
Registered owner:-
H.R. Owen Ltd.
17 Berkeley Street W.1.

6. We have also obtained registration particulars of the white Saab A B Y 585 C:-

Registered owner:-
Mrs Gerda Elsa CUPERMAN
129 Clarence Gate Gardens,
Glentworth Street, N.W.1.

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