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12.2.73	Note for file re suspension of telephone checks on the Courtauld Institute	1148a

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12.2.73	From the Cabinet Office (draft submission to the Prime Minister)	1149a
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I will, if
you wish, discuss
with Mr Sheldon 1150

~~KX~~

Home 49 14/2/73

1. The draft minute from Sir Burke Trend to the Prime Minister enclosed with 1149a has taken into account the amendments suggested in the DG's letter at 1146a; and the four Annexes are as supplied by this Service.

2. The only new material is the letter with which Sir Burke Trend refers the draft submission to Mr. Peterson. On this I have no comment.

W. Fleay

M Fleay

K7
MS Ext 496
13 February 1973

13.2.73	Int letter		1150b
13.2.73	Int letter	removed by K7/WT/29.3.73	1150e
13.2.73	Int letter	removed by K7/WT/29.3.73	1150d

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13.2.73	Letter from Peterson, Home Office		1151a
14.2.73	Int letter		1151ab
14.2.73	Copy of loose minute to K3 re 1148x		1151b
14.2.73	Int letter		1151c
14.2.73	Ext from AZURE		1151d

W. Fleay 25/2. I have no comments. 1152 Helmington will conduct a full prosecution aspects, if necessary. He says that he did not attend any meeting with Trend. R.S.

Please see minute 1150 concerning Sir Burke Trend's draft statement to the Prime Minister (1149a). I have no comments.

19/2/73

J. H. Allen
J. H. Allen
KX

15 February 1973

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~~15.2.73~~ Int letter *Destroyed K7/L 23.5.79* ~~1153a~~

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~~16.2.73~~ Int letter *Removed by K7/H 29.3.73* ~~1154a~~

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~~19.2.73~~ Int letter *Removed by K7/H 29.3.73* ~~1155a~~

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20.2.73 Int letter 1157a

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23.2.73 Copy of loose minute to K3 re AZURE 1159z

23.2.73 Copy of Legal Secretary's letter to Sir Burke Trend
re submission to Prime Minister 1159a

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27.2.73 Ext. from minutes of CEDAR Working Party 1159b

~~27.2.73 Int letter removed by K7/MF 29.3.73 1159c~~

~~28.2.73 Int letter removed by K7/MF 29.3.73 1159c~~

2.3.73 Int letter 1159d

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5.3.73 Int letter 1159f

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6.3.73	Int letter	Removed by 167/114 29.3.73	1160y
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8.3.73	Ext from TC		1160za
9.3.73	Letter from Cabinet Office		1160a
12.3.73	Int letter	Developed K716 23.5.79	1160b

1161

~~Secretariat(Home)/Mr Sheldon through EX~~

I see from 1160a that the Prime Minister only wishes to see the papers submitted to the Attorney General in 1972 which led the latter to decide against prosecution. Insofar as we are concerned the relevant references, which are flagged, are at 1110a (with 1088a), 1111a, 1115a and minute 1114. There is nothing in these not already available to the Legal Secretary and no action is, I think, required from us in this regard.

J A Cradock
 J A Cradock

K7
 MS Ext 470
 13 March 1973

14.3.73	Extract from report of interview with McCORMICK.	1161b
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16.3.73
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Ext from AZURE
Ext. from TOWROPE

1162z
1162za

~~17.3.73~~

~~Int letter~~

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~~1162a~~

19.3.73

Note

1163a

~~19.3.73~~

~~Int letter~~

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~~1164a~~

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19.3.73

Int letter

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1165a

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19.3.73

Note for file

1166a

21.3.73

Copy of Loose Minute to A2A/

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22.3.73

AZURE material

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Ext. from TOWROPE

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23.3.73

Ext. from T/C

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Int letter

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Int. letter

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LM from A1C/PST

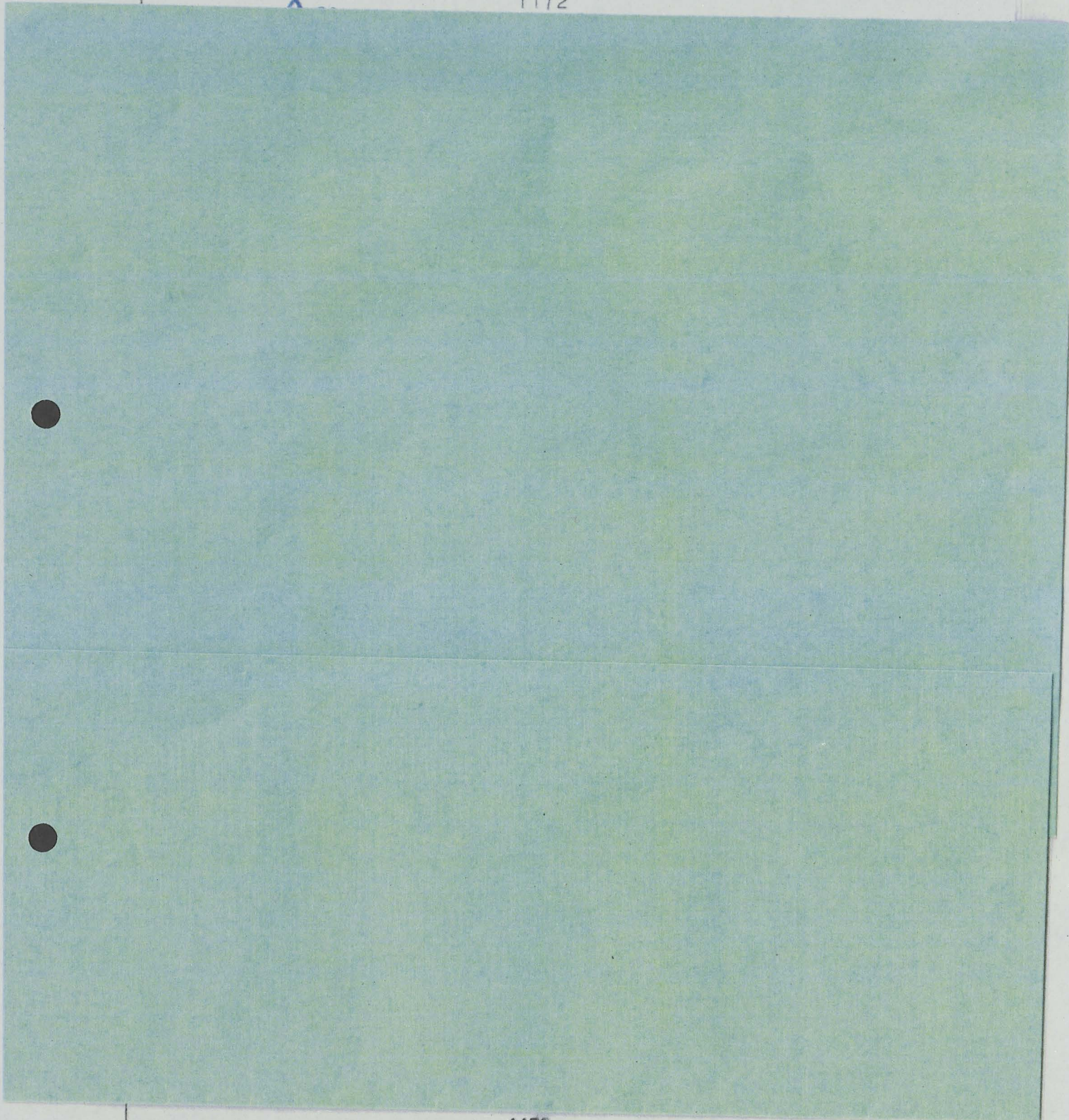
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PHIDIAS

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Loose Minute re Andrew KING

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Ext. from T.C.

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Ext. from AZURE

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Note for File

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AS 24/4
DDG through KK and K7
1173
the checks on BLUNT must closely be maintained
By [Signature] K7

The validity of HOW number TS 3083 and HOW number PS 13382 on Sir Anthony Frederick BLUNT is due for reconsideration under the May review.

2. The telephone and postal checks continue to provide information regarding BLUNT's activities, contacts and intentions. For example TOWROPE alerted us (1134c) to a forthcoming meeting between BLUNT and Brian SIMON which was subsequently covered by AZURE.

3. While operation SILK (minute 1033 paragraph 2(a)) has not as yet resulted in a meeting between BLUNT and Richard LLEWELYN-DAVIES. We have from AZURE received details of meetings between BLUNT and Brian SIMON (serial 1140y) and between BLUNT and Lady Rothschild (serial 1147c) which were of joint K3/K7 interest.

4. BLUNT's status as a confessed spy and friend and recruiter of other spies continues to make it necessary that we should maintain coverage of his contacts. TOWROPE and AZURE also provide us with knowledge of BLUNT's state of health, and other factors which may bear on the situation anticipated in the brief for the Prime Minister at serial 1149a.

5. I therefore recommend that HOWs TS 3083 and PS 13382 be retained for the present under Category B.

6. Please see also minute ⁴² in Link A. (attached)

M. Howlin
M Howlin

K7/6

24 April 1973
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27.4.73

Ext. from AZURE

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Ext. from AZURE

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~~Int letter~~

sent 1175 - K7/6 24.5.79

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~~PHIDIAS~~

sent K7/6 24.5.79.

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Cutting from Daily Telegraph

1175z

7.5.73

Ext from AZURE

1175za

8.5.73

Note for File

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~~10.5.73~~ Int letter (bank statement) *Destroyed 24.5.74* 1176a

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11.5.73 Ext. from TOWROPE 1177a

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12.5.73 Ext. from TOWROPE 1178a

1179

18.5.73 Ext. from AZURE 1179z

21.5.73 Copy of LM to A2A 1179a

22.5.73 Ext. from AZURE 1179b

~~22.5.73 (32) Ext from rept of int with LLEWELYN-DAVIES 1179bc~~
Duplicate of 10106 in vol 19.

22.5.73 A2A LM 1179c

24.5.73 Ext from AZURE 1179cd

24.5.73 Intercept letter (from Italy) 1179cdd

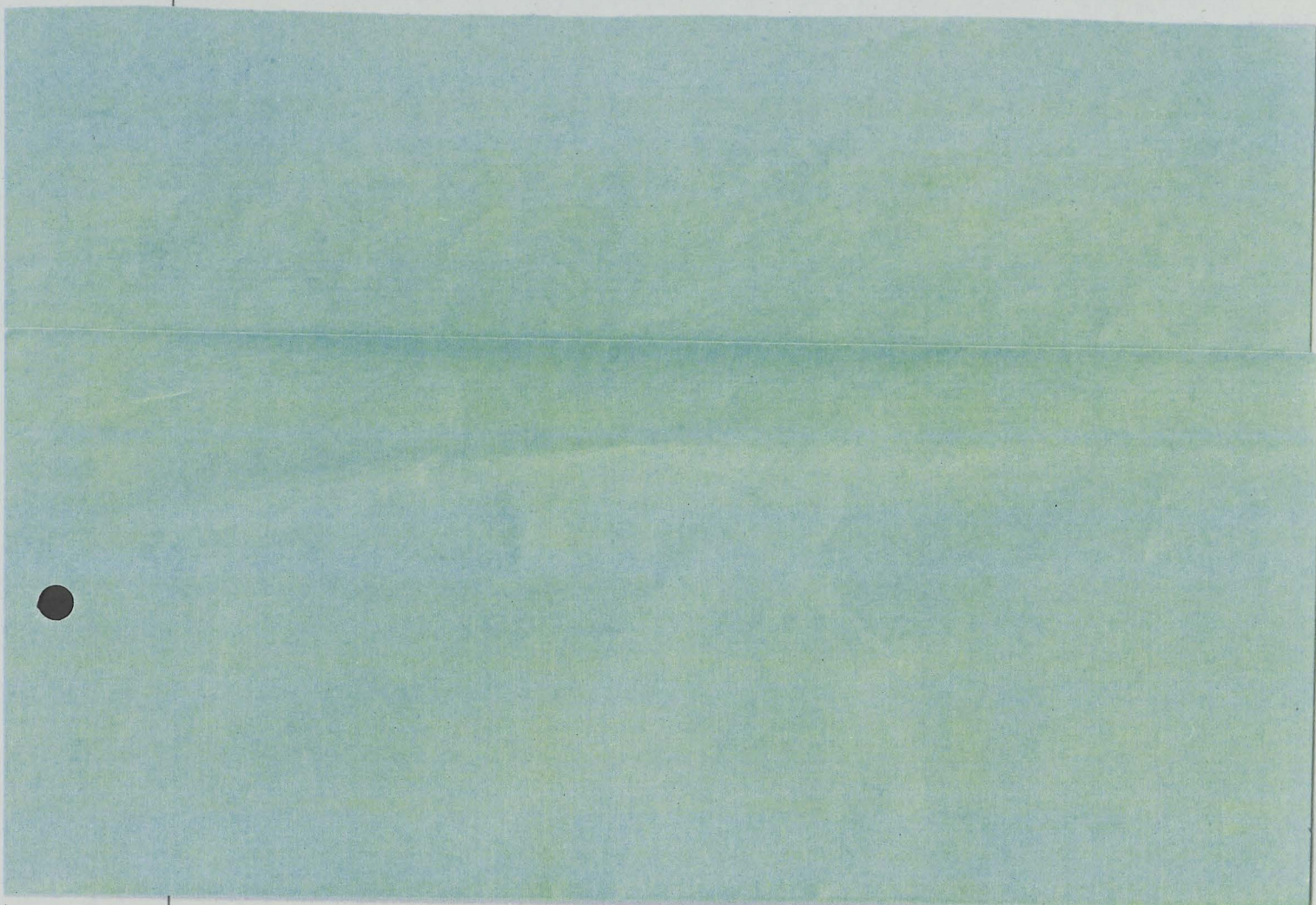
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~~30.5.73 Int letter~~

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- ~~1.6.73~~ Int letter *Letter K116 24.5.74* ~~1181a~~
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- 1.6.73 Int letter 1181c

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Ext from TOWROPE

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LM to K3/EWP (re TOMKINS)

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1183

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Ext from TC

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~~7.6.73~~

~~Int letter~~

Bill sent K7/6 24.5.79

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~~7.6.73~~

~~Int letter~~

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~~8.6.73~~ Intercept letter (from Paris) *Red low sound! Desk 24.5.79*
8.6.73 Note for file (interview with Lady ROTHSCHILD) *K76* ~~1186z~~
9.6.73 Int letter 1186a
9.6.73 Extract from TOWROPE re call from Patrick DAY 1186b

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~~11.6.73~~ Int letter *Desk K76 24.5.79* ~~1187a~~

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11.6.73 Loose minute from K3 re "TOMKINS" 1188a

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Loose Minute

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"TOMKINS"

1182b

1. Thank you for your Loose Minute dated 6 June 1973.
My feelings are:

- a. George TOMKINS PF 41004. He seems a most unlikely candidate; there is nothing on his file to suggest that the political (or any other) path he has trodden has ever crossed those of the relevant characters associated with the so-called Ring of Five. In the absence of any such indication it seems to me unlikely that the "TOMKINS" which cropped up in the AZURE in the way it did related to this man.
- b. George THOMSON PF 55602. He also seems to be an unlikely starter. He of course has had close links with both Alister WATSON and Richard LLEWELYN DAVIES through his friendship with the latter's mother, and also with the rest of the Apostles, but there is nothing in his record to suggest any sinister associations. Indeed he seems to have had a geographical background which perhaps itself puts him out of the running. In the early 1930s, when recruitments to the Ring of Five were taking place, THOMSON for the most part was buried in the remote island of Great Blasket where he was busily translating the Greek classics into Gaelic for the benefit of the fisher folk there. He returned briefly to King's but soon departed to another wasteland - Birmingham. On the face of it he simply does not seem to fit.

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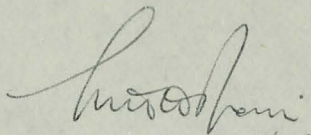
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2. As I said when we discussed this the other day, I rather incline to the view (without of course having listened to the recording) that what was said was a word, recognised by both BLUNT and Lady ROTHSCHILD, as one which applied generically to a Russian. I cannot suggest anything very convincing - could it have been something like "George TOMSKI"? Perhaps a Russian translator might be able to suggest something appropriate which fits.

3. Do you propose to put some indication on the files of TOMKINS and THOMSON that each has been considered, but discarded, as a candidate for a reference in PF 604582?

*just
necessary*



E W Pratt

K3/7
MS Ext 660

11 June 1973

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9.6.73.
Saturday

O/G BLUNDEN to PATRICK DAY.

Putting off the lunch date which had evidently been arranged for Tuesday as he found he had another engagement. He suggested either Tuesday or Wednesday and it was finally fixed for Wednesday - the same arrangement - the Travellers at 13.00 hrs. BLUNDEN mentioned that there should be no reason for him to be late and both looked forward to this.

09.18.

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- 9 JNE 1973

LONDON. <W> SECRET

UNITED

J.P. Day
University of Keele

Personal

Prof. Sir Anthony

Constance Institute,

20, Portman Square,

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SENIOR WARDEN, LINDSAY HALL
J. P. DAY, B. PHIL., M.A.



STAFFORDSHIRE.

ST5 5BG

TELEPHONE: KEELE PARK 219

8/6/73

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Personal

My dear Anthony,

Confirming our telephone talk
this morning, I look forward
to meeting you at the Travellers at about
1 p.m. next Tuesday, 12th.

I am delighted to know that you
are fully recovered. You sounded quite
your old self on the phone!

Yours ever,

Patrick - DAY

K7 Thank you. I shall be glad to read your observations on para 4 when the files have been studied

NOTE FOR FILE

PF605565

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A 604582 orig at 103a in pt. 605565

To see a spoke with M. Wright p.m. + with his agreement I am writing produced a separate note which is substantially as below 5/16

103A 118620

I saw Lady ROTHSCCHILD on Wednesday 6 June at her request. She was particularly insistent that she wanted to see me before I went back to Cornwall and she wanted to see me alone. I called on her at 7.30 and was with her until 10.30. I told her that I was seeing her husband the next day and she said that she had already told him I was coming today but there were two subjects she wanted to talk to me about which she was anxious that I did not discuss with him. I did not ask her whether he knew about the two subjects.

2. She started off by saying that she had recently seen BLUNT's doctor who had told her that the cat was now out of the bag and BLUNT knew that he had cancer but that the doctor had been able to assure BLUNT that as far as he could tell it was completely cleared up. He said that BLUNT was in better health than he had ever been and certainly heavier than he had ever been. Tess discussed with me how it had leaked to BLUNT. I suggested it was probably through GASKIN talking to Andrew GOW and GOW had not realised that BLUNT did not know. She thought this was probable.

3. Tess then produced a letter which she did not show me which she said was from Brian SIMON. She said Brian had written to her asking to have lunch with her and was suffering a crisis of conscience about his associations in the past with the Russians. She quoted pieces of the letter which showed that SIMON was still a communist but now anti-Russian. She said that SIMON clearly wanted to talk to somebody about the past but could not bring himself to do it. She offered to try to help us in getting him to talk. She asked me what she could say to him. I told her to pursue the line that we were not communist witch hunters but rather we were anxious to get rid of the Russian cancer of espionage, that the Russians were the enemy not communism and so on. She said that she thought she could do this. She said furthermore that she was prepared to tell him that she had talked to us about what she had known. I told her that she could tell him that a number

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of people who had been involved in the BURGESS/PHILBY circle had now talked to us and none of them had been prosecuted. She said that she was sure he would not be prepared to talk to the people who had gone to see him in Leicester. Would I be prepared to talk to him if she could arrange it? I said that I would. She said that she doubted that she would be able to arrange it but suggested that she told SIMON that he ought to go and talk to Anthony BLUNT about it, and that we had talked to BLUNT. I agreed to this making it clear that she must under no circumstances hint to SIMON that BLUNT had confessed to espionage. She said she fully understood this. She then asked me point blank whether BLUNT's flat was miked. I told her equally definitely that it was not. She said that she thought that if SIMON did talk to BLUNT that BLUNT would probably tell her something about the conversation if he did not get in touch with me. I thanked her for trying to help. She said she would arrange a lunch date for the first week in July.

4. She then went on to say that she had something even more delicate to talk to me about which under no circumstances must Victor be aware that she had told me. She said that their eldest daughter Emma had been very left wing at university and subsequently she had gone to America where she was a journalist I think she said "a stringer for the Financial Times". She said that Emma had never as far as she knew been a member of a left wing political party but had been and was very anti-establishment. She said that while in New York Emma had gone to live with Alexander COCKBURN the son of Claud COCKBURN, that he was equally anti-establishment but she thought that both of them as they were growing older were moving much more to the centre in their political views. She said however that Emma when she was home tended to embarrass Victor by her anti-establishment behaviour in front of pillars of the establishment. When she had been home recently she had let forth about the iniquities of the establishment in front of an important visitor they had. She, Tess, had extracted Emma from the scene and had a flaming row with her. In the course of it Emma had turned upon her and accused both she, Tess, and Victor of being supporters of the establishment because they had worked for MI5. She went on to say that MI5 did the most despicable things to people. She said that Alexander had told her that when he was being born his mother was in a prohibited area in Scotland, that his father had applied to visit

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her and had not been allowed to go. Claud had told Alexander that he had discovered from a woman Comintern agent in MI5 that it was MI5 who had stopped him going to Scotland to be with his wife. Claud and therefore Alexander and Emma considered this to be a most inhuman act. Tess went on to say that Emma had told her that Alexander had told Emma that Claud had told Alexander that he himself had been a Comintern agent in the past. Tess emphasised that she had not told Victor about all this but she was telling us in case it helped us in any way. She was most anxious that Victor should not be aware of this because he would undoubtedly summon Emma back from New York and roast her.

5. What I have recorded above is a precis of nearly three hours' discussion. Tess was very emotional about Emma to who she is clearly very devoted. She asked me not to record this story on MI5 files but merely to report it verbally and hide the source. I said that I would protect her in every way possible.

for Peter M Wright

Consultant

8 June 1973.

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O/G BLUNDEN to John BREALEY.

Long discussion and complaint concerning the letter in the Times by Professor WHITFIELD. The subject discussed at length with all ramifications. BLUNDEN proposed to write a strong personal letter to Whitfield refuting the allegation and the Ministry would also take up the cudgels, in order to correct the facts.

09.18.

Mantegna restored

from Professor J. H. Whitfield

Sir, By the courtesy of Mr J. Brealey, the restorer, I went yesterday (June 1) with a party of members of the Society for Renaissance Studies to see the Mantegna *Triumphs* behind the scenes at Hampton Court.

These great works have had an appalling history. Damaged in Mantua, they were completely and coarsely overpainted here, first by Laguerre, then by Goupil, and even in part by Roger Fry and pupils (including, apparently, a leg by Paul Nash). A ton of wax was used deleteriously in their restoration in the 1930s, with the result that they retired from view, almost written off as dead. Before Mr Brealey it was proclaimed that the overpaint was too rocklike to be removed. I do not know how long he has worked, but now, with the exception of one write-off, they are almost ready to emerge, triumphantly: 80 per cent, even in one case 100 per cent, Mantegna (though not, alas, 80 per cent or 100 per cent of what Mantegna painted, since there have been inevitable losses).

Mantegna is one of the noblest of Italian painters, and these works are, as they reappear, one of the great art treasures of Britain; but they are also, in their historical lineage, one of the chief links with the age of Charles I, whose stamp reappeared also, when the later relinings were removed, on the original fine linen used—perhaps for the first time in the history of painting instead of panel—for a support by Mantegna.

They are almost ready to surface, and yet it seems that this event may be long delayed, simply because the Ministry of Works cannot bring itself to find the necessary sum to present them properly, and safely, in their traditional setting in the Orangery.

We have a Conservative Government, but though they have a bottomless purse for Channel tunnels or the Concorde they cannot bring themselves to conserve one of the main items of our national inheritance. Should we not, Sir, bring what pressure we can on them to ensure that the *Triumphs* of Mantegna are back in view—for the first time in living memory the work of Mantegna himself—before the end of the year?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
J. H. WHITFIELD, Chairman of the Society for Italian Studies,
Department of Italian,
The University,
Birmingham 15.
June 2.

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LOOSE MINUTE
Copied to PF 604582 ✓

K3/EWP

In connection with the obscure reference to "George TOMKINS" mentioned in the AZURE report of BLUNDEN's conversation with Lady ROTHSCHILD on 1 February 1972, Michael Serpell has drawn attention to PF 41004 for George TOMKINS which I am attaching.

2. The subject of PF 41004 does not seem a very good candidate. He was a prominent Party member before the war but does not seem to have moved in the same intellectual circles as BLUNDEN. It seems less likely that he was the "George TOMKINS" of the AZURE report than that this was

- a. George THOMSON the Greek scholar who was at Cambridge from 1926 to 1936, or
- b. "George ?" (some cover name), a Russian.

3. However, you may wish, as we discussed, to examine PF 41004. I should be grateful for any views you may have on this identification.

M
M Fleay

K7
6 June 1973

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Alfred George TOMKINS (PF 41004)

born 9.3.95. occ Chairmaker

TOMKINS first came to notice in 1922 as a member of the Communist Industrial Organisation Committee. In October 1926 he was elected as a member of the Central Committee of the CPGB. He is believed to have been a member of the Communist Party in 1931 but it seems likely that he broke with the Party at around that date. In 1947 he was described as 'antagonistic' towards the Communist Party and similar reports of his attitude were received in 1960 and 1966. However in 1955 he appeared on a list of new members of the Haldane Society (a communist dominated organisation). In 1947 and 1957 he was General Secretary of the newly formed National Union of Furniture Operatives. In 1962 he went to Moscow as a member of a non-communist trade union delegation.

2. Our most recent information on TOMKINS is that in 1972 he was General Secretary of the Furniture, Timber and Allied Trades Union (formed from a merger between the National Union of Furniture Trades Operatives and the Amalgamated Society of Woodcutting Machinists).

M. Howlin

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I/C MOO again. This time GASKIN answered and told her BLUNDEN was downstairs. MOO had forgotten to ask him when she rang before if he could come and have a drink with them tomorrow night. They had one or two people coming, including Mrs BOWRUFF (ph) who MOO thought was a friend of BLUNDEN's. GASKIN would pass on the message but mentioned that a great friend of BLUNDEN's - Dr ANDY REVAI had just died and this had been a shock to him and he might get rather tied up with this.

19.20.

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ITEM I - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a. BLUNT

2. The Chairman said that the papers prepared for the Cabinet Office had now been referred to the Prime Minister who had expressed himself content that action should rest until publicity arose or was thought likely to arise. The Queen had been informed of the position.

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O/G GASKIN to caretaker.

During this conversation GASKIN told him that he and BLUNDEN would be away for the next weekend, from Friday night until

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Villa S. Filippo - Anticoli Corrado - Prov. di Roma - tel. 0774-96327

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Dear Anthony,

In deciding not to have anything further to do with John I am sadly aware that I am also cutting myself off from you. Obviously, your loyalty is to him. So rather than submit to being put on the ^{long} list of friends from whom you are so assiduously protected, To quote a master in the gentle art "I prefer to have things all neat and tidy and couch this note in the form of a farewell". Our long friendship has been one of the happiest and certainly most rewarding of my life, my deep affection and respect have only grown over the years, ~~and~~ the only very small consolation for the sorrow I feel in saying goodbye is that I can tell you these things without fear of my motives being doubted. With all my heart I wish you health and happiness in the years to come and remain with fondest memories and love

Eric HERBORN

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JB. told him not to contemplate this while he (JB) was away. If this was done in July he would have to avoid the second half when he (JB) would be away. He also spoke of linking up with GEOFF BRUNNELL in Rome in September. It would be nice to drive down to Naples with him. This would have to be before October as BRUNNELL would have started term by then. JB. repeated that he would be here until the middle of July anyhow, then go to Germany in the second half. Back here the first half of August. He had to go to an exhibition in Brussels in September - he had offered to give a lecture - but he would also like to get to

~~get to~~ Italy in September and so if they really wanted him in Brussels they would have to fly him from wherever he was then.

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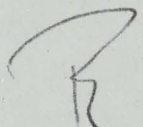
S. 1179a -

Please see the complaint in the attached Loose Minute dated 21.5.73 from K7/O. This matter was reported by the transcribers concerned last week and discussed with PO/EDD staff in Room 610. It is confirmed that the transcribers warned Room 610 that visitors were expected on the JB lines on Sunday 13th May but Room 610 state that no indication was given that the matter was particularly important.

2 You will recall that the F3 Tripoli operation was mounted after normal working hours on Friday 11th May and this entailed fulltime continuous monitoring on two lines for the whole of the weekend. The staff available in Room 610 did not allow for fulltime monitoring on the JB lines on Sunday afternoon. It can be seen from the Room 610 notes that the staff listened to the lines at a number of times during the afternoon but were not able to record on cylinder. Consideration was given to leaving the lines continuously recording on tape but this was not considered justified because of the apparent unimportance of the snatches of conversation heard.

3 To avoid any similar misunderstandings in the future, it is proposed that:-

- a. Transcribers or Intelligence Sections having any special instructions for Room 610 should always make them through [redacted] or myself in A2A HQ depending on the transcription group concerned.
- b. [redacted] or myself will assess priorities when there is likely to be any clash of interests and Room 610 should not hesitate to consult either of us by phone outside normal working hours.
- c. Room 610 should consider bringing in extra staff when unexpected commitments arise outside normal working hours consulting [redacted] or myself if necessary.



R E Williams

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A2A / [redacted]
spoke to me apologizing
for this lapse &
asked that our
requests be
put through
[redacted]

A2A/Mr R E Williams

I understand that [redacted] and Betty Howell have already discussed with you the loss of coverage of JB/1 and XJB/3 for most of Sunday 13 May despite a specific request from, I believe, [redacted] to Room 610 on Friday 11 May that particular attention be paid to these lines on the 13th.

2. While realising that there may have been good reasons due to pressure of work why the lines were not covered this has resulted in the loss of what is likely to have been an important and informative conversation.

3. We very rarely ask for special coverage on JB/1 and XJB/3 but when we do so it is unusually important. We shall therefore be grateful if future requests could be complied with.

bx

J A Cradock

K7/O

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18.49. Jokingly JB. told ADRIAN that they would be having a moving out sale in 18th months time. He hoped to the Albany.

Rest of conversation of no consequence. Merely drawings and paintings again.

19.03. JB. and GASKIN came in - planned menu for supper. Then long discourse on ERIC HEPBURN having let the villa ~~flat~~ to a friend for the summer when he had promised to let villa to GASKIN and JB. GASKIN had evidently planned to rent this villa in Rome for the summer. He thought it a dirty trick by ERIC having let someone else have this. JB. tried to console him and various plans discussed as an alternative. One suggestion was that GASKIN would take Peter B-P away to Greece while JB. was in Italy during the autumn.

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I/C Peter B-P to GASKIN.

GASKIN explained during this conversation that Roy PEARCE had ^{given} left some money to an Italian - 2 hundred - who had disappeared with this to Brazil. He also said that he was busy cooking for lunch tomorrow as they had a lunch party, to which Dennis and Barbara PROCTOR would be coming. Adding that PROCTOR was the third highest paid civil servant in this country - and the Prime Minister's private

/secretary

rhubarb!

secretary at the age of 22. PETER duly impressed.

12.45.

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Note

During conversation with Bob OLSON's friend GASKIN mentioned that BLUNDEN had in fact had cancer but that this had been all removed. (Possibly this was one of GASKIN's exaggerations?)

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I/C for BLUNDEN from WILFRED, his ^{brother} ~~brother~~.

GASKIN answers to explain that BLUNDEN has gone to Bath tonight and is staying with the ROBERTSONS.

WILFRED mentions that BLUNDEN had rung him telling him their sister in law, ELISABETH, was not well.

They discuss BLUNDEN's health. Both agree that he is very well indeed and, GASKIN remarks, that he is much better in fact than for months before his operation and is heavier in weight than ever before and he is 'on top of everything'.

WILFRED refers to CHRISTOPHER ABERCONWAY's annual party which is to take place on June 13th. He and BLUNDEN normally meet at that and then WILFRED comes back for a meal afterwards. GASKIN has no idea whether BLUNDEN intends to go this year.

19.07

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1. BLUNT's drinks bill for April 1973 amounted to £76.82p.
2. He continues to receive copies of the German Democratic report.

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12.59. JB. came in with Dadie RYLANDS, who asked whether he was really well now. Yes, and putting on weight. DADIE delighted to hear this. JB. then related amusingly the story of their trip through 9 inches of snow to see baroque churches in Germany. He had not been there for 40 years - not since 1934. DADIE surprised to hear the length of time. JB. wandered out to get gin and French for both and DADIE admired various new objet d'art. They strolled around looking at these. JB. apologised that GASKIN had chosen to go riding in Richmond Park today. Then spoke of proposed sale of the large POUSSIN and DADIE wondered whether this would buy him a house for retirement. JB. told him of the plan of a flat in the Albany which he was still aiming at and gave details of variations of flats there. DADIE described Roger ~~MALIKANDIE~~ MACHELL's flat there and JB. spoke about John RICHARDSON's. DADIE thrilled at the prospect of JB. going to the Albany. He had been to see Selina HUNTINGDON and the RAYS, but mostly to Roger MACHELL's. They then discussed prospect of getting rid of possessions.

13.10.

13.15. DADIE asked about Andrew GOW and commented that it was marvellous that he survived and equally marvellous that JB. went up to see him so often.

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<p>15.02.</p> <p>15.07.</p>	<p>such as TESS, PETER and himself. Was PETER another of his old friends he had dropped? Was this what he was trying to explain? Brief word of protest from JB. who said he did see TESS. DADIE pressed on with complaint of JB. having dropped all his old friends and added that he and TESS had worked out that JB. would know them all again later when he had retired. JB. agreed jokingly that he would have more time then. This event would be coming quite soon DADIE pointed out. He hoped that as soon as he was confined to a bath chair in King's JB. would visit him regularly - this would be awfully jolly. (This another carping reference to JB.'s frequent visits to Andrew GOW.) Again JB. laughingly agreed that when he retired from here he would be more friendly. DADIE digressed to comment on how wonderful it was about ALAN's O.M. (Sir Alan HODGKIN) and both concurred that nobody could be anything but delighted. Going back to speak of Peter MONTGOMERY DADIE asked when JB. had last seen him. JB. thought about six months ago six months ago and had since then talked to him on the telephone. He then went on to give an account of PETER's extreme vagueness - the tempo of his life slow and he was still a dreamer. DADIE wondered whether Lady BATES was still alive. She was when he last saw PETER M. JB. said. What about other old friends DADIE asked - did he ever see Lord ROTHCHILD? Not for a long time JB. answered. DADIE reported VICTOR as well and cheerful and liking his job. They neither both thought he managed rather well on television and had trounced Robin DAY and CROSSMAN.</p> <p>DADIE asked after Mark ROBBINS - neither had seen him for sometime. JB. reported him looking much older.</p>		

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13.21.	<p>In reply JB. gave an account of Andrew GOW who was not completely crippled with arthritis.</p> <p>At the end of this JB. wandered out to see if lunch was ready - found it was - and returned to collect DADIE. As they got up to go out JB. spoke of another picture - by COLESTREAM - which had been bequeathed to him by Phoebe POOLE. He wondered whether DADIE had ever know her? She had been a friend of people like Herbert HART and JENIFER - and that generation. DADIE did not know her. JB. related that BHOEBE had killed herself in the end. They had both written a book on early PICASSO together and she had left him a small COEESTREAM which he thought absolutely ravishing and would show this to DADIE on the way out. On further reflection he thought he would bring it in here as the picture needed a strong light - he went out returning immediately with the picture. DADIE admired this very much. JB. went on to say that he had asked COLESTREAM the other day when he had painted the picture and was told, to his surprise, 1946. This led on to some talk of John BETJEMAN - JB. had been horrified when BETJEMAN had been appointed Poet Laureate. Laughing DADIE expressed his comment on subject as they both drifted from the room.</p>		
14.56.	<p>They had come back into this room to have coffee. DADIE asked about GASKIN's picture buying activities. JB. gave details. DADIE then asked about Peter MONTGOMERY. JB. said that he had not seen a great deal of him as GASKIN had taken against him. DADIE was sorry to hear this. He continued to recall old friends</p>		

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15.14.	<p>(Names mentioned in following were phonetic.)</p> <p>DADIE then asked after poor PLAYFAIR and JB. told him PLAYFAIR was on the Management Cttee but had resigned owing to his National Gallery commitments taking up so much time. They went on to talk of various other National Gallery personalities - LEVY and others, not by name. Then Arnold HASKELL who DADIE knew well. JB. recalled Adria BURN, who had turned out absolutely brilliant. DADIE pleased to hear this as they (KING's) had given him a fellowship. JB. added that he was a brilliant teacher and a very good scholar. He was on Institute staff.</p> <p>DADIE started taking his leave. He was afraid he had kept JB. from two lectures and the research student he particularly wanted to see. JB. was not expecting latter until four. They got up and drifted out talking about other poeple as they went into the distance.</p>		
15.18.	This was inaudible.		
	It was quiet in here until -		
17.44.	JB. came in with John SHERMAN.		
	Lengthy discussion of art matters and organisation of lectures and other Institute matters.		
18.29.	They left the room.		
19.55.	<p>JB. came in with GASKIN.</p> <p>GASKIN asked after DADIE's visit. JB. said he was in good form. He did not know exactly how he did divide his time. GASKIN asked if he saw alot of VICTOR? JB. reported DADIE being friendly about VICTOR and had reported him seeming so happy. DADIE had also been delighted about ALAN's O.M. There was a pause and conversation switched to GASKIN's day riding in Richmond Park.</p>		

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20.00.	Longish pause and JB. announced that DADIE had sent his regards. GASKIN thanked him. GASKIN after another pause told JB. that the hairdresser would be coming tomorrow morning.		
20.06.	This was followed by further inconsequential chat by GASKIN. During this there was reference to something John SHERMAN wanted done and the advice JB. had given this evening. Both would watch a 'Flave in the Country' on I.T.V. tonight and they discussed this, which would be a film of Knowle.		
20.21.	Asking about DADIE again GASKIN enquired whether he was any thinner. JB. thought he had got a bit thinner than when he last saw him. He had been interested in things on the home front or talking about mutual friends. GASKIN asked if JB. had told him that he had seen TESS. JB. confirmed this. Further pause and then further idle chat by GASKIN - of no interest. Further pause and JB. related that DADIE had liked various pictures and the arrangement of pictures in this room. He had noticed the change in arrangement. He had admired the bust of ERIC and GASKIN was sure they had met once. GASKIN thought it nice to meet old friends occasionally and JB. agreed. Further pause on conversation and they eventually drifted out. JB. mentioning as they wandered out that DADIE had remarked on how well he looked. GASKIN pleased to hear this.		
20.32.	It was quiet and remained so until coverage dropped.		

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Very superior left-wing person

By Colin Welch

John Strachey. By Hugh Thomas. (Eyre Methuen. £4.50.)

STRACHEY was heir to a baronetcy. He was at Eton, which he hated, and Magdalen, Oxford, where he played cricket in a French straw hat "hung with pink ribbons," and breakfasted at noon on chocolate cake and crème-de-menthe. Hugh Thomas is not the sort of professor to overlook such illuminating trifles.

An habitué later of the Gargoyle Club and a close friend of Oswald Mosley and Nancy Cunard, Strachey was described as "very superior and upper class," cold and sneering. He was unmoved if not actually pleased by the death of his distinguished father, St Loe Strachey, editor of the *Spectator*.

He married first a "hideous," rich and drunken Lesbian ("of course the fact that she has money is vitally important to me"); he despised her, lived off her and despised himself for doing so. Marrying again one morning, he and his new bride went to their psycho-analysts on that very afternoon. He even consulted his psycho-analyst about his own political views.

He put his son down for hated Eton. He played the stock market, buying and selling Soviet bonds as his sympathies fluctuated (he ended up wisely in General Motors). He sent his family to Canada when the war broke out. For his last operation he went not to the National Health Service but to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers. His will was proved for £50,000, but he had already "made dispositions before his death," so he must have been worth more.

Would you think it likely or even possible that the workers of Aston or later of Dundee would choose this weird aristocrat, as choose they did, to represent them in Parliament? Would you think him, as Attlee thought him, fit to be firstly in the Air Ministry, then Minister of Food, then Secretary of State for War, no less—especially if you remembered that he had spent some 10 indefatigable years as a Communist party member in all but mere formality? He was still justifying Stalin's great purge in late 1939, after the Nazi-Soviet pact.

Of course Strachey had other qualities, among them terrific industry. The list of his published works occupies more than a column of Prof. Thomas's index. How much of this prodigious output did the burghers of Aston or Dundee actually read? How much did Attlee?

Precious little, we may bet. Which is not to deny that his books had much influence on the intelligentsia and, in the case of the Communist books of the 1930s, a malign influence indeed. Are they worth reading now? Yes indeed, if you are interested in what left-wing intellectuals

were thinking about in the 1930s and 1950s; but you may not find in other respects much added to your permanent stock of wisdom.

Strachey also appears to have been pretty efficient in the war—a fact which may partly account for his prominent role in the groundnut folly. For economic success is not often won by the quasi-military means he employed. In this fiasco Strachey behaved shabbily as well as foolishly. Dismissing a subordinate less culpable than himself, he arrogantly (and we must still hope falsely) commented: "Generals are not sacked—it is the colonels who pay the penalty."

He is said to have envied Sir Charles Dilke for being "coarse-grained and insensitive." He can have had little cause to do so.

Among his lefty friends on the groundnut board, incidentally, was Lord Rothschild, now boss of Mr Heath's "think-tank": *absit omen*. In 1940 Strachey had stayed with Rothschild (then in military intelligence), the company including Guy Burgess and Anthony Blunt.

Prof. Thomas tells us much and enjoyably about a fascinating and important though, to me, still unattractive figure. Not unattractive to all, obviously: a lady in Berlin was so overwhelmed at first glance by his physical charms that she had a sort of fainting fit. The book is well worth reading, not least by the author himself: it contains more mistakes than it should at £4.50.

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- 18.43. The WHITES having arrived conversation developed quite affably for a time on variety of subjects. During discussion on flat and house property JB. repeated the plan to get a flat in the Albany. Conversation continued in fact quite affably it seemed all the time.
- 19.33. The WHITES left.
- 19.46. JB. and GASKIN spoke of JOHN and JOAN (WHITE). Some criticism of JOAN's hair style and her bad language from GASKIN. Then eventually touched on JOHN WHITE's disappointment at not being appointed the new Director. Then discussed other personalities such as John SHERMAN and Alan BURNES. GASKIN advised JB. not to get too depressed about WHITE's attitude. Both thought the affair had been badly handled and it was no wonder people had been antagonised.

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I/C PETER to GASKIN.

He related fact that BLUNDEN had answered from downstairs. GASKIN had been watering plants in the garden. Conversation followed concerning riding tomorrow and plan to have lunch with Clive HISLOP while out at Richmond area. During this GASKIN mentioned that he had to shop this morning as BLUNDEN had an old professor friend coming to lunch tomorrow and GASKIN had to cook for this and would leave it cold - to be heated up. PETER queried whether he had ever met the chap to which GASKIN replied no, repeating he was a friend from Cambridge.

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19.04.

It was quiet all day until -

JB. came in with Geof BRUNNELL.

JB. spoke having seen the specialist who was very pleased with his health. He had his successor appointed and hoped he would relieve him of some lecturing during his last two terms, next year. He then spoke still hoping to get a flat in the Albany. Then on to plans for selling the Poussin. For writing the book on German Baroque.

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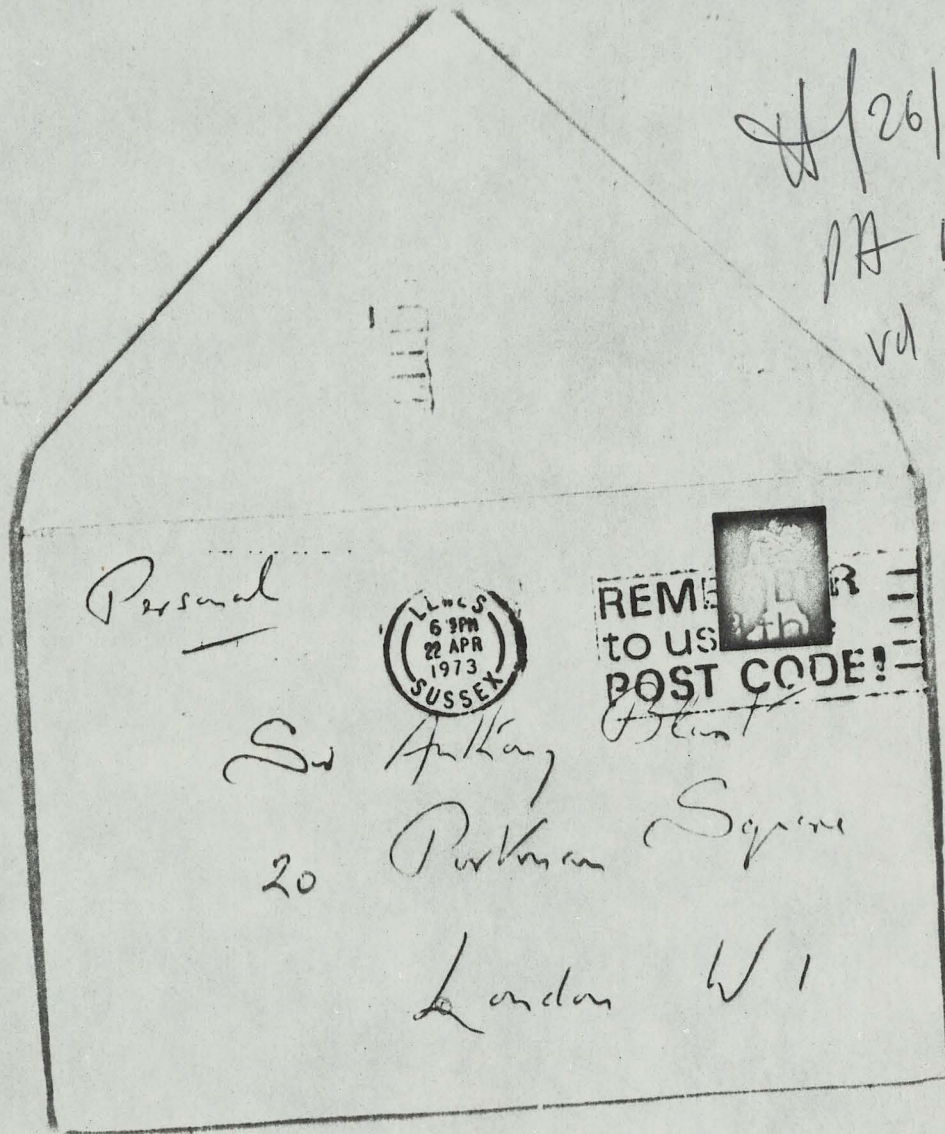
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20 Parkman Square
London W1

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Rest Sunday in the Dunes

Dearest Art

I was so thankful
 to receive the letter you wrote
 just before you went abroad.
 I had decided - I was agreeing
 - that your old friends were
 being disbanded: at any rate
 until such time when they were
 in better chairs of bedridden
 when you would roll, roll,
 vans. Must writing
 that I have always missed.

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PS I still be seeing Gordon Bell 11's of course
but I'll be hospitalized for a while
and I'll be in the hospital for a while

you in Cambridge but like
the Americans you are too
much worried to the telephone.
A warning just heard would have
made an encounter more possible.
I long to see you & to
satisfy myself that you really
are all right again. Would
lunch on Wednesday OR Thursday
May 2 or 3 be any go?
I pass through London staying a
night with the Americans. (ANNANS)
Alan's O.M. was a joyous
encounter. Is John in England
our dearest Dada

Hodgkin

S'pos
Dadie Rylands

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NOTE FOR FILE
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AFB continues to receive
copies of the GDR Foreign Affairs
Bulletin.

M Howlin

M Howlin

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LOOSE MINUTE
K3

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I have placed within a copy of the BLUNT submission as you requested. After the draft had been seen by Mr Peterson in the Home Office it was submitted by Sir Burke Trend to the Prime Minister on 23 February 1973. The only amendment made to the draft, at Hetherington's suggestion, was in answer to question 2 in Annex D: this is reflected in the copy within.

2. The Prime Minister has agreed that the following additional precautions should be taken when the time comes:

- (i) Sir Martin Charteris should tell the Queen; See also
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- (ii) Mr Wilson, Mr Callaghan and Mr Jenkins should be consulted;
- (iii) it would be necessary to consider with Lord Rothschild, at the time, but not before, what should be said on his behalf.

The Prime Minister has also asked to see the papers submitted to the Attorney-General in 1972 on the basis of which the Attorney General decided not to prosecute.

3. The Queen was informed by the Private Secretary early in March.

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M Fleay

K7
18 April 1973

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Original in File No: PF 604582 SD

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By: JM

Section: K7

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Date of Contents: 12.4.73

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- 10.48. George ZARNECKI came in and Institute matters were discussed. At one point GEORGE remarked that he did not think JB. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ was looking very well. JB. told him not to tell GASKIN. He would be better after a few early nightss
- 11.28. GEORGE then left and after a few minutes ELIZABETH came in. Lengthy dictation followed. During this JB. mentioned that the snow was very thick but there were plenty of snow ploughs around and inspite of the heavy snow conditions he managed to get to most of the churches and obtained all the information about these. In another letter he again mentioned the plan to go to Naples in October on a sabbatical term. Nothing else of interest touched on.
- 13.10. They left the room.
- 16.20. JB. came in here and continued working until -
- 17.30. GASKIN came in to join him. Idle chat by GASKIN followed. JB. mentioned that he would be away most of the autumn term. He would be ~~at~~ the British

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School in Rome most of the time, apart from a month in Naples. He planned to be back by the New Year.

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O/G BLUNDEN to Mrs COCK. 12.4.73.
Thursday

To report that he was back earlier than expected and it had never stopped snowing in S. Germany.

07.45.

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I/C Lord ROBBINS to BLUNDEN.

BLUNDEN said that he was back earlier than expected as he had a foul cold and there had been six inches of snow in Munich, and more in Bavaria. They spoke of appointment of BLUNDEN's successor as Director of the Courthauld - LASCO - who both thought would be a good administrator. It had been suggested he should be appointed as Professor from January next. This would run parallel with BLUNDEN's Professorship until he retired, when LASCO would step into the Directorship. BLUNDEN agreed with this suggestion and pointed out that he would be on a sabatical term anyway in the autumn. BLUNDEN thanked ROBBINS profusely for all the work he had done towards this end.

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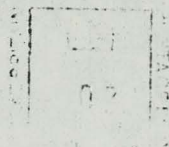
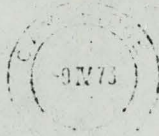
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Professor Sir Anthony Blunt,
Courtauld Institute of Art,
20, Portman Square,
London...1.

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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
BOARD OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Telephone
Cambridge 58933 Ext. 267

4 MILL LANE
CAMBRIDGE
CB2 1RZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

I enclose herewith a cheque for £ 8. being fees
for the supervision of Research Students as listed below during
the LENT TERM 1973

If this amount is incorrect would you please let me know.
Any necessary adjustment will be made on the next term's payments.

Yours faithfully

Professor Sir A. Blunt

Secretary of the
Board of Graduate Studies

Ward, A.M.

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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
BENET STREET, CAMBRIDGE

PAY
BLUNT PROFESSOR SIR A

AMOUNT OF POUNDS IN WORDS				
TENS OF THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
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AMOUNT IN FIGURES
£8.00

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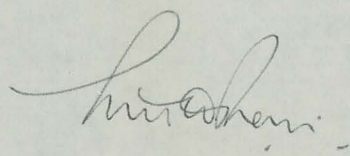
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Andrew KING

1. I would be grateful if you would please direct my attention to indications in the BLUNT files which throw light on any association there might have been between BLUNT and Andrew KING either at Cambridge or subsequently.



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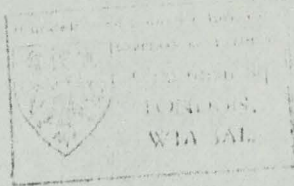
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SIR A.F. BLUNT, K.C.V.O.

Barclays Bank Limited
PORTMAN SQUARE

STATEMENT
OF ACCOUNT

80179299



SIR A.F. BLUNT, K.C.V.O.,
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
COURTAULD INSTITUTE OF ART,
20 PORTMAN SQUARE,
LONDON, W.1.

DIARY

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STOMER'S NOTES	DETAIL	PAYMENTS	RECEIPTS	DATE	BALANCE
	BALANCE FORWARD 107927	65.66		8MAR	2807.31
	BANK GIRO CREDIT	50.00		13MAR	2741.65
	STANDING ORDER 930	250.00	61.88	15MAR	2803.53
	932	20.00		16MAR	2753.53
		9.87		22MAR	2503.53
	ADVICE ENCLOSED	196.40		23MAR	2277.26
	ADVICE ENCLOSED		58.13	26MAR	2335.39
	COUNTER CREDIT		404.12	27MAR	2739.51
	UNIV OF LONDON BGC				
	929	6.00		28MAR	2783.51
	BANK GIRO CREDIT		50.00	29MAR	2950.62
	COUNTER CREDIT 107928	15.00	167.11		
	STO	25.00			
	S J GASKIN		20.68	2APR	2931.30
	DIVIDEND		16.09		
	DIVIDEND		35.28	3APR	2982.67
	DIVIDEND		35.17		
	DIVIDEND		84.52	5APR	3102.36
	DIVIDEND				
	COUNTER CREDIT 107931	20.00			
	DIVIDEND		41.66		
			15.89	6APR	3139.91

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BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
9, Portman Square, W. 1

PA 13 MAR 1973
or Order

Pay Thomas Cook

sixty five pounds fifty six pence

£ 65. 66

SIR ANTHONY BLUNT

Anthony Blunt

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BARCLAYS

BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
9, Portman Square, W. 1



Pay Mrs J Falkin

two hundred and fifty pounds

£ 250. 0

or Order

SIR ANTHONY BLUNT

Anthony Blunt

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BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
9, Portman Square, W. 1



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twenty pounds

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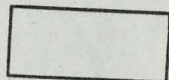
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Anthony Blunt

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Barclays Bank Limited



DEBIT *SR A BLUNT*

on account of *book of D.M.C. Terms supplied
D.M.C. 1350 @ 96 + 2.00*

DATE *21/3/73*

£ 196. 00

ACCOUNT NUMBER
80179299

Anthony Blunt

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Barclays Bank Limited

DEBIT

SIR A. BLUNT

on account of

17. KIR 1000 @ 14.55 + 25p

DATE

21/3/73

£9.87

80179299

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BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
9, Portman Square, W.1



Pay

Due to Sir Anthony Blunt

or Order

£6.00

SIR ANTHONY BLUNT

[Signature]

PAID 28 MAR 1973

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CREDIT TRANSFER (STANDING ORDER)

DATE

26 MAR 1973

FROM

MESSRS. COUTTS & CO. STRAND OFFICE

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BARCLAYS BANK

A/C NO

PORTMAN SQUARE

CREDIT TO SIR ANTHONY BLUNT

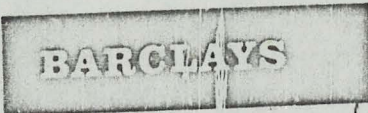
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£ 50/00

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BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
9, Portman Square, W.1



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Dr Bethel Thomas

or Order

£15.00

SIR ANTHONY BLUNT

[Signature]

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MARKS AND SPENCER LIMITED

MICHAEL HOUSE, BAKER STREET, LONDON, W1A 1DN

ORDINARY SHARES OF 25p.

SECURITY CODE
0-55540-2
2nd APRIL, 1973

A Warrant has now been forwarded to your Bank, for the credit of the undermentioned Account, being an Interim Dividend of 111% (less Income Tax) for the year ending 31st March, 1973, on the Ordinary Shares registered in your name on the 2nd February, 1973.

I hereby Certify that the Income Tax deducted has been or will be duly paid to the proper Officer for the receipt of Taxes.

HOLDING	RATE OF TAX	GROSS AMOUNT £	LESS INCOME TAX £	NET AMOUNT £
1200	38.75	33.75	13.07	20.68

J. H. M. SAMUEL,
Director and
Joint Secretary.

CODE NUMBER
20-69-17

DATE PAYABLE
2.4.73

WARRANT NUMBER
3316

BCY
PORTMAN SQUARE
A/C SIR ANTHONY F BLUNT
(80179299)

266p per share
1/4

NOTE.—Shareholders entitled to recover Income Tax are informed that the Inland Revenue will accept this voucher when the claim is made.

JOHN PETERS (FURNISHING STORES) LTD.

No. 181

Registered Office: 6/8 MEETINGHOUSE LANE, SHEFFIELD, S1 1DS 2nd April, 1973.

Sir (or Madam),

I have pleasure in sending you the attached warrant in respect of a final Dividend for the year ended 31st March, 1972, at the rate of 16%, less Income Tax, as shown in the table overleaf.

Shareholders are requested to notify the Transfer Office in writing of any change of address as soon as possible.

This statement should be retained by the shareholder and will be accepted as evidence of payment of tax by deduction. A fee of 5p will be charged for a duplicate.

Number of Ordinary Shares	The gross amount and the amount of Income Tax deducted can be ascertained from the Table on the back.	Net Amount of Warrant
1,440		£ 35-28

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SIR ANTHONY F. BLUNT K.C.V.O.
65 HILL STREET & CO.,
100, WOOD STREET,
LONDON, W.1
BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED.

I hereby certify that the income tax deducted from this dividend will be duly paid to the proper officer for the receipt of taxes.

G. McK. BALSILLIE,
Secretary.

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168p per share
1/4

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3rd APRIL, 1973

THE GREAT UNIVERSAL STORES, LIMITED

Registrar and Transfer Office: 6, GREENCOAT PLACE, LONDON SW1P 1PL
Final dividend on Ordinary Stock and/or "A" Ordinary Stock for the year ended 31st March, 1972

SECURITY CODES
0-38470-4
0-38472-6

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The attached warrant is in respect of the Final Dividend of 161% (actual), less tax, for the year ended 31st March, 1972, on the Ordinary and/or "A" Ordinary Stock Units of 25p each. I hereby certify that the Income Tax deducted from these Dividends will be accounted for to the proper Officer for the receipt of Taxes.

N. STOCKS, Joint Secretary

ORDINARY STOCK UNITS OF 25P EACH		"A" ORDINARY STOCK UNITS OF 25P EACH	
HOLDING	GROSS DIVIDEND	HOLDING	GROSS DIVIDEND
0	£ 0.00	637	£ 26.27
TOTAL GROSS DIVIDEND		TOTAL NET DIVIDEND	
£ 26.27		£ 16.09	
INCOME TAX @ 38.75%			
£ 10.18			

Please notify the Bank of any change of address. This warrant will be accepted by the stockholder as evidence of payment of tax by deduction.

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PORTMAN SQUARE
178634530 SIR ANTHONY FREDERICK BLUNT
KCVO

240p per share

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PHILIP HILL INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Transfer Office: 6, GREENCOAT PLACE, LONDON, SW1P 1PL

Second Interim dividend of 2.875p per share on the Ordinary shares of 25p each on account of the year ended 31st March, 1973.

Security Code:
0-42670-3

5th APRIL, 1973

I am instructed by the Directors to forward the attached warrant in payment of a second interim dividend on the Ordinary shares of 2.875p per share, less income tax.
I hereby certify that the income tax deducted from this dividend will be accounted for to the proper officer for the receipt of taxes.
J. M. EVANS, Secretary.

Please notify the Registrar at the Transfer Office of any change in your address

This voucher should be retained by the shareholder and will be accepted by the Inland Revenue as evidence of payment of tax by deduction

HOLDING	GROSS DIVIDEND	TOTAL AMOUNT OF WARRANT
4800	£ 138.00	£ 84.52

20 69 17 80179299 BARCLAYS
PORTMAN SQUARE
178879215 SIR ANTHONY FREDERICK BLUNT
KCV0

163 per share

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GENERAL AND COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT TRUST, LIMITED

Transfer Office: 6, GREENCOAT PLACE, LONDON, SW1P 1PL

Ordinary Shares of 25p each.

Security code:
0-36440-5

5th APRIL, 1973

We are instructed by the Directors to forward you the annexed Warrant in payment of a second interim dividend (in lieu of a final dividend) of 2.5625p per share, less tax, in respect of the year ended 28th February, 1973, together with an interim dividend of 0.5p per share, less tax, on account of the year ending 28th February, 1974, on the Ordinary Shares of this Company, of which you are the registered holder, as noted below.

We hereby certify that the Income Tax deducted from this dividend will be accounted for to the proper Officer for the receipt of Taxes.

HILL, SAMPSON & CO. LIMITED, Secretaries.

HOLDING	GROSS DIVIDEND	TOTAL AMOUNT OF WARRANT
1875	£ 57.42	£ 35.17

20 69 17 0080062 BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
PORTMAN SQUARE
A/C NO 80179299
A/C SIR ANTHONY FREDERICK BLUNT
KCV0

Please notify the Registrar at the Transfer Office of any change in your address

This voucher should be retained by the shareholder and will be accepted by the Inland Revenue as evidence of payment of tax by deduction



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BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
9, Portman Square, W.1

Pay T. Benton or Order

Twenty pence

£ 20 - 0

SIR ANTHONY BLUNT

Anthony Blunt

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6th APRIL, 1973

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TAX VOUCHER

THE GREAT UNIVERSAL STORES, LIMITED

SECURITY CODES

0-38470-4

0-38472-6

Ordinary Stock and/or "A" Ordinary Stock Units of 25p each

I certify that Advance Corporation Tax of an amount equal to that shown below as tax credit will be accounted for to the Collector of Taxes and will be credited to claim payment or relief. This voucher should be retained. It will be accepted by the Inland Revenue as evidence of tax credit in respect of which relief may be claimed.

ORDINARY STOCK UNITS	TAX CREDIT	DIVIDEND PAYABLE	TOTAL DIVIDEND PAYABLE
0	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	
"A" ORD. STOCK UNITS	TAX CREDIT	DIVIDEND PAYABLE	TOTAL DIVIDEND PAYABLE
637	£ 6.81	£ 15.89	£ 15.89

Interim Dividend 9.975%
 Year ended 31st March 1973
 To Stockholders registered on
 9th February, 1973

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BARCLAYS
 PORTMAN SQUARE
 SIR ANTHONY FREDERICK BLUNT
 KCVO

178634530

Please notify:
 Hill Samuel Registrars Limited,
 6, Greencoat Place,
 London SW1P 1PL
 of any change in your address

240 p per share

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30.3.73.
Friday

I/C BLUNDEN to GASKIN.

To report that he would be leaving Florence this morning - he was quite glad to be moving on - he had done all he needed and he really did not like the Florentines. He was looking forward to getting into the country and apart from tonight in Munich he and PETER (KITSON) would be moving to the country tomorrow. They would be going to Wirtzberg and on to Bayreuth before returning to Munich. He would leave the South West to tour round when GASKIN got out there.

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Sunday

I/C from Clive HISLOP to GASKIN.

The same lengthy gossip at the end of which GASKIN spoke of leaving for Amsterdam where he would have three days on his own. He would then go on to meet BLUNDEN in Munich. From there they would motor south to Swarzberg (ph) near Ottoberg, which was near Friedrichsberg on Lake Constance, then from there Southward. BLUNDEN would fly back but if GASKIN liked it there he would stay on for a few days.

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Monday

GASKIN left for Amsterdam.

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26,3.73.
Monday

I/C Tony WINSTON to GASKIN.

During conversation which was of no interest GASKIN mentioned that before his departure BLUNDEN took his will into the bank last week. The bank sent a letter back stating this had been sent in in a sealed envelope - they did not accept sealed envelopes so GASKIN had had to get the secretary to cope. The secretary would have to go to the bank, open the envelope and sign that he had done so, then the envelope could remain in the bank.

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Please Forward if necessary.

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Professor Sir Anthony Blunt
Courtauld Institute of Art
20 Portman Square
LONDON W.1.

2nd - 1974

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Now, I shall be very grateful indeed if you
feel that you are able to do this.

With best wishes,
Yours ever
Andrew.

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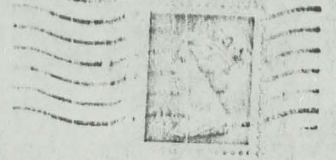
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The Trustees of the Barber Institute of Fine Arts Registered
CLERICAL, MEDICAL ASSURANCE HOUSE,
141, GT. CHARLES STREET,
QUEENSWAY,
BIRMINGHAM, B3 3LG



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



Midland
Bank
Limited

33 Bennetts Hill Birmingham B2 5RJ

30th March 1973

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pay to Anthony Blunt	
One hundred and sixty seven pounds 11	£167-11

THE TRUSTEES OF THE BARBER
INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS REGISTERED

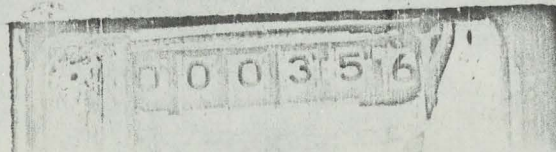
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REGISTERED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF THE CHARITIES ACT, 1960

THE BARBER INSTITUTE
OF FINE ARTS
EDGBASTON
BIRMINGHAM 15

SECRETARY:
R. E. ROBINSON
TELEPHONE: 021-236 0370

*Clerical, Medical Assurance House,
141, St. Charles Street,
Birmingham B3 3LG*

30th March, 1973

A cheque is enclosed in settlement of your ^{Salary}~~account~~ as detailed below.

No acknowledgment is necessary.

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During another conversation with HOWARD which was of no interest GASKIN said he would be going to Germany about 4th April, or 5th. Then talking about JB. he said that he was doing very well and putting on weight.

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Friday

I/C RAY GIBBS to GASKIN.

Re decorating Peter BARRETT-PATON's flat. BLUNDEN then came to the telephone. RAY complained of not having seen him for a long time. BLUNDEN explained that he was going off today for about three weeks. He was going to Italy and Germany - giving a seminar in Florence and preparing summer school in South Germany - in Bavaria. He would be back in the week before Easter. RAY told him to send a card and BLUNDEN would give a ring when he got back.

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Desk Officer Use

JB. was not heard in here until -

13.25. He came in here briefly and spoke of his meeting with Lord ROBBINS and others. Then GASKIN said that he had written two letters to Germany to his friend there. If he did go off to stay with SADIE and then came on to Germany he thought he ought to put the silver away as well as the drawings in the safe. (It was obvious from this that GASKIN had not made up his mind whether to join JB. in Germany or not).

13.39. JB. repeated that he would bring WILFRED ~~me~~ for a drink - in his room - after the lecture and he would then go off to the theatre. (Think this might mean in the room downstairs??) They drifted out of the room. It was quiet until -

18.20. GASKIN came in with WILFRED. GASKIN spoke of how well JB. was looking. He had really done very well. He then spoke of restoration by COLINAGHI's of the big picture and of others by POUSSIN - smaller ones - in this room.

18.32. GASKIN offered WILFRED a snack up here instead of going downstairs. WILFRED agreed. GASKIN went out to get snack and drink. Again GASKIN spoke of how well JB. was doing and how lucky he had been. He then gave WILFRED a key and instructions on how

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18.37.	<p>to get in to the flat on return from the theatre. After a pause GASKIN announced that he would be going to Bavaria with JB. JB. would be going to Florence on Friday - this was the end of term - and then on to Bavaria. This year the summer school from the Courthauld would be going down to Bavaria and JB. and the others were going on a preliminary mission reconnoitre for this. JB. would be going with a chap from the Courthauld who had a car. Then GASKIN said, he would join them down there at a place near the border. WILFRED gave views on Bavarians. Then conversation switched and GASKIN spoke of having seen the film about Waddesdon.</p>		
19.00.	<p>WILFRED felt much restored after the snack. GASKIN advised him how to get to the theatre. He then meandered on to recall dinner parties given by TESS ROTHSCHILD which were so lavish and marvellous. He asked WILFRED if he had seen 'His Lordship' - (VICTOR) on T.V. WILFRED had and thought he was good adding - 'I never really knew him very much'. GASKIN reported that he - VICTOR - had come round while JB. was ill. He had come to view two pictures of Jimmy ROTHSCHILD and was in such a rush that he had only seen them in the hall. GASKIN added comment - 'I think ANTHONY laughs at him a bit now'. WILFRED was sure he must. But, continued GASKIN, TESS was an absolute dear - a delightful person. WILFRED asked about Dolly ROTHSCHILD and GASKIN gave an account. WILFRED remembered DOLLY being so nice to his mother - for ANTHONY's sake. GASKIN agreed that she simply adored JB.</p>		
19.04.	<p>WILFRED thought he ought to go soon and GASKIN was to thank JB. for the hospitality and he agreed that it had been much more peaceful.</p>		

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having a drink up here. He hoped he would catch a glimpse briefly of JB. in the morning. Tomorrow he wanted to look in at the National Gallery and wanted to go on to the British Museum, the Oxford University Press and Sotherby's. This led to further chat on art matters.

19.10. WILFRED announced that he really must go and they drifted out.
It remained quiet in here until coverage dropped at 01.00.

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This is to confirm that there is no K7 objection to the closure of the above-referenced lines during the absence on leave of Miss E Howell from 26 March to 2 April.

2. We understand that TOWROPE will continue to operate and be held over for transcription pending Miss Howell's return from leave.

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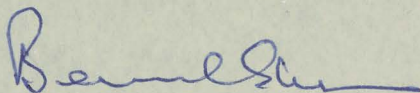
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1. Mr Hetherington spoke to me on the telephone on Friday 16 March about the Prime Minister's request to see the papers submitted to the Attorney General.

2. Hetherington said that he intended to make a mild protest about this but, if I had no objection, would let the Prime Minister have a copy of my letter of 16 November 1972 (1110a). He did not propose to send copies of the earlier papers. I said that I had no objection.




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16.3.73.
Friday

I/C PETER B-P to GASKIN

During this call GASKIN said that he had decided not to go to Germany. BLUNDEN was all-right physically now and anyway would be working there. (Not clear whether BLUNDEN would continued the second week in Germany without GASKIN but it seemed that he would).

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JB. heard during early morning and then not until -

20.39.

He came in with GASKIN and ERIC HEBBURN. Conversation idle chatter during which JB. laughingly said GASKIN would have a nice break as he would be away for nearly three weeks. Chatter continued and was of no interest. JB. mentioned that he had to catch the 09.10. train to Waddesdon tomorrow.

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Burke Trend showed me last week a personal manuscript letter he had had from Martin Charteris, the Queen's Private Secretary. Charteris wrote that he had spoken to the Queen about the BLUNT case. She took it all very calmly and without surprise; she remembered that he had been under suspicion way back in the aftermath of the BURGESS/MACLEAN case. Obviously somebody mentioned something to her in the early 1950s, perhaps quite soon after her accession. She has been told that the danger of publicity would be quite strong after BLUNT's death.

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 with (also give security context of person being interviewed).....
Donald George King McCORMICK @ Richard DEACON
 Subject Sources for his book "A History of the Russian Secret Service"
 Officer S Rimington & E W Pratt using (as of) Rimmer & Pavitt Section K3
 Extracted by..... Section K.3 Date 8 June 1973

1. Donald McCORMICK @ Richard DEACON, author of "A History of the Russian Secret Service" (published Muller, 1972), "A History of the British Secret Service" (published Muller, 1969) and many other books was interviewed twice in Room 055 by K3/E W Pratt using the name Pavitt and myself using the name Rimmer.

2. The purpose of the interviews was to attempt to get McCORMICK to tell us about his sources for "A History of the Russian Secret Service" and in particular to try to discover whether he had any information new to us about the origins and methods of the RIS attack on this country in the 1930s, with particular reference to various assertions he makes in the chapter entitled "Infiltration" (Chapter 22).

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The Dons at Cambridge

20. We referred McCORMICK to the passages in "A History of the Russian Secret Service" dealing with the dons at Cambridge. These may be summed up as follows:

- a. There were at least two Marxist pro-Soviet dons at Cambridge in 1920s/30s, J D BERNAL and Maurice DOBB. BERNAL lay between the sphere of espionage and tacit approval of the Soviet (page 302).
- b. Two men in England were vital to the cause of Soviet Intelligence. One was a don at a Cambridge college other than Trinity who had been secretly a supporter of the Soviet for some years. He was in touch with Igor KHOPLIAKIN (see paragraph 16) and was chosen as recruiter-in-chief for the RIS at Cambridge (page 302).
- c. There was an inner ring or secret Communist cell in Trinity of which two dons were members (page 306).

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21. When, at the first interview, we asked McCORMICK about these stories and asked him to name the don referred to at paragraph 20b above and the two dons mentioned in paragraph 20c above he was unable to do so, and said he would check in his notes.

22. In his Statement he wrote the following:-

"The first hints I heard of a don or dons master-minding Soviet espionage in Cambridge was most certainly in Tangier around about 1947-1948 from one George GREAVES, an Australian and local correspondent of the Daily Express, who had done some leg work for British Intelligence (and possibly American too) in World War I. George is still alive in Tangier, a remarkable character, with contacts at all levels of society. He was not a good journalist, or writer; indeed, had he been he might have made a fortune, for he had all the inside gossip on many matters touching on espionage. The trouble was one could never tell when George was romanticising, or telling the truth. Certainly I had many valuable and accurate tips from him, but he also loved to curdle people's minds with horrific stories about how rotten and infiltrated were the ranks of the British. He was a purveyor of gloom and doom and he told me back in 1947-1948 that the Russians had infiltrated the British Foreign Office and Secret Service and that we were in a hopeless mess. I did not then believe him.

He was at this time a friend of Guy BURGESS. from whom he may well have gleaned some of this talk, and he spent some time with BURGESS in Gibraltar and in the then Spanish zone of Morocco - a natural haunt for BURGESS in quest of Riffian boys. GREAVES was also the first to tell me the story, which he said he had had from a Spanish diplomat, that Beria was "really a splendid fellow and a great friend of the West". I regarded this as a cleverly planted story, though I do mention the rumour somewhere in my book.

GREAVES was then convinced there were "academics" being used by the Soviet in England. But at that time I was not particularly interested: my time was too occupied with journalism which could be translated into stories, not with madcap rumours.

But to go back to the dons: the aim in my book was to try to take this story somewhat further than the Insight team of the Sunday Times had done in their book about PHILBY. There were obvious difficulties about the laws of libel and, partly for this reason, I did not waste a lot of time on the subject, as I could have done a lot more work and not been able to print any of it. I was not anxious to alert the members of the Insight team to what I was doing and I only made tentative and casual enquiries from any of them. I think I have indicated that I am also too happy about

the political affinities of some members of this team. I always felt there was more of a desire to damage the Establishment here than simply to tell the whole, sad story. Of course one cannot avoid blaming the Establishment to some extent, but this was a prolonged knocking of it. What I found was a curious lack of interest (feigned?) in expressing opinions on the dons who might be the Fifth and Sixth Men. I found this extremely odd on so vital a matter.

I think I can best sum up my somewhat tentative quest for the don Fifth and Sixth Man as follows. Please bear in mind that, as a method of saving time in research, I do tend (and this obviously has its dangers) to get one contact to make other contacts for me, ie a good deal of material comes second-hand from A to B to me, and sometimes from A to B to C to me.

1. CAPT HENRY KERBY, M.P. I attach briefly some of his correspondence which I still have. He would rarely risk putting much on paper. I had seen him on various occasions from about 1956 up to shortly before his death. I liked him and, though he was disliked by some Establishment figures and indeed inside the Tory Party, I did not find him at heart so reactionary as he sometimes made himself out to be. After all he had once stood as a Liberal candidate. He was again somewhat of a spine-chiller, given to some exaggeration perhaps and apt to like to make one's flesh creep, but I think he had a knack of getting at the truth in an unconventional way. My main complaint against him was that the people he put one in touch with rarely proved to be very helpful. KERBY believed the dons theory and thought there were two recruiters, one dead and one still alive, but he would not give names and indeed probably had good reasons for not doing so. He was convinced that Professor Goronwy REES could tell much more and recommended me to make indirect inquiries of him. KERBY thought the chief don recruiter was at King's Cambridge.

2. GORONWY REES. A contact of Goronwy REES tried to get information on the subject for me, but the former would not say much on the grounds that he was just doing a book at that time. I have an uncorrected proof edition of this book, which I am bringing with me. I have an idea there were some last minute changes made to the typescript and the proof copy may provide some clues. I haven't had time as yet to check. Goronwy REES seems to support the don theory, though he was, of course, at Oxford. He told my contact that he thought the Soviet links at Cambridge went back as early as 1921-22. I assume he may by now have revealed as much to the authorities. If not, why not?

3. MICHAEL HOLROYD. I am told by a contact who has spoken with him that he could throw light on the early links between the Apostles and the Soviet, more especially as he has access to a great deal of correspondence of the Bloomsburyites, Keynes et al. Hints came from this source of very early but unspecified links involving King's, Trinity and New College.

4. INSIGHT TEAM of "Sunday Times". The only man I rely on in this original team that probed PHILBY (he is not with them now) is the sole right-winger among them. He is a somewhat erratic journalist who tilts at all manner of unlikely windmills, but I have a guarded respect for his judgement. Between ourselves he thinks there is a Communist cell within the "Sunday Times": he could be right, though probably supporters of "free communications" would be a sounder description of them. I am prepared to name him.

NAMES OF DON AGENTS:

The right-wing member of the Insight team strongly supports the Fifth Man theory, but is not sure about a Sixth Man. His candidate for Fifth man I prefer not to put on paper, but will reveal if challenged. It is called the REGAL ART VET

and say that he is a knight and was at Trinity. He certainly seems to have protected BURGESS and, bearing in mind he was at the War Office for five vital years, surely seems to have been blameworthy to some extent. I am told that he was very nervous under questioning. His name crops up again and again as a possible suspect, but I certainly could not bring any positive evidence against him except second-hand gossip. *by whom?*

Lord KEYNES. He was an "Apostle", a Bloomsburyite, a homosexual, married to a Russian and a Fellow Bursar of Kings. Roosevelt is said to have mistrusted him on sight. Highly unlikely that he was one of the dons who recruited, but I couldn't entirely rule him out.

J D BERNAL. Too committed in one sense, I think and therefore highly improbable. Yet obviously not to be ruled out completely, though in my book I think I imply he is not guilty.

Maurice DOBB. Again, because of his open pro-Soviet commitments he seems an unlikely candidate. All I could find out was that he had associations with James KLUGMANN.

Sergey KONOVALOV. I only examined him cursorily. He was at Oxford in 1921 and had Russian ancestry, but I could find nothing to link him with the Fifth or Sixth Man."

(Comment: George Campbell GREAVES (PF 653133), a freelance journalist,

He was in touch with BURGESS in 1949 and was one of the original sources on BURGESS's indiscretions in Gibraltar and Tangier at that time. In 1967 he was suspected of being an agent of the Moroccan IS.

Coronwy REES (PF 604583) admitted in 1951 to having been recruited by BURGESS for the RIS in 1937 but claimed he never passed over any information. He said that BURGESS told him that BLUNT was one of his other sources. In 1956 a series of articles about BURGESS appeared in "The People" based on information from REES and the same material was used in a book "A Chapter of Accidents" published in 1972.

Michael HUBROLD the author of a recently published book on Lytton STRAGNEY is no trace.

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said McCORMICK, that, being so nervous, if he were guilty he would never have been able to save his skin so long. The Insight team had felt sure that he had been protecting BURGESS throughout the war, if not before. After all, said McCORMICK, BLUNT had been in a good position to do so, having been in the War Office and before that in France. McCORMICK said that he had also got the impression that BLUNT was involved in some way from Godfrey HODGSON in Washington.

24. We asked him which members of the team had seen BLUNT; he said certainly Colin SIMPSON and either Philip KNIGHTLEY or David LEITCH. LEITCH was now in no state to talk, McCORMICK said, as he was being dried out of an alcoholic sapor. He had left "The Sunday Times" some time ago.

25. McCORMICK went on to enlarge on his reservations about the motives of some of the "Insight" team (paragraph 22). He had been struck by the curious blanket of silence with which they seemed to surround themselves, and the fact that they did not seem to know as much as they should. McCORMICK seem-d to connect this with what he described as the present Trotskyist domination of the "Sunday Times". This was shown by such things as the publication of the story about 'The Angry Brigade' of which McCORMICK himself had taken a very dim view. He added that Colin SIMPSON, the only right-wing member of the Insight team thought there was a Communist cell in the "Sunday Times".

(Comment: The members of the Insight team have no PFs but papers concerning their activities in 1967 appear in PF 604584 Supp L.)

26. On the subject of the don recruiter-in-chief mentioned in paragraph 20b McCORMICK said that he was not referring to anyone specific there and was perhaps making his point more positively than he should. When we asked him whether he had any names to suggest for this person he repeated the names mentioned in paragraph 22 and added that of Philip TOYNBEE. He said he had no basis for suggesting TOYNBEE but just felt that his whole family's way of thinking made work for the RIS not improbable.

(Comment: Philip TOYNBEE (PF 45515) was a Communist at Oxford but is said to have resigned in about 1937. He was a close friend of MACLEAN and was involved with him in a brawl in Cairo in 1950 as a result of which MACLEAN was sent home. There is no evidence that TOYNBEE was involved with the RIS though the suggestion that he might have been is not a new one.)

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27. We asked him what had led him to the conclusion that the don he referred to had been at a college other than Trinity. He said that he thought Captain KERBY had suggested that the don recruiter was at Kings

Maynard KEYNES the Cambridge economist who died in 1946 was married to a Russian ballet dancer. He was an Apostle and had considerable influence in Cambridge in the 1930s but he has no file and we know nothing about him that would point to his having been an RIS recruiter.

J D BERNAL (PF 42516) was at Cambridge as student and don from about 1920 to the outbreak of war. He was a member of the Communist Party from 1933 to 1949 and more recently was a leading member of several Communist controlled organisations. Our view of BERNAL as a candidate for RIS recruiter at Cambridge tends to agree with McCORMICK's.

Maurice DOBB (PF 38408) a don at Kings and Trinity since about 1925, was one of the first Communist Party members in Cambridge University and is now a leading Party theoretician. He was, for a time, tutor to PHILBY; he is said not to have allowed his Communism to influence his teaching.

Serge KONOVALOV (PF R 4141) is a naturalised British subject who first came to the UK in 1925 to visit Oxford. He was a lecturer at Birmingham and Oxford Universities in the 1930s and from 1945 to 1968 was Professor of Russian at Oxford. In 1946/47 he was Vice President of the BSFS but is not known to be of security significance.)

23. At the second interview McCORMICK volunteered the information that the person he described in his Statement as the "Regal Art Vet" (paragraph 22) was Sir Anthony BLUNT. He went on to say that he could not substantiate this suggestion in any way; he had not delved into BLUNT's involvement himself as there appeared to be no point because the libel laws would have prevented his publishing anything he discovered. As far as he knew, however, although there was nothing to show one hundred per cent that BLUNT was involved, the Insight team had certainly felt sure he was. When we asked him why they had felt this he said that BLUNT had been very nervous when they questioned him. From their point of view he was the most unsatisfactory witness but it might just have been that he would not help them. One could argue, of course,

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28. We asked him if he could tell us any more about the "inner ring" at Trinity; when was it operating? He said he thought it was "earlier than one thinks". It might go back as early as 1927, he said. He thought there was a carry-over from the Bloomsbury group days, and possibly that group had merged into a new circle in some way.

29. When we drew his attention to the remark in his book that of ten undergraduates enrolled at Cambridge, six proved successful, and asked him who the six and ten were, he said that he was taking journalistic licence and making things appear more positive than they were.

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You told me that you were anxious, in the light of discussion initiated by the Law Officers' Department, to have a copy of Robert Armstrong's minute to Sir Burke Trend of 26th February giving the Prime Minister's comments on Sir Burke Trend's submission about Sir Anthony Blunt. I had understood that the Home Office had advised you of the position, but I now enclose a copy of Armstrong's minute. The submission to which it refers followed exactly the terms of the draft behind Sir Burke Trend's letter A03458 of 8th February, except that the amendment proposed in Hetherington's letter, in reply to that of 22nd February, was made to the relevant annex.

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I am sending a copy of this letter, without enclosure, to David Belfall in the Home Office.

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The Prime Minister was grateful for your minute of 23 February, reference A03582, about Sir Anthony Blunt.

The Prime Minister has agreed that the following additional precautions should be taken when the time comes:

- (i) Sir Martin Charteris should tell The Queen;
- (ii) Mr. Wilson, Mr. Callaghan and Mr. Jenkins should be consulted as you suggest;
- (iii) It would be necessary to consider with Lord Rothschild, at the time, but not before, what should be said on his behalf.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if he could see the papers submitted to the Attorney-General in 1972, on the basis of which the Attorney-General decided against a prosecution. When he has had a chance to see these papers he may well want to discuss the matter further.

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c.c. Mr. Angel (Home Office)
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I/C CLIVE HISLOP to GASKIN.

During conversation which was no interest otherwise GASKIN said that JB. was very tired. He had to conserve his strength by going to bed in the afternoon and early to bed at night..

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I/C CLIVE HISLOP. BLUNDEN answered.

CLIVE asked how he was. Rather exhausted but well. He was just going to have a zizz. The rest of conversation no interest.

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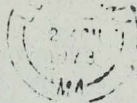
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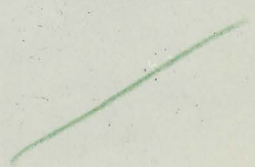
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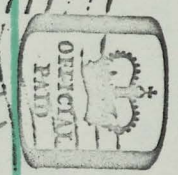
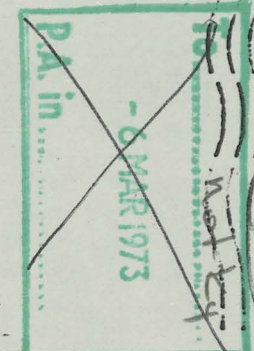
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ITEM I MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a. BLUNT

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2. The Chairman said that papers had now been prepared for the Cabinet Office against the possibility that on BLUNT's death there would be publicity about his role as a spy and connections with BURGESS and PHILBY. A draft had been prepared of a statement to Parliament in case this became necessary. It was accompanied by a forecast of likely supplementary questions and the answers. These papers were now being considered in Whitehall with a view to submitting them to the Prime Minister.

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LOOSE MINUTE

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1. Many thanks for your Loose Minute dated 23rd February to which you attached the AZURE transcript of the 1st February meeting in BLUNDEN's room.

2. We spoke about this and you told me you have p.a.'d the original on BLUNDEN's file (and I presume a copy on PF 605,565). I suggest that in addition copies of the lot should go on:

PF 604,604	(LLEWELYN DAVIES)
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PF 604,278	(SIMON)
PF 61,141	(ASTBURY)

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3. I think it best to p.a. the whole thing on these files as I do not think extracts would be very easy to understand or interpret.

4. I would like to retain the copy of the AZURE for a day or two before returning it to you, in order to try to get a clearer interpretation of certain passages.

E.W. Pratt

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Dear Burke,

Sir Anthony Blunt

Thank you for your letter of the 8th February. You will recall that I did not in fact attend the meeting which you held on this matter a few weeks ago, but you did mention the subject to me when we met on another matter.

The only comment I have relates to the suggested answer to the possible supplementary in Annex D. I suggest that the answer to the question, "Why was Blunt not prosecuted?" should be:-

see 1149a

"It was decided at the outset that the greater public interest lay in securing a confession from Blunt. In 1972, the Attorney General considered the facts again and agreed with the original decision. He confirmed that it was still not in the public interest to prosecute."

I am copying this letter to Arthur Peterson and Michael Hanley.

Yours truly
Tony Hetherington

The Rt. Hon. Sir Burke Trend, G.C.B., C.V.O.,
Cabinet Office,
Whitehall,
London, SW1A 2AS.

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LOOSE MINUTE
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K3/EWP

I attach extracts from AZURE relevant to K3 of the meeting on 1 February between BLUNDEN and Lady ROTHSCHILD. I am sorry not to have sent these before. Unfortunately the line was at times poor

It has been necessary to consult A2A for clarification of several points. They have replied as follows:

page 2 - the exchange about half-way down the page now reads:

TESS. I muddled it up with the story that Goronwy told me about it.

JB Goronwy may - um - (pondering).

No further detail of the story was given.

page 3 - "George's memoires" has been checked again but it has not been possible to improve on it.

page 4 - "George TOMKINS". Peter Wright has suggested the reference may be to George THOMSON. The transcribers commented on the poor quality at this point.

After "That is the probable thing" JB's statement may go on "This story if it has any truth would have been shaped there".

page 8 - "... an effete character" was something of a guess on the part of the transcriber who now suggests it sounds almost like a "think" character (of "think tank"). This does not sound very probable either. Perhaps it was something simpler like "a deep character".

page 9 - The last of the four names towards the bottom could have been BRIAN rather than BLUNT.

2. You will see there is the prospect of a further meeting between BLUNDEN and Lady ROTHSCHILD when she returns from Barbados.

3. Would you please return the enclosures in due course. If you mark on them the extracts you require I will arrange for these to be made.

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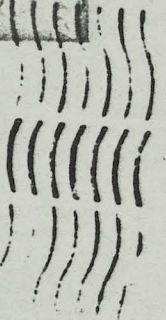
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It was quiet in here until -

19.10. JB. came in with Geof BRUNNELL.
Conversation which followed was on art matters -
JB. instructing GEOF. During this he was asked
about his Easter plans. These would be quite
pleasant JB. reported as he would be having then
a week in France and a fortnight in Germany - all
at someone else's expense which would be very
agreeable. In Germany they would be touring round
by car and would take a boat down the Rhine.

20.15. JB. continued to give advice on GEOF's career.

20.45. They left the room.

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Brian Sewell

Brian Sewell, 14 February 1973.

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This refers
to collection of textiles left
by Tommy HARRIS.

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PF. 604,582

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I return herewith your copy
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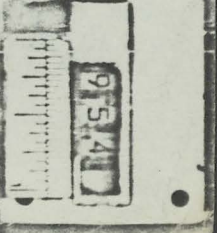
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Friday

Dear A

I am going to take your advice and go of for a couple of days. I really don't think I can leave poor old Phyllis & Milt to go back on their own. I had a very nice lunch with an old friend who lives in the part of the flat they lived in too. He is very rich and charming, and he was delighted that I remembered the Russian book. His friend is very nice too, and we have had the luck to be able to borrow lots of books from them.

The Auntie I go on at lunch and she really showed herself up - of course she doesn't think so. And I was particularly wicked and turned up my other cheek. And appeared to be the sweet boy I am not.

The date of return is now Sat 17th getting into London Airport about 7:30 So I should be home by nine^{PM}. This suits me fine as the day and time is better. Also I will see you a day earlier.

I do hope that you are managing everything and that you are conserving your strength and getting a good long sleep each day. I am looking forward so much to our Austrian Trip. It's not really Austria I suppose.

I think Widdowson is the answer for breaks from the Institute. Hope this finds you well.

With my dearest love.

S.

Peter
Pallock

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Mr Hanley

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Sir Anthony Blunt

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Thank you for your letter of 8th February. I am quite content that you should send the submission forward without a further meeting but you might like to consider whether it would be more convenient to put annexes C and D before annexes A and B so that the Prime Minister need only read ^A and ^B if his appetite is wetted by ^C and ^D.

Amended at request of H.O. 13/2

I am sending copies of this letter to Michael Hanley and Tony Hetherington.

A W PETERSON

The Rt Hon Sir Burke Trend GCB CVO

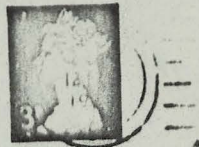
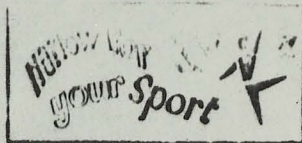
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Sir Anthony Blunt

Heath

When we discussed this case with Michael Hanley and Tony Hetherington I undertook to draft a submission to the Prime Minister. I have now done so - with the enclosed result. When I got down to it I found that the simplest way of putting the Prime Minister into the picture is really to ask him to read in full the various notes about the case which have been produced in the last few months; and, for convenience, I have had these reproduced as annexes to the draft submission. As a result it is a pretty formidable piece of reading! But fortunately there is (crossing our fingers!) no great hurry about the matter; and I think that the Prime Minister ought to be fully informed about it.

When you have managed to take it all on board, would you let me know whether you would like another discussion or whether you would be content that I should send the submission forward to the Prime Minister with copies to the Home Secretary and the Attorney General?

I am copying this letter and its enclosure to Michael Hanley and Tony Hetherington.

Legal Secretary

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See 1310A for up-dated
amendments to annexes.
June 1974.

A. W. Peterson, Esq., CB, MVO

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PRIME MINISTER

Sir Anthony Blunt

Some time ago Lord Rothschild told you that Blunt (who will be 66 next September) had been suddenly taken ill and had for a short time been in a critical condition. He has since recovered; and there is no current cause for any particular concern about his health. Nevertheless, the incident was a reminder and a warning about the situation which we may face when he dies; and since then I have been considering - as you asked - how we might best prepare a contingency plan against this eventuality. I have consulted the Home Office, the Security Service, Sir Martin Charteris and Mr. Hetherington of the Law Officers' Department; but I have gone no more widely so far.

The simplest way of bringing you up to date about this complicated case is to ask you to read the notes attached to this submission. Annex A is a short history of the Security Service's dealings with Blunt himself. Annex B supplements it with an account of the "Ring of Five" of which Blunt was a member. Annex C discusses some of the issues which may arise when Blunt dies. Annex D is the draft of a statement (with notes for supplementaries) which might be made in Parliament or alternatively used as a basis for briefing the Press. There would, of course, be no question of volunteering this statement unless and until it became necessary to do so.

I am afraid that this amounts to a good deal of reading matter. But it is not urgent; it is interesting in itself for more reasons than one; and it deals with a subject about which you certainly ought to be informed. I suggest that in considering it you should have the following points in mind:-

(1) We should not underrate the situation which may arise when Blunt dies and the risk of a libel action, which has hitherto kept mouths closed, is no longer an inhibition on disclosure. A good many people both in public life and in Fleet Street already know a certain amount of the story, even if in a garbled and inaccurate form. For some of them - not least, perhaps, Mr. Goronwy Rees - their

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versions could represent sizable sums of money in terms of publication rights. The Burgess/Maclean/Philby episode remains of intense interest to a great many people, particularly if, as in Blunt's case, a disreputable private life is entangled with the affairs of State. For all these reasons, the Blunt story is likely to command a great deal of attention; and much of it will be critical. Why was a man of this kind ever employed by the Security Service? Why have the authorities treated him with such apparent leniency since his treachery became known? Why has he been allowed to occupy a prestigious post in the Royal Household and been knighted by The Queen? And so forth.

(2) We shall have to deal with this criticism as best we can in the light of the fact (which we cannot disclose publicly) that we have obtained a good deal of useful information from Blunt since his confession and that, although we cannot be certain that he has told us all that he knows or has severed his connection with the Russian Intelligence Service, it is clearly to our advantage that that Service should be left in uncertainty about the extent of his disclosures to us. This severely limits the degree to which we can satisfy public curiosity; and we have therefore drafted the proposed statement in a form which indicates in reply to each question both the true answer and the more limited version which must suffice for public consumption. In each case it is a matter of balancing the conflicting considerations; but I suspect that the suggested answers reveal as much as can be safely conceded.

(3) There are certain additional precautions which we should consider taking when the time comes:-

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(b) It would probably be wise to try to carry the Opposition with us. On each of the two occasions when the case was referred to the Attorney General (in 1964 and 1972) for a decision that the public interest justified our refraining from prosecution, a Conservative Government was in office. The Labour Attorney General, Sir Elwyn Jones, was not consulted, since no evidence emerged during the Labour Administration which made a reference to the Attorney General necessary. But an earlier version of the note on "The Ring of Five" was shown, during the period of office of the Labour Government, to Mr. Harold Wilson, Mr. Callaghan and Mr. Roy Jenkins; and they were certainly aware of the issues involved in the Blunt case. I suspect that it would be both right and prudent to seek to ensure that they would support the Government in the necessarily restrictive attitude which would have to be adopted towards the public pressure for full and detailed disclosure. In addition, there is - as is shown by the note appended to the draft statement - the involvement of Lord and Lady Llewelyn-Davies to be taken into account. The Opposition might well feel that they were entitled to be forewarned if the Government intended to make any public statement about an episode which might involve a junior Minister in the Labour Government.

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(c) There are also some other "sensitive spots" in public life on which we should keep a watchful eye. We cannot be certain of the exact number of these, since a great many people had some contact with Philby, Burgess and Maclean and moved in Blunt's circle. But the note appended to the draft statement indicates those individuals who had a special connection with Blunt which, however innocent it may have been, may make them targets for public attention. Of these, the one of most direct concern to us is Lord Rothschild. I have not as yet discussed the case with him at all; but I suggest that, if you agree, we shall need to consider with him - when the time comes but not before - what he (or we on his behalf) should say if he becomes the subject of public curiosity in the Blunt context.

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ANNEX A

Anthony Frederick BLUNT

Anthony Frederick BLUNT was born in 1907. He was educated at Marlborough and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he remained as a don until 1937. He then joined the Warburg Institute in London and in 1939 was appointed Deputy Director of the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London.

2. In August 1939 BLUNT enlisted and was commissioned in the Intelligence Corps. In July 1940 he joined the Security Service where he served until October 1945 when he returned to the Courtauld Institute of which he is currently Director. Since 1947 he has also been Professor of the History of Art at the University of London. He retired from the post of Surveyor of The Queen's Pictures in September 1972 but remained in the Household as Adviser for The Queen's Pictures and Drawings.

3. At Cambridge BLUNT was a friend of a number of communists including PHILBY and BURGESS. After BURGESS and MACLEAN's defection in May 1951 BLUNT, like PHILBY, came under suspicion; he was also the subject of an allegation by the writer Goronwy REES, that in about 1937 BURGESS had told him that he (BURGESS) was a Comintern agent, and BLUNT was working for him in the same capacity. BLUNT was interviewed on eleven occasions over a period of years in the course of efforts to clear up this allegation and the other suspicions about him. He made no admissions of performing any services for the Russians and said that he was unaware that BURGESS was working for the Comintern; he had understood that BURGESS was an agent of British Intelligence (as he subsequently became) and had given him assistance in that belief. Efforts to obtain, by other means, information which would establish whether or not BLUNT had wittingly acted as a Soviet agent were unsuccessful.

4. In the early 1960s an important Soviet defector to the Americans provided a great deal of information about Russian espionage in Western countries. In dealing with Britain he spoke inter alia of an extensive espionage

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group recruited in the 1930s and called the "Ring of Five", after its five founding members. Members of this network, to which BURGESS belonged, were aware of each other's activities and the defector believed that through it the Russians had achieved serious penetration of British Intelligence. In the detailed investigation which followed, the case of PHILBY was reopened, leading to his confession in Beirut in January 1963 and subsequent flight. The defector provided no information which directly implicated BLUNT but subsequently an American, Michael Whitney STRAIGHT, volunteered the information that before the war BLUNT had recruited him to be "economist and adviser on policy matters for the International" and that he believed BLUNT had tried to recruit others. STRAIGHT confessed to the F.B.I. that he had spied for the Russian Intelligence Service whilst working in the State Department and the Department of the Interior from about 1938 to 1940. He was not prosecuted and is now Deputy Chairman of the Arts Council in the United States and an influential political supporter of President Nixon.

5. In view of BLUNT's former career in British Intelligence and his friendship with BURGESS and PHILBY it was concluded that it was essential to try once more to establish the truth about his role and in particular whether he answered to the allegations relating to penetration of British Intelligence, or could contribute to their solution.

6. BLUNT was again interrogated by a Security Service officer in April 1964. He was confronted with STRAIGHT's information and confessed to having been recruited for the Third International by BURGESS in the 1930s and to working for the Russian Intelligence Service (R.I.S.). He said that his regular dealings with the R.I.S. ended shortly after his departure from the Security Service in October 1945 but he admitted that he had been privy to the arrangements for the defection of BURGESS and MACLEAN in May 1951 and that he had met an R.I.S. officer at that time.

7. In later interviews he admitted to occasional meetings with R.I.S. officers between 1945 and 1947,

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when he acted as a courier for BURGESS, and between 1951 and 1956 when he assisted PHILBY in contacting the R.I.S. He also explained his role as a talent spotter for the R.I.S. in the 1930s and spoke in detail of the cases of three undergraduates (including STRAIGHT) whom he had recruited for the R.I.S. at this time. In addition he described BURGESS' work for the R.I.S. and his recruiting activities on its behalf.

8. A Security Service research team which was set up to investigate the Ring of Five and related cases had considerable success aided by BLUNT's information in identifying personalities and activities of the network. In the examination of approximately 100 possible cases BLUNT made a material contribution; in one instance where his information and assistance played a significant part, a senior Admiralty scientist was removed from a sensitive post after it had been concluded (although it could not be conclusively proved) that he had been recruited for the R.I.S. by BURGESS in the 1930s.

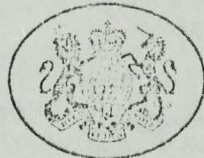
9. However, as more details were uncovered it became apparent that while the information BLUNT had given in his early interviews had been substantially true he had not told all he could. Efforts to extract additional information from him have been largely unsuccessful. BLUNT's reason for withholding (he does not himself admit to it) are not known; nor is it clear that the information he is keeping back has security significance. The conduct of his dealings with interviewing officers has throughout been one of apparently trying to assist the Security Service in tracing unidentified Soviet agents while avoiding any statement in circumstances which might lead to proceedings involving himself. But he may still be protecting friends.

10. There remains the possibility that BLUNT retains some loyalty to the Russians and may even be under a degree of Soviet guidance or control. During an investigation which has lasted with occasional breaks for over twenty years this has been the subject of close examination, but with negative results.

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"THE RING OF FIVE"

INTRODUCTION

There were very few Communists at the universities in the 1920s, but in the 1930s the economic slump, the rise of Fascism, the influx of refugee Marxist intellectuals from Europe, and the Comintern's switch to United Front tactics, gave a great impetus to Communism among dons and undergraduates. This situation provided the Russian Intelligence Service (R.I.S.) with opportunities which it did not fail to exploit. It was assisted by the fact that some Communist students were instructed by the Party to become "moles", that is to sever overt connections with the Party, in anticipation of employment in the Public Service when their abilities, reinforced by Communist discipline, were calculated to take them to positions of influence where they could help to create the Revolution from above. This paper gives a short account of a network of ideological spies with a University background developed by the R.I.S. in the 1930s. There are good reasons for thinking it was not the only one.

H.A.R. PHILBY

2. In 1933 PHILBY completed his degree course at Trinity College, Cambridge. Although not a card-holding member of the Communist Party, he had been closely associated with Communist circles at Trinity. Before taking up his career he went to Vienna, ostensibly to improve his

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German. Through Maurice DOBB, a Communist then and now, he was provided with the address of Lizy FRIEDMAN. PHILBY stayed with her in Vienna, married her and brought her back to England in the spring of 1934. Shortly afterwards Lizy was instrumental in introducing him to a Russian Intelligence Officer who is thought to have recruited him formally for the R.I.S. In his confession, which was certainly a mixture of truth and falsehood, PHILBY claimed that he was told to review his friends for other possible recruits. His first candidate was Donald MACLEAN and his second Guy BURGESS. He may have been responsible for other recruitments then or later.

3. When PHILBY returned from Vienna his tutor refused to recommend him for the Indian Civil Service because of his left-wing views. He took up journalism and among other activities became associated with Peter SMOLKA @ SMOLLETT in the formation of a Press Agency. SMOLKA, an Austrian Jew, was another Russian spy and was probably recruited in Vienna before he came to the United Kingdom.

4. In February 1937 PHILBY went to Spain and later became correspondent for "The Times" on the Franco side. In 1940 he joined S.O.E. and subsequently transferred to S.I.S. and by the end of the war had become Head of Counter Intelligence. After serving in Turkey, he was in Washington at the time of the MACLEAN investigation. Much of this investigation was concerned with leakages which had occurred while MACLEAN was en poste in Washington from 1944-1948 and PHILBY was privy to it. In 1950 BURGESS was posted to Washington as an ordinary Foreign Service officer and lived in PHILBY's house there. He returned to the United Kingdom in 1951 carrying a warning from PHILBY to MACLEAN a few weeks

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before he and MACLEAN defected. Suspicion fell on PHILBY as the source of the warning, and he was made the subject of intensive investigation. He was required to resign from S.I.S. because of his early Communist record but his guilt was not established until the end of 1962. He was then outside the jurisdiction. He was interviewed abroad and made a partial confession. A few days later he fled to Russia.

D.D. MACLEAN

5. MACLEAN was recruited for the R.I.S. in 1934 shortly before coming down from Trinity Hall, Cambridge, when he was preparing to enter the Foreign Office. As an undergraduate he had been openly left-wing, but after recruitment by the R.I.S. gave no overt sign of Communist views. He operated as a spy throughout a successful career in the Foreign Service which included postings in Paris, Washington, where he was acting head of Chancery in 1946, and Cairo. He became the prime suspect in the leakage investigation mentioned above and would have been interrogated if the investigation had not been blown by PHILBY. It is not known what MACLEAN did in the way of talent spotting or recruitment during his espionage career.

G.F. de M. BURGESS

6. BURGESS was a brilliant undergraduate at Trinity College, Cambridge, a convinced Marxist and a member of the Communist Party. After his recruitment by the R.I.S. at the end of 1934 or early in

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1935 he ceased to be an open Communist. He worked in the B.B.C. from 1936 to 1939 when he joined the section of S.I.S. which later became S.O.E. From 1941 to 1944 he was again employed by the B.B.C. and then joined the Foreign Office News Department. From 1941 to 1946 he was an outside agent of the Security Service. In October 1947 he became an established member of the Foreign Service (Branch B) and served as personal assistant to the Minister of State, in the Far Eastern Department and finally in the British Embassy, Washington. He was not suspected of being a spy before he defected in 1951.

7. BURGESS had direct access to important secrets in the course of his various employments from 1939 to 1951. In addition he had a very wide circle of friends, many of whom reached high places. He was accepted in intellectual circles in Cambridge and London, and particularly at All Souls College, Oxford. There is no doubt that many of his friends were valuable unconscious sources and he was in a position to give very important assistance to the R.I.S. as a talent spotter. He made some recruitments for the R.I.S. himself, though the full extent of these is unknown. One of them was Anthony BLUNT.

A.F. BLUNT

8. BLUNT has admitted that he was recruited by BURGESS in the Spring of 1936. He was then a don at Trinity College, Cambridge. From 1936 to 1940 his work for the R.I.S. was talent spotting and recruitment. He made three recruitments himself and talent spotted John CAIRNCROSS who was an R.I.S. agent from 1936, when he joined the Foreign Office, until 1952 when he came under suspicion as a contact

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of BURGESS. Although nothing could be proved against him at the time, CAIRNCROSS was obliged to resign from the Treasury where he was employed. He subsequently went abroad where he has remained. He was interviewed abroad in 1964 and made a full *partial* confession.

9. From 1940 to 1945 BLUNT worked in the Security Service and handed over to the R.I.S. anything of any possible interest to them that came his way. He claims that the Russians allowed him to give up spying at the end of the war and that he has done nothing for them since except helping MACLEAN and BURGESS to defect. There is, however, evidence that he has had other contacts with the R.I.S. since that date. BLUNT came under considerable suspicion at the time of the defection but remained unbroken, despite eleven interrogations, until 1964 when he confessed to his espionage role when confronted with information provided by one of those whom he had recruited for the R.I.S. He has since been used as a source of information on his acquaintances in the BURGESS circle and on his own and their activities for the R.I.S. It is not considered, however, that he has been completely frank or revealed the full extent of his knowledge; and he is therefore the subject of current investigation.

THE RING OF FIVE

10. In 1962 a defector from the R.I.S. stated that in the 1930s there was a very important spy network in the United Kingdom called the Ring of Five because it originally had five members all of whom knew each other and had been at the university together. He knew that BURGESS and MACLEAN

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were members of the ring. He thought that the network had expanded beyond the original five.

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11. PHILBY was undoubtedly an original member; the fourth was probably James KLUGMAN, a life long Communist and a prominent member of the Cultural Committee of the Communist Party, who worked for the R.I.S. before and during the war. The fifth is unknown. For a variety of reasons it is thought on the whole unlikely that BLUNT was an original member of the Ring.

CURRENT INVESTIGATION

12. The undergraduates of the 1930s are now reaching or have reached the peak of their careers. Any of them recruited by the R.I.S. might as politicians, as members of the Public Service, or as Government consultants have access to important secrets and influence on policy making. The Security Service therefore needs to identify the other original member, or members, of the Ring of Five and to establish what other spies besides those so far identified were recruited by the R.I.S. as a result of its activities in British universities in the 1930s.

13. During the past four years the Security Service have devoted considerable effort to this task and in particular to the close examination of persons with a history of Communism and Communist sympathies at the university or who were associated with known members of the Ring of Five. *Seven* Because time is now running out this effort is being increased.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

14. Short biographical particulars of the persons mentioned in this note are attached as Appendix A.

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BLUNT, Sir Anthony Frederick

Nat. :	British
Born :	26.9.07, Bournemouth
Education :	1921-1926 Marlborough College. 1926-1932 Trinity College, Cambridge. 1932-1937 Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.
1937 - 1939	On staff of Warburg Institute.
1939	Reader in History of Art, London University and Deputy Director of Courtauld Institute of Art.
September 1939	Joined the Army.
December 1939- May 1940	Field Security in B.E.F.
1.7.40	Joined M.I.5.
12.5.44-1.7.44	Lent to S.H.A.E.F.
6.9.45	Released from Army.
31.10.45	Left M.I.5.
October 1945	Re-joined Courtauld Institute.
1945	Surveyor of the King's Pictures and later Keeper of the Queen's Pictures.
1947	Professor of History of Art, University of London and Director of Courtauld Institute of Art.
1965-1966	Slade Professor of Fine Art, Cambridge.
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BURGESS, Guy Francis de Moncy (Now dead)

Nat. :	British
Born :	16.4.11 Stoke, Devonport.
Educated :	1924 Eton 1925-1927 Dartmouth 1927-1930 Eton 1930-1933 Trinity College, Cambridge.
1933 - 1935	Trinity College, Cambridge Historical Research and Teaching.
28.6.34-22.7.34	Trip to Leningrad.
June 1935- October 1936	Journalism in London. Also unpaid work for M.P.s Colonel J. MACNAMARA and Harold NICOLSON.
1.10.36	Employed by B.B.C. as Assistant in Talks Department.
11.1.39	Resigned from B.B.C. to join S.I.S. (Section D.), (S.O.E.).
September 1940	Left S.O.E.
January 1941	Rejoined B.B.C.
1941	Became outside agent of M.I.5. (1941-1946)
4.6.44	Left B.B.C. and joined News Dept., Foreign Office.
31.12.46	Personal Assistant to Minister of State, Foreign Office.
1.10.47	Established in Foreign Office. Executive Branch B.
November 1948	Far Eastern Department of Foreign Office.

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7.8.50-1.5.51	2nd Secretary, British Embassy, Washington
7.5.51	Returned to U.K.
25.5.51	Disappeared. Left U.K. from Southampton. Defected to U.S.S.R.
1963	Died.

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CAIRNCROSS, John

Nat : British
Born : 27.7.13 Lesmahagow
Married : Gabriele S. OPPENHEIM (1951)
Educated : 1928 - 1930 Hamilton Academy
1930 - 1932 Glasgow University
1932 - 1934 Sorbonne, Paris
1934 - 1936 Trinity College, Cambridge.

6.10.36 Appointed 3rd Secretary, American Department, Foreign Office.

23.9.40-5.3.42 Private Secretary to Lord Hankey (Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster General).

11.5.42 Enlisted in H.M. Forces and posted to G.C. & C.S., Bletchley.

1943 Released from G.C. & C.S.

14.6.43 Joined S.I.S.

1945 Released from S.I.S.

21.6.45 Returned to Treasury.

May 1951 Transferred to Ministry of Supply.

December 1951 Returned to Treasury

31.3.52 Suspended from work in Treasury.

19.4.52 Resigned from Treasury.

October 1952 Settled in Rome. Rome correspondent for "Economist", "Observer" and Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

June 1953 Temporary job in Geneva working as translator for U.N.O. Later returned to Rome.

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- 1954 Correspondent for Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and doing occasional interpreting and precis writing for U.N.O. in Geneva and Venice. Also free-lance writing for "Scotsman" and "Economist".
- 1955-1956 Employed as Consultant for U.N. Technical Assistance in Geneva, and doing translations for Inter-Governmental Committee for European Migration : represented Italian newspaper "Corriere de la Sera".
- 1957-Spring 1961 In Bangkok for U.N. Economic Commission of Asia and the Far East. On staff of ECAFE Secretariat as Editor of Documents.
- 1961-October 1962 Employed by Italo-consult in Rome as Commonwealth Economic Adviser.
- 1962-1963 In Pakistan with Harvard University Advisory Group.
- February 1964 Chairman of Department of Romance Languages Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.
- June 1964 Left U.S.A.
- 1964-1971 Employed by Food and Agriculture Organisation of U.N.O. Economic Section in Rome.
- 1971 Teaching English in Rome.

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DOBB, Maurice Herbert

Nat. : British
Born : 24.7.00 Brondesbury
Married : Barbara NIXON
Educated : Charterhouse.
Pembroke College, Cambridge.

1919-1922 Joined the I.L.P.
1922 Joined the C.P.G.B.
1922-1924 Research Student, London School
of Economics.
1925 On the Executive Committee of
the Labour Research Department.
1932- Lecturer in Economics,
Cambridge University.
1943-1946 Visiting Lecturer in Russian
Economic Studies, London University
School of Slavonic Studies.
1945- Fellow of Trinity College,
Cambridge.

DOBB, who is a founder member of the C.P.G.B., has been a most active worker for the Party throughout his career and a prolific writer on Communist and Soviet economic affairs. He has frequently visited the Soviet Union and other Communist countries. He is regarded by the C.P.G.B. as their foremost scholar and intellectual, and is a current member.

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HONIGMANN Alice (Lizy) nee KOLLMANN

formerly (1) FRIEDMAN
(2) PHILBY

Nat. : Austrian at birth
British on marriage to (2)
German on marriage to (3)

Born : 2.5.10 Vienna

Married : (1) FRIEDMAN (div.)
(2) H.A.R. PHILBY (1934) (div. 1946)
(3) Dr. Georg HONIGMANN (1946/47)

24.2.34 Married H.A.R. PHILBY (q.v.)

26.2.34 Obtained British passport.

May 1934 .. Came to U.K.

Appx. 1937-1939 Living in Paris.

8.1.40 Returned to U.K. from France.

17.9.46. Divorced H.A.R. PHILBY

1946/47 Married Dr. Georg HONIGMANN
German Communist

September, 1946 Left U.K. for Soviet Sector
of Berlin.

1952 Working as Publicity Manager
for German Film Company, D.E.F.A.

1953 Member of Preparatory Committee
in East Germany for the foundation
of a Society for Cultural Relations
Abroad.

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KLUGMAN, Norman John (known as James)

Nat : British
Born : 27.2.12., Hampstead.
Educated : The Hall School, Hampstead.
Approx 1927-1931 Greshams School, Holt.
1931-1935 Trinity College, Cambridge.

1935 - 1939 Secretary of World Students Association
in Paris. Travelled to Balkans, Arab
countries, U.S.A., China, India.

September 1939 Returned to U.K.

7.11.40 Called up and posted to R.A.S.C.

2.6.41 Posted to Middle East

16.6.42 Committed as 2/Lt. Posted to
G.S.I.(J). Employed as head S.O.E.
desk dealing with Allied Aid to
Yugoslavia.

11.8.44 G.S.O. 2(L) "B" Military Mission
(relinquished G.S.O. 2(Pol)).

April 1945 Served with S.O.E. in Yugoslavia.

August 1945 Appointed Special Assistant to Chief
of U.N.R.R.A. Mission in Yugoslavia
(a Russian officer).

19.7.46 Resigned from U.N.R.R.A. and returned
to U.K.

1948 - 1950 Editor of "World News and Views".

1950 National Education Organiser of
Communist Party of Great Britain
(C.P.G.B.)

1950 - 1957 On Political Committee of G.P.G.B.

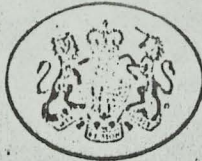
1952 - 1963 On National Executive Committee of
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1950 - 1962

Head of Education Department,
C.P.G.B.

1957 -

On National Cultural Committee,
C.P.G.B.

1962 -

Editor of "Marxism Today".

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MACLEAN, Donald Duart

Nat. : British
Born : 25.5.13, London
Married : Melinda MARLING (1940)
Educated : 1923-1931 Greshams School, Holt.
1931-1934 Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

11.10.35 Joined Foreign Office. Appointed
to Western Department.

September 1938 Posted to British Embassy Paris.

18.6.40 Posted to General Department of
Foreign Office, London.

2.5.44 Posted to British Embassy,
Washington as Second Secretary.

23.3.45 Appointed First Secretary.

July 1946 Acting Head of Chancery.

1.9.48 Left Washington for London.

7.11.48 Posted to British Embassy,
Cairo as Counsellor.

May 1950 In U.K. on sick leave.

6.11.50 Foreign Office, London
(Head of American Department).

25.5.51 Disappeared. Left U.K. from
Southampton. Defected to the
U.S.S.R.

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PHILBY, Harold Adrian Russell

Nat. : British
Born : 1.1.12. Ambala, Punjab
Married : (1) Alice FRIEDMAN nee KOLLMANN (1934)
(div. 1946) (q.v.)
(2) Aileen FURSE (1946) (died 1957)
(3) Eleanor BREWER nee KERNS (1959) (d. 1968)
Educated : 1924-1929 Westminster School
1929-1933 Trinity College, Cambridge.

Summer 1933-1934 Vienna
1934 Returned to U.K.
November 1934 Formed Press Agency called London
Continental News Ltd., with Peter
SMOLKA @ SMOLLETT
Late 1934-1936 Assistant Editor of "Review of
Reviews" (which in 1935 became
"World Review").
February 1937 Went to Spain on Franco side as
freelance journalist.
April 1937 Became "The Times" representative.
August 1939 Returned to U.K. and was appointed
"Times" correspondent with B.E.F.
October 1939 Went to France with B.E.F.
June 1940 Returned to U.K. and joined Section
D. of S.I.S. (S.O.E.).
September 1941 Transferred to Section V of S.I.S.
(engaged on German espionage in
Iberian Peninsula, Spanish Morocco
and Atlantic Islands).
October.1944 Appointed Head of Section IX (Soviet
Espionage).

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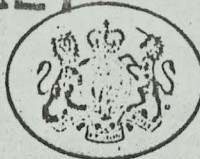
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2.3.47	Head of S.I.S. Station in Istanbul
4.9.49	Head Office of S.I.S.
8.10.49	Head of S.I.S. Station in Washington.
12.6.51	Recalled to U.K.
October 1951	Resigned from S.I.S.
1951-1956	Freelance journalism etc.
1956-23.1.63	Beirut as representative of the "Observer" 
23.1.63	Left Beirut for Moscow. Defected to the U.S.S.R.

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SMOLKA-SMOLLETT (formerly SMOLKA), Harry Peter

(Name changed by Deed Poll from SMOLKA to SMOLLETT 3.11.1938)

Nat. : British (1938) formerly Austrian
 Married : Lotte JÄCKEL (1933)
 Educated : Vienna Gymnasium
 University of Vienna
 1930 London School of Economics

August 1930 Expelled from France for suspected espionage on behalf of Italy.

29.9.30-March 1931 In U.K. as student and representative of "Der Tag".

6.5.33 Returned to U.K. representing "Neue Freie Presse".

November 1934 Formed Press Agency called "London Continental News Ltd." with H.A.R. PHILBY.

1934 - 1938 London correspondent for Central European Newspapers.

1935 - 1936 Visited U.S.S.R. for short periods and also visited Arctic Regions.

4.2.37 London representative of "Prager Tagblatt" of Prague.

November 1938 Joined staff of Exchange Telegraph Co. (Central European Adviser).

1938-1939 Head of Foreign Department, Exchange Telegraph.

2.9.39 Joined Ministry of Information.

29.12.39 In charge of propaganda news service to Switzerland, Holland and Belgium.

June 1941 Work in Ministry of Information included sending British publicity missions to U.S.S.R.

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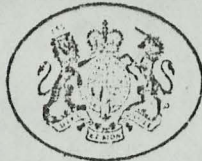
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Appx. November 1941	Appointed Head of Soviet Relations Branch of Ministry of Information.
March 1943	Appointed Director of Soviet Relations Division of Ministry of Information.
April 1944 - July 1944	Visited Moscow on behalf of Ministry of Information.
June 1945	Resigned from Ministry of Information.
June 1945	Visited Czechoslovakia as Central European Correspondent of "Daily Express"
March 1946	In Vienna
September 1947 - May 1949	Vienna Correspondent of "The Times"
May 1949	Regained the Schar-Smolka metal factory in Russian Zone of Vienna (Vienna Metalware and Metal Fastenings).
19.10.49	Partner and Manager of Schar-Smolka factory.
1965	Chairman and Managing Director of:- Vienna Metal Goods Manufacturing Co. Vienna Metal Goods Trading Co. Chairman of:- Tyrolia Sporting Goods, London. Joint Managing Director of:- Tyrolia Metal and Sporting Goods Trading Co., Munich, Germany.

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ANNEX C

THE CASE OF SIR ANTHONY BLUNT :
CONSIDERATIONS ARISING IN THE EVENT OF PUBLICITY

Introduction

was until recently
Sir Anthony BLUNT is Director of the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London; he is a former member of the Royal Household and now *consultant* Adviser for the Queen's Pictures and Drawings. In 1964 BLUNT confessed to a Security Service officer that during the 1930s, while a don at Trinity College Cambridge, he was recruited as a Comintern agent by his close friend Guy BURGESS. As well as talent-spotting and recruiting other persons to work for the Russians, BLUNT acted as a Russian spy during employment in the Security Service from July 1940 to October 1945. His regular dealings with the Russians *are believed to have* ceased shortly afterwards, although he was privy to the arrangements for the defection of BURGESS and MACLEAN in May 1951 and assisted PHILBY in making contact with the Russians between 1951 and 1956.

2. BLUNT is now ^{66 68(1975)} 65. Since he was placed under investigation by the Security Service in 1951 after the defection of BURGESS and MACLEAN, his case has been handled on a highly restricted basis, in part because of its intrinsic delicacy and also, after he had made his confession, because of the importance of ensuring that his disclosures and cooperation in other Security Service investigations did not leak back to the Russians. But the fact that he was a Russian agent of some sort before and during World War II is known outside official circles and is certain to receive publicity either at BLUNT's death or at some other time in the future. This note considers briefly the likely extent to which this knowledge has spread; the circumstances in which publicity may occur; the criticism of official action or inaction which could follow from the disclosure; and the possibility that

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a number of persons in public life may also receive adverse publicity as a result of their connections with BLUNT.

Who outside official circles knows that BLUNT was a Russian agent ?

3. It is impossible to compile an accurate list of those who know BLUNT was a Russian agent. At least thirty persons outside official circles must be aware although in most cases they know little more than the bare fact. They include individuals whom BLUNT recruited - three cases are known for certain - or attempted to involve with the Russians. Most of these remain silent in order to avoid self-incrimination. But amongst former friends of BLUNT and BURGESS who knew about their activities is the writer Goronwy REES; he has on more than one occasion gone near to identifying BLUNT as a former Comintern agent.

4. A number of other writers and some newspaper editors have acquired the knowledge that BLUNT worked for the Russians either as a result of following up the veiled references to BLUNT in Goronwy REES' writings, or in the course of research such as that done by the Sunday Times some years ago into the case of PHILBY (who belonged to the same espionage ring as BLUNT and BURGESS).

The following Ministers... *See new para. at 1310A*
5. Several Ministers in the last Labour administration were informed about the case; they included Mr. Wilson, Mr. Callaghan and Mr. Jenkins.

6. Some information about the case has been passed on a very restricted basis for the information of a few counter-espionage specialists in the

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intelligence and security agencies named below. We are confident that no use will be made of the information other than for professional purposes.

Central Intelligence Agency
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Australian Security Intelligence
Organisation
New Zealand Security Intelligence
Organisation.

In what circumstances is publicity likely to arise ?

7. The main factor inhibiting press disclosure in the United Kingdom has been fear that BLUNT would mount a successful action for libel. His death would remove this danger; it is very probable that a few newspapers already have a story on hand for publication as soon as their legal advisers confirm that this is safe. REES could then be expected to repeat and amplify his previous allegation, coupled with criticism of official failure to take action against BLUNT (REES volunteered to the Security Service in 1951 that BURGESS had told him BLUNT was a Comintern agent; up to the time he made his confession in 1964 BLUNT maintained this was a lie). In addition we must reckon with the possibility that BLUNT has himself prepared for publication after his death a document in which he describes and seeks to justify the work he carried out for the Russians.

8. The story might break before BLUNT's death if the case were raised under cover of Parliamentary privilege, e.g. by a question in the House. And

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publication of the facts abroad could decide a British newspaper to run a campaign of half-disclosure with the object of forcing BLUNT into the open. One of BLUNT's recruits for the Comintern was Michael Witney STRAIGHT, a prominent figure in U.S. public life who confessed to the F.B.I. that he worked for the Russians. STRAIGHT was not prosecuted and is most unlikely to talk. But leakage to the American press is possible.

What criticism of the Government might follow from publicity ?

9. The case could be presented as further evidence (following on BURGESS, MACLEAN and PHILBY) of the extent of unpunished treachery in the Establishment and of inefficiency in the security defences of the country. Once attention had been drawn to the information about BLUNT which REES volunteered to the Security Service in 1951 (see paragraph 7 above) criticism would probably focus on two particular aspects:

- (i) The fact that BLUNT had never been prosecuted for his services to the Russians.
- (ii) The continuation of BLUNT in a post in the Royal Household after 1951 and his grant of a Knighthood in 1956.

Official disclosure of the 1964 confession would give a strong impetus to the criticism under (i).

10. The facts in relation to a prosecution are that prior to BLUNT's confession in April 1964

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the Security Service was unable to discover evidence on the basis of which charges could be brought. REES' information did not establish that BLUNT had committed criminal offences; and BLUNT himself made no admissions during the course of the many interviews with him. Inducements were offered to BLUNT in order to obtain from him the 1964 confession. Subsequently he was used as an informant and intermediary in the course of Security Service investigations directed to establishing the identities of other agents recruited by the Russians in the 30s and 40s, particularly in British Intelligence. The Acting Director of Public Prosecutions and the Attorney General were consulted prior to the giving of inducements in 1964. The present D.P.P. and A.G. were also consulted in November 1972 when the A.G. confirmed that the public interest lay in taking no prosecution action.

11. With regard to BLUNT's connection with the Royal Household and his Knighthood, the case was discussed shortly before BLUNT's confession by Sir Roger Hollis, then Director General of the Security Service, with Sir Michael Adeane, the Queen's Private Secretary at the time. The possibilities that BLUNT would make a confession and/or would attempt to flee the country were considered and it was decided that no action would be taken in respect of BLUNT's post in the Household unless publicity was imminent.

The award in 1956 of a Knighthood to BLUNT took place before his confession; it represented an honour invariably given to persons serving in the Royal Household in a post such as BLUNT then held (Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures).

12. In the event of publicity it is believed that the Palace will deny all knowledge of BLUNT's connection with the Russians.

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Are other persons in public life likely to receive adverse publicity when the story that BLUNT was a Russian agent is published ?

13. BLUNT has known several persons now in public life who had close connections with him at the time he was a Russian agent and who may be referred to in press articles (although in almost every case they were also closely connected with BURGESS and/or PHILBY and did not suffer adverse publicity when press attention was focused on them). Prominent amongst these friends or former friends are:

Lord ROTHSCHILD
 Director General
 Central Policy
 Review Staff,
 Cabinet Office;
 former member of
 the Security
 Service.

(BLUNT, together with BURGESS, lived during World War II in a flat rented from Lord ROTHSCHILD)

Lady ROTHSCHILD
 Wife of Lord
 ROTHSCHILD

(who was also a member of the Security Service and lived in the same flat, although she did not marry Lord ROTHSCHILD until 1946)

Lady LLEWELYN-
 DAVIES
 Wife of Lord
 LLEWELYN-DAVIES;
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(who shared the same flat with BLUNT, BURGESS and Lady ROTHSCHILD during World War II)

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Sir Dick WHITE
Formerly
Intelligence
Co-ordinator,
Cabinet Office;
also held the
posts of 'C' and
Director General,
Security Service

(who was closely
concerned with the
investigation into the
disappearance of BURGESS
and MACLEAN in 1951 and
received Goronwy REES'
allegation about BLUNT
at that time)

Stuart HAMPSHIRE
Warden of Wadham
College, Oxford

(who was a close
acquaintance of BLUNT,
BURGESS and REES).

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DRAFT PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT ON THE BLUNT CASE AND
SUGGESTED ANSWERS TO POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

A. DRAFT STATEMENT

in 1964
Sir Anthony BLUNT confessed to the Authorities some years ago that like his friends, BURGESS and PHILBY he became an agent of Russian Intelligence during the 1930s at Cambridge and was privy to the defection of BURGESS and MACLEAN in 1951. In addition to providing information about Russian Intelligence activities and his association with BURGESS, MACLEAN and PHILBY, BLUNT collaborated with the Security Service in counter-espionage operations some of which are continuing. He was a member of the Security Service from 1940 to 1945; thereafter he held no post affording access to classified information. It would not be in the national interest to reveal further details.

B. POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARIES AND SUGGESTED ANSWERS

1. When did BLUNT confess ?

It would not be in the national interest to disclose details concerning BLUNT's confession which has a continuing significance in counter-espionage operations.

[BLUNT confessed on 23 April 1964. Since then, he has been interviewed by the Security Service on about seventy occasions.]

2. Why was BLUNT not prosecuted ?

It was decided at the outset that the greater public interest lay in securing a confession from BLUNT. The Attorney General has recently considered the facts again and has confirmed this decision.

It was decided at the outset that the greater public interest lay in securing a confession from BLUNT. In 1972, the Attorney General considered the facts again and agreed with the original decision. He confirmed that it was still not in the public interest to prosecute. See 1310A

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√Prior to BLUNT's confession in April 1964 the Security Service was unable to discover evidence on the basis of which charges could be brought. REES' information did not establish that BLUNT had committed criminal offences; and BLUNT himself made no admissions during the course of the interviews with him. The likelihood of any admissible evidence emerging relating to events many years earlier had become remote. The Acting Director of Public Prosecutions was consulted on 14 April 1964 and he in turn referred to the Attorney General. Inducements were offered to BLUNT in order to obtain a confession and on 23 April 1964 he confessed. Neither at this time nor subsequently did any independent evidence become available establishing the truth of the admissions of criminal acts which BLUNT made in his confession.]

3. Was BLUNT protected by former colleagues in the Security Service ?

No.

√Part of the answer lies in the decision referred to in the answer to 2 above. For the rest, although BLUNT remained friendly with colleagues of the war years in the Security Service, such as Guy Liddell and Sir Dick White, he was not protected by them. When the Goronwy REES allegation was received in 1951 a detailed investigation was initiated.]

4. Is it not true that Goronwy REES informed the Authorities in 1951 that BURGESS had told him BLUNT was a Russian agent ? Why was no action taken at the time ?

The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The answer to the second part is that action was taken.

√Goronwy REES informed the Security Service on 6 June

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1951 that in about 1937 BURGESS had attempted to recruit him on behalf of a secret department of the Comintern to supply confidential political information. REES said that BURGESS had told him that BLUNT was one of his sources. Confronted with this allegation BLUNT stated he had not known BURGESS was working for the Comintern and had believed he was working for British Intelligence.

Following REES' allegations the Security Service began an investigation of BLUNT's activities. A telephone check was imposed and BLUNT was interviewed at length by members of the Security Service on a number of occasions. While denying any involvement with the Russians he supplied a good deal of information about BURGESS' activities and associates. Goronwy REES was himself investigated by the Security Service and re-interviewed in July 1951 and again in 1956. A note on Goronwy REES is included in the Appendix to this Annex.]

4. Was the Palace informed about BLUNT's record by the Security Authorities ?

Yes. The Queen's Private Secretary was informed and co-operated with the Security Service on the case.

Sir Michael Adeane was brought up to date on the case in October 1967 when the Sunday Times 'Insight' team was engaged in a study of the BURGESS and PHILBY story and it was thought that there was a risk of publicity.]

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5. Why was BLUNT allowed to hold a post in the Royal Household after his past relationship with the Russian Intelligence Service was known ?

The post which BLUNT held in the Royal Household did not afford him any access to classified information and the greater public interest lay in no change becoming apparent in his overt status.

[BLUNT received the customary recognition for his services in the Royal Household, being made C.V.O. in 1947 and K.C.V.O. in 1956.]

6. Did BLUNT confess to recruiting any other spies for the Russians or did he name any others whom he knew to be Russian agents ?

See answer to 1 above. *It would not be in the public interest to disclose details concerning BLUNT's confession which has a continuing significance in com. espionage operations*
[In his confession BLUNT admitted to recruiting three Cambridge contemporaries. These were:

Brian SIMON who served in the G.H.Q. Liaison Regiment, an intelligence unit, during the war. Afterwards he became a lecturer at Leicester University and is now its Professor of Education. He is a prominent member of the Communist Party of Great Britain and has been on its National Executive Committee since 1957.

Leo LONG who worked in M.I.14 during the war and subsequently in the Intelligence Organisation in Germany until 1952. Since then he has been employed in the film industry.

Michael Whitney STRAIGHT who worked for the U.S. State Department and the Department of the Interior from about 1938 to 1940 and served in the U.S. Air Force during the war. He is now Deputy Chairman of the Arts Council in the United States and an influential political

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supporter of President Nixon. It was STRAIGHT's statement to the F.B.I. that BLUNT had recruited him which led to BLUNT's confession.

BLUNT also said he had been active in the Thirties and during the war, in conjunction with BURGESS, in talent-spotting for the R.I.S. Specifically, he said he had talent-spotted, though he had not recruited, John CAIRNCROSS who served in the Foreign Office and the Treasury from 1936 to 1952 except for a period between 1942 and 1945 in M.I.6. In 1964 in the United States, CAIRNCROSS who no longer lives in this country, admitted having been recruited by the R.I.S. in 1936 and spying until 1951.

A Security Service research team which was set up to investigate the Ring of Five and related cases had considerable success aided by BLUNT's information in identifying other personalities and activities of the network. BLUNT made a material contribution to the examination of approximately one hundred possible cases, in particular that of Alister WATSON, a senior Admiralty scientist who was removed from a sensitive post after it had been concluded that BURGESS had recruited him in the 1930s.]

8. Was BLUNT the "Fourth" (or the "Fifth") man ?

I cannot go any further than confirm that he was, for a time, like MACLEAN and BURGESS and PHILBY, a Russian spy.

[The Press has speculated about the existence of a "Fourth Man" who was connected with BURGESS, MACLEAN and PHILBY and BLUNT could fit this description. The idea of a "Fifth Man" relates to the "Ring of Five" referred to by a Russian defector; it is not known if the Press has any details of this.]

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8. Did BLUNT help PHILBY to defect ?

No.

(1961)
 [BLUNT helped PHILBY to renew contact with the Russian Intelligence Service between 1951 and 1956. He also visited PHILBY in Beirut in 1961 or 1962. However he played no part in PHILBY's defection from Beirut in 1963.]

10. Did BLUNT confess before PHILBY defected ? If so, why was his evidence not used to prosecute PHILBY ?

I cannot add to the information about BLUNT's confession which I have already given.

[BLUNT's confession was in 1964, a year after PHILBY's defection.]

11. When did BLUNT cease to be a Russian spy ?

I cannot add to the information already given.

[BLUNT has said that he has had no contact with the Russians since 1956; the Security Service has no information to the contrary although strong doubts remain as to whether BLUNT has told the whole truth about his R.I.S. connections.]

12. Did BLUNT occupy a flat during the war in the possession of the present Head of the Central Policy and Review Staff (C.P.R.S.), Lord ROTHSCHILD ?

BLUNT lived during the war in a flat of which the lease was for a time held by Lord ROTHSCHILD. He was Lord ROTHSCHILD's guest in the flat for a brief period and then with others took on the flat.

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Lord ROTHSCHILD held a lease on a flat at No. 5 Bentinck Street. He lived there with his first wife until the autumn of 1940. BLUNT, who had been staying with them since he was evacuated from France in May, then stayed on in the flat. BLUNT was joined by the present Lady ROTHSCHILD and the present Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES who had been bombed out of their previous flat. In the Spring of 1941, after the lease had been re-negotiated, BURGESS moved in as a fourth occupant to relieve the burden of rent on the other three.]

13. Did Guy BURGESS, the present Lady ROTHSCHILD and Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES share this flat with BLUNT ?

Yes. Both Lady ROTHSCHILD and Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES have given the Authorities an account of their acquaintance with BLUNT and BURGESS.

[See the attached notes on Lord and Lady ROTHSCHILD and Lord and Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES.]

C. CONCLUSIONS

Any further supplementaries and particularly any attempts to involve BLUNT's former friends and acquaintances might be countered with a reply on the following lines:

The Security authorities have undertaken much work on this case and there are good reasons in the interest of national security why no further information can be provided. But I must make it clear that I regard insinuations against any person solely on account of acquaintance with BLUNT or BURGESS as regrettable and I would not wish my refusal to provide further information to be taken as confirming or condoning these insinuations.

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Appendix to Annex D

Attached are notes on the following whose past connection with Sir Anthony BLUNT might be the subject of public comment if publicity were given to his connection with the Russian Intelligence Service:-

- (a) Lord ROTHSCHILD
- (b) Lady ROTHSCHILD
- (c) Lord LLEWELYN-DAVIES
- (d) Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES
- (e) Sir Dennis PROCTOR
- (f) Professor Stuart HAMPSHIRE

2. Also attached is a note on Goronwy REES, a likely source of public comment about BLUNT's connection with the Russian Intelligence Service (see Question 4).

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Lord ROTHSCHILD

Victor ROTHSCHILD was an undergraduate at Trinity College Cambridge between 1929 and 1932 and returned as a Fellow of Trinity College from 1935 until 1939. During these periods he became friendly with Guy BURGESS and Anthony BLUNT. But, although his political views were probably left wing, there is no evidence that he had communist sympathies either then or at any subsequent time.

2. In May 1940 Lord ROTHSCHILD joined the Security Service and in July 1940 he sponsored Anthony BLUNT for similar employment. At the time BLUNT was staying with Lord ROTHSCHILD at a flat he leased at 5 Bentinck Street. Shortly afterwards Lord ROTHSCHILD left London and the flat was occupied by Anthony BLUNT, Tess MAYOR and Pat RAWDON-SMITH (now Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES). In April or May 1941 Guy BURGESS moved in. Lord ROTHSCHILD was a frequent visitor to the flat during the war and in 1946 married Tess MAYOR.

3. In 1951 at the time of the defection of BURGESS and MACLEAN Lord ROTHSCHILD volunteered information about them to the Security Service. He has subsequently collaborated with the Security Service in the continued enquiries into BURGESS and his associates. He is particularly closely concerned with the BLUNT case and told the Security Service in November 1965 that he was aware of BLUNT's confession; since that date he has on occasion assisted in discussions with BLUNT.

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Lady ROTHSCHILD

Lady ROTHSCHILD, formerly Tess MAYOR, was at Newnham College Cambridge from 1935 until 1938. There is no evidence that she has ever held communist sympathies but she did, whilst at Cambridge, have friends who were Communists and in 1936 she became a close friend of Brian SIMON, son of Lord SIMON of Wythenshawe, who was an active member of the Communist Party and is still a leading Communist; SIMON is now Professor of Education at Leicester University. BLUNT has said that he recruited SIMON to work as a Comintern agent probably in 1938.

2. In 1940 Tess MAYOR and her friend Pat RAWDON-SMITH (now Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES) moved into the flat at 5 Bentinck Street which they shared with Anthony BLUNT and, after April or May 1941, with Guy BURGESS.

3. Tess MAYOR joined the Security Service in July 1940 on the recommendation of Lord ROTHSCHILD and worked as his secretary; she married Lord ROTHSCHILD in 1946.

4. Since 1951 she has collaborated with her husband in helping the Security Service in their enquiries into BURGESS and his associates; and like her husband is particularly closely involved in the case of BLUNT with whom she has been friendly since before the war.

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Lord LLEWELYN-DAVIES

Richard LLEWELYN-DAVIES who was at Trinity College Cambridge from 1931 until 1934 joined the Communist Party in 1933. After he came down he was a leading member of a communist group in the Architectural Association. During the war he pursued his profession and in 1942 became architect to the L.M.S. Railway; it is not thought that he had access to any significant classified information in this capacity.

2. In 1942 LLEWELYN-DAVIES went to live temporarily at the flat at 5 Bentinck Street shared at that time by Anthony BLUNT, Guy BURGESS, Tess MAYOR (now Lady ROTHSCHILD) and Pat RAWDON-SMITH. In 1943 he married Pat RAWDON-SMITH and they both moved away from this flat.

3. In the mid-1960s the Security Service investigated with the help of BLUNT, Alister WATSON who had been a scientific officer in the Admiralty since the early part of the war. WATSON is considered to have been recruited as an R.I.S. agent in the 1930s. In 1967 he was interrogated by the Security Service and described a visit before the war to BURGESS' flat in company with LLEWELYN-DAVIES. A proposition was made to him there by a man believed to have been the R.I.S. controller of BURGESS, MACLEAN and PHILBY. WATSON claimed that either Anthony BLUNT or LLEWELYN-DAVIES was present when the proposition was made.

4. Anthony BLUNT has said that he is convinced LLEWELYN-DAVIES must have been involved in espionage.

5. LLEWELYN-DAVIES was interviewed twice in 1972 but denied any involvement with the R.I.S. and all knowledge of the meeting described by WATSON. He appeared not to know (and was not informed) of BLUNT's espionage.

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Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES

When she was at Cambridge (1934-1938) Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES, formerly Pat RAWDON-SMITH, was politically very active on the left wing of the Labour Party. Although she did not herself join the Communist Party she associated closely with Communists and in 1937 delivered on behalf of one of these associates a letter to the Paris office of a Comintern organisation.

2. She met Anthony BLUNT in about 1935 through her first husband, Alexander RAWDON-SMITH. She formed a close friendship with BLUNT and through him met Guy BURGESS. She saw both BLUNT and BURGESS fairly frequently both in Cambridge and London between 1936 and 1938.

3. In 1940 she moved into the flat at 5 Bentinck Street which she shared with BLUNT, the present Lady ROTHSCHILD and Guy BURGESS until 1943 when she married Richard LLEWELYN-DAVIES.

4. During and after the war she worked as Private Secretary to Philip NOEL-BAKER in the Ministry of War Transport, the Air Ministry and the Commonwealth Relations Office.

5. Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES was interviewed in 1972 and denied any knowledge of R.I.S. activities.

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Philip Dennis PROCTOR

Sir Dennis PROCTOR served in the Treasury from 1930 to 1950. He then became Managing Director of a commercial shipping firm, but returned to the Treasury in 1953. In 1958 he was appointed Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Fuel and Power. He retired to the south of France in 1965.

2. He met PHILBY, BLUNT and BURGESS in Cambridge in about 1929 or 1930, and has told the Security Service that either BLUNT or PHILBY introduced him to Marxism in about 1930; he said in 1966 that he was still a Marxist. He became a close friend of both BURGESS and BLUNT, and others of their circle, and a regular visitor to the Bentinck Street flat where they lived.

3. PROCTOR has admitted that he discussed official matters very freely with BURGESS both before and during the war and was influenced by his views. BLUNT has said that BURGESS had no need to recruit PROCTOR as he could readily obtain all the information he required from him.

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Professor Stuart HAMPSHIRE

Professor Stuart HAMPSHIRE was an undergraduate at Oxford (Balliol College) from 1933 to 1936 and a Fellow of All Souls from 1936 until 1940. During the war he was employed in [redacted] as a member of the group processing the sigint material relating to the German Intelligence Service. From 1945 until 1947 he worked as Personal Assistant to Mr. Philip NOEL-BAKER during the period when the latter was Secretary of State for Air. In this post HAMPSHIRE was a colleague of Lady LLEWELYN-DAVIES and Lady ROTHSCHILD. In 1961 HAMPSHIRE conducted a review of G.C.H.Q. operations.

2. In 1965 it was established that HAMPSHIRE had been a close friend of Anthony BLUNT and Guy BURGESS since the mid-1930s and had held extremely left wing views before the war. HAMPSHIRE was in consequence interviewed and confirmed his friendship with BLUNT and BURGESS. He also said that in the 1930s he had been introduced by BLUNT in Paris to James KLUGMANN and he acknowledged that the introduction might have been a "looking over exercise". (At the time BLUNT was engaged in talent spotting for the R.I.S. and KLUGMANN (who is now a well known member of the Communist Party of Great Britain) was also involved with the R.I.S.). HAMPSHIRE said that after the Paris trip BURGESS had suggested to him that he work for the Comintern but that he had turned down the proposal.

3. HAMPSHIRE's case was discussed with BLUNT in 1966; the latter said that HAMPSHIRE had been a valuable unconscious source of both BURGESS and himself during the war and possibly of BURGESS after the war. BLUNT thought it possible that some of HAMPSHIRE's indiscretions had been deliberate.

4. In 1969 HAMPSHIRE was asked why he had not earlier reported his knowledge and doubts about BURGESS. He said that the late Mr. Guy LIDDELL (Deputy Director General of the Security Service in the early 1950s) and Sir Dick WHITE (who was at the same time in charge of the Counter-Espionage Branch of the Security Service) had been aware of these doubts

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at the material time. Sir Dick WHITE has said that this was not so.

5. In 1971 HAMPSHIRE was proposed as a consultant to the Cabinet Office but was not granted a security clearance.

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Goronwy REES

Goronwy REES was at New College Oxford from 1928 to 1931 and then became a Fellow of All Souls. He worked as a journalist on the Manchester Guardian and the Spectator from 1932 until the outbreak of war when he joined the Army and served in Intelligence. From July 1947 to May 1951 he acted as a part-time consultant in the Political Section of M.I.6. In 1953 he became Principal of the University College of Wales and since his resignation from that post in 1957 he has been a freelance writer and journalist.

2. REES has said he first met BURGESS in about 1932 and they remained close friends until 1951 apart from a disagreement over BURGESS' apparent swing to Fascism between 1935 and 1937. REES held left wing views but is not known ever to have joined the Communist Party.

3. In May 1951, very shortly after the defection of BURGESS and MACLEAN, REES volunteered to the Security Service the information that in 1937 BURGESS told him that he was working for a secret branch of the Comintern and that Anthony BLUNT was one of his sources of information. REES said that BURGESS asked him to help in the work, and that he had agreed to co-operate but was never asked to provide specific information, though he discussed with BURGESS whatever he knew; he had broken off the arrangement in 1939 at the time of the Russo-German Pact. REES said subsequently that Anthony BLUNT had tried to dissuade him from telling his story to the Security Service.

4. In 1956 a series of sensational articles about BURGESS based on a manuscript written by REES was published in "The People". REES embodied substantially the same material in a book entitled "A Chapter of Accidents" published in 1972.

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"Ring of Five" Recruitments

1. In considering the recruitments to the R.I.S of members of Cambridge University in the 1930s it is important to remember that there are no hard facts. We have only the stories of those who were involved to go on and it is very likely that the information we have been given in several cases is false.

2. The attached chart lists those from Cambridge who we have reason to believe were recruited to work for the R.I.S in the 1930s, in order of the date of their recruitment as far as this can be surmised. The chart gives in the first column the story the person himself has given of his own recruitment, the second column any relevant information given by others and in the third column our comments.

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Name	Own Story	Information from Other Sources	Comments
PHILBY (Trinity, 1930-1933)	Recruited by "Otto", whom he identified as Arnold DEUTSCH, in Regents Park, London in spring or summer 1934. The meeting was arranged by Lizi PHILBY (Source: PHILBY's "Confession" in 1963).	i) BLUNT said he thought Edith TUDOR-HART had first recruited PHILBY. ii) Later on he said he thought Edith TUDOR-HART had recruited Lizi and Lizi had recruited PHILBY.	It seems likely that PHILBY may have become involved earlier than he has said and may have been instructed to conceal his Communism at Cambridge. Though he was an official of the Socialist Society in his last year at Cambridge (1932-1933) he took no part in extreme left wing activities yet in autumn 1933 in Vienna he lived and worked with Communists e.g Lizi FRIEDMANN (whom he married in spring 1934) and Edith TUDOR-HART.
MACLEAN (Trinity Hall, 1931- 1934)		i) PHILBY said he recruited MACLEAN just before or just after MACLEAN's entry into the Foreign Office (i.e c. October 1935). ii) BLUNT said BURGESS told him MACLEAN and PHILBY were in the conspiracy. He did not date this information.	MACLEAN dropped out of Communist Party activity at Cambridge at about Easter 1934, which might indicate that he had been recruited by that time. He told his mother that he had decided to give up Communism in the late summer of 1934.

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BURGESS
(Trinity,
1930-1933/35)

i) PHILBY said he recruited BURGESS shortly after MACLEAN (i.e. after October 1935)

If BLUNT's story is true BURGESS was recruited much earlier than PHILBY claimed.

ii) BLUNT said that BURGESS told him he was leaving the Communist Party under R.I.S orders. This was presumably early in 1935, the date at which BURGESS broke with the Communist Party.

iii) BLUNT also said that BURGESS gave up his research and left Cambridge for London under R.I.S orders during the 1934/35 academic year.

iv) Goronwy REES said he thought KLUGMANN might well have got BURGESS into espionage.

KLUGMANN
(Trinity,
1931-1935)

In a conversation with another prominent Communist he said "fairly early" in his career he "got very mixed up in it" (i.e. in R.I.S work). This may have meant early in his Communist career (which started in 1933) or early in his career after leaving Cambridge (i.e. 1935).

i) BLUNT said that KLUGMANN attended meetings in BURGESS's rooms in 1934 and 1935 at which candidates for recruitment were discussed. He explained later that he meant for recruitment to the C.P. but this may have been an attempt to cover up a slip.

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KLUGMANN
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To the Security Service he said that the Communist Party was an illegal organisation in the 1930s in many countries and much of his work in the anti-Fascist movement was therefore clandestine.

ii) BLUNT said that KLUGMANN was privy to the discussions before STRAIGHT's recruitment (late 1936/early 1937). Later he altered this and said he was sure KLUGMANN was not aware of plans to recruit STRAIGHT.

BLUNT
(Trinity,
1926-29/38)

i) BLUNT's first story (23rd April, 1964) was returning to Cambridge from a year in Italy and Germany he found a strong Communist group had developed among undergraduates led by KLUGMANN, CORNFORD and BURGESS. He had always admired BURGESS's intellect and under his influence began to take an academic interest in Marxism. With the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War this interest became stronger. In about 1936 BURGESS told him that he had joined the 3rd International and suggested then or shortly afterwards that BLUNT should join too. He agreed and was introduced to "George" in a Cambridge cafe. The meeting was before June 1937.

It seems very likely that in dating his recruitment at early 1936 BLUNT is putting it later than it was. If his story of attending meetings with KLUGMANN and BURGESS in 1934 and 1935 at which candidates for recruitment were discussed did refer to espionage recruitments he was obviously involved before 1936. Even if his story that BURGESS told him of his own orders to leave the Party in early 1935 is correct it seems unlikely that, having this information, he was not himself brought in until a year later.

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BLUNT
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ii) On 1st May, 1964
BLUNT said that:
BURGESS was recruited
during his post-
graduate year (1934/
1935) at Cambridge and
told to leave the Party
and go to London.
BURGESS after he had
left Cambridge returned
with "George" and re-
cruited BLUNT sometime
between the autumn of
1935 and the summer of
1937 (probably in the
summer of 1936) as a
talent-spotter.

CAIRNCROSS
(Trinity,
1934-1936)

Introduced by KLUGMANN
to 'Otto' (unidentified)
in Regent's Park in
autumn 1936.

i) BLUNT said he
talent-spotted
CAIRNCROSS in Cambridge
and set up a meeting
with BURGESS after which
BURGESS recruited him on
the train journey from
Cambridge to London.
Research has dated this
journey as mid-August
1936.

ii) KLUGMANN said he did
not deny CAIRNCROSS's
story of the introduc-
tion. He had from time
to time been asked to
introduce people to
others without knowing
why.

CAIRNCROSS has recalled
the meeting with
BURGESS, mentioned by
BLUNT, and the train
journey but not the
recruitment approach
by BURGESS.

It seems likely he is
trying to protect BLUNT
or someone else.

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WATSON
(Kings,
1926-1929/
39)

i) He claimed to suffer from a mental block on the subject but accepted that he must have been approached at Cambridge by BURGESS or someone closely associated with BURGESS with a proposal that he should work for the Russians. He could not remember who had approached him or in what terms.

ii) He also thought he remembered being introduced to a foreign friend of BURGESS's, possibly called 'Otto', in London in the presence of BURGESS and possibly BLUNT or Richard LLEWELYN-DAVIES. He implied that this might have been a recruitment or a briefing for R.I.S work.

WATSON's mental block makes it practically impossible to sort out what his own story is. He would not give any date for his recruitment.

STRAIGHT
(Trinity,
1934-1937)

i) In about January 1937 he was recruited by BLUNT in BLUNT's rooms at Cambridge. He was told to drop out of the Communist Party and go to the U.S.A to work in Morgan's Bank from where he was to provide economic information for the Russians.

BLUNT agreed he recruited STRAIGHT but could not remember anything about telling him to go into Morgan's Bank.

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STRAIGHT
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ii) In spring/summer 1937 he was visited at Dartington by BURGESS, SIMON and BLUNT.

iii) In June 1937 he went to a Road House on the Great West Road with BLUNT and BLUNT's Russian controller.

NORMAN
(Trinity,
1933-1935)

i) In December 1967 BLUNT said "Herb. NORMAN was in the game".

ii) In 1969 BLUNT denied even knowing NORMAN.

LONG
(Trinity,
1935-1938/
39)

Recruited by BLUNT. In 1936/1937 he met "George" at Warwick Avenue underground station after being briefed by BLUNT to attend.

BLUNT said he recruited LONG at Cambridge after discussing it with BURGESS.

ASTBURY
(Christ's
1935-1938/
39)

In 1972 he denied ever having been involved with the R.I.S.

In 1943 he said in C.P.H.Q that he had been passing information to SPRINGHALL.

BLUNT said that SIMON told him that ASTBURY was recruited as a G.R.U agent in summer 1939.

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SIMON
(Trinity,
1933-1937)

i) BLUNT said BURGESS suggested SIMON as a useful recruit in summer 1939. BLUNT went ahead to recruit him as a talent-spotter. He did not tell his controller that he had done so, as he was out of touch at the time.

It seems more likely that SIMON was recruited earlier than 1938, probably while he was still at Cambridge.

ii) BLUNT later said it might have been 1938.

GREENBERG
(Trinity,
1933-1936/
39)

He denied that he had ever worked for the R.I.S.

STRAIGHT said that he recommended GREENBERG to his controller as a likely recruit in about January 1943. His controller appeared to know all about him already.

Elizabeth BENTLEY said GREENBERG was in her network in U.S.A, 1941/1942.

COSTELLO
(Trinity,
1932-1934)

i) BLUNT said he had never heard of him.

ii) CAIRNCROSS thought he might have been recruited at Cambridge where he was a tough and militant Communist and a close associate of KLUGMANN.

iii) KLUGMANN said he was "a good comrade" whom he had known from his Cambridge days.

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Nunn MAY
(Trinity
Hall, 1930-
1933/36)

In 1949 he said he was recruited literally hours before he left the U.K for Canada by someone "now out of reach". (He went to Canada in 1942).

Nunn MAY was working in the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge with Engelbert BRODA et al in 1942, just before he went to Canada.

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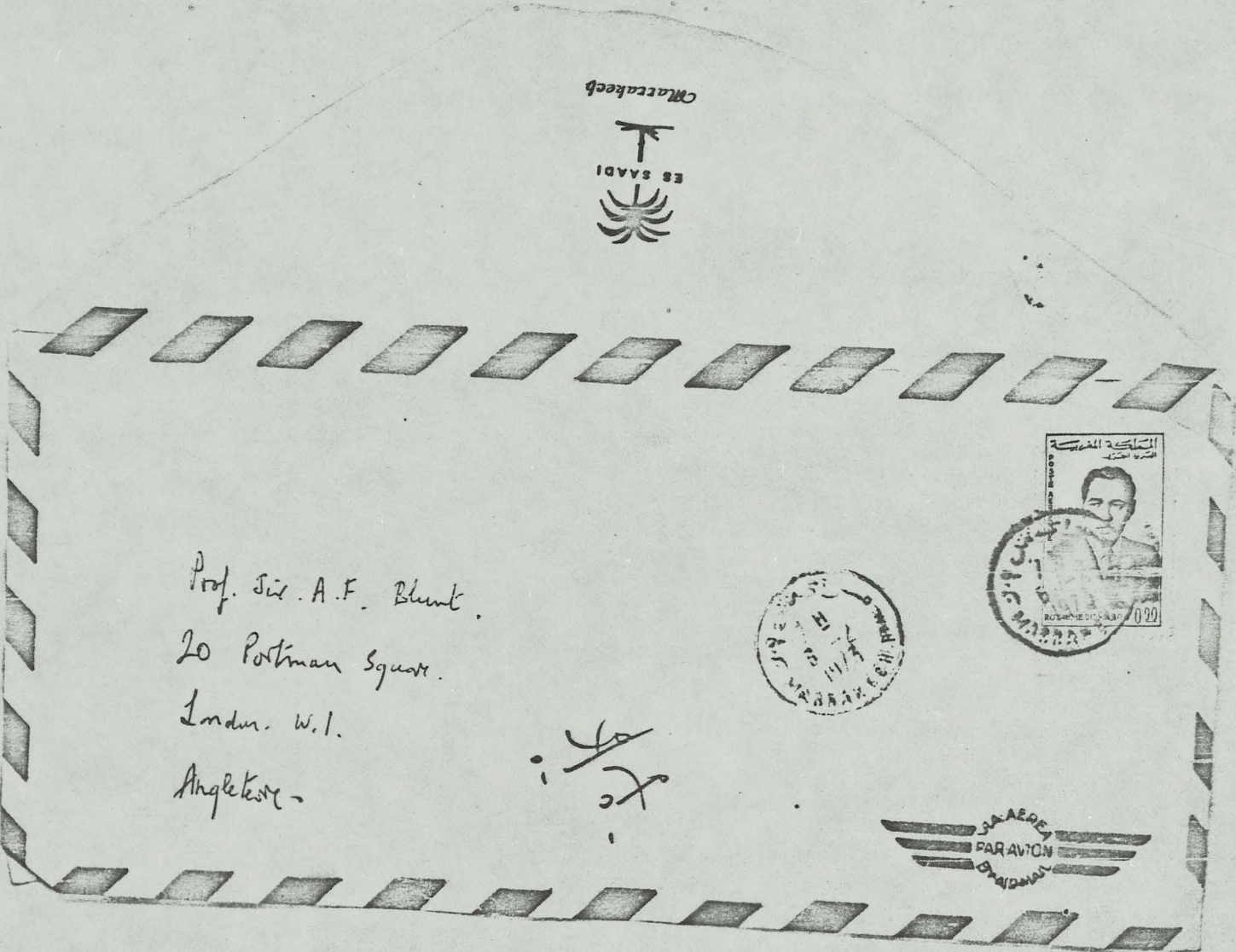
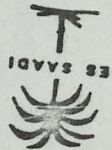
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Mattakeeb

Sunday morning

11-40.

Dear

It was well worth the $\frac{1}{8}$ the call cost to you to talk to you and to know you were well. I do feel a bit guilty deserting you, but at the same time I now wish I had gone somewhere on my own, at best of all with you or some one like Henry Russell. Since I called you Mitcha has been on the phone and Phyllis choked on a sleeping pill during the night so she is going to spend the day in bed. Anyway I can't make any more yet. But I have been contemplating leaving a little before going away for a few days. What news of Steve? I hope Herbert's report was favorable. As you know I do worry about you, so I was pleased to learn that you were going down to Waddleson it is obviously a good escape. And we must do it together. Abs was bare out. Papers are days late here. So I don't keep track of things.

Hope this reaches you by Wednesday or so.

Can you imagine the dinner party with K Clark Tony Phyllis Mitcha and myself.

My love to all

Hope Miss T is well.

John



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PART 1.

It was quiet until -

10.40. 1/C call answered in the distance - see T.O. so evidently JB. had returned from Cambridge. He then disappeared until -

13.30. He came in here and there was a good deal of paper shuffling. This continued until -

14.11. JB. had left the room and it was quiet until -

15.41. He came in here with TESS ROTHESWILL. He asked her if she would like tea or coffee. She preferred tea and they went out into the kitchen to make this.

15.49. Back in here and tea poured out. TESS asked what it had been like staying at Waddesdon. Very nice reported JB. Some chat about this and there TESS announced that they were off on holiday tomorrow to Barbados, which was rather nice.. JB. commented that this was a good moment to escape from England and the winter. He asked who would be going.

TESS. That means VICTOR and me initially - JESSIE coming for a fortnight and EMMA coming at some stage. And then PAT is coming at some stage, so that is rather nice.

I have temporarily lost

JB. Oh how nice.

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JB. touch with PAT and even - even with RICHARD, who I occasionally met on business. And whom I was going to meet on other business and nothing happened. I really suppose I ought to get on with that again. It was cancelled at the last moment.

TESS. What were you going to -?

JB. Well, PETER wanted me to try and see.....
Well, he really wanted me to try and find out what it was all about.

TESS. Yes.

JB. And ~~particularly~~ particularly this extraordinary story that ALISTER told.

TESS. What was that?

JB. The details of which I can never keep in my head and have to refresh my mind about. It was certainly -

TESS. Yes. Something about somebody being taken somewhere?

JB. Yes it was - um -

TESS. I muddle, it up with the story that GORONWY told me about.

JB. (GORONWY may - um -
(Well, he may - (pondering)

TESS. What was the one about RICHARD?

JB. RICHARD's was - er - I think - um-ALISTER said that he was taken by RICHARD to GUY's flat where he met me - there wasn't anyone else so I must have been involved - and then one of the Russians emerged from the bedroom - and I am not quite certain - no. that is all - yes. And it makes - maked absolute nonsense.

TESS. ALISTER said this?

JB. ALISTER said this - yes.

TESS. I thought ALISTER had said nothing.....?

JB. No, ALISTER said this but then said ^{(it} he didn't mean anything - I don't know what he said afterwards - you know it was absolutely -

TESS. Wasn't there? - but I mean -

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JB.	It was conspiratorial the whole thing. I think he said that the Russians then - um - tried to recruit him.		
TESS.	But - was it known - I mean does this fit with something?		
JB.	Oh yes it was -		
TESS.	I mean does this fit with something or was it just a figment of his?		
15.55. JB.	No, well, I think the details must be a figment because it is inconceivable..... in GEORGE's memoires. I think it was GEORGE - anyhow -		
TESS.	Yes.		
JB.	Um - and therefore I think I should remember it.		
TESS.	Do you think RICHARD was involved in that, between you and me?		
JB.	Well, I simply don't know. PETER certainly does.		
TESS.	He does?		
JB.	I am quite certain he does. I mean ...		
TESS.	Yeh. But had no evidence.		
JB.	No. Good circumstantial evidence but - or -		
TESS.	Apart from this story of ALISTER's.		
JB.	Oh there was alot - yes.		
TESS.	Really. (Interestedly).		
JB.	Um - so that -		
TESS.	But he was certainly a Communist wasn't he?		
JB.	He was certainly a Communist.		
TESS.	Was he ^{actually} involved with the Russian?		
JB.	I don't think I - I don't think I ever realised at the time even that he was really a Communist.		
TESS.	Do you think PAT was involved?		
JB.	No, and I think - um - I think PETER very definitely thinks she wasn't.		
TESS.	Do you think RICHARD know about GUY?		
JB.	Um - PETER - I don't know what he thinks about that. (Pondering).		
TESS.	Do you (Quite ungettable question or remark.)		
JB.	I think that - um - I am really very rusty to		

- who?
George THOMSON
PF. 55602

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<p>JB. all this. The - I think the idea is that RICHARD was recruited by GEORGE - by ALISTER - one minute. Yes, that the plausible thing is that RICHARD was recruited by ALISTER who was recruited by GEORGE. I mean -</p> <p>TESS. George TOMKINS?</p> <p>JB. George TOMKINS. That is the probable thing. His story - if it has any truth was..... (quite ungettable end to sentence. <i>would have</i>)</p> <p>TESS. So that he wouldn't know about GUY and it was too late to know about you?</p> <p>JB. He would certainly know about GUY <u>and</u> me if this story is true and that he came to GUY's flat to meet the Russian and I was there. But I have now forgotten - I think it was GEORGE - anyhow the Russian was identified.</p> <p>TESS. And this is what you are going to talk to him about?</p> <p>JB. Yes. (Slight pause.) I don't feel it will do any good. I mean, unless, unless by any chance it is possible to play RICHARD and others to come clean and say it waswas of interest. Assuming that he trusted....</p> <p>TESS. Which is difficult to do without saying -</p> <p>JB. Well very.</p> <p>TESS. a. that you were involved and b. that you had come clean.</p> <p>JB. Very difficult indeed.</p> <p>TESS. And I should think one could be pretty sure that if RICHARD had been involved he wasn't now..</p> <p>JB. Yes.</p> <p>TESS. So there wouldn't be any danger of him passing it back in any case.</p>			<p><i>George THOMSON</i> <i>PF. 55602</i> <i>(open file)</i> <i>been shaped there</i> <i>see 11592</i></p> <p><i>- ? G. Romanov /</i> <i>GORSKI.</i></p>

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TESS. so as not to change the subject - I had a very nice lunch with BRIAN. <i>SIMON</i>		
JB.	Oh did you. He came to see me - yes.		
TESS.	Really. He told me that he had come round to call on you and had had a very nice conversation with JOHN.		
JB.	Yes.		
TESS.	Oh you have - he had been to see you since?		
JB.	He came - he came round for a drink one Saturday morning. I must really arrange for him to come again. And I sent him to see the Queen's Gallery.		
TESS.	Oh you did?		
JB.	And I got the sweetest note to say that he had enjoyed it very much and had found the catalogue particularly helpful.		
TESS.	Oh how sweet. I thought it a marvellous Gallery.		
JB.	I had never been before - ashamedly.		
JB.	Oh you hadn't..... He was really only here for about half an hour.		
TESS.	Do you think he is still a Communist?		
JB.	Well, when I last asked him he was. You didn't ask him this time?		
TESS.	No.		
JB.	No. (Repeating) We slightly sheered off.		
JB.	Then we heard didn't we - I forget whether you told me or I told you - that she definitely changed and and		
JB. But that was before I last asked him point blank.		
TESS.	He is certainly not doing so much because the thing that used to bring him up once a month or something to King's Street was, I think, obviously dropped.		
JB.	Well, that is what I thought but - um - (slight pause).... Anyway I thought..... I can't now remember whether PETER told me he was no longer a member or that BRIAN said he was or the other way round. (Little laugh from TESS)		
JB.	Anyhow- anyhow we could speak to each other.		

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TESS.	He said - had anybody questioned me and I am afraid I said - no.		
JB.	You did?		
TESS.	Yes, I thought it was wiser.		
JB.	I think that was wise.... (quite inaudible burble).		
TESS.	Well, what I said was that when GUY went I said all I could, via you, and left it at that.		
JB.	Oh yes. I think you probably..... (Pause) No I haven't - touchwood - have not been involved - involved at all. No, I last saw - PETER may have heard that I was ill but otherwise he simply - simply had not got in touch.		
TESS.	Yes, I gather from VICTOR that he is now only part time - now that he is living in Cornwall.		
JB.	I knew he was living in Cornwall but I thought that was a change of address.		
TESS.	He can't really work full time and live in Cornwall.		
JB.	No, I thought he only went down there on his holidays. But I don't know. When I last saw him he was just moving and he gave me the change of address. (Pause) I don't feel really much urge to..... And short of a break with BRIAN I don't see what else can happen. Well, therefore I think I ought probably to try RICHARD. Then I think RICHARD is such..... ... And I have a sort of feeling that at the end of the evening he would know a great deal more about me than I should about him.		
TESS.	Yeh.		
JB.	He is an ^{see 11592} (effete) character.		
TESS.	Very.		
JB.	You have felt this?		
TESS.	Yes - I think he is a great switcher off.		
JB.	Yeh, exactly.		
TESS.	And I should have thought he was probably fundamentally both tough and scared - if you see what I mean.		

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16.05.	TESS.	I mean scared of any difficulties and any scene and yet quite - kind of - tough.	
	JB.	Yes. I think it extremely unlikely that he is still working for the Russians.	
	TESS.	I should have thought absolutely nought per cent.	
	JB.	Nought per cent.	
	TESS.	Which I suppose one couldn't put one's hand on one's heart and say about BRIAN.	
	JB.	No.	
	TESS.	I mean I have only seen him about twice in the last fifteen years but - (Pause) but/ ^{it} really it is much more important to him than Don't you think? I don't..... or was but I mean it must be now history and not - what do you think?	
	JB.	Well, I don't know, you see they say - I mean PETER's line is that the recent people who have come ^(over) round to us say that the system is working on a bigger scale than ever. But whether it really derives from the old - they therefore assume - PETER's assumption in one..... if this is a follow up from Cambridge 1936 or whatever it was ^(worked) down and down and down - one may get somewhere.	
	TESS.	So that when one says blithley - but all that generation will soon be retired, they may first of all have recruited someone.	
	JB.	They may well have recruited somebody....they may well have -	
	TESS.	Yes, because you didn't know it but..... recruited them young.	
	JB.	Yes, and you see MICHAEL and PETER and - um - LEO - and BLUNT (? v. ph). ? Brian see 11592	
	TESS.	And BLUNT } yes of course I have always maintained that. (Both laugh as she said this.) Much, much more creditable...	
	JB.	Well and much more practical. There was a slight pause and TESS asked JB.	

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Ah!

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<p>to tell her about himself. JB. gave her an account of his two trips abroad briefly and a good one on his health. He went to collect some more hot water from the kitchen and on return spoke of his visit to see ANDREW GOW in Cambridge. This at length. Then on to warn her that Michael JAFFE would be collecting a contribution and she had better warn VICTOR. Then he spoke of various appointments - such as POPE-HENNESSY and PETER PIPER. Then RAB BUTLER's future at Cambridge. Then Dolly ROTHSCHILD and Waddesdon. Later TESS reported on having seen DADIE (RYLAND) on Sunday. JB. complained bitterly of the fact that he was so tied up with poor old ANDREW GOW that he never had any time to look any one up when in Cambridge. In a reply to a question from TESS he returned to speak of his health which was so much better and then the hope of a flat in the Albany. He also told her of the selling of the larger FOUSSIN through Jacob ROTHSCHILD and Colinaghis.</p> <p>16.37. There was a slight pause and TESS was obviously preparing to depart. She remarked - "ANT what can I do for you?" Nothing replied JB. - just to come and see him again. She told him not to move, darling, and she would come and see him when they came back from Barbados, in three week's time. May she ring and come round? Yes please do he replied. TESS also added suggestion that when he came to Cambridge he should come and have a drink with them. JB. agreed adding that he had not seen VICTOR for years. Not, in fact, since his appearance on T.V. (Which he did not in fact watch!) He had rung her to say how good VICTOR had been in the programme and he hoped she had passed this on.</p> <p>TESS's attention was drawn to a picture and JB. spoke of how this was acquired and further of</p>			

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16.42.	prices of pictures in general Still talking they strolled from the room. They could be heard talking in the middle distance - think about pictures still - then they moved further away and were not audible.		
16.44.	It was quiet. JB, evidently seen her off the premises.		
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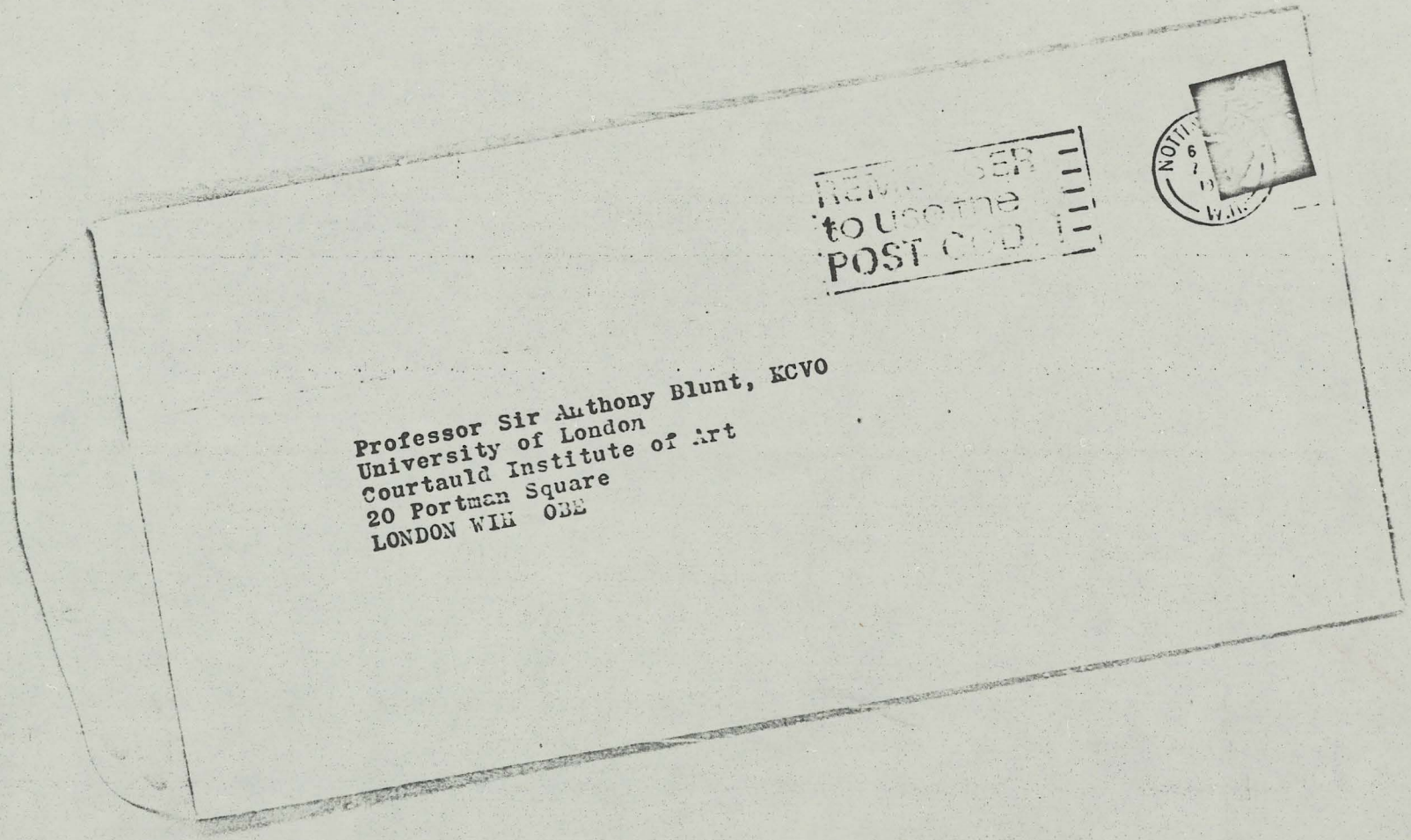
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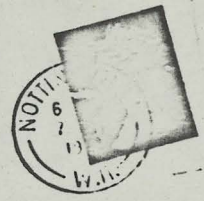
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Self-confessed RIS Agent

Subject RIS Activities

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4. He confirmed what he had said at earlier interviews that he had first met Guy BURGESS in the rooms of Anthony BLUNT in Trinity. After some consideration he said he was sure this meeting, at which Louis MACNEICE had also been present, had taken place before KLUGHMANN had introduced him to 'Otto' in Regent's Park. Could he date this first meeting with BURGESS? It must have been very soon after he had completed his Civil Service examination; he had sat this about mid-August 1936. Having completed his Tripos he had come down from Trinity in June; CAIRNCROSS had then spent the next two months cramming in preparation for the Civil Service examination which he had sat in London.

5. He must have gone to Cambridge from London to visit BLUNT's rooms and had certainly returned to London the same day. We spent some time considering the circumstances which had led to this visit. Had he been on dropping-in terms with BLUNT? Definitely not. Although he had lived on the same staircase as BLUNT and had of course known who he was, he had not known him personally. During the time he was up he had on only one occasion been in BLUNT's rooms, but this was not at BLUNT's invitation but to attend a meeting of a University debating society which had been held there. How then had he come to visit BLUNT's rooms in mid-August? CAIRNCROSS pondered over this and said he must have been invited. By whom? He started by saying an invitation could not have come from MACNEICE and he was equally certain it had not come from BLUNT. It must therefore, he thought, have come from BURGESS. When we pointed out that over the years he had repeatedly said he had not met BURGESS until the occasion of the meeting we were now considering CAIRNCROSS shook his head and muttered something about this being a grey area, but conceded that in the light of the points we had made it now seemed to him that he must have met BURGESS earlier as BURGESS would have been the only one who could have invited him to BLUNT's rooms. Despite returning to this point on several occasions during the interview CAIRNCROSS was unable (or unwilling) to throw further light on when, where and in what circumstances he had known BURGESS before the meeting in BLUNT's rooms.

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Comment: The admission that CAIRNCROSS "must have known BURGESS" earlier than the gathering in BLUNT's rooms is new and requires examination. From the earliest interviews in 1952 he has maintained - and did not change his story at the time of the 'Confession' in 1964 - that he met BURGESS for the first time on that particular occasion. This new admission could therefore be regarded as throwing possible significant new light on the origins of his relationship with BURGESS; on the other hand it could equally be regarded as a cover-up for an undisclosed association with someone else; possibly with BLUNT or possibly with someone hitherto not mentioned, either of whom could have been responsible for bringing him together with BURGESS. In suggesting the possibility of an earlier association with BURGESS, CAIRNCROSS may have been letting us in on a new aspect of the full story (and why has he hitherto concealed it?); it is equally possible he was getting himself out of a corner; perhaps he considered this admission (or perhaps invention) to be the safest way out.

We feel it may be significant that CAIRNCROSS played down his association with BLUNT to the point that he had not known him personally until the gathering in the latter's rooms in Trinity in August 1936 (on previous occasions he has dated this rather later - early 1937). It is interesting he should have denied personal knowledge of BLUNT in view of the fact that, according to BLUNT, CAIRNCROSS's recruitment followed talent-spotting by BLUNT himself; it is inconceivable that BLUNT would have brought matters to the point where BURGESS set the scene for a pitch unless he had known CAIRNCROSS reasonably well - certainly better than the situation now described by CAIRNCROSS.)

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8. Was he certain that the invitation from BURGESS to meet him in the Hotel Selecte had come after the gathering in BLUNT's rooms? Could it perhaps have preceded that occasion? CAIRNCROSS appeared to give this thought and decided that this message from BURGESS had come after the meeting in BLUNT's rooms; he associated it fairly definitely with his stop-over in Paris en route Berlin. He could not recall how he had received the message but thought it most unlikely he had had a letter; a telephone call would have been the most likely thing.

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33. We tried to reconstruct CAIRNCROSS's meeting with BURGESS. We approached this by asking how often he had seen BURGESS between the meeting in BLUNT's rooms followed by the train journey with BURGESS in mid-August 1936, and the meeting with BURGESS at which he assumed control of CAIRNCROSS. Not frequently. There had been a lunch party in London, which he thought had been early in 1937, at which in addition to BURGESS and himself BLUNT, Tom WYLIE and Helmuth KATZ had been present. Diverting slightly we asked two questions about this. First had he read any significance into this party? He had not. Secondly had he seen Tom WYLIE again? Never but he had heard echoes of him probably through BURGESS. Some time after this lunch party CAIRNCROSS had been invited to a party at BURGESS's Chester Square flat about which he had spoken before; Harold NICOLSON had been there but he could not recall who the others had been. This party had been some time before 'Otto's' disappearance; it had been the only occasion CAIRNCROSS had visited the Chester Square flat.

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75. Looking at these points individually and as nearly as possible in chronological order there is first the question of who invited him to BLUNT's rooms to meet BURGESS. He rejected any thought it could have been BLUNT himself and fell back on what seemed a singularly unconvincing line that it must have been BURGESS and therefore he must have met BURGESS earlier. For the last nine years he has consistently maintained that it was on this occasion that he had first met BURGESS and by implication this was the purpose of the meeting.

76. Whether or not he is conscious of BLUNT's involvement, and if he is whether he is conscious of his confession, we think he is playing down his association with him below an acceptable level of credibility. There can be little doubt that he knows more about BLUNT than he admits and his dilemma over accounting for the initiator of the invitation to BLUNT's rooms could have its roots in a desire to protect BLUNT - although it could be argued that by acknowledging some Trinity association, having lived on the same staircase, a visit to his rooms would appear more natural and at the same time would not necessarily have involved BLUNT in what followed - any more than it would Louis MACNEICE. It seems possible therefore that someone else could have been involved and it is that person he is trying to protect. Should this be the case it is vital we should persuade CAIRNCROSS to tell us who it is.

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78. In considering this date we have as a first step tried to establish whether BLUNT and BURGESS were then in this country. BLUNT seems to have been; he seems to have been here until leaving for Scandinavia later in the month; he arrived in Denmark on 26th August and left there on 12th September. BURGESS however was not in this country after the 4th August. His passport shows he went to the continent to Germany, Austria and France returning to this country via Calais where he embarked on 3rd September. This is supported by papers in "The Correspondence". Papers found in BURGESS's Bond Street flat show that this trip - at least part of it - was made as a member of a group from the Fascist organisation which he had adopted - Britannia Youth - organised from an address in Hove, Sussex.

79. In the light of this there can be no doubt that CAIRNCROSS's meeting with BURGESS in BLUNT's rooms could not have taken place in mid-August 1936. In his letter written after our interview he has now suggested that the BLUNT room incident occurred after the KIBCMANN incident and therefore after CAIRNCROSS had started to work at the Foreign Office. This may be so. An alternative reconstruction could be that it happened earlier, while CAIRNCROSS was still at Trinity. We base this thought on various indications. First the general tenor of BLUNT's account of his talent-spotting of CAIRNCROSS seems to us to suggest that BLUNT was speaking as though it had all happened while CAIRNCROSS was at Trinity. Secondly by the middle of 1936 BURGESS was ostentatiously parading his Fascism; it is odd therefore that CAIRNCROSS made no reference to this, despite his clear memory of the conversation they had on their train journey together. Thirdly in the course of his second, and final, year at Trinity (1935-1936) CAIRNCROSS's Party activity seems to have tapered off. When taken together with the other factors this last point could be construed as being consistent with his having been approached and told to give the appearance of back-sliding. None of these points would carry much weight on its own, but collectively they add up to a measure of support for the thesis that he was recruited earlier rather than later than he has said. The question is why? Again the answer most probably lies in an attempt to cover up.

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O/G BLUNDEN to BRIAN SEWELL 937 0207.

BRIAN confirms that JO arrived last night. BLUNDEN says that he would like to see him as he is always here for such a short time. He agrees to ring him at Winchelsea 381.

BLUNDEN goes on to tell BRIAN that sometime ago TOMMY HARRIS' sister HENRIQUETTA gave on loan TOMMY's collection of textiles. At a later date BLUNDEN wrote to ask about the possibility of buying and had received the reply from HENRIQUETTA - 'we would like to give it in memory of THOMAS'.

BLUNDEN goes on to mention the involvement with Trustees and so on and then tells him of 'terrible' HILDA HARRIS dying, and this had simplified matters. HILDA had never been sober in the past years and was always absolutely 'bloody' when drunk. BLUNDEN talks of wanting to engage BRIAN to help with the valuation of the items. BLUNDEN will be at Waddesdon all of Monday. BRIAN to come on Tuesday at about 4.0 unless BLUNDEN rings to the contrary.

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I/C to BLUNDEN from MOORE CROSTHWAITE.

BLUNDEN accepts an invitation to dinner on Thursday 8th.
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I saw Lady ROTHSCHILD at her request from 3.30 until 8.00 on 24 January 1973. This meeting had happened because when I met her on the evening of 10 January (see serial 274a) I had asked her whether in view of the general anxiety about what was going to happen when BLUNT died, and it was possible to publish more, there was anything she had not told us that we ought to know. She had said No in reply to this question almost before I had finished asking her, and I was convinced that she had not told us all that she should have done. I had said to her that perhaps we ought to meet next week after she had time to think about it.

2. When I arrived, Tess was very nervous and clearly a bit worked up. She said that she had been thinking about what I had said and had asked me to come early in the afternoon so she could talk to me alone without Victor present. She said that she hoped that the content of what she had to say could be very strictly held. She didn't want it bandied about Whitehall because quite unjustly it might harm Victor. Although I did not ask her I took this to mean some of the things she was to tell me she had not told Victor. There was a long pause where she was very twitchy and almost tearful and then she said she did not know how to start. I said: "Well, let's start at the beginning - how did you get involved in left wing circles?". She said that her first boyfriend had been John SIMON, the cousin of Brian and Roger SIMON. They had associated together when they were at school at Bedales. She said that John was a Communist at school although she could not swear he was a Party member, because she had never seen his Party card. John had introduced her when she went up to Cambridge to the left wing Communist set, in particular to Judy FISCHER-WILLIAMS. She said that John had gone underground when he went up to Cambridge although he moved in left wing circles. I asked her whether she had been a Communist at Cambridge. She said with great emphasis and emotion that she had never been a Communist, and could not accept the Communist doctrine because, particularly at that time, she had believed in the Jewish faith (I think she told the truth). She said that she was passionately anti-NAZI, very disturbed by the Spanish Civil War and very emotionally involved with the Jewish refugee problem. This was how she became accepted in the left wing world at Cambridge.

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3. I asked Tess how she evaluated John SIMON. She said that until we had told her about BLUNT she had always regarded him as a man who had gone underground in the Communist Party sense and it had not occurred to her that he could have been involved in Russian espionage. She had however changed her views in that when John SIMON left Cambridge he had gone into the Department of Mines and was very pleased that he had got there, and considered it something of a triumph for the cause. He had been called up and served in the Navy during the war, and had returned to the Department after the war. However after a year or two, he had opted out from the Department of Mines and had done nothing since, living on his private income. Tess wondered whether he had become disillusioned in the late 1940s and had possibly been on the Russian hook and had chosen to leave Government service, rather than go on being an agent. She commented that had SIMON stayed in the Government service, he would have risen very high as he was extremely able. When Evelyn McBarnet and myself saw Tess to discuss BLUNT for the first time, she had mentioned SIMON in the context of her many communist friends and said nothing of what I report above. I believe she was protecting him as her first lover.

4. She said that it was John SIMON who had introduced her to Jack PLUMB and also to his cousin Brian SIMON. I asked her what role she thought Jack PLUMB played in all this. She said that since we had asked her about her story about Jack PLUMB several times since she first mentioned it, she had begun to wonder if she had imagined it, but she was certain she had not. She said that she thought it was either John SIMON or Ian HENDERSON who had told her that Jack PLUMB was concerned with the very secret part of the underground work, and she firmly remembers Judy FISCHER-WILLIAMS told her about going to a meeting when Judy herself was told to go underground and coming back and asking her: Who did she think that she had met at the meeting? Judy had gone on to say it was Jack PLUMB.

5. Tess then asked me whether it was correct that some years ago Judy had been seen by the Service. I said Yes, it was. She said Judy had told her about this interview and she had not told the interviewer the truth. She said she could not afford to because of David HUBBACK's career (David HUBBACK is of course Judy's husband). Tess said that she considered that Judy had been very deeply involved in the underground side of things. She did not know whether she had been involved with the Russians, but considering that Jennifer, her sister, had been, she would have thought it likely. She added that Jennifer must have told the Russians

about Judy. Tess said that she didn't think that David HUBBACK was sinister at all. She put him as a "left wing wishy-washy liberal". I asked her whether she thought that Judy could be made to talk. She said that Judy was even tougher than Jennifer and that the only way that she could think of making her talk would be to apply pressure through David.

6. Tess went on to say that Jennifer HART had some years ago called on them at Cambridge when Dick White was staying with them. Jennifer had been really objectionable to Dick, saying that it was outrageous that Gestapo methods should be used in England today. This was referring to the fact that Shipp and I had called upon Herbert, her husband, and persuaded him to put pressure on Jennifer to talk to us. Tess said that it would not surprise her if Jennifer had not told us the truth. She said that whereas she was still friends with Judy she found Jennifer very objectionable. I asked her whether she thought that Herbert HART had ever been involved in these sort of matters. She said that she had no evidence that Herbert HART had ever had very left wing views. She would have described him as a liberal. She knew that he took a very patronising view about Jennifer's activities and regarded them as aberrations of childhood.

7. At this point I asked Tess if she had ever been approached at any time to do anything clandestine or illegal. She was most emphatic that she had never been approached and with tears in her eyes said: "How am I going to convince you - I don't think you believe me". I assured her that I did.

8. After a pause for tea I asked her to talk about Bentinck Street. I said I would like to clear up first of all who actually had the lease of Bentinck Street at various times. Tess said that in 1940 Victor and Barbara (his first wife) were living at Bentinck Street, Victor holding the lease. When Anthony BLUNT returned from France he had nowhere to go because the Courtauld Institute had been taken over. Victor gave him a room at Bentinck Street. In the autumn of 1940 Victor, having discovered that the Office was going to move to Blenheim, took a house in the Oxford area and moved Barbara, who was going to have a baby, there. About this time the lease of Bentinck Street fell in. At about this time, Tess and Pat RAWDON-SMITH (later Lady LEWELYN-DAVIES) were bombed out of their flat in Gower Street. BLUNT, who had heard of this, suggested that they joined with him in taking the lease of Bentinck Street. Tess is not certain, but she thinks it was she who signed the lease for Bentinck Street. Guy BURGESS was brought in later because the three of them could not afford to run it. Tess said that when the partnership was formed, it had been made a rule that no partner should bring a lover to live at

Bentinck Street. However, later Pat had broken this when she brought Richard LLEWELYN-DAVIES to live there.

9. I asked Tess who apart from the occupants would be most at risk if a scandal started over Bentinck Street, and enquiries were made. She immediately said: Dennis PROCTOR. I asked her why she said that. I said that I knew that she and Victor had always said if we were looking for another spy, it must be Dennis, but I had not realised why they thought this. She said that Dennis was extremely close to both BURGESS and BLUNT, that BURGESS had had a passion for Varda, Dennis PROCTOR's first wife, and that furthermore Dennis had been a regular visitor to Bentinck Street. She said that BURGESS and BLUNT used to go for walks every Sunday morning with Dennis PROCTOR, finishing up in a pub, getting drunk and returning to Bentinck Street to sleep it off. She said that the association between them was extremely close. She said that with hindsight Varda must have known what was going on because BURGESS in particular used to admire Varda very much. There was clearly some liaison between them. She asked me whether we had taken into account the fact that Dennis had left the Civil Service in the late 1940s and rejoined it again a year or so after the BURGESS/MACLEAN affair. She said that she had never understood this since Dennis had a shining career in front of him in the Civil Service and that with hindsight she could only explain it by Dennis's efforts to get out of BURGESS' and BLUNT's clutches. She said that only the other day, at a dinner party, Sir Douglas Allen commented on the fact that had Dennis not left the Civil Service when he did, he would have reached one of the highest posts, either Armstrong's or Trend's. I told her what Dennis had told me about having no secrets from BURGESS and his theory about it being unnecessary for BURGESS to have recruited him. She thought this might be possible, but her own opinion was that Dennis must have been conscious of what he was doing.

10. I asked her who else was vulnerable as a result of Bentinck Street. After a minute or so of hesitation, she said to me: "Do you know about James POPE-HENESSY?". I invited her to tell me the story. She said that James POPE-HENESSY had had a raging homosexual love affair with Guy BURGESS and had frequented Bentinck Street for some time. She said that simultaneously with this, Clarissa CHURCHILL, now Lady AVON, had had a similar affair with James POPE-HENESSY, and had also frequented Bentinck Street. She commented that Clarissa's sexual habits were "peculiar and diffuse". She said that at the same time as this, Guy BURGESS had had an affair with Clarissa and had expressed views of wishing to marry her. This had caused James POPE-HENESSY to be immensely jealous. The situation had reached a climax when James tried to commit suicide in the lift in Bentinck Street. He attempted to shoot himself, but

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missed because he was so drunk. She said that the whole affair had come to an end shortly after this when Guy had for some reason or another dropped Clarissa.

Comment: I did not tell Tess ROTHSCHILD that Anthony BLUNT had told me about this affair but had gone further, in saying that when it began, the matter had been reported to the Russians who had instructed Guy BURGESS to try and marry Clarissa. However, according to BLUNT, Clarissa's sexual proclivities were such that Guy BURGESS could not face the thought of marrying her. Otherwise, Tess's story about this corresponds with BLUNT's.

11. At this point I asked Tess how on earth the press could possibly dig this story out, or the story of Dennis PROCTOR. She asked me if we had taken into account Jackie HEWITT. She said she was pretty certain Anthony BLUNT had bought HEWITT off in the 1950s and Victor had seen him on one occasion, and she wondered whether Victor had also put pressure on HEWITT. She hastened to say that Victor would never admit to any contact with HEWITT. She said that HEWITT had been very good so far but she wondered whether the lure of large sums of money might not get him to talk. He would certainly have known all about Bentinck Street from Guy BURGESS although he, HEWITT, was not a resident of Bentinck Street. Furthermore HEWITT had had access to all Guy's papers after he went in 1951, and she knew from Anthony BLUNT that there had been compromising papers in this material.

12. I asked her who else could be dug out by the Press as a frequenter of Bentinck Street with possibly scandalous connotations. She said that of course Desmond VESEY had lived at Bentinck Street for some time and he was a member of the Security Service, and was queer. She commented that he was now dead, as was John STRACHEY, who had been a regular visitor. The only regular visitors that she could recall who were now alive were Eric KESSLER, the Swiss diplomat, and David FOOTMAN

I asked her about Guy LIDDELL. She said that although he frequently went out with BLUNT and BURGESS, he was not a regular frequenter of Bentinck Street although he had come sometimes.

13. Tess said that she could not think of anybody else who was particularly vulnerable over Bentinck Street, but she went on to mention Richard CHILVER, the husband of Sally GRAVES, both of whom had undoubtedly been left wing in the past, and Richard had carried on for many years a peculiar affair with Pat LEWELYN-DAVIES. She did not have any evidence that Richard was sinister but thought that there was great potential for scandal in his relationship with Pat, about which he was not very

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14. The above is a very potted version of over four hours with Tess ROTHSCHILD. She was very emotional about everything and discussed again many of the subjects we have discussed before but as much of this was a repetition of what she has already told us, I have not recorded it here. I should put it on record that she would not allow me to take notes and what I have recorded above is what I remember of the interview based on notes made immediately afterwards.

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