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The validity of HOW No. TS 3083 and HOW No. PS 13382 on Sir Anthony Frederick BLUNT is due for reconsideration under the November review.

2. The telephone and postal checks continue to provide information regarding BLUNT's activities, contacts and intentions.

3. 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.

4. It is therefore recommended that HOWs TS 3083 and PS 13382 be retained for the present under Category B.

5. Please see also minute 45 in Link A (attached).

M. Howlin

M Howlin
K7/6

17 October 1973

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I/C BRIAN SEWELL to BLUNDEN.

He was ringing to speak to GASKIN - who was out. BLUNDEN took the chance of asking his advice about selling pictures. He had evidently sold two to the HESM Gallery - for 15 and 17 hundred a piece, and one to a gallery in France for £3,500. He also had some prints he wanted to sell at CHRISTIE'S with BRIAN'S help in the Spring. BRIAN advised him to sell under his own name and this would add to the value since he was world famous.

09.08.

I/C JO MCKINDLE to BLUNDEN.

They arranged to meet for lunch and BLUNDEN would ring him at his office - 584 2639; to confirm which day.

09.12.

I/C GASKIN to BLUNDEN.

To say that ADRIAN WARD JACKSON would sell the three pictures for BLUNDEN and the two for GASKIN and had agreed to do the valuation on the others. He then asked if BLUNDEN was feeling better - he was. He was having JEAN COURTHAULD for lunch so GASKIN would have lunch out and keep out of the way. BLUNDEN mentioned JO MCKINDLE having telephone and he would ask him to lunch next Tuesday. GASKIN thought that would be very nice.

11.21.

I/C Peter BARRATT-PATON.

BLUNDEN answered and said he had a bad cold and was keeping indoors. BLUNDEN mentioned having someone to lunch so GASKIN was having lunch out and would be back later in the afternoon.

13.03.

O/G BLUNDEN to wine shop - 723 4256.

BLUNDEN ordered two bottles of whisky to be sent and they were to be put on the service lift.

17.54.

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Desk Officer Use

12.2.74.
Tuesday

O/G BLUNDEN to BRIAN SEWELL.

BLUNDEN wanted to get hold of JO Mc^RKINDLE to confirm a lunch appointment and asked BRIAN for his flat number. BRIAN gave it as 937 2155 and his office was ~~584 2639~~ 584 2639. But BRIAN said that JO would be at home now and BLUNDEN would ring him there. BLUNDEN then reported that CASKIN had just retired having consumed a bottle of whisky. BRIAN exclaimed and added that he thought he had given it up. BLUNDEN said that he had suddenly taken to it again.

18.01

O/G 937 2155.

BLUNDEN to JO Mc^RKINDLE. To confirm lunch on Tuesday next at the flat and he added it would be something simple in the kitchen.

18.31.

O/G BLUNDEN to John BREALEY.

BLUNDEN would like to borrow back a picture which was now at Hampton Court because they had a visit from the Chancellor in about ten days and he would like him to see this and the work being done on it, during the cleaning. During the conversation BLUNDEN mentioned having a cold and so had stayed upstairs all day. ELIZABETH HASLOCK had been up taking dictation and doing routine work upstairs owing to this.

18.45.

Nothing further.

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Original from : TOWROPE Under Ref. : 4304 Dated : 9.2.74

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O/G to 834 5149.

GASKIN to Mrs ROOKS. (EILEEN)
 He reminded her who he was and the fact that he was the one who called her once a year. She recognised him right away. She spoke of having been away owing to damage done to her flat and a court case being brought against the neighbours. Chat about EILEEN's activities, when in Majorca This led GASKIN to remind her that he had told her about those friends of his - TOMMY HARRIS, who had bought a house at Camp-de-MAR and went on to brag at how much money TOMMY had - how much his drawing collection fetched - three quarters of a million pounds. He was also in the Secret Service during the war but they have never been able to tell the story yet because of the Official Secret's Act. They were really rich people GASKIN stressed and how marvellous HILDA had been during the war. He used to go and stay with them but he could see her - HILDA - starting to drink too much, as in Majorca she had nothing to do. EILEEN had sold their flat in Majorca. GASKIN prattled on about TOMMY HARRIS again. How rich he was and how EISENHOWER had said about TOMMY/that he was worth three divisions. He was killed in a car crash - what he had left HILDA in money and property and diamonds and the fact that HILDA had drunk herself to death after ~~his~~ TOMMY's death. A great deal of chat followed by EILEEN and when GASKIN could get a word in edgeways he mentioned that he would be leaving this flat, after 25 years. He described the flat in Rptsea Hall.

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19.09

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I/C TONY WINSTON to GASKIN.

Arranging to see the flat they had bought today and give GASKIN some advice. During this conversation TONY asked after BLUNDEN, who was great GASKIN said. He then asked if he (BLUNDEN) had heard any more from that other one. GASKIN replied shortly no, adding that he thought that was in order now. He couldn't say any more. TONY agreed hastily sensing GASKIN did not want to continue with subject. This had evidently been spoken of in a call on other extension not covered.

03.57.

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I/C WILFRED to BLUNDEN.

GASKIN answered in the first place and told WILFRED BLUNDEN was downstairs. He then went to the other extension in the flat and told BLUNDEN WILFRED was on this extension. BLUNDEN answered from downstairs (on this number) WILFRED asked BLUNDEN if they would be meeting tomorrow at Lord CLITHEROE's party. BLUNDEN replied emphatically not and WILFRED was to cover up for him by saying he was away or abroad. WILFRED would be staying with CHRISTOPHER and going to the party with him and ELIZABETH. (Their brother CHRISTOPHER and wife ELIZABETH.) After some art discussion WILFRED asked about the new flat. BLUNDEN reported it being nearly clinched. In the process of raising the money he had sold four drawings, for these he paid £70 and had sold them for £7,500. He was calculating that with various other sales he would have bought the flat for £1,000 - or thereabouts.

18.54.

Nothing further.

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ALRESDON Postoffice

1-2-74

Dear A.

Many thanks for your letter, I thought that I should point out to you that I do not owe you any money whatsoever. The fact is I do owe immediately £600. and of that £400 a cheque of it could put me inside for a period of 14 to Social Security for stamps £150 the Grays Magistrates Court and £160 a debt to an auctioneer. I also owe Brian £100. I thought I would simply write and let you know that the money was not simply a matter of my being a bit short of ready cash.

R.

RAY GIBBS.

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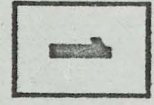
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Sir Anthony Frederick Blunt,
20, Portman Square,
London W1.

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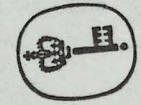
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As requested I enclose a crossed warrant
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Director of Savings

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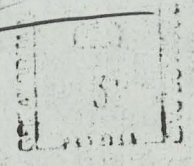
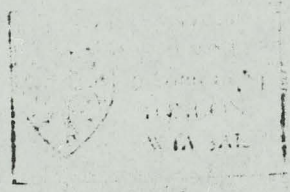
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 OF ACCOUNT**

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 INSTITUTE OF ART,
 20 PORTMAN SQ,
 LONDON W.1.

28 JAN 74

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CUSTOMER'S NOTES	DETAIL	PAYMENTS	RECEIPTS	DATE	BALANCE
	BALANCE FORWARD			25 JAN	4916.20
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30.1.74.
Wednesday

I/C GASKIN answered. This was GARRETT- DROYLAND. (ph) wanting Lord ROBBINS.

GASKIN explained that this was the flat number. Distant would ring the other number. GASKIN hastily told him that the S/B was not open yet and called BLUNDEN. BLUNDEN told him that Lord ROBBINS would be coming at nine - could he get him to ring Distant. Distant gave his number - 222 4646. They then asked each other how they were. To this both agreed they were well except for the situation which would get worse and not better. Distant agreed that if there was a strike of miners it would get so much worse that it did not bear thinking about. Distant added that poor old VICTOR's 'Think Tank' had not done very much he was afraid. To this BLUNDEN agreed but pointed out/how right /with emphasis he was in his predictions - his predictions that got him into so much trouble. Distant pointed out that it did not need someone of VICTOR's intelligence to make the prediction. BLUNDEN agreed. He would get LIONEL ROBBINS to ring.

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29.1.74.
Tuesday

I/C BLUNDEN answered and handed DICKSON, of Roger PHILLIPS. over to speak to GASKIN. GASKIN gave name and address of solicitors - Mr David ALLIBONE, Messrs CAMERON, KEMM & NORDON. Telephone 263 5151. GASKIN asked for thier (agents) builders to ring him about knocking down the wall and finish of decoration.

10.09.

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I/C Tony WINSTON to GASKIN.

During this conversation GASKIN mentioned that they had settled for the flat at 42 thousand, then of the fact that BLUNDEN had been to Paris to sit on a committee - this was to advise on the purchase, by the Lourve, of a POUSSIN for 2 million.

7 francs

09.22.

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O/G GASKIN to 283 5151.

Asking for Mr David ALLIBONE. He explained to ALLIBONE that they had offered on a flat - gave address and price, plus name of agents. He explained that they did not have to leave here until September so if negotiations could be spun out a bit it would be to their advantage. GASKIN gave Couthauld number 935 9292 and explained that BLUNDEN's secretary was Miss HASLOCK. He also gave the flat number - 935 1074. ALLIBONE would arrange for survey. He would try to spin it out until May or June - possibly July. GASKIN said they would not like to lose the flat which was ideal and the money would be available any time. If the agents telephoned he would put them in touch with ALLIBONE.

16.34.

I/C BLUNDEN ringing from /Trinity College
Cambridge to GASKIN.

He reported on a visit to Dr HERBERT when he was told there was no need for any hurry at all and he was to go on until he could not see anything out of the eye. It was not a matter of months - more likely a year or two. GASKIN thought this good news. BLUNDEN would come back sometime tomorrow - depending on when he could get a train.

21.08.

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I/C Peter BARRATT-PATON to GASKIN.

During this conversation GASKIN mentioned that BLUNDEN had gone to Paris mainly to look at a POUSSIN which had been acquired by the Louvre. Then of the fact that they would probably take Flat No 45 at Portsea Hall if they could beat the price down. There was no hurry GASKIN pointed out as they had another nine months here at least. He repeated that they would raise the money to buy the flat - this would be without selling the POUSSIN.

12.46.

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I/C DICKSON of Roger Phillips the agents.

He asked GASKIN if they had come to any decision regarding the flat at Portsea Hall. GASKIN said they had made no decision yet as they thought the price would be coming down a bit more. This was one thing, plus the fact that they had not been able to discuss this further as BLUNDEN had gone over to Paris for a few days. They were now definitely wanting No 45 but would not want to pay more than 43 thousand. If the landlord would accept that they they could put solicitors in touch straight away. DICKSON would get back to landlords and see if they would accept this offer.

16.25.

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21.1.74.

Monday

I/C TONY WINSTON to GASKIN.

GASKIN spoke of the flat and said they were still deliberating which flat to have - No. 45 or 48 which was on the top floor. The lay out was a large sittingroom and bedroom and bathroom on one side and two bedrooms and kitchen and bathroom on the other. They had arranged re the possibility of raising a small loan at the bank. should they need this.

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I/C DICKSON of agents Roger and Phillips.

He spoke to GASKIN and asked if any conclusion had been reached. GASKIN said that they were getting in touch with their solicitors and they would let DICKSON know about this on Monday. They would then put forward an offer. GASKIN asked DICKSON to put forward an offer of £40,000 and during this GASKIN mentioned that flat would be in his own name.

12.18.

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I/C SADIE to GASKIN, who answered.

During this conversation GASKIN mentioned that he had a big lunch party to prepare for tomorrow. They had started using the sittingroom, as they used to use before, and they had a big table behind the settee. They just opened the table out fully and used that area for eating in. GASKIN repeated that they could not use the kitchen any longer since they put a door through and people just heard everything that was said in the kitchen when they were in the library - when anyone was in the library. They could use the diningroom during the day time because that overlooks an office. He repeated that years ago they used to have the table behind the sofa. There was plenty of room for four people. Later he also remarked

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that he was speaking a bit low because there were people next door.

18.44.

Nothing further.

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I/C Peter BARRATT-PATON to GASKIN.

During the conversation GASKIN mentioned the sale of the ~~POUSSIN~~ POUSSIN possibly fairly soon. John BREALEY was restoring the picture and would be seeing JACOB ROTHSCHILD tonight when the sale would be discussed. The sale would be conducted through COLINAGHI's. Later in conversation GASKIN mentioned that BLUNDEN would have to have another operation for cataract in one eye, - sometime in the future. During this lengthy talk GASKIN implied that the whole business of the sale of the picture would take so long that they would probably miss getting the flat in Portsea Hall. Later GASKIN mentioned that ROBIN CHANCELLOR and his friend were coming in to drinks at 18.30 this evening.

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O/G to 089223974.

GASKIN to old friend of his. ^{FRANK} The main reason for the call was to enquire about cataract operation Distant had had on both eyes. Distant reported the operation being very painless and he was now seeing better than ever. GASKIN said that BLUNDEN had to have one of his eyes done sometime. Distant sent his regards and reassurance. GASKIN prattled on about plan of buying the flat and the sale of the POUSSIN. He related story of how the POUSSIN was bought by VICTOR ROTHSCHILD and given to BLUNDEN. They were very great friends during the war in M.I.5. Distant did not know of this friendship. GASKIN explained that

naturally the POUSSIN would be sold through COLINAGHI since JACOB was VICTOR's ~~son~~ son. Distant then said that JOHN was anxious to talk to GASKIN. JOHN came and invited GASKIN down for ~~for~~ the day. He mentioned FRENK was in good form. GASKIN spoke again of BLUNDEN having to to have an operation on one eye, this was the main reason for his call. JOHN repeated that it had been painless and no trouble to FRANK and he had only been in hospital for a week.

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I/C ROBIN CHANCELLOR to GASKIN.

GASKIN said that BLUNDEN was out at the moment - when
were they going to see ROBIN for a drink or meal?
Arranged for tomorrow for supper and ROBIN would come
at 19.30.

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30.11.73.
Friday

I/C TONY WINSTON to GASKIN.

During conversation GASKIN mentioned he had spoken to BLUNDEN this morning. He was enjoying himself enormously in Italy and was well. He had thought the COTTESMORE COURT flat too expensive and decided that they would want one for a shorter lease which should see them both out. He thought a lease of about 35 years would be quite long enough. GASKIN had agreed to this and again repeated the story that it was a very strange position because BLUNDEN hadn't any money. He merely had stocks and shares. Both agreed that property would come down. GASKIN pointed out that they had another 10 to 12 months here and in another year things would be more favourable.

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I/C BRIAN SEWELL to GASKIN.

BRIAN was ringing to say that he had just heard of a flat which might suit them. He thought it seemed to be awfully good. It was in COTTESMORE COURT. The price was 65 thousand and BRIAN remarked that this was peanuts if they sold the POUSSIN. He thought it sounded the kind of flat that would make them both very comfortable. It was a top maisonette on the 6th and 5th floor. It has a roof terrace 42 feet long and 12 feet wide, so there would be somewhere to sit out. It had two reception rooms - the larger was 16 by 14 and the smaller 13 by 12, with the possibility of knocking the two together. It has three bedrooms two 13 by 12 and one 13 by 10. and two bathrooms, cloakroom, kitchen C.H. C.H.W. lift and constant portorage. There was a 97 year lease, ground rent 50 a year, rates payable are £245 p.a. and the service charge £301, which meant the gross outgoings were £600 p.a. He thought it worth looking at. HAMPTONS were the agents and BRIAN had asked them to send details addressed to BLUNDEN. GASKIN thanked him and would look out for it in the mail - mentioning that he got the mail first. BRIAN thought it a very good buy. GASKIN would speak to BLUNDEN about this. He was not due back until December 20 but GASKIN could put down 16 thousand to secure the flat. BRIAN thought that sum would secure it easily. Once negotiations had started they were secure. GASKIN complained that BLUNDEN was so difficult over financial transactions. He knew he had about 30 thousand in shares but never seemed to have any money to put down.

GASKIN repeated that he just did not understand this business of whether he had given alot of money away - apart from RAY GIBBS. That was possible too. They went on to discuss RAY GIBBS and both thought it appalling that BLUNDEN should have anything to do with GIBBS over any dealings. BRIAN stressed that BLUNDEN was a top line authority and and should only act as a consultant for top line people and museums, and to deal with anyone low on the scale was an absurdity. Returning to the POUSSIN - which was at COLINAGHIS being restored - and cleaned. The plan was for BLUNDEN to have it back for six months to hang in the drawingroom and for it to be sold through COLINAGHIS at a later date. When sold BRIAN advised that, as prices were rising, the picture would be a bargain at two hundred and fifty thousand. He also advised that BLUNDEN could ask COLINAGHIS to buy the flat in Cottesmore Court against the final sale of the POUSSIN.

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O/G to 499 2931. GASKIN to Tony WINSTON.

He told TONY to make a note of the other number which rang up in the flat and explained that it was switched on in the evening after six and all over the weekend. It was ~~935 2931~~. 935 9293. It was also switched through in the early mornings, GASKIN explained and it would save the frustration of not being able to get through on the other number. GASKIN added -"I have had them up to look at this thing and they said the whole thing needs re-wiring". TONY repeated number - 935 9293 as he was making a note of this.

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would be attending
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I/C BLUNDEN to GASKIN.

BLUNDEN was ringing from Naples where he was staying at the Hotel TOLEDO. He was delighted to be there and the weather was marvellous. He would be there for a week and then would be going South, with a student who had got a car, for another week. He had got on so fast with his work while in Rome that he was giving himself another week off. He was very well and would return to Rome. He would definitely be back for Christmas and would be arriving on the 20th December. GASKIN agreed this would be much more sensible. BLUNDEN repeated that he would be back on the 20th December and GASKIN would let no one except ELIZABETH HASLOCK know. The Institute would be closed by then. GASKIN would get in touch later in the week. BLUNDEN said that the chap he was going South on the trip was ALISTER WARD. GASKIN glad to hear he was happy and well.

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26.10.73.
Friday

I/C TONY WINSTON to GASKIN.

During this conversation GASKIN mentioned that he had had a look round BLUNDEN's office at various things. He had evidently rung BLUNDEN from there as he related that BLUNDEN would not be coming back now in November as the meeting had been put off. This meant BLUNDEN would stay in Rome. TONY asked about their plan for Christmas - would GASKIN join BLUNDEN ~~was~~ out there? GASKIN thought he would if they were offered the flat in the HERTZIANNA again. On the other hand as BLUNDEN felt this would be his last Christmas at the Institute probably and as the Institute was completely shut for over ten days he felt he might like to return and work here. GASKIN had said that he really did not care what they did and it was up to BLUNDEN to do what he wanted. There was a lot to be said for this plan. TONY asked when BLUNDEN was to retire and GASKIN replied another year and they would probably let him remain on for another six months in the flat. The new Director would probably need a pied-a-terre but there were plenty of spare rooms in the Institute he could use in an emergency.

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27.10.73.
Saturday

I/C ROY PEARCE to GASKIN.

During conversation which was otherwise of no interest GASKIN told ROY not ever to mention "what BLUNDEN had because he did not really want it to be known. It was something which I should not have said really. - normally there is no mention of it". ROY would not tell anybody. ROY had evidently met GASKIN for a drink, possible yesterday.

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Loose minute


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1. Thank you for letting me see Mr Pratt's loose minute of 17 October and your comments thereon of 18 October relating to the forthcoming interview with STRAIGHT and the possibility of involving him in a confrontation with SIMON involving BLUNT.

2. I should like to be consulted in detail before any such ploy is undertaken. The presentation of the BLUNT case which we have made in Whitehall must in my view inhibit any action which might affect the status of that case or provoke a strong reaction from BLUNT.



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21.10.73.
Sunday

I/C Tony WINSTON to GASKIN.

Rather agitatedly TONY complained that GASKIN's number was the most difficult number of any he had to telephone. "It sounds just as if the phone is tapped". (!) GASKIN replied with a brief - "really". TONY complained further that it rarely rang and dialed back on itself, it clicked and does all funny things, and he had tried 20 times in the last hour. GASKIN said he would report it again - he had reported it last week.. TONY pressed on to complain that there must be some thing wrong and "it just feels as if it is tapped." GASKIN replied - G. "Well. apparently if they are tapped you can't tell - that is one thing - you can't tell." TONY - "No, well you never know". GASKIN with a slight snigger replied - "well, I have got it on very good authority that you can't really tell". GASKIN would report it again he repeated. During further chat which was of no interest TONY asked if GASKIN had heard from BLUNDEN since Friday morning. GASKIN had not telephoned him since.

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I/C BRIAN SEWELL to GASKIN.

During conversation GASKIN said that he had just spoken to BLUNDEN on the telephone. He was in Rome and enjoying himself resting and writing alot. Long discussion on VanGogh found by Ray GIBBS and the consensus of valued opinion was that it was not genuine. SEWELL would write the unhappy news to Ray GIBBS. Later in conversation GASKIN mentioned having cdd feet as the flat he was seeing tomorrow was valued at 40 thousand.

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Brian SIMON / Michael STRAIGHT

I have already mentioned a point which the Consultant has made to me which I think should be the subject of our consideration.

2. When he was with the ROTHSCHILDS recently to interview Alan HODGKIN, the Consultant took the opportunity to ask Lady ROTHSCHILD what progress had been made in softening up Brian SIMON prior to our making an approach to him. Although as planned she had had lunch with SIMON, Lady ROTHSCHILD had been unable to bring him to the starting gate as far as we were concerned. In her view the only hope in doing so which now remained lay in our using Michael STRAIGHT.

3. The Consultant said that the reasoning behind this was that STRAIGHT, who was a contemporary of SIMON's at Trinity (but not I suspect a close friend) should meet the latter and explain to him that like SIMON himself both Anthony BLUNT and he (STRAIGHT) had also been recruited in the 1930s to spy for the Russians - and a number of others had too. BLUNT and STRAIGHT, (and others) had confessed their guilt some ten years ago and had since then co-operated with the Security authorities. He could assure SIMON that nothing to their detriment had resulted from confessing what they had done. Now that he was disillusioned with the Russians why did not SIMON do the same?

4. In considering this suggestion two things which bring into question its desirability come to mind at once: it would be necessary

- a) to shop BLUNT (and perhaps others)
- b) to trust STRAIGHT

5. I am airing this now because we are expecting to hear at any time from SIO Washington that STRAIGHT is on his way here for interview; it is therefore necessary for a decision to be taken whether or not Lady ROTHSCHILD's suggestion should be pursued.

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6. In my view the main difficulty lies in the fact that our principal objective in seeing STRAIGHT again is to try to break through crucial parts of his story (which have always been unsatisfactory), first, his reasons for coming forward to say what he did when he did; and secondly, to try to resolve the related question of how long he was under Russian control.

7. With these objectives in mind I foresee some pretty straight talking which could easily take us into another CAIRNCROSS situation - but I am sure we are in duty bound to bring our doubts about him into the open. In these circumstances the atmosphere generated by such an interview/interrogation could well be less than conducive to asking STRAIGHT to run such an errand for us.

8. Moreover I am not sure whether I accept Lady ROTHSCCHILD's premise that STRAIGHT is the only way in to SIMON. There have been signs of his disenchantment with the Russians over the last few years: the occupation of Czechoslovakia; harassment of dissident intellectuals; and now and I suggest by far the most important, as a Jew he is likely to be bitter about Russian support for the Arabs in the present war against Israel. If we could find a way to exploit and capitalise on them, these factors might of themselves bring him to the starting gate.

9. Would you agree that we should arrange a discussion with the Consultant as soon as he is available?

E W Pratt

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As you know, I am strongly against going round in these sort of circles if we can get there by any other means; the issue is prejudiced by unknown factors from the start. If we are totally satisfied by STRAIGHT, & if he says enough about SIMON to confirm that an approach of this kind is worth while, then of course we might decide to go ahead (preparing as far as possible in advance). But on present evidence I can't see the rather silly argument at para 3 having any effect on SIMON, who would simply assume STRAIGHT was under our control. Moreover if

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would further alert him in case we can discover a better play.

Let us discuss with Peter Wright.

Wright

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SUBJECT

Raymond Peter
GIBBS

Reference to Papers

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1. Raymond Peter GIBBS, born 20.10.31 at Romford, an antique dealer, of 139 The Hornbeams, Harlow, was arrested at the Port of Tilbury on 8.6.73 and charged with offences in connection with the theft of a car battery within the confines of the Port. He was bailed to appear at Grays Magistrates' Court on 6.7.73.

2. Box 500, was informed and he requested details of the court appearance in due course.

3. GIBBS appeared at Grays Magistrates' Court on 6.7.73, was found guilty and was fined as follows:

- i. Theft of a car battery, fined £40 ordered to pay £8 compensation;
 - ii. Going equipped to steal, fined £40;
 - iii. Attempted theft, fined £40;
 - iv. Criminal damage, fined £40 ordered to pay £22.50 compensation. He was also ordered to pay £15 costs.
- Total £205.50

4. Details of the seven findings of guilt recorded against GIBBS were forwarded to Box 500 on 27.1.69.

5. Raymond GIBBS has not come to the notice of this Branch in a political context.

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BLUNT's current drinks bill
(for September only) is £96
(including VAT!) As he has been
abroad for a good deal of this
period it would seem that GASKIN
and friends have been imbibing
fairly freely.

M. Howlin

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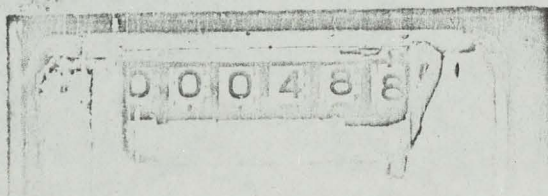
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Oct. 10th 1973.

Dear Anthony,

Thank you for your letter about the Conservation of Textiles course. I'm delighted to hear the Radcliffe Trust has made such a generous contribution - which with the previous gift of £500 covers more than half the cost of the four years. I am still standing by to make up the



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balance, so will you let me know when you require it, or how much at a time - (with a little notice, if possible.)

I'm equally delighted to hear the new caretaker is a success & hope he really proves to be the right man - not an easy person to find. I'm sure, & so much depends on him.

I'm sorry, he will find circulation in the Institute almost impossible, from your account of the "Fire Precautions"! I suppose this was inevitable once the experts got to work on the safety devices -

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but I hope some advantage is gained on the insurance side. I quite agree with you about the mirror on the "blue room" door, but asbestos must be worse. (Perhaps I had better come & paint some "chinoiserie" on it as I have in my summer-house!)

I hope you are enjoying Rome by now - it must be a lovely time of year there! When you get back we must consider the question of the furniture from your flat. I'm not sure I can take the full responsibility about this, but it seems to me

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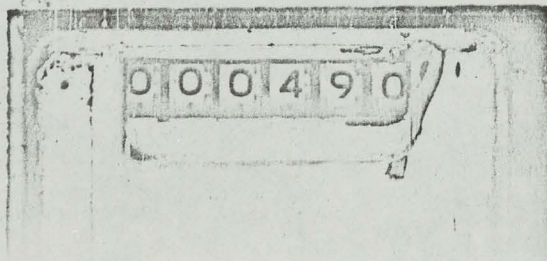
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The decision from the Trustees'
 angle must depend on the
 future use of the rooms & the
 need of the furniture - or the
 need to store it. I feel it would
 be much best in your safe
 keeping, ^{if not wanted} but we may have to
 proceed rather carefully about this.
 I do hope you can find something
 really nice to live, even if it
 can't be quite as nice as your
 present flat. I'll hope to see
 you & talk all this over when you
 return from Rome, if you have
 time then.

Yours very

Gianni

COURTAULD



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BLUNT is booked to stay at the British School in Rome from October 4th to November 5th and from December 5th to January 8th. He may of course change his mind.

M. Howlin

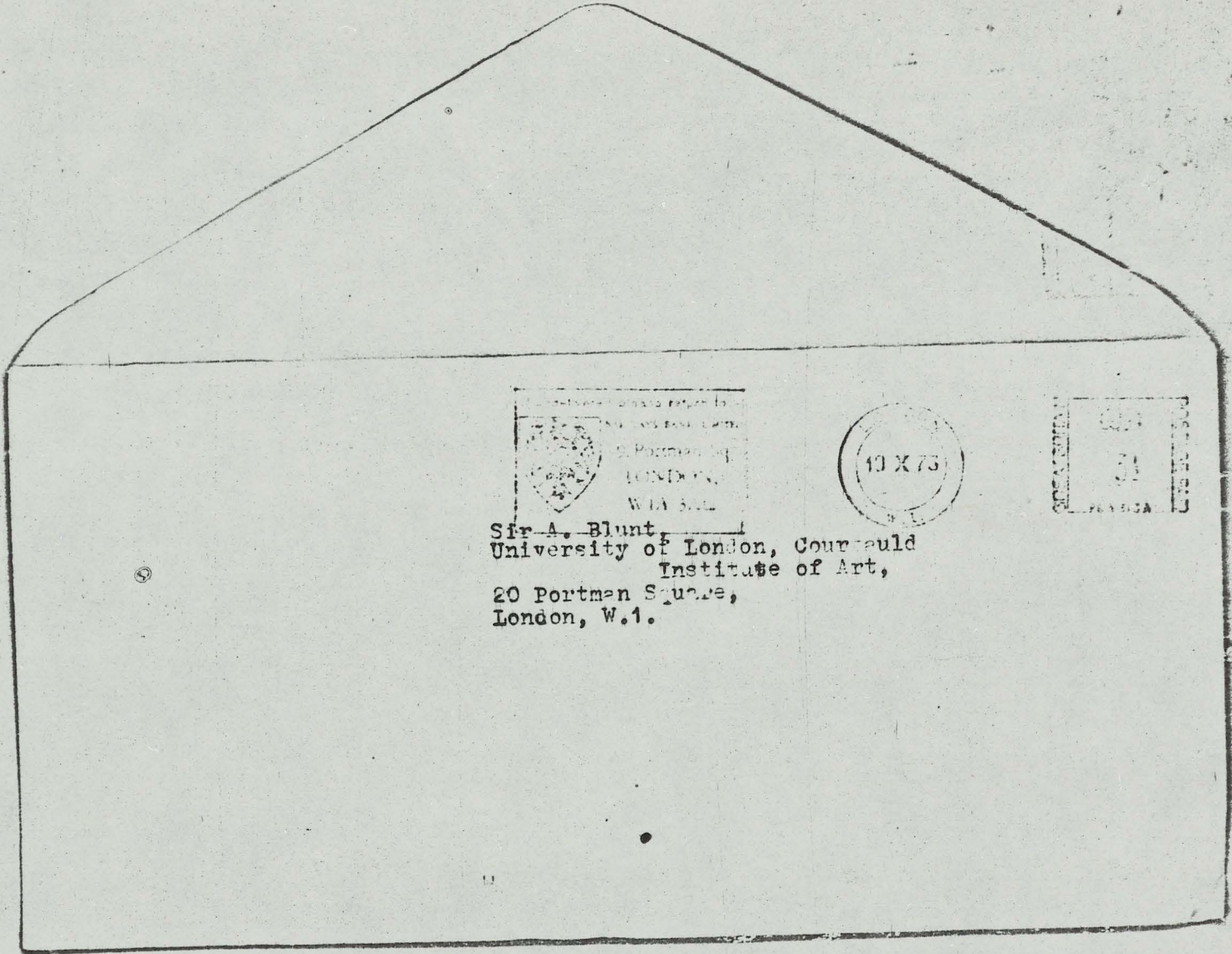
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It was quiet until -

19.28. JB. came in with ROBIN CHANCELLOR and GASKIN. ROBIN asked for resume of events as he had been out of England. They gave him latest of I.R.A. bombs and various appointment in art world. ROBIN had heard in Germany that there was a strong report of war between Russia and China in 12.- 15 months.

19.40. JB. spoke of his visit to Mantua. Then they drifted on to speak of exchange rates of various currencies. Then on to restaurants.

19.45. It was apparent that ROBIN had been visiting ANDY REVAI's relations in Hungary. He gave details of shops there and house and relative - woman whose name he did not mention - he had visited. Her husband had been a very distinguished doctor. He described a visit to the opera where he had met a friend of ANDY's - a Count FOULA/(ph) whose family traced back to the 13th Century. He had given him his address if he ever came to London and then realised afterwards that he could never leave the country. Then he spoke of the HERZOG family who had all emigrated to the U.S.A. taking wealth with them. Then of palaces visited in BudaPest.

20.00. They left the room.

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20.34.	They came in here after supper and conversation was of no interest.		
20.50.	<p>JB. left the room for a short while.</p> <p>GASKIN and ROBIN continued to talk in consequence and eventually JB. joined them again.</p> <p>They switched to talk of property in general</p>		
21.06.	<p>JB. told ROBIN that he did not want to leave this actual flat but the Institute was encroaching more and more. When asked about his successor PETER LASKO, BLUNDEN said that he wanted to remain resident in Norwich owing to childrens schooling but would use a part of the flat - probably JB's bedroom and bathroom as a pied-a-terre. JB. then meandered on to speak of how this room had been acquired as a sittingroom - this had been GASKIN's idea - and they had therefore been able to make the flat enclosed. GASKIN butted in to recall his first visit to the flat which had been in 1951. He had met JB. before, of course, but had never actually been to the flat. ROBIN, in turn, recalled the first time he had seen ANDY REVAI which was January 1951 and the fact that GASKIN had been in the background then. JB. agreed that he had known GASKIN long before this but had jilted him sometime back. By 1952 he had been reinstalled. This led to heavy joking by all three about poor old MICK (ph) who had evidently been ousted by JB. in GASKIN's affections. MICK had been so in love with GASKIN and further stories about this.</p>		
21.12.	<p>ROBIN switched to ask JB. if he had seen anything of the characters GUY (BURGESS) had passed on to him - for instance JACKIE HEWITT? JB. had not seen him for some time. GASKIN butted in again and said he was the last person who had seen HEWITT, when he was broke and he had given him some money. ROBIN had not seen him for ten years or more. JB. ruminated as to when it was he had last seen HEWITT. ROBIN asked when it was when PHILBY went. No, later than that, it was</p>		

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when there was an enquiry into the whole thing JB. replied. HEWITT had rung up then. One of the Sunday papers had been running a thing on it and HEWITT had rung but that was the only time. When JB. left (? the flat) in '51 he severed completely his association with HEWITT, but 'they' went on being very sweet to HEWITT for a long time. GASKIN went on to remember that one of the strangest characters who came into their lives was Roy BARRINGTON-SMITH (ph) - he was a facinating person - but had died sometime ago. GASKIN had, on one occasion, brought him back to this flat. The moment ROY B-S came into the room he had remarked that he had been here before and had asked GASKIN if he knew GUY BURGESS. JB. could not remember having brought ROY back to the flat. GASKIN broke in to remind JB. that STEPHEN had come up with the story that he had seen 'him' down in the South of France. GASKIN wandered on to relate story of when he was on one of his Cooks Tours when crossing over via New Haven. On this occasion people had been looking at him in a very strange way and as it happened there was a chap who had been a prisoner of way with him and who happened to be the head of the C.I.D. down there. The C.I.D. man had told GASKIN that the people who had been looking at him so strangely had thought he was Guy BURGESS. (Some hilarity at this story.) JB. was not surprised as ~~and~~ on/^apaper description there was some similarity.

('him' ?
Guy BURGESS.)

21.17. After a slight pause ROBIN asked JB. about the Chinese Exhibition.

21.22. Later JB. mentioned that he and GASKIN planned to spend Christmas in Rome. Some further inconsequential remarks. Then ROBIN went back to give account of visit to Hungary.

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Account of the Opera House and operas seen.

This led to general discussion on operas and Hungarian music. Then of restrictions on travel abroad. Then general conversation about travel in Greece and Turkey -- then drugs - GASKIN expounding on his experiences.

22.06. They of terrible experiences of being ill abroad. None of this of any consequence.

22.18. ROBIN CHANCELLOR left.

Having seen him off GASKIN and JB. came in here again. Idle chatter followed.

22.33. They referred to PETER MONTGOMERY's visit here tomorrow - he would be coming at 13.00. and it was suggested they had a cold lunch here. Then back to speak of ROBIN C. and ANDY REVAI's dependence on each other. This was not the case between JB. and BLUNDEN as BLUNDEN had so many interests. Back to ROBIN and ANDY's relationship JB. thought quite clearly ~~that~~ that their love has been fading over the last few years.

There was some talk of a LOUIS who had been involved as an influence on ANDY, but this was only briefly referred to. JB. switched to trip to Hampton Court with John BREALEY.

22.55. They eventually left the room after some further harmless chat.

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I/C BLUNDEN to John GOLDING.

Mentioned that he had been in bed and would miss the opening of the Chinese exhibition this evening. BLUNDEN then referred to TIM HILTON's letter and BLUNDEN added that the only thing he was worried about was that he wrote it (BLUNDEN himself) putting in all the things about the 'Apostles' and rather wanted to check with Denis PROCTOR whether he was going too far about this as it was still supposed to be secret. He wondered whether anyone had ever said - "I was a member of the Apostles". However he imagined that it was so blown that it was no longer so secret - as BLUNDEN added he always intended it should be - he had always wanted to kill the secrecy. BLUNDEN mentioned that he would be here until Thursday and had not actually booked his passage yet. He must go and get another cholera injection.

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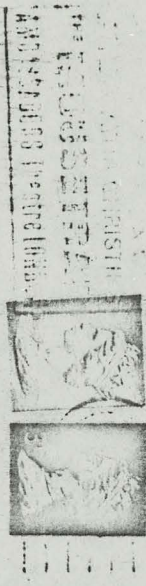
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BLUNT left for Italy on the morning of 4 September (complete with cholera vaccination). GASKIN is due to follow him next Tuesday (ie 11 September).

2. I have asked A2A to suspend JB/1 and JB/3 until further notice. The TOWROPE will be maintained until after GASKIN's departure.

3. GASKIN has now changed his mind and will not be going to Italy.

M. Howlin

M Howlin
K7/6

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I/C PAUL COOPER to GASKIN.

PAUL was just off to Italy. GASKIN reminded him that BLUNDEN would be there on and off in October, November and December - mostly at the British School in Rome. He should be back in ten days for about ten days and then off again. PAUL spoke of how much he admired BLUNDEN. He had so much to admire - BLUNDEN had such skill and such charm in everything he performed. Ever since PAUL first met him in 1960 he had admired BLUNDEN's fantastic way of behaving. He was so multi-lateral. He had the ability to see who was who and what was what in any situation. Both agreed he was rather a marvellous man. PAUL would be back from Italy in the beginning of October and would be in touch then.

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I/a BLUNDEN to GASKIN.

BLUNDEN ringing from Italy. GASKIN told him that both George ZARNECKI and Roy DAVIS were away. This meant there was no one to see the new caretaker in. He did not think he should leave at this moment. They spoke of new caretaker who would be arriving next Saturday and both agreed it was wise for GASKIN to stay and BLUNDEN commented that he might arrange to return a bit sooner. He would wander on a bit. GASKIN told him not to hurry as everything was under control. BLUNDEN repeated that he would return early but did not mention a date. GASKIN then told him that there was bad news about the income tax as he (BLUNDEN) would have to produce a thousand quid. BLUNDEN took this in his stride. Further jokes about this. BLUNDEN would send a telegram re his return. GASKIN repeated that he was not to hurry.

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/ Later when talking about future plans and possibilities of other flats JB. told RAY that in an attempts to get a Grace a Favour appartment he had been told that there was nothing. This was perfectly resonable be added because the appartments were so short that they were kept for people who were doing jobs. They were usually offered these for ten years before they were due to retire. JB. added that he could have got one at Hampton Court but thought it too far out. He was so dependant on libraries at the moment. ,

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I/C Peter B-P to GASKIN.

During endless chat GASKIN mentioned BLUNDEN being O.K. and the fact that BRIAN SEWELL came round last night, with his friend JO McCRIFFLE, for a drink. JAMES and JOHN GOLDING had also been round. GASKIN mentioned that BRIAN SEWELL would help look for a flat for BLUNDEN. Later GASKIN told PETER that he would be going to Venice a week next Friday or Saturday. He would meet BLUNDEN there. BLUNDEN would then return here for a couple of weeks. GASKIN would remain in Italy.

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I/C MARGARET WHINNEY. to thank BLUNDEN for his post card.
They discussed weather both had had while away. MARGARET asked BLUNDEN what plans he had. BLUNDEN told her he would be going away on about ten days to take an idle holiday across the PO Valley and end up in Venice, then he comes back for a short time and then off for sabbatical term. For that he is going Rome in October, November in Venice and December in Rome. MARGARET thought it all agreeable. She invited him to supper on Wednesday or Tuesday and he would let her know which tomorrow.

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18.22. JB. came in with youngish un. id. man.

During this conversation B. spoke of wanting to plan a two weeks package tour to PERU - a country he had always wanted to visit.

They then examined a manuscript and book which were of churches of various periods in Germany, Austria and Bohemia. Visitor was apparently specialising on these.

19.00. Later Visitor asked JB. if he knew his illustrious relation at Oriel - this was Hugh TREVOR-ROPER.

JB. told him that the only time he had met him was during the war when he himself was in M.I.5. and TREVOR-ROPER in M.I.6. - Section 5. He gave an account of meeting T.-R. down at Section 5 and commented that he had been quite correct in his book in saying that M.I.6. had been entirely dominated by himself.

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I/C HENRY to GASKIN.

Conversation no interest except when GASKIN spoke about having to look for another flat. He thought he would have to try and get BLUNDEN ~~IBX~~ to concentrate on this early next year. They had another year to go but even after he had given up the Directorship he did not think they would turn BLUNDEN out, so in one was there was still plenty of time. PETER LASKO the new Director would not want the flat to live in and GASKIN was sure would not mind them staying on for another six months or so. He then spoke briefly of BLUNDEN's plans. He would be going away in September - then back for some functions - then away most of October and November. GASKIN might go down to join BLUNDEN in Rome.

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GASKIN asked if he was

exhausted and he replied that he was slightly. He had evidently been attending a lecture as he then reported to GASKIN. ... (Rather inaudible owing to technical fault.) He reported that he had been rude to someone (might have been name) who he had met at the lecture. This was triggered off because of the MUGGERIDGE thing about GUY. The chap in question apparently attended these lectures about twice a year and JB. had evidently met him there. GASKIN replied (unintelligibly) about this. JB. mumbled some further complaints briefly - ungettable, owing to technical fault.

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There was a pause as GASKIN thought then he suddenly asked BLUNDEN.

G. What is the biggest shock of a person you have ever had in your life?

B. What? What is the...

G. The biggest shock you have ever had about somebody - a friend?

Here there was a pause while JB. pondered. (The question was slightly out of the blue and JB. possibly a little surprised at it and ~~wondered about~~ wondering he replied) -

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B.	KIM. (Sounding emphatic).		
G.	KIM (repeating). Oh well, of course, that was a different thing wasn't it?		
B.	Different, yes. (Slight pause.)		
G.	KIM must have been quite clever though - wasn't he?		
B.	Oh very - brilliant. (Said with admiration).		
G.	Because even when he was p...ed he never let anything out did he?		
B.	No.		
G.	The only time I ever met him he was absolutely bogged you know.		
B.	Oh I had forgotten you did - ever did meet him.		
G.	Yes, I met him at MOORE's party. (MOORE CROSHWAITE).		
B.	Oh, of course.		
G.	And he went back I think - and he never got back because he went -		
B.	To Moscow.		
G.	Any of your friends ring up about the Malcolm MUGGERIDGE thing about GUY.		
B.	No, no. (Slight pause) That was untrue. (He added)		
G.	Well, can't somebody bring that up?		
B.	No.		
G.	About his friends....?(very jumbled).		
B.	No, no, all that stuff about the millionaire's nest etc. The millionaires nest -		
G.	He took to religion - hasn't he - MALCOLM?		
B.	Yes, he is ghastly now.		
G.	Well, I suppose he - I mean VICTOR ROTHSCHILD was a millionaire.		
B.	But it didn't belong to VICTOR.		
G.	Oh, who did it belong to then?		
B.	Me.		
G.	The flat was yours?		
B.	Yes - the lease - VICTOR gave it up. We took - we took the lease over from him. He had nothing to do with it at all. It was in my name and PAT, TESS and I, and whoever else was living there paid the rent.		
G.	Really.		

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- B. Yes, it was like that.
- G. I think you should point that out to him don't you?
- B. I would very much like to but I just can't
(he is so
(it is so.....
- G. Mm.
- B. And as for - I mean - you know - rather suggesting that it was richly furnished by VICTOR. I do remember that the only piece of VICTOR's furniture was a wardrobe which got left in my room by mistake when they cleared the furniture away.
- G. Wasn't it funny how our lives sort of intermingled there - with me ^{helping and} going to tell.....
- B. Yes.
- G. He was a very..... man if ever there was one.
- B. Mm. (Agreeing) (Slight pause). And I mean sitting - the Practitioner was the office - and him saying that we sat in the Practitioner's office, well, we certainly never did that in our lives. Then the club - in rich leather arm chairs -
- G. May be he sat in them.

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Cutting from The Sunday Times. Dated 5th August 1973.

by Malcolm MACGEARDAE

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no mention of who wrote this!
see 1211a.

THE BLITZ, WHEN IT CAME, gave a sort of focus to our existence at GHQ Home Forces. I nearly always went out when it was on; often with Andreas Mayor, son of Kitty's cousin Beatrice Mayor, occasionally with Graham Greene.

On one turbulent night—all the sky alight and rent with furious sounds—Andreas took me to a basement flat in Bentinck Street belonging to Lord Rothschild, where Andreas's sister, Tess—who was subsequently to marry Rothschild—was then staying. Above was the office of The Practitioner, in whose board-room we lingered, seated, lordly, on leather chairs, before venturing below. There we found a gathering of displaced intellectuals: John Strachey, J. D. Bernal, Anthony Blunt, Guy Burgess, a whole revolutionary Who's Who. It was the only time I ever met Burgess; and he gave me a feeling, such as I have never had from anyone else, of being morally afflicted in some way.

His very physical presence was to me malodorous and sinister; as though he had some consuming illness—like the galloping consumption whose symptoms I had seen in my father's brothers and cousins, or leprosy as I remembered it in India.

The impression fitted in well enough with his subsequent adventures; as did this millionaire's nest altogether, so well set up, providing, among other amenities, special rubber bones to bite on if the stress of the Blitz became too hard to bear. Sheltering so distinguished a company—Cabinet Minister-to-be, honoured Guru of the Extreme Left-to-be, Connoisseur Extraordinary-to-be, and other notabilities, all in a sense grouped around Burgess, Etonian mudlark and sick toast of a sick society, as beloved along Foreign Office corridors, in the quads and the clubs, as in the pubs among the pimps and ponces and street pick-ups, with their high voices and peroxide hair. A true hero of our time, who was to end his days in Moscow; permitted even there, for services rendered, to find the male company he needed. Now gone to Stalin's bosom; hip before hipsters, Rolling before the Stones, acid-head before LSD.

There was not so much a conspiracy gathered round him as just decay and dissolution. It was the end of a class, of a way of life; something that would be written about in history books, like Gibbon on Heliogabalus, with wonder and perhaps hilarity, but still tinged with sadness, as all endings are.

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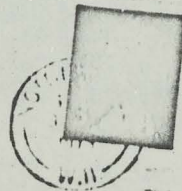
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Your Ref

Date 31st July 1973

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Dear Sir

RE: YOUR SURTAX

We have now received from the Surtax Office at Thames Ditton a letter concerning a Surtax Appeal which was lodged some considerable while ago by Mr Edmonds against the assessment for 1970/1971. This is the year prior to that for which the Writ has been issued. The Revenue say that for the year 70/71 they propose adjusting their assessment which earlier stood at £5,100 income to £6,547. The tax on this revised assessment is £965.27. The method of calculation is shown on the enclosed statement.

You will see that for remuneration there is a figure shown of £6,890. The earnings you received from the University of London for this year amounted to £6,390.56, according to the Payroll Officer and we assume that a further £500 was received from the Barber Institute of Arts. If this is the case the Revenue's figure on that would be correct.

With regard to the figure inserted by the Revenue in the Statement for journalism, we are not sure how they arrive at this. The other figures would appear to be substantially correct.

We enclose herewith Remittance Advice in case you wish to

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settle this tax. If you do settle it would you please
let us know.

Yours faithfully

CLAYTON *[Signature]* SIMS & CO

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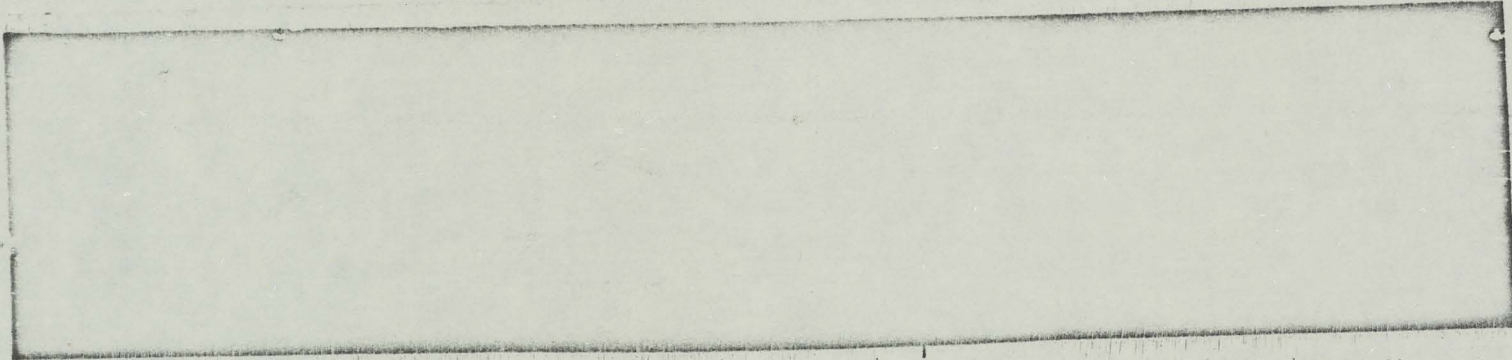
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Earned Income	Journalism Remuneration	IT 1970/71 do	£ 2,500 6,890
	Less Retirement Annuity Relief as allowed for income tax 1970-71		£
	Loss relief as allowed for income tax 1970-71 against earned income		£
	Deduct:		
	(i) earned income relief	£ 1,698	9,390
(ii) excess over £2,000 of earned income less (i) (maximum £2,000)	£ 2,000	3,698	
Balance chargeable to surtax			5,692
Other Income	Interest	As returned for IT asst	9
	Savings bank interest exempted from income tax 1970-71	£	
	Building Society Interest	£	
	Addition for income tax at 41.25%		
	Dividends	As returned	355
Marriage Settlement	do	4	
Estate of Mrs H V Blunt deceased	As reported	487	
TOTAL			6,547
Deductions	Personal Allowances (less £325)	£	
TOTAL			6,547

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PLEASE FORWARD THIS FORM INTACT WITH THE PAYMENT

Cheques should be made payable to 'Inland Revenue' and crossed. Remittances should be sent to the Accountant and Comptroller General (Cashier) Inland Revenue (A), South Block, Barrington Road, WORTHING, Sussex.

*A receipt will not normally be issued for a payment made by cheque, unless requested. If you pay by cheque and require a receipt please insert it here.

If a receipt is required but is not to be sent to the address shown below, that address should be cancelled and the name and address of the person to whom it is to be sent should be entered here:

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		SUBTAX	Assessment number	Surtax payable
0594 041.1 21, NORTHVIEW SQUARE, LONDON, W.1.	19	70.71	1024290	£ 965.27
	Account	72		

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I/C Peter B-P to GASKIN.

During idle chatter GASKIN dramatically reported that a writ had been issued against BLUNDEN for not paying tax - he just had not got round to it. He was so busy doing things for other people that he did not get his own affairs in order. Long specially bad tirade against Ray GIBBS followed. Then on about BLUNDEN being back on the bottle.

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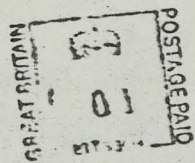
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Date 26 July 73.

Dear Anthony,

Home House Trustees - Count Seilern

Owing to the confidential nature of the matter concerned
I think I should send you, as I do, my firm's account to date
in connection with the Seilern matter.

No doubt, however, there will be further developments.

Yours ever,

John Witt

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Date 25th July 1973

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Dear Sir

RE: YOUR SURTAX

Thank you for your letter of the 17th instant which was received here on the 23rd and crossed in the post with our letter to you of the 19th. The Assessment is made on a figure of £1,060.00 and H M Inspector of Taxes, Cardiff has told us that this arises from the M E Blunt Trust under which H M Inspector says your share is £1,060. If this figure is correct then the tax, we think, is correctly assessed. We have though made a note to lodge an Appeal unless we hear from you further before the 13th August next.

Yours faithfully

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10.00 BLUNDEN and GASKIN were having a discussion about flats. GASKIN quoted what he had heard from someone about leases and building societies. He wanted to get busy about it all. BLUNDEN mentioned the Barbican. GASKIN pointed out that one could not buy those - they were only for rental. BLUNDEN seemed interested to find out about it - he thought that it was certainly worth looking into. He mentioned that his ~~NEPHEW-IN-LAW~~ nephew-in-law, JULIAN, was involved with it architecturally. BLUNDEN says that they need two sitting rooms and two bedrooms. GASKIN suggests taking steps in that direction in September. BLUNDEN told him that his plans were not yet completely fixed. He mentioned there being a party on the 10th and 11th of August and 'something else' on the 18th. He would have also to be back from the 27th of September to the 3rd of October. References to last night's visitors - PAUL and VICTOR - GASKIN had not realized they knew each other. He asked at what time they had left? About 11.0, said BLUNDEN.

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10.19	<p>GASKIN asked if there had been 'any news' from the ROTHSCHILDS. BLUNDEN replied 'no! References then by GASKIN to the Memorial service for ANDY. BLUNDEN went on ⁵ talk about an exhibition at the V & A worth his while to go and see. Long pauses and movements only. Spasmodic remarks between BLUNDEN and GASKIN followed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(XJB/3)</p>		
11.49	<p>Quiet.</p> <p>There was nothing to report on JB/1 all day and evening.</p>		

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Date 19th July 1973

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Dear Sir

RE: YOUR SURTAX

We refer to our letter of the 11th July and to our subsequent telephone conversation. We have accordingly informed the Solicitor's Office of the Inland Revenue that we shall accept service of the Writ on your behalf. As we mentioned in our letter to you, the Revenue say that this Surtax is based on an estimated income of £6,300 for the year 71/72. We have in our file what would appear to be a copy of a Return for that year which shows gross earnings from the Courtauld Institute at £5,440, as Adviser to the Barber Institute of Arts £500.00, Literary and other earnings £1,517.00, gross income from M E Blunt's Will Trust of £296.00 and Dividend Interest etc already taxed of £332.00. This being the case, it would appear that your gross income for that year was in excess of the Revenue's estimate and the Surtax would no doubt be payable though in exactly what sum we are not yet sure. We believe that Surtax is payable on your income in excess of £2,000 and is payable on the gross income from all sources after deducting the admissible charges on the income, certain personal allowances, earned income relief as allowed for Income Tax.

Total
£8,085

When we have received the Writ, we shall try and negotiate a settlement with H M Inspector but it might

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be as well if your new Accountant could be given the opportunity of perusing the papers before any settlement negotiated is paid.

We have very recently heard from the Inspector of Taxes concerning your Income Tax and refers to the Income Tax return submitted for the year 1971/72. The Inspector points out that the Capital Gains Section of this Return was left blank and is asking for a Statement of assets disposed of (if any) and assets acquired in the year ended 5th April 1971. The Inspector goes on to say that he understands that certain shares were transferred to you when the H V Blunt Marriage Settlement was wound up on the 12th November 1969 and that Schedules of dividend income for the years to 5th April 1970 to the same date in 1971 do not appear to include the additional share holdings, nor apparently were the holdings returned as assets acquired in the year to 5th April 1970. The Inspector goes on to say that he has been advised by H M Inspector of Taxes, Richmond District that there are Capital Gains assessable for 1970/71. These arising from the M E Blunt Trust and your share is £1,060. The assessment will be issued within the next few weeks or so.

Would you please let us have details of any assets acquired or disposed of during the year ended 5th April 1971 or alternatively put us in touch with the Accountants so that they may take the matter up so to speak from the outset.

Yours faithfully

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Then after a pause BLUNDEN announced (in slightly incredulous voice) - "I see there is another biography of KIM come out". Oh really, WILFRED replied and continued with unintelligible burble.

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JB. almost immediately went on to ask if he had "read a book that came out, about a fortnight ago I think, about JULIAN BELL and JOHN CORNFORD. (Note. The John CORNFORD who was a close associate of James KLUGMAN at Cambridge and a member of the C.P. He was killed in '37 in Spanish Civil war). And one ^{d)} the Cambridge Intellectuals and the early Marxist period. It was by two queer Americans, who somehow managed to - in an absolutely unbelievable way-really to get into the mood of the period." WILFRED thought that very clever of them. BLUNDEN - "Yes, they really managed to get under the skin of the whole thing."

*actually
four years
ago!*

WILFRED commented that there had been a tremendous glut on books on the Bloomsbury set of the '30s and here spoke of RUTH BERNARD or GERNARD ^{who} was absolutely enthralled by this and she had made a study of subject. He had had lunch with them the other day and had discussed the topic. There was a pause and BLUNDEN made unintelligible aside. The WILFRED emerged to relate that he was a pupil of... (name her but not gettable). Possibly this referred to BERNARD or GERNARD. Oh was he, BLUNDEN commented sounding interested. Another unintelligible remark by WILFRED to which BLUNDEN replied that from the reviews he had got the impression that he had lost the scale. (ph) WILFRED did not think this was so vast and continued with an unaidable comment. Then there was a pause while they brooded.

21.42. BLUNDEN emerged with comment that he found it very difficult to assess. To this WILFRED replied - "but you did know the whole set-up so well and everybody involved." BLUNDEN - "Well, I knew everybody involved but none of them well. And to a certain extent it was deliberately (ph) ^{keeping} ~~to keep~~ out of it. I could ^{not} quite decide how - but I never wanted,

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Well, I never wanted to get to know - LITTLE (ph - or LIDDLE) I liked very much but I (unaudible here)... But well, somehow I think even..... reaction against the ~~entire~~^{whole}/thing. The set-up was even worse." WILFRED broke in with agreeing comment about it being appalling and then with an inaudible additional remark. He then recalled that the only time he had met "him" was in fact with BLUNDEN. On that occasion they had just been going into the Gallery on the corner of Grafton Street. And 'he' had just come out and BRUNDEN had introduced them to each other. That was the only occasion on which WILFRED had met "him" but he was glad to have done so because 'he' was so exactly like "his" book.

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They digressed on the making of coffee here and WILFRED wandered out followed shortly by BLUNDEN. It remained quiet in here until coverage dropped.

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All this of no
consequence, except that during it JB. mentioned
that he would be going to Germany for the second
~~week~~ half of July. Then hoped to be away in
Rome for October, November and December - but
possibly back occasionally in between. He also
referred to being away the second half of August
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20.11 BLUNDEN and ROBIN CHANCELLOR in conversation whilst having a drink.

20.18 ROBIN was talking about friends of his, VERONICA and JACQUELINE. VERONICA in particular was a very good friend whom he had known for years even before he knew ANDY. In the midst of this conversation ROBIN quotes his mother who had asked - 'where did ANDY meet ANTHONY'?

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ROBIN - 'I know that ANDY met ██████████ in the turkish baths in Paris'. A slight laugh by both after which ROBIN continued - 'I only know that he met you through GUY'. BLUNDEN - 'Through GUY, yes'. ROBIN quotes having said - 'I said, well, they moved in the same art world, and, how can one possibly tell'. ROBIN said that it seemed such a curious thing to want to know after all these 30 years or so. BLUNDEN agreed - 'it's very odd'. ROBIN - 'Very odd, isn't it'? He had said - 'how do you meet people?'. BLUNDEN - 'I don't remember, but I have no doubt it was through GUY'.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>GOSLING</i></p> <p>ROBIN continued by mentioning ██████████ saying that the turkish baths in Rue.... had become quite a family joke. The turkish baths were next to the Hungarian Legation. If anybody asked, he quotes -'we met in the Hungarian Legation' . (laughter).</p> <p>ROBIN went on to say - 'and they both discovered they were being sort of semi-kept by the same man called ERIC ALDOUS or OLDENS or something - long before my time - and that was a great sort of bond'. BLUNDEN agreed that it must have been -'and this is 30 years ago'? ROBIN said that it was more. He returned to refer to the Hungarian Legation joke which would always be remembered.</p> <p>BLUNDEN recalled meeting VERONICA once whilst he was with ROBIN, and he asked -'and she is in the Civil Service?' ROBIN replied that 'she is in the Ministry of Housing! He continued with further details but all could not be heard due to bad quality of reception.</p> <p>ROBIN, in connection with VERONICA and JACQUELINE, spoke also of NIGEL PHILIPS, as if perhaps they were related. ROBIN had met ANDY in 1952, January 9th. He recalled that ANDY had gone away skying to Arosa, and that he himself was lunching with PHILIPS whom he saw about three times a week. PHILIPS had remarked about GUY -'Well, of course, you know he's really a Communist...'. ROBIN, being rather naïve in those days, quoted what he had said in his letter to ANDY who had taken it apparently very badly and would't speak to PHILIPS for years. They eventually met casually in a theatre foyer or somewhere.</p>			

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<p>BLUNDEN said that he really knew very little about it himself. ROBIN returned to talk about JACKQUELLINE and VERONICA.</p> <p>BLUNDEN seemed to say that he had himself been under the impression that some sort of break had come about (in ANDY and GUY's relationship) before GUY went away? ROBIN said that he really did not know himself.</p> <p>BLUNDEN - 'Well, I'm pretty certain, I remember GUY saying that - er - '. ROBIN interrupted - 'it's very likely'. BLUNDEN - 'Yes, I think, I'm fairly sure of that'.</p> <p>ROBIN, returning to refer to PHILIPS' remarks said -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">'well, it was all to do with GUY's sort of various double lives really - a communist spy and I don't know what else sort of thing'.</p> <p>BLUNDEN repeated that he felt sure that there had been a break in their relationship.</p> <p>The conversation changed. ROBIN offered to help him to prepare the food. They discussed this and left for</p> <p>20.50 the kitchen. (XJB/3)</p> <p>20.53 to BLUNDEN and ROBIN were preparing and eating a meal.</p> <p>22.22 Nothing of interest to be heard and conversation was largely about drawings. (JB/1)</p>			

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Addendum.

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MASTERMAN

TOM BROCKLEBANK asked BLUNDEN if he had read J.B.'s book? BLUNDEN said he had and TOM asked what it was like as he apparently had not read it. BLUNDEN gave his opinion which indicated that he thought the book unreasonably dull. Both agreed that MASTERMAN had no business to write the book anyway. TOM presumed he had to show the book before it was published. BLUNDEN made inaudible reply to this question and went on to explain how MASTERMAN had been asked, after the war, to write up on certain spheres and this had sold up to some thousand copies. BLUNDEN levelled some criticism and added that Tommy HARRIS had been of the same opinion. He again stressed that J.C.'s book was unreasonably dull. TOM commented that everything BLUNDEN had told him had been what he would have expected of MASTERMAN and added further comment that MASTERMAN could not have been honest with himself. BLUNDEN continued to relate that MASTERMAN had been a sort of P.A. to T.A.R. ROBERTSON, who had formed the Section and was, in fact, the only career man in the Section. The others were people like TOMMY who had come in from outside.

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<p>He went on to explain that J.C.'s first book had been written after the war. In each case after the publications they (the Office) had been been on the opinion that they could not prosecute so distinguished a figure. He repeated his comment of the dullness of the book on so splendid an operation created by TOMMY (HARRIS), adding that, in fact, TOMMY had written up the whole operation - this had been totally illiterate but brilliant. TOM remarked that his knowledge of this had been very sketchy. Then digressing on TOMMY HARRIS' gallery in Spain they drifted away. TOM said he must go and BLUNDEN evidently saw him out.</p>			

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O/G BLUNDEN to 286 2284 Mr. MacDONALD.

Concerning a letter BLUNDEN has received. He is puzzled by the 'writ'. He says that each time an assessment arrived he put ~~them~~ straight into an envelope and despatched ~~them~~ to the firm. Both will try to straighten out the muddle and will be in touch again. BLUNDEN emphasizes that there is no point in their trying to ~~serge~~ a writ on him personally.

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Dear Sir Anthony

RE: YOUR SURTAX

We have heard from the Solicitor's Office of the Inland Revenue that a Writ has been issued against you claiming £885.00 surtax. The Solicitor's Office enquired whether we had instructions to accept service of the Writ on your behalf.

We telephoned the Revenue who tells us that this claim is based on an assessment for Surtax for the year 1971/72 and is based on an estimated income of £6,300. We do not have any record of receiving an assessment for Surtax for the year in question and we are wondering whether you received it direct. The Revenue's Solicitor did not know to whom the Assessment was sent.

We should be obliged to hear from you as soon as possible whether you wish us to accept service of the Writ on your behalf or whether you wish the Revenue to endeavour to effect personal service upon you.

If the Revenue are correct in saying that a proper Assessment was delivered against which no Appeal was lodged, they are also correct in saying that the tax is immediately due and payable. You will no doubt recall in earlier correspondence with Mr Edmonds it was agreed that future tax affairs would be dealt with

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PROFESSOR SIR ANTHONY DINEY A C O

By a Chartered Accountant on your behalf though we do not appear to have a note of the name or address of that Accountant.

Yours faithfully

CLAYTON MATTHEWS A C O

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Date and Place of Interview ~~XXXXXX~~ 25. & 27 April 1973: Room 055 Old War Office Buildi

with (also give security context of person being interviewed) John CAIRNCROSS

Connections with RIS Agents

Subject RIS Involvement

Officer EW Pratt & S Rimington using (a of - - Section K3

Extracted by Section K3 Date 30 October 1973

1. John CAIRNCROSS was interviewed by Bill Pratt and myself for a total of seven and a half hours on 25 and 27 April 1973 in Room 055.

2. We began the first interview by saying that we were unable still, after all the interviews with him, to reconcile certain aspects of his story with information from other sources. For that reason we wished to try to satisfy ourselves now that we had the complete story. We would try not to retread the old ground but would be introducing certain new things. He seemed quite content with this and said he was there to help.

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3. We asked CAIRNCROSS if he had met Anthony BLUNT at the ... and he agreed that he did. We asked him if he saw ... of BLUNT during the war and he said that he saw him occa- sionally. We reminded CAIRNCROSS that in his 1952 statement he had named BLUMANN and BLUNT as the two people who influenced him towards Communism at Cambridge. We said that this suggested that he knew BLUNT better than he had implied recently. This remark led us into an argument, which recurred frequently during the interview, about the definition of knowing a person well. CAIRNCROSS said he certainly had not known BLUNT well at his terms. He certainly was not walking in and out of his door all the time and the lunch they had had with ... and ... in London was the only meal they had had together. There was a certain distance between himself and BLUNT because though they were in the same field BLUNT had a certain eminence and was a fellow. One might say in fact that the curious thing was that living on the same staircase and being in the same field they did not know each other better. In that case, we said, why did he quote BLUNT as one who had influenced him towards Communism. CAIRNCROSS said he quoted him because of his authority and because BLUNT had applied his Marxist views to art history. He was meaning to imply that in that area he had been influenced by BLUNT.

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I/C from PETER LASKO, from Norwich, to BLUNDEN.

Ringling to let him know the outcome of a meeting.

There may be the question now of either BLUNDEN or GOMBRECHT being elected 'for the school'

As regards meetings BLUNDEN makes clear that he will be away from the 17th or 18th of July until the end of the month.

He will be here a good deal of August and in fact could arrange to be here almost anytime. BLUNDEN mentions his sabbatical -

beginning during the middle of September when he will be off to Italy where he will stay until more or less the end of term.

He may possibly have to come back for a 'management' 'but I doubt it BLUNDEN then remembers that he has to be back to go to Brussels

round about September 27th - he adds - 'if I've got to come back to

go to Brussels I shall no doubt come here'. He then mentions that it is connected with the opening of an exhibition where he will have

to go to give a lecture, he will however find out the exact date.

LASKO says that end of September may be a good time although it would naturally depend on all the others concerned. BLUNDEN would

rather not make it on into October. Further about nominations for the British School appointment.

19.26

NOTE FOR FILE
PF 604582

[redacted] of PLS rang me today to ask for PF 604582 which he had requested on 10 June. He was under the impression that the subject of the file was one Ray Peter GIBBS. I informed him that this was not the case but that GIBBS was a close friend of the file-owner whose name I did not mention.

2. It transpires that GIBBS was arrested at Tilbury on 9 June in connection with the theft of a motor-car part. He is due to appear in court next week. Special Branch will be sending a report in due course.* I emphasised that GIBBS was not of security interest.

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20 June 1973

Spoke [redacted] Sept '73 - no police report has arrived and I did not pursue the matter

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O/G BLUNDEN to Harlow 26949, to RAY GIBBS.

BLUNDEN confirms that GASKIN has gone. Brief talk about GASKIN's supposed arrangements, and fears expressed that he ^{is} setting up some plot instead of infact being away. RAY suggests jokingly that he is probably setting up opposite the traffic warden's H.Q. - 'with an enormous telescope, and the 'phone's bugged'.

BLUNDEN, very firmly - 'Oh well - that I assume. I don't mind M.I.5. knowing, but, JOHN's double bugging -er - (both laugh) - too complicated'. They go on to other matters. RAY confirms a sale of pictures taking place next Saturday and, BLUNDEN thinks, he will probably be free, to come down. RAY confirms also that he is coming tomorrow and will turn up at about 5.0 o'clock.

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I/C to BLUNDEN from DENNIS(PROCTOR).

BARBARA had said that she had met GASKIN in the street.
BLUNDEN knows about this and says they were in fact waiting to hear how he was before suggesting a date, a day, for coming.
DENNIS mentions having to be ~~at~~ 'home' over the weekend / until Tuesday and says that 'if you could look in, that would be lovely'.
BLUNDEN goes on to ask about visiting hours and is told -11.30-12.30 and 3.30 -20.30.
It is agreed BLUNDEN will go along ~~tomorrow~~ this afternoon at about 4.0.
DENNIS explains that it is in Beaumont Street which BLUNDEN knows.

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NOTE FOR FILE
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Mr and Mrs COCK - caretakers at
the Courtauld for a number of years -
have now retired to Brightlingsea.

2. It is understood that a new caretaker
is to be engaged in the near future.

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I visited A2A on 13/6/73 to listen to the conversation between Tess ROTHSCHILD and BLUNDEN which took place on 1/2/73.

2. I listened very carefully, several times to the passage relating to 'George'. I am sure that the name given was TOMKINS or possibly TOMSKI. It was definitely not THOMPSON.

3. From the context of the conversation and the tone of their voices I am almost sure that they were speaking of a Russian.

M. Howlin

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Note: I mentioned this to K3/EWP on 14/6/73.

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During conversation with John GOLDING which was of no interest otherwise GASKIN commented that he hoped that while he was away BLUDNEN wouldn't have RAY GIBBS round all the time and get on the booze.

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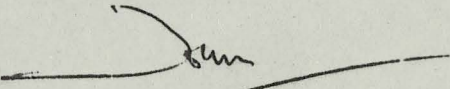
7th June 1973

Dear Anthony,

You are always getting sabbatical terms, but at least it is nice that you like to spend them with us.

A room for Sir Blunt shall be available "during a good deal of October, November and December". In due course let us know more precisely.

Yours ever,


J. B. Ward-Perkins

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I/C call to GASKIN - BLUNDEN answered in first place.

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Tuesday

O/G GASKIN to 100 operator.

GASKIN told her that he wanted to find out - "there ~~was~~ is a number which has been installed on new telephones here and I want to find out how long it has been installed!" Operator had no idea as there were no dates on anything so this could not be found out. GASKIN asked if the engineers would know the dates of installation. Operator repeated no dates were given. GASKIN then told her - "suddenly we discovered that a new telephone had been put in the building and we were just wondering who had been given the orders to do it. I tell you what I will do - the engineers are coming back again and they will probably be the same ones, they put in a whole new s/board about three weeks ago so I will talk to them when I see them."

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