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16.10.53 [redacted] ment. PHILBY.

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377.

You will see from the T.C. extracts at 374a, 375a, 376a a proposal that PHILBY should be employed as a consultant on international affairs by the Society of British Aircraft Constructors.

and to have been approved in principle by the director. The latter is probably Mr. BOWYER. Both [redacted] and BOWYER are well known to A/Cdr. Paynter.

Paynter tells me that all the S.B.A.C. staff are vetted, but that an appointment may easily be made before the vet is carried out. When I told him that someone in whom we are interested might be applying for a S.B.A.C. post, he said that he would very much like to tip off [redacted]

Shall we discuss the position ?

*Handwritten signature:* C.A.G. Simkins

B.2.A.

22.10.53

C.A.G. Simkins

22.10.53.

B.2.B. note re. PHILBY being employed as International Advisor to S.B.A.C.

377b.

22.10.53.

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377c.

378.

26.10.53.

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378b.

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.10.53.

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Ext. from T/C re. PEACH, [redacted]

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31.10.53

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383.

2.11.53

Extract from T.C - Kim and Aileen dining with IONIDES

383b

384.

*Revised. 21/11*  
D.D.G.  
~~E.B. 4/11~~  
~~D. cur~~  
6.11

} To see 383a.

385.

*mb.*  
C.2.a./NSP.

You will remember that we discussed this before the meeting recorded at 377b, but at that time I did not know the name of the individual concerned. Clearly it would be better if you can keep clear of this problem, and equally clearly it is important that you should know what has gone on, in order to avoid getting yourself inadvertently into an embarrassing position.

C.  
4.11.53.

*E.M. Furnival Jones*  
E.M. Furnival Jones.

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23.11.53.

Ext. from T/C on PEACH, re. his doing a book review.

386a.

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23.11.53.

Ext. from T/C on PEACH, re. his going to Nottingham.

387a.

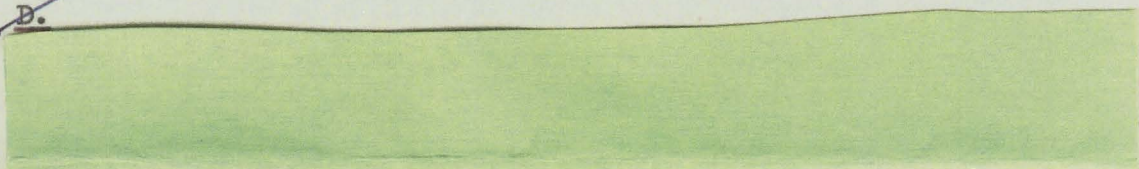
388.

23.11.53.  
● 11.53

D.1 note on events of 22.11.53.  
To G.P.O. reimposing T.C. Nos. 2178 and 2141

388a  
388b

389.



We shall now have to consider whether or not Mrs. PHILBY ought to be seen. My own view is that she should be.

Against seeing her are these considerations:-

- (a) Being in a very nervous state, and having a doubtful respect for the truth, it is likely to prove very difficult to determine how much of anything she tells us is reliable.
- (b) If we interview her, PHILBY himself is likely to become aware of the fact, whether or not she tells him herself. If, whether accurately or not, he obtains the impression that she had volunteered information to us about him, this would finally remove all hope of a reconciliation between him and her. This would be unfortunate, and it has always been our policy so far as is possible to avoid any action which might further increase PHILBY's personal and family difficulties.

In favour of our interviewing her are these points:-

- (a) We have been told that she wishes to be interviewed by us.
- (b) We have been told that she is convinced of PHILBY's "guilt", and given to understand that she may have some information bearing on this. I think we ought to know of what she thinks PHILBY guilty, why she thinks in this way, and whether she in fact has any information whatever bearing on PHILBY's guilt or innocence.

If Mrs. PHILBY is seen at all, I suggest that she should be seen jointly by yourself and me.

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*J. C. Robertson*  
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390.

26.11.53. Note on the PHILBY case.

390a

391.

26.11.53. To G.P.O. suspending Lines 2178 and 2141.  
26.11.53 T.C. showing PHILBY's prospects with TAYLOR

391a  
391b

392.

*in error*  
*copied to R 606 953*  
*D.*

As requested I have prepared an up to date note on the PHILBY case, for use by the Director General if he requires it (390a).

*J. C. Robertson*  
J. C. Robertson.

D.1.  
27.11.53.

393.

D.G. through D.D.G.

You asked for a summary of the PHILBY case for the information of the Home Secretary. D.1's note at 390a, which I think sets out the position with as much clarity and brevity as is possible, is submitted.

At minute 389 is canvassed the advisability of interviewing Mrs. PHILBY. I think that the arguments against seeing her should include this: that if, as is probable, PHILBY himself becomes aware that such an interview is to be or has been held, that knowledge might possibly turn the scale in favour of his fleeing the country as well as contribute to the break-up of his marriage. However, we are at present in no position to assess with any precision the likelihood of his departing. Mrs. PHILBY's fears, as described on page 1 of 388a, seem to be based on wholly insubstantial grounds. They are intuitive, not logical. She is in a highly neurotic or hysterical state and she is undergoing treatment from a psychiatrist who, as far as I can see, himself tends to encourage her apprehensions.

The basic facts, in my opinion, are put in (a) and (b) at the end of minute 389. PHILBY, though we cannot prove it, must be presumed to have been a Russian agent. His wife represents that she has information for us which bears on that. An interview with her affords some hope of taking this very important case a stage further. No other step that I can see affords such a hope. We should therefore see her, accepting such risks as may be involved. I should be ready to undertake the interview jointly with D.1, as he proposes.

*G.R. Mitchell*

D.  
28.11.53

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394.

*con 4.12*  
~~D., through D.D.G. and L.A.~~ *Rev. 2/12*

I discussed with you this morning (D.D.G., D. and D.I.) the proposition for interviewing Mrs. PHILBY. I can approve this on the following conditions:

- (a) You discover, either directly or indirectly [redacted] whether there are any medical reasons why she should not be interviewed.
- (b) It is made clear to Mrs. PHILBY. [redacted] that you are seeing her because you understand that she wishes it and that she has information she wishes to give us about her husband's case.
- (c) What Mrs. PHILBY chooses to say to her husband, if anything, about this interview is her own affair and you should not make any conditions with her as to what she is or is not to say.

While I cannot believe that there can be any legal objections to this course of action, I am D.G. minuting the file through L.A. and should like him to consider it from this angle.

2.12.53. *D.G. White*

395

*DI con 4.12*  
~~D.G.~~ *Rev. 2/12*

I have considered the proposition put up, that we should take advantage of Mrs. PHILBY's offer to provide information, and you ask for my advice as to whether there is any objection to our seeing her, from the legal angle. My answer to this is clearly that there is none. In fact I think it is our constitutional duty to see her if we think she is in a position to furnish any information. In fact in an important case like this, I think we should see her even though I see the difficulties which are very clearly put in the preceding Minutes.

I share strongly the views expressed by you at (a) in Min.394, namely, that before seeing Mrs. PHILBY we should ascertain whether there are any medical reasons why she should not be interviewed. I should like if possible Mrs. PHILBY's medical adviser to give an opinion as to whether her mental state is such that she is likely to speak the truth.

L.A.  
3.12.53.

*B.A. Hill*  
B.A. Hill.

3.12.53.

D. note re interview with PROCTOR ment. PEACH.

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*[Handwritten initials]*  
D.1.A. Miss McBarnet.

To see recent minutes.

Please let me know if there is any information from the PHILBY T.C. relevant to the projected interrogation of Mrs. PHILBY.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
J. C. Robertson.

D.1.  
7.12.53.

397.

*Copy to Bob, 993.*

*cur*  
*9.12*  
*D.*

D.1. has suggested that you might like to see the letter and note at serial 339za in volume 7 attached, before interviewing Mrs. PHILBY.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
E. McBarnet.

D.1.A.  
8.12.53.

400.

15.12.53.

D.1.A. minute re. PEACH T/C.

400a.

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18.12.53.

D.1. note re. Eric Benjamin STRAUSS.

401b

403.

D.D.G.  
D.G.

*Revised 26/12*

Please see notes at [redacted] and 402a.

It should be explained that in our interview with [redacted] on 16 December, which had had to be postponed until then because of [redacted] absence abroad, D.1 and I did our utmost to give him a clear and concise brief, in accordance with (a) of minute 394, to ask [redacted] whether in his opinion there were objections on medical grounds to Mrs. PHILBY being interviewed by the Security Service. The answer is covered by paragraph 2 of 402a; but I am not satisfied that Elliott put the question to [redacted] in such a way that the latter realised that that was our sole purpose in inviting [redacted] to see him or that he was being asked for a formal medical opinion. What I think happened is that [redacted] engaged in a long friendly gossip with [redacted] in the course of it asking, as if by the way, what he thought about a Security Service visit to Mrs. PHILBY; and that [redacted] without considering the matter carefully, expressed himself in an adverse sense as much on the grounds that Mrs. PHILBY would be unlikely to respond freely as on medical grounds. My doubts on this point illustrate the difficulty of making any sense of this case while [redacted] has to be used as a go-between. I should not, in any event, be inclined at this stage to regard [redacted] expression of opinion as constituting a final barrier to a Security Service interview with Mrs. PHILBY, although it will no doubt have to be deemed a barrier unless he reconsiders it.

*G.R. Mitchell*

D.  
28.12.53

G.R. Mitchell

404.

29.12.53.

Ext. from D.1.A. interview with Mrs. BASSETT ment. PHILBY.

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1.1.54. Extract from Who's Who re. BIRCH.

407a.

409.

1.1.54. D.1.A. note re. Dr. STEAUSS.

409a.

410.

4.1.54. D.1 note on Mrs. PHILBY's alleged telegram from PHILBY on 6 Sept 53.

411.

5.1.54. D.1.A. note further to 410a.

411a

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PHILBY

412.

D.D.G. *Robertson*  
7/1

You will wish to see Miss McBarnet's comment at 411a on Aileen PHILBY's story

I think there can now be little doubt that the story of the telegram is a figment of Mrs. PHILBY's imagination. I am inclined myself to think that the reason for her having invented this story is that it is a reflection of some still greater fear - or possibly knowledge - which is worrying her. If our hypothesis about PHILBY is right, I find it very difficult to believe that Mrs. PHILBY knows nothing about it, and this I think may well go some way to explain the deterioration in her mental condition.

I am therefore even more in favour of arranging for her to be seen by a Security Service officer, if the medical objections can be overcome.

*J. C. Robertson*  
J. C. Robertson.

D.I.  
6.1.54.

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*5/1*  
D.L.A./E.McB.

Please see recent serials in this file.

*G.R. Mitchell*

G.R. Mitchell.

D.  
15.1.54.

420.

27.1.54. D. note re interview with [redacted] on 26.1.54 concerning recent developments in, and future handling of, Mrs. PHILBY's case.

420a.

421.

D.D.G.

*Handl. 27/1*  
Please see note at 420a. In effect the medical ban is on again.

*G.R. Mitchell*

G.R. Mitchell.

D.  
27.1.54.

422.

6.2.54. WORTH report.

422a.

423.

15.2.54. Telecheck on PEACH mentioning possibility of BBC post and discussion of security problem with Captain Liddell.

423a.

424.

~~17.2.54. D. note re discussion with Captain Liddell over line to be taken concerning PHILBY's security clearance, if approached.~~

424a.

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**SECRET**

NAME: PEACH

Tel. No.: MOU 8325

Responsible Section: D.1.a.

T.C. No.: 2510

Date : 14.2.54.  
15.2.54.  
(Part One.)



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Nothing to report.  
(Party line calls only.)

14.2.54.

15.2.54.

Outgoing call from KIM for HONEY on FRE 0373. STEVENSON asked him to ring FRE 8763 and added "that is his number now." KIM said "Of course it is. Yes, he's changed it. I remember now."

11.02.

PF 604.643-HONEY.

Outgoing call from KIM to HONEY, who thanked him for his letter. KIM asked about the journey, their health and the weather in Spain. HONEY asked after CONNIE, and how things were going. KIM said on the JUSTIN business, he had reached a decision. There had been no quarrel between them but their ideas were so different that there was no point in their carrying on in collaboration. There was also a certain amount of temperamental incompatibility. After discussing it further with HONEY, KIM would like to write him to this effect. He imagined that JUSTIN would be quite relieved also - he (J.) had made no attempt to contact him for 4 weeks.

KIM told him about the B.B.C., the News Chronicle and that he was in touch with a couple of Advertising firms. Things were boiling up a bit. HONEY asked if he had been in touch with LIONEL HALE. KIM said, no but agreed that perhaps he should - he would be quite influential. He had, however, approached an old friend, who was in the political side of the B.B.C. because the job would be in the News Division. He wondered if "our old friends" would stymie it because the B.B.C. presumably had some kind of Government tie up.

H. That's something we ought to have a talk about because it might be a moment now, with GUY in his new capacity to come out in the open and have a heart to heart talk - which I think I can do without any embarrassment to him.

K. Yes, I see, yes. I'm heartedly sick of it all anyway. We'll see.

H. It's a thing - one wants to get that pretty well tied up. It would be a b----- nuisance if you got the whole thing fixed and then that did -

D/SAD  
17/21

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K. Yes, yes, yes.

H. It might be as well to get down to that fairly quickly.

K. Yes. O.K.

They discussed when they could meet. KIM said evenings this week were rather booked up. HONEY agreed to lunch with him at 1 at the Athenaeum on Wednesday. He advised him, in the meantime, to turn over the question of having a word with GUY. In reply to HONEY, KIM said GERALD had not drawn up the contract (JUSTIN) which was just as well in the circumstances. HONEY asked after AILEEN and the children. KIM said he was going there this evening. Things were better in that direction. They would discuss it all when they met.

11.18. +

Outgoing call from PEACH booking a table at the Athenaeum for two on Wednesday.

11.24.

Incoming call to KIM from CONNIE, who was in Dickens and Jones. KIM told her that he had telephoned HONEY and that they were to lunch on Wednesday. CONNIE hoped that would not spoil their evening with PAT. KIM was sure it would not. He said as he would be in the Times building seeing OLIVER WOODS, he thought he would call to see some other people. CONNIE said it was a splendid idea. He would look forward to seeing her tomorrow evening.

11.57.

JW.

422a

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 You may just care 00.51.  
 to see this if you have time.  
 m.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ was here with AILEEN. The latter was obviously telling her about her matrimonial difficulties. The conversation was very fair and largely inaudible throughout. AILEEN remained calm and pleasant and there were frequent bursts of laughter. \_\_\_\_\_ was heard on several occasions suggesting they had another brandy.

KIM's name was mentioned repeatedly. \_\_\_\_\_ accused AILEEN of being extravagant. She tried to confute this statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ said AILEEN must admit that when they were \_\_\_\_\_ she was hard on KIM. She often thought that she had not given him a fair deal. AILEEN spoke in her defence but was unintelligible. There was mention of drunkenness. \_\_\_\_\_ repeated that she had often wondered how AILEEN could tolerate KIM "like that." AILEEN said \_\_\_\_\_ did not know what he had done to her. \_\_\_\_\_ thought that AILEEN had provoked him. She added that after all, KIM was living with "this woman" and as he did not want to marry her, he could not be "married on her."

AILEEN talked about DORA. She said on the day \_\_\_\_\_ she and KIM were married, she had remarked how much she liked his Mother. He had told her she was a fool to like her - "she was the biggest b----- bitch he had ever met."

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They spoke about the effect this present arrangement was having on the children. AILEEN thought that a good job abroad would be a solution.

\_\_\_\_\_ said there was a chink in KIM's armour if he did not want a divorce. There could be no permanency in his mind in connection with this affair. AILEEN was sure it was only the children which put him against a definite break. \_\_\_\_\_ told her to go on being patient and charming, which she could be when she wished. They discussed AILEEN's bad temper. \_\_\_\_\_ gave her some inaudible advice. She later said that KIM obviously did not want to marry this woman but she could not see what was in his mind. She advised AILEEN to hang on. She should sell this house but not move too far away.

02.46.

\_\_\_\_\_ suddenly realised the time - she had to go to work tomorrow. AILEEN commented that she had got to be alert too - she was seeing her lawyer about the house. She passed some remark, they both laughed and went out of the room.

JW.

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420a

NOTE.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

a new turn had developed in Kim PHILBY's relations with his wife. During the past few weeks the drunken brutality with which he had been treating her has given place to kindness. He is seeing more of her although still living apart during most of the week, and his attitude is quite different from before. Mrs. PHILBY is radiantly happy at this development and hopes now to make a go of the marriage after all. In the present very delicate relationship between husband and wife, \_\_\_\_\_ thought that it would be dangerous to inject new emotional matter into it by an interview with Mrs. PHILBY in which the issue at stake would be the loyalty of her husband to his country. I said that I thought his opinion unchallengeable and that I did not expect the Security Service to challenge it. I was fortified in taking this view by the consideration that the chances of Mrs. PHILBY saying something derogatory of her husband (even if she knows anything substantial, which I doubt), which was always a slender chance, has dwindled to vanishing point in the new circumstances.

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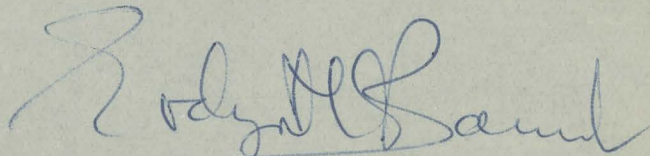
With reference to Mr. Robertson's note of 4.1.1954. I can make the following comments:-

On the 1 September, 1953 Aileen PHILBY left Rickmansworth to go to stay with Lady FFOULKES, Elmsley, Yoxford, Suffolk. Before leaving she asked the Rickmansworth Police to keep an eye on the house while she was away. She took the younger children with her and Josephine was staying with her grandmother Mrs. ALLEYNE in London.

From the 1 September, 1953 until 7 September, 1953 there was nothing to report on the Chorley Wood telephone line. At 19.16 hours on the 7 September, 1953, the child Josephine rang up and spoke to her mother at Rickmansworth and at 20.18 hours Kim PHILBY rang up to ask Aileen about the holiday and about everyone's health. It would appear from this last conversation that although Kim PHILBY was away from his office during the time Aileen was staying in Suffolk, they were not together. It is thought, but cannot be positively stated, that Kim PHILBY was away on a motoring holiday with Constance ASHLEY JONES.

There is no record whatsoever of the telegram which Aileen PHILBY has alleged that she received on the telephone on the evening of the 6 September and there is no doubt that had such a call been received it would have been recorded. It appears to me that this whole story is a figment of Aileen PHILBY's imagination.

It may be worth recording that not very long after this, in fact on the 20 September, 1953., Aileen PHILBY told her mother that she had been bothered by the press on the subject of Melinda MACLEAN's disappearance. She told her mother a complicated story about receiving two press telephone calls and trying to get in touch with Kim at the Athenaeum and at his mother's flat. None of these alleged calls are recorded either on the cylinders or in the notes of the preceding week and it would seem that the whole story was a fantasy.



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NOTE.

Aileen PHILBY then said that she had indeed something on her mind, and related the following story.

According to her, she and PHILBY were staying in the first week of September with some friends in Suffolk (whose name Elliott did not know). On 6 September she and PHILBY separated and she herself returned to her home at Rickmansworth. She did not know where PHILBY went. On the evening of 6 September, between 6 and 6.30 p.m., she received a telephone call apparently from the local exchange, informing her that there was a telegram for her, which they then read out. Its text was:-

"SOURPUSS BE GOOD. LOOK AFTER THE CHILDREN. WILL LET YOU KNOW NEWS LATER BUT DON'T LET LADS KNOW YET. ANGEL."

This Mrs. PHILBY interpreted at the time as an announcement by her husband that he was fleeing abroad or had already done so. the terms "SOURPUSS" and "ANGEL" were intimate nicknames used by herself and PHILBY for each other.

She had added that the operator, having read out the text of the telegram, asked whether written confirmation was required. No such confirmation arrived. So far as she could recollect the voice and manner of the speaker on the telephone were characteristic of any ordinary exchange operator.

AF 604,692.

Eileen PHILBY, shortly after PHILBY's removal from M.I.6, had tried to get a job for PHILBY in MARKS & SPENCERS through a senior member of that firm whom she knew. She had been more or less promised a job for him, but had later been told that the person she had first approached had since talked to Flora SOLOMONS, the outcome being that no vacancy could be found for PHILBY.

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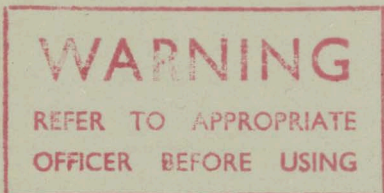
STRAUSS, Eric Benjamin.

Of middle European  
extraction.

In the "trade" his  
integrity, patriotism and  
general character are rated to  
be very good.

*E. McBarnet*

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Extract from Who's Who re. Francis Lyall BIRCH.

BIRCH, Francis Lyall, C.M.G. 1945; O.B.E. (1919); M.A.; F.R.Hist.S.; attached to a Dept. of Foreign Office since 1939; Lt-Comdr. R.N.V.R.; author, producer, and actor; b. 5 Dec. 1889; 3rd s. of John Arden Birch and the late Viscountess Barrington; m. 1919 Vera Benedicta Gage, sister of Viscount Gage, q.v. Educ.: Eton; King's College, Cambridge. Exhibitioner in Modern Languages, 1909; Foundation Scholar in History, 1911; 1st class Part I. of the Historical Tripos, 1911; 1st class Part II., 1912; Winchester Reading Prize, 1912. Served with the Navy, 1914 - 1916, Channel, Atlantic, and Dardanelles; Naval Intelligence Division, 1916 - 1919; Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, 1915 - 1934; Lecturer in History at Cambridge University, 1921 - 1928. Publications: Mountebanks, a play in 3 acts; Life's a Dream, a translation from Calderon (with J.B. Trend); This Freedom of Ours, 1937. Recreation: Sailing. Address: 11, Montpelier Walk, Knightsbridge, S.W. 7. Tel.: Kensington 0561.

He died 14.2.56 - See '67 Burke's Peerage - under  
Viscount GAGE.

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Extract from D. 1. A. re. interview with Mrs. BASSETT ment. PHILBY.

Mrs. BASSETT is aware, of course, that Guy was a member of the Communist Party whilst at Cambridge; she believed him when he said that he had left the Party and accepted his reasons for doing so. These were that he could not stand the purge which had taken place in the Soviet Union. She was unable to connect Guy with Donald MACLEAN in any way at all, except by reason of a possible association at Cambridge and in the United States through Guy's friendship with Alan MACLEAN. She mentioned that whilst in Washington there was some question as to whether Mrs. BASSETT would be happier staying with the PHILBYs than at a hotel, a question which was resolved by her going to a hotel; but this was not a good enough opportunity for me to embark upon an interrogation of Mrs. BASSETT about her relationship or her conversations with Aileen PHILBY.

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Eric Benjamin STRAUSS.

4013  
He ne 18/12

Information from Medical Directory and Who's Who.

Born London 18 February 1894.

Address: 45 Wimpole Street, W.1 - telephone WEL 3676.

Works in Department of Phys. Psych. Medecine, St Bartholomew Hospital. Various consultant jobs also.

Educated Oundle, University College School, New College, Oxford, and Kings College Hospital.

Served in Middlesex Regiment (Captain) 1914-18.

Matriculated New College, Oxford, 1918, B.A. 1921, M.A. 1930.

Studied psychological medecine at Marburg University, 1926.

Author of various textbooks on neurology, neuropsychiatry, etc.

Recreations include music, foreign travel, mountain walking.

Unmarried.

Clubs: Savile, Royal Automobile.

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✓ P.F. 604,584. PEACH.

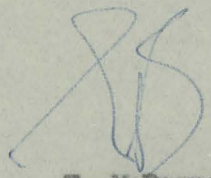
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RALPH (REES).  
SONNING 3197.

This telephone number is used by Goronwy REES who was a close friend and associate of Guy BURGESS. The check has produced useful information and we should, therefore, like to retain it.

PEACH (PHILBY).  
ROTHERFIELD 403.

This telephone number is used by H.A.R. PHILBY who was a close friend and associate of Guy BURGESS and who is himself suspected of being a Soviet agent. The check provides valuable information about his current activities and employment and we should, therefore, like to retain it.



E. McBarnet.

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For P.A. in PF. 604,582 BLUNTEN  
PF. 604,583 REES  
PF. 604,584 PEACH ✓  
Original in PF. 604,597 PROCTOR  
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Extract from interview with PROCTOR on 25.11.53

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I saw PROCTOR at the Ministry of Transport in the presence of Sir Gilmour Jenkins on 25.11.53.....

PROCTOR knew Kim PHILBY as he knew Goronwy REES, slightly, through their friendship with BURGESS.....

D.  
3.12.53

G.R. Mitchell

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NAME: PEACH

T.C. No.: 2510

Tel. No.: MOU 8525

Date: 26.11.53.

Responsible Section: D.I.a.

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Incoming call to KIM from CONNIE. They arranged to meet in the Ladies' Annexe at 12.50.

N.T.S.

Outgoing call from PEACH to Bookham (Surrey) 2560 to TAYLOR. He said that the latter had wanted him to 'phone before their lunch date tomorrow. TAYLOR said their lunch was today. PEACH had his dates mixed - it would be all right today. TAYLOR said his colleague, HUMPHREYS, would be there but OWEN had had to cry off - he had to attend a funeral. TAYLOR had arranged with his (OWEN's) secretary, that PEACH should ring him and go to see him at his office. TAYLOR had tried to reach him at the Int. Corps (?) Party a few weeks ago. PEACH would be at the L'Escargot at 1. TAYLOR said that the job which OWEN had in mind was to do with Spain. PEACH said it would only take him a week to polish up his Spanish. They chatted about PEACH's father.

10.23.

Outgoing call from KIM to ABB 7000/1402 to PAT MILNE (his sister). He told her that TAYLOR had asked him to switch dates and lunch with him today! PAT said she was quite relieved - she was extremely busy. They agreed, instead, to lunch next Tuesday.

10.27.

Outgoing call from KIM to CONNIE to tell her about the two previous calls. (He did not admit his mistake to her either.)

10.43.

Outgoing call from PEACH to the Athenaeum cancelling his reservation for lunch today. He booked a table for 3 for next Tuesday.

10.45.

Outgoing call from KIM to CONNIE to suggest going to a cinema this evening. CONNIE was willing but was obviously not keen. KIM said he was feeling a bit low. CONNIE said she would come home and if they could not get over it in any other way, then they would go out. She asked about his lunch. KIM thought it awfully boring but the job, if it came off, sounded awfully interesting. It was an International

/Organisation



Organisation of people who insure export credits of all kinds. They were looking for a secretary-general to organise the thing on International lines with departments in France, Spain, Germany, Sweden and elsewhere. The salary was about £2,500 but he thought it was completely outside his field. CONNIE would get home as early as possible.

16.23.

Incoming call from CONNIE to ask if KIM would really like to go to a film. KIM had only thought it a "good way out" but he would prefer her to come home if she was prepared for "rather a gloomy boy." CONNIE said she would soon tackle that.

16.31.

JW.

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E.S.C.R.NOTE ON THE CASE OF H.A.R. PHILBY.

H.A.R. PHILBY was the M.I.6 representative in Washington when MACLEAN and BURGESS disappeared on 25 May 1951.

While on Foreign Service duty in Washington in 1950/51, BURGESS had been staying with PHILBY, whom he had known intimately since the time when both men were at Cambridge in 1930/33.

It will be remembered that MACLEAN was under investigation on suspicion of espionage at the time of his disappearance, which took place shortly before he was to have been interrogated. Since information received shortly after the disappearance gave ground for strong suspicion that BURGESS had himself been a spy, early attention was given to the possibility that a leakage might have taken place while he was staying with PHILBY in Washington, and that PHILBY might have been responsible for it.

The examination of PHILBY's career which followed led to suspicion that he had been consciously responsible for the leakage. The suspicion rested on the following facts among others:-

1. Though probably not a member of the Communist Party, PHILBY was nevertheless a Communist by conviction while at Cambridge.
2. He married in 1934 a certain Alice FRIEDMANN, an Austrian Communist.
3. PHILBY was a partner in 1934 with a certain Peter SMOLLETT @ SMOLKA, a Communist journalist later discovered to have been closely associated with BURGESS in circumstances suggesting that he was a party to the latter's espionage.
4. In 1936 PHILBY joined the Anglo-German Fellowship and in so doing went through a form of renouncing his former Communist beliefs. This coincided with a similar outward (and certainly not genuine) disillusionment with Communism on the part of BURGESS and MACLEAN.
5. In 1937 PHILBY went to Spain, where he attached himself to the headquarters of General FRANCO and obtained the appointment of "Times" correspondent.

According to information supplied by the Soviet intelligence defector KRIVITSKY, the Russians recruited in 1937 a young British journalist, to whom was to be given the task of proceeding to Spain with the ultimate object of assassinating General FRANCO.

KRIVITSKY's evidence fitted PHILBY very closely, and it has so far been possible to find no other candidate whom it so fits.

6. In the same year, PHILBY separated from his first wife, the former Alice FRIEDMANN. There are however strong grounds for supposing that the separation was an outward one only and was designed to coincide with the other deliberately contrived evidence of PHILBY having renounced Communist sympathies.
7. In September 1945 a certain Constantin VOLKOV, a cipher clerk in the Soviet Consulate at Istanbul, offered to defect. He produced a sample of information which he would supply in return for a large money payment. This included the assertion that the "Departmental Head of the British Counter-espionage Directorate in London" was a Soviet spy.

PHILBY was at this time head of Section IX of M.I.6, the section charged with the investigation of Soviet espionage. PHILBY was one of a very small number of persons informed of the VOLKOV affair, and was selected to travel immediately to Istanbul to investigate. He arrived there on 28.9.45, but on 26.9.45 VOLKOV had been removed from Istanbul in a Soviet military aircraft.

VOLKOV's removal must have been due to a leakage, and PHILBY must come under strong suspicion of responsibility for it.

8. MACLEAN and BURGESS disappeared at a time when, according to the information available in Washington in a very small circle including PHILBY, MACLEAN was due to be interrogated on 24 or 25 May 1951. The disappearance was on 25 May. It appeared probable therefore that MACLEAN was warned at the last moment and at short notice. The Washington information was however not up to date, in that by 24 May it had been decided in London to postpone the interrogation of MACLEAN until 18 - 25 June. These facts suggested that if a leakage in fact took place, it took place more probably in Washington than in London.

PHILBY should be interrogated by a barrister of standing formerly employed by the Security Service during the war, but who at the time in question was not connected with either this Service or M.I.6. On 12 December 1951 PHILBY was accordingly questioned on the whole of the evidence against him. The conclusion reached by the interrogator was:-

"That PHILBY is and has for many years been a Soviet agent and that he was directly and deliberately responsible for the leakage which in fact occurred."

This finding was not and still is not susceptible of definite proof. Since his interrogation, however, PHILBY has given us no information to offset the evidence against him; nor have continued enquiries into the circumstances of the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN led to the discovery of any new facts tending either to prove or to disprove the case.

In July 1951 PHILBY was asked to resign from M.I.6, his position there having become untenable because of his close association with BURGESS immediately before the latter's disappearance.

Since that time, although PHILBY has had some financial support from his father, H. St. John PHILBY, he has found it difficult to obtain continuous or sufficiently well-paid employment. It is also known that he had had matrimonial difficulties. The possibility must therefore be recognised that, his M.I.6 career being ended and his prospects in other directions being uncertain, he might decide to depart to the Soviet Union or other Iron Curtain territory, with or without the assistance of the Russian Intelligence Service.

Should PHILBY decide to take this step, nothing could be done legally to prevent him going. The circumstantial evidence against him is far from being sufficient to form the basis of a charge under the Official Secrets Acts, and no powers exist whereby he could be detained. To issue general instructions to Immigration Officers and Police at the ports to report should he seek to leave would do no more than ensure early news of his departure, and would considerably increase the likelihood that the security interest in him would become public knowledge. This latter risk would be increased still further should the security authorities of European countries be asked to assist in finding him. It is suggested that, should the suspicions against him coupled with his past association with BURGESS be publicised in the press, this would do serious harm by reviving the misgivings expressed on both sides of the Atlantic in consequence of the BURGESS and MACLEAN affair.

Our conclusion therefore is that PHILBY may at any time seek asylum in an Iron Curtain country, that no legal powers exist to prevent him doing this, and that to seek the aid of the police or immigration authorities or of the security authorities of other countries would not only serve no useful purpose, but would invite widespread and undesirable publicity.

26 November 1953.

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NOTE.

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Mrs. PHILBY has recently become increasingly convinced of PHILBY's "guilt".

she was filled with increasing misgivings lest PHILBY might make his way to Russia. Her reasons for thinking in this way had not been made very clear, but appeared to be as follows:-

1. In her opinion and that of her psychiatrist, PHILBY had by a kind of mental cruelty to her "done his best to make her commit suicide".
2. During recent weeks there has been a change in PHILBY's manner. He has seemed somewhat more buoyant, and has shown this by (for example) giving expensive presents to his children.
3. PHILBY has not been in the habit of telling Mrs. PHILBY much if anything about his movements. Before last weekend, however, he departed from his habit, by telling her of his intention to spend the weekend in Nottingham with a certain James LEES, a former Cambridge friend of his, known to Mrs. PHILBY to be (or to have been) a Communist, and to have been acquainted with BURGESS.
4. Mrs. PHILBY said that she had been in the habit of keeping PHILBY's passport "under the mattress". It was not there now, and she did not know where it was. Elliott thought that by this obscure
5. Mrs. PHILBY considered that PHILBY was a man who could not live without adulation. He was unlikely to get it here, and might therefore seek it in the Soviet Union.

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These were, as I understood the position, the principal grounds for Mrs. PHILBY's fears.

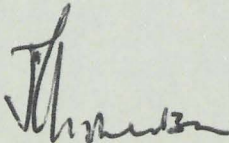
I consulted A.2.A. at the office and Miss McBarnet. It was established that the telephone check on Miss Constance ASHLEY JONES (PHILBY's mistress) showed that she had recently been enquiring about trains to Nottingham (it was also established this morning from the same source, that Miss ASHLEY JONES had told friends that she had seen PHILBY off to Nottingham on the morning of 22 November 1953).

After I had discussed the position with D and with Mr. Skardon, D and I agreed that no action should be taken beyond what I had already done in the office, which was to reimpose telephone checks on all members of the PHILBY family in London, and to arrange for them to be monitored over the weekend. The principal reasons for this decision were:-

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1. No new fact had emerged from Mrs. PHILBY's information to suggest that PHILBY was more likely to leave the country during this weekend, than he had been earlier, when he had had just as much opportunity.
2. To circularise the ports through Special Branch, or to make enquiries through the police in Nottingham, would have risked an extension of the knowledge of our particular interest in PHILBY, which would in itself be most undesirable unless justified by very strong reasons not now present.

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22.11.53.

Outgoing call from CONNIE to LILY. She told her that she had just been to see KIM off to Nottingham - he had gone for a couple of days. CONNIE added that her brother and his wife were coming here to stay for two days. She did not expect them until early evening. She accepted LILY's invitation to lunch and would go along straight away.

12.12.

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Incoming call from JENNY (NAISMITH) to ask KIM to do a book review. KIM said he was going away for 3 days from Sunday but he could easily take the book with him. She would post it to the Athenaeum. 12.31.

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Extract from T/C on Chorley Wood 97 re. PEACH's job.

Outgoing call from AILEEN to HAZEL, who she was meeting for a shopping tour tomorrow. AILEEN said she was meeting KIM at DORA's at 6 prior to going out to dinner (at MICHAEL IONIDIS. 20.16.

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Extract from T/C on MOU.8325 re. PEACH's job.

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Outgoing call from KIM to REG 5215 to MICHAEL IONIDES.  
KIM apologized and said he had been struck down with Influenza  
and so would have to call this evening off. He added that  
it was a mild form and he was sure he would be all right by  
Monday evening. (MICHAEL's dinner party.)

16.23.

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Original from: T/C on Chorley Wood 97. Under Ref: 2193. Dated: 26.10.53.

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Extract from T/C ment. PEACH.

of an individual  
file owner

Incoming call to AILEEN from MICHAEL IONIDES, who said he had spoken to KIM this morning. MICHAEL invited her and KIM to dinner on Monday next. He and KIM would have to talk shop for a while. AILEEN would love to accept providing she could get a baby-sitter. She would ask KIM to let him know later.  
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Outgoing call from KIM to MICHAEL IONIDES at REG 5215. KIM ~~xxxx~~ apologised and said he was anxious to answer his invitation to a Cocktail Party but he had lost it and could not remember the date. MICHAEL told him that it was on Friday the 30th. KIM accepted but said AILEEN was a doubtful starter - it was a question of sitters-in etc. KIM said about the other matter, he was rather booked up in the evenings this week but was free any evening next week. MICHAEL suggested next Monday tentatively - he was not sure about PEGGY's plans.

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Ext. from T/C on PEACH.

25.10.53.

Outgoing call to DORA from KIM to tell her that CONNIE would like to take her out to dinner this evening. DORA thought that a lovely idea - CONNIE should come to the flat about 6.30 for a drink first. KIM would arrange with CONNIE where they would be and he would join them for a coffee about 9 on his return from Heronsgate. DORA told him that his father had been very touched at his not sending him the school bills. In future, he would give KIM, through DORA, £100 every term. KIM said: "Oh! No Mother, that's too good of him; that's quite absurd." DORA assured him that would be all right - she had plenty at the moment.  
10.42.

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SECRET

NAME: PEACH

T.C. No.: 2510

Tel. No.: MOU 8325

Date: 21.10.53.

Responsible Section: B.2.a.



28 OCT 1953

Outgoing call from KIM to AILEEN. He said he had 'phoned to ~~say~~ tell her that he thought nothing would come of the BRAITHWAITE business. AILEEN said it was a good thing in a way, now that he was doing something he liked in writing the film script. KIM agreed but said it would have been nice all the same. He said how nice they had all been but their particular interest was in engineering people with specialised skill. They had advised him to try Merchant Banking and had offered introductions. AILEEN said she was awfully sorry if he was disappointed. KIM said he was only a bit bored and fed up with trying in vain. He told her that the MICHAEL (IONIDES) business was fixed up apart from the terms. He was thinking of asking for a small retainer and say fifteen guineas for each consultation.

KIM said he had lunched today with NICK. The latter had been awfully ill after their evening (last Wednesday.) AILEEN said she was not surprised. KIM agreed and said he had felt a bit seedy too.

KIM asked after HARRY. He would be down for lunch tomorrow. (Their conversation was extremely amicable.)

16.42.

Outgoing call from KIM to HONEY, who, it seemed, had been to yet another specialist and he was to have an operation in the near future.

HONEY had seen GERALD last night and they had discussed KIM's opus. GERALD wanted the name of JUSTIN's agent. KIM said it was TENNANT. HONEY went on to pour out advice.

KIM was seeing JUSTIN tomorrow agreed to try to call in to see HONEY on Friday evening.

17.31.

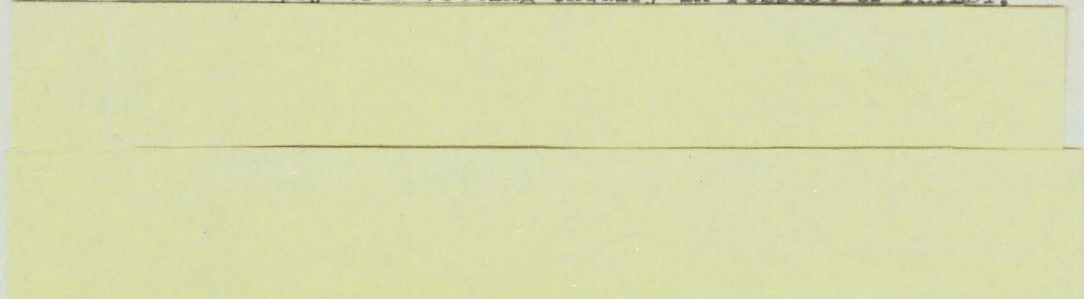
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Note for P.F.604,584.

A meeting took place in the D.D.G's room this afternoon to discuss the possible implications of H.A.R. PHILBY being employed as International Advisor to S.B.A.C., and what action, if any, should be taken by this office. Present were Mr. Hollis, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Furnival Jones, Mr. Simkins and Miss McBarnet.

Mr. Furnival Jones expressed the view that a quite serious security risk did exist. He explained that the S.B.A.C. was in possession of exceedingly important secret information about aircraft construction. Mr. Bowyer, who deals with security matters and is our contact in S.B.A.C., has stated that he personally finds the volume and importance of the information that comes their way alarming. Mr. Furnival Jones said that he thought that PHILBY's job would start by his being merely a consultant on international affairs for IONNIDES but, in his opinion, PHILBY would soon be in direct contact with other people and would be regarded by them as entirely reliable as a source and as a recipient of information. He would, in effect, become a member of a very exclusive club where the exchange of high level secret information was a matter of course. Mr. Furnival Jones thought that it was preferable that a stop should be put to this employment before it reached the point where we should have to reply to a vetting enquiry in respect of PHILBY.



*Evelyn McBarnet*  
E. McBarnet.

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22.10.53.

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## EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No.: PF. 604,584 Name: PEACH  
 Original in File No. \*: PF. 604,584 Supp Z Serial: 908 Vol.: 17 Receipt Date: 20.10.53  
 Original from: T.C. on PEACH Under Ref.: Dated: 19.10.53  
 Extracted on: 22.10.53 by: FL Section: B2A

Outgoing call from KIM to CONNIE to tell her that as far as he was concerned, BRAITHWATE(s were not any good. They thought he would be absolutely marvellous as a Merchant banker and were prepared to introduce him to hundreds of people. All the same, he would keep in contact with them. It was disappointing but he had had a good lunch. at L'Escargot's. CONNIE asked about the other thing (MICHAEL IONIDES.) KIM said they had agreed to a retaining fee and expenses and a consultation fee but as the head man was away, the actual levels would have to be discussed on his return. KIM was pleased about it - it should be fairly easy and of interest. CONNIE asked if, on the whole, he was disappointed about BRAITHWAIT. KIM said he was a bit but it had it's compensations. He had been rather afraid of an offer of a dull, second rate administrative job, which would have taken all his time as he would have been impelled to take it. They had asked him who he knew and had mentioned all kinds of names which he had come across during the war. They proposed introducing him to people in the Merchant banking world. The latter were involved in all sorts of political issues and so it could be interesting. He would wait now to see if they got into touch with him again.

15.41.

Outgoing call from KIM to report to DORA. He said he was afraid that TAYLOR had nothing for him directly but he had been very friendly and pleasant. He had thought that KIM had a future in the Merchant Banking world and so was going to invite him and Banking friends for lunch, from time to time, at L'Escargot's. KIM might then get in and be offered a position.

KIM asked his Mother not to indicate that he was disappointed in any way, when she lunched with TAYLOR on Friday. He added that they (TAYLOR and HUMPHREYS) had asked him why he had left the F.O. KIM had replied honestly and told them straight out.

/DORA

DORA was glad of that. She asked about the IONIDES thing. KIM said that was on but the rates of payment would have to be discussed later.

DORA said a man by the name of WREN had rung up for him and asked who he was. He had been most anxious to get into touch with KIM and left a Paddington number. KIM told her that he was the Shell man.

KIM said that incidentally, when she saw MARTIN, she should try to find out something about HOOVER's visit to Persia. It would be most interesting. DORA was seeing him this evening and although MARTIN had retired, he would still be in touch.

16.27.

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Copy in P.F. 604,643. HONEY.  
 P.F. 604,687. COLLINS.  
 ✓ P.F. 604,684. PEACH.

P.F. 604,558/Supp. F/B. 2.B/E. McB.

16th October, 1953.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you very much for your letter of 12th October, 1953.

The possibility that there may be some connection between Mrs. MACLEAN's visit to Majorca and her subsequent disappearance is an idea that has already occurred to both of us. In this connection it is thought that Tomas HARRIS returned to the United Kingdom from Majorca shortly before 14th August, 1953. Mrs. DUNBAR and Mrs. MACLEAN went to Majorca at the end of July and returned to Geneva on 7.9.1953. It is possible that they might have met HARRIS in Majorca although we have no information that this is the case. This is a matter which we may be able to pursue when Mrs. DUNBAR returns to this country later this year. We have no information that BURGESS ever stayed in Majorca with HARRIS although he may well have done so as they were certainly friends.

It is, I think, important that we should know what \_\_\_\_\_ means by the story about PHILBY. I think it would be better that the question should not be taken up with \_\_\_\_\_ by correspondence but that he should be approached direct in New York. Our representative is very shortly leaving Washington to return to the United Kingdom and it may not be possible for him in the time available to arrange a visit to New York for this purpose.

If you agree perhaps you will telephone to me and I will write to our representative to let him know how the matter stands.

COLLINS of GOYA, Ltd. is Douglas R. COLLINS known to us as a friend of BURGESS' and who, since he happened to be in New York at the time, was interviewed in this connection by the F.B.I. in June, 1951. In the course of the interview he said that he believed BURGESS' closest friend was David FOOTMAN. COLLINS and his wife are known to be close friends of the PHILBYs. We do not know whether they know HARRIS but it is, of course, very probable that they do. We have no information to their personal detriment.

Yours sincerely,

E. McBarnet.

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 Original from : T.C. on PEACH Under Ref. : \_\_\_\_\_ Dated : 16.10.53  
 Extracted on : 22.10.53 by : PL Section : B.2.A.

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Incoming call to KIM from DORA, who asked about the party. KIM said it was very good and he (and AILEEN) had dined with

DORA said she had had a letter from TAYLOR inviting her to join him and his wife for lunch next Friday - "so it rather looks as if he does mean something, doesn't it?" He had told her that KIM was lunching with him on Monday.

KIM told her that he had met an old friend at the party - MICHAEL IONIDES (prev: thought to be ARMSTRONG), who was Secretary of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors. He was interested in getting hold of an outside consultant on International Affairs. He had asked if KIM would be interested and the latter was seeing him on Monday too. KIM commented that Monday was going to be a busy day all round. DORA said it was marvellous - "it is all popping up at the same time." KIM would ring her on Monday evening in order to tell her all about it.

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**SECRET**

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NAME: PEACH

T.C. No.: 2193

Tel. No.: Chorley Wood 97

Date: 15.10.53.

Responsible Section: B.2.a.

(Part One.)



15 OCT 1953

Incoming call from [redacted] to Mrs PEACH, who said she recognized his voice from last night. He asked for KIM. ALLEN said he would be back about 1.30. [redacted] said he would like to see him as soon as possible because he had a little proposition to put to him, which he thought and hoped would interest him. He continued that he would tell Mrs PEACH what it was because KIM would obviously wish to consult her. He added that he would like it kept confidential. Mrs PEACH said, of course and added that there was no need to tell her. [redacted] would like to tell her so that she could pass it on and it would give KIM time to think it over.

- A. This is the idea. As I said last night my concern is - part of my concern is with affairs - International affairs generally.
- P. M'm.
- A. And of course I meet a lot of people and so on. Now it would be very useful to me, to us here, if we could have an arrangement with KIM of a quite confidential kind, whereby we could call on him from time to time and talk these sort of things over in confidence, exchange ideas, you know?
- P. M'm.
- A. Because I am more or less by myself on it here, of course I talk to a lot of people but ~~think~~ they're all - they're not sort of inside the show at all and it would be very nice to - very useful, very valuable to us to be able to call on him for that kind of discussion. We haven't yet -
- P. It would be a kind of on call thing would it?
- A. That sort of thing, yes. I mean, we would meet at odd moments when stuff comes and we'd meet for a meal or -
- P. Well, he's a lot in London because most of his work happens to be up there. He'll be up there again this evening.
- A. Yes. It would be in a way on the sorts of subjects that he is interested in, in any case.
- P. Yes; well look MICHAEL where can he get hold of you?

[redacted] gave his number as [redacted]. He said he would not be in much for the rest of today. He would be in tomorrow morning - he had a meeting at 11. He would be at home at about 9 this evening. He wondered if he could see KIM tomorrow afternoon. ALLEN expected so.

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- A. It is just a little bit urgent because I have discussed this with the director here and he is quite agreeable in principle but he is going to America for nearly a month on Friday and I would like, if possible, to have had a talk with KIM and be able to tell him how things are going. We are completely blank about what sort of a fee or how it would be arranged.
- P. That is for you and KIM and the director - it sounds terribly interesting which is what -
- A. Well, I think it would be interesting to him because -
- P. It sounds just KIM's kind of cup of tea and it is very necessary for him to have his cup of tea at the moment. (They both laughed.)
- A. I'm sure he'd enjoy it because I think he would like TED and -
- P. And he can do it with other jobs can't he?
- A. Oh, of course. It will be a thing with no office hours or anything of that sort. It would just be an understanding between us that we should meet from time to time and talk these things over and do what he thinks.
- P. I think it is terribly nice of you to think of it. Frightfully good idea because nobody could be better.
- A. Well, no exactly. I mean it's - it's -
- P. I don't believe that's a very wifely remark. Perhaps I shouldn't have said that. (They laughed again.)

It was agreed that \_\_\_\_\_ should ring KIM ~~xxxx~~ between 1.30 and 7 today, when ALLEN said he would be definitely here. 11.33.

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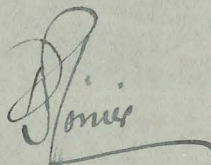
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PEACH.

5.10.53.

Assistants were standing by at this office from 8.30 a.m. and, as agreed, we suspended this case at 3.30 p.m.



D. Storrier.

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6.10.53.  
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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No. : P. F. 604, 584. Name : PHILBY.

Original in File No. : \* P. F. 604, 848. Serial : 18a. Vol : Receipt Date : 5. 10. 53.

Original from : M. I. 6. Under Ref : Dated : 2. 10. 53.

Extracted on : 12. 10. 53. by : E. S. Section : B. 2. B.

Extract from M. I. 6. letter re. de SALIS, ment, PHILBY.

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Incidentally, I have checked with Cruikshank about his list of officers, in addition to mine, who were given a warning on account of the previous close association in their work with PHILBY. De SALIS was on Cruikshank's list merely be virtue of having served in the same section as PHILBY.

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FF.604584.

PEACH.

3.10.53.

Assistants were standing by at this office from 8.30 a.m.

At 8.40 p.m. it was learned from the N.D.O. that PEACH had been at "Sunbox", was just leaving this address and making his way back to Northwood Hall to join his girl friend.

We took up observation at Baker Street Station and covered the trains arriving from Rickmansworth.

PEACH was not seen up to 11 p.m. when we withdrew from the Station.

*D. Storrier*

D. Storrier.

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6.10.53

B.2.A. (Mr. C.A.G. Simkins).

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PF.604584.

PEACH.

2.10.53.

Assistants were standing by at this office from 8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. when they left to cover the dinner engagement of PEACH at the Czech Restaurant, Edgware Road, W.1.

At 8.20 p.m. PEACH arrived with ASHLEY-JONES and a woman ("K") and went first to the cocktail lounge and then into the Music Room for dinner.

We were not able to overhear very much of their conversation owing to the deafening noise of the orchestra.

Reference was made quite often to Kim or Jim and also to Dorothy and the latter may well be the christian name of "K". We also heard "K" say, "When your terribly fond of someone and that person goes to bed with someone else its awfully difficult to imagine."

PEACH and his two friends remained in the restaurant until 11.50 p.m. and then travelled by taxi to Northwood Hall, arriving at 12.10 a.m., 3.10.53.

We remained until 12.45 a.m. but up to this time the woman "K" had not left.

"K" is described as:-

Looks 40. 5 ft.6/7ins. Slim build. Light brown hair, short curled ends. Oval face. Pale complexion. Small thin nose. Little make-up. Cultured voice. English. Dressed in grey skull cap, light grey fitted coat.

*Storrier*

~~D. Storrier.~~

B.5.

3.10.53.

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6-19-53

B.2.A. (Mr. C.A.G. Simkins).

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PF.604584.

PEACH.

1.10.53.

Assistants were standing by  
at this office from 8.30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

No information was received  
respecting PEACH'S movements during  
the day.

*Simkins*

D. Storrier.

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B.2.A. (Mr. D.L. Stewart).

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PF.604584.

PEACH.

30.9.53.

Observation was taken up at Northwood Hall at 8.45 a.m. and at 9.10 a.m. PEACH and ASHLEY-JONES left the flats, walked down to Archway Road and there boarded a No 134 bus travelling towards the West End.

At Tottenham Court Road, PEACH alighted and walked to the 'Spectator' offices 99, Gower Street, W.C.1. entering at 9.40 a.m.

He came out alone at 11 a.m., travelled by train to Baker Street where he booked to Rickmansworth and boarded the 11.23 a.m. train for that destination.

Our Assistants returned to this office and remained here until being informed by the N.D.O. at 9 p.m. that PEACH and his mother had left Rickmansworth at 8.45 p.m.

Trains arriving at Baker Street were covered up to 10.30 p.m. but PEACH was not seen. It is not known by which means of transport he was returning to London.

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NIGHT DUTY OFFICER'S REPORT.

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DATE.....30 Sept 1953..... TIME.....-..... REPORT No.....2.....

Message received from.....

Message taken by.....

Subject.....Movements of Peach.

~~Print~~  
~~Rec 765~~

**Summary of Message or Report:—**

8.45pm  
66450 B.4 A. Heard that Peach and mother had left country address.  
Informed B.5. who proposed taking up observation at Baker Street to check arrival.  
10.15pm B.5. phoned to say they had met all likely trains, no trace of Peach's. (Suggest possibility that they travelled By Green Line) Will not phone again unless they see them.

(Continue overleaf if necessary).

Action taken—

Original passed to.....  
~~B2A~~ ~~10/10~~

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Received by hand 30.9.53.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy  
1, Grosvenor Square  
London, W.1, England  
September 30, 1953

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No. 4624-65-745

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO:

Dear Mr. Reed,

RE: DONALD DUART MacLEAN, ET AL

Please refer to my letter of September 16, 1953, your reference PF.604584/B.2.B/RTR.

Alexander ORLOV was reinterviewed on August 27, 1953, at which time a photograph of H. A. R. (Kim) Philby, along with a number of other unlabeled photographs, was shown to him. He failed to recognize the photograph of Philby as that of an individual known to him, and no information was provided to him concerning Philby.

ORLOV was able to provide little further information concerning the individual KRAL, with alias Krum. He stated he had never seen KRAL and for that reason was unable to provide any physical description, or to describe any unusual characteristics or mannerisms of this individual.

He stated, however, that he remembers having seen a dark Latvian in the Russian Embassy in Paris in about 1936 and 1937. He said that since KRAL was reported to have been a Latvian, it is possible this individual whom he saw in Paris was KRAL. He described this person as probably in his thirties, height 6' 1", build slender, characteristics narrow, long and sharp face. He said the individual was a high-strung, nervous type, said he wore no glasses and dressed in dark clothing.

ORLOV noted that KRAL, who was also known under the name of KRUM, was the same individual that Walter Krivitsky claimed was sent to assassinate him in France. This incident is described by Krivitsky in his book "In Stalin's Secret Service". ORLOV noted KRAL was a Latvian, but had formerly been a professional safecracker and was reported to look like a Spaniard. He said KRAL planned to gain an audience with Franco under the pretext of being an inventor who had a special type of gas mask to sell. However, shortly after he entered Franco's territory, he was thrown out of the country for some reason ORLOV was not aware of.

ORLOV said that toward the end of 1937, but prior to November of that year, KISLOV, the chief resident NKVD agent in Paris, personally brought an individual to ORLOV in Spain under very secret conditions and requested ORLOV to put this individual in touch with Spanish anarchist leaders. ORLOV complied with this request by introducing the unknown individual to Garcia OLIVER, one of the anarchist leaders. After about one month, the individual

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left Spain and it was not until sometime later when ORLOV again saw KISLOV in Paris that KISLOV told him the individual had been sent by YEZHOF of the NKVD to make arrangements to assassinate Franco. ORLOV did not know what happened to change the plans of this man but did know he did not make any attempt on Franco's life. He described this man as follows: Age - about 42 in 1937; height - 5'9"; weight - 180 pounds; hair - black, wavy; eyes - dark brown; wore glasses; complexion - dark; build - very erect posture; broad shoulders; descriptive date - spoke Russian with a slight accent, appeared to be a Bulgarian and reputed to belong to the terrorist sect of Georgi DIMITROV.

ORLOV again repeated the information he previously furnished concerning the agent who was so close to Franco, that he saw him practically every day and could have easily killed him at any time it was desired. ORLOV did not know who this man was, but that either SLUTSKY or KISLOV of the NKVD had told him about him, and that he was a foreigner and not a Russian. ORLOV observed further evidence of the fact that the Soviets had a man close to Franco which became apparent to him when he received pieces of information that could have come from no other source. ORLOV speculated this man was probably too valuable to risk in an attempt on the life of Franco.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Philip O'Brien*  
J. Philip O'Brien  
Assistant Legal Attache

Mr. R. T. Reed  
Leconfield House  
Curzon Street  
London, W. 1

B.2.A. (Mr. D.L. Stewart).

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D.L. 30/9.

PF.604584.

PEACH.

29.9.53.

Assistants were standing  
by at this office from 8.30 a.m.  
to 9.30 p.m. when they were informed  
by the N.D.O. that PEACH was unlikely  
to leave his flat.

*Storrier*

D. Storrier.

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Peach is

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working late this  
evening (presumably  
at home) but will  
be leaving home  
tomorrow in time  
to reach the "Spectacle"  
office at 10.00 - from  
here will go to  
Baker St. Station to  
catch the 11.23 am.

NIGHT DUTY OFFICER'S REPORT.

DATE 29/9 TIME 1830 REPORT No. 1

Message received from B4E

Message taken by S. J. S. S. S.

Subject PEACH

**Summary of Message or Report:—**

B4E handed me the attached message (copy to R2A only) the contents of which I passed to BS. We agreed that BS should not stand down until it became clear that PEACH had settled in for the night.

B4E told me at 2100 that there was no further news of PEACH. I phoned BS & we agreed that they would stand down.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

*S. J. S.*

Original passed to B2A *Driscoll*

Copy to A.1.

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B.2.A. (Mr. D.L. Stewart).

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PF.604584.

PEACH.

28.9.53.

As from 8.30 a.m. Assistants were standing by at this office and at 10.40 a.m. they left to cover PEACH'S address after receiving information that he would be leaving home in about half an hour.

He was not seen to leave Northwood Hall up to 12.15 p.m. when we transferred observation to the Athenaeum and at 1.20 p.m. saw PEACH in his club in company with a man whom we presume to be John JUSTIN.

At 2.50 p.m. PEACH came to the door with his friend who walked away towards St. James's Street.

PEACH remained at the Athenaeum until 5.20 p.m. and at this time made his way to 47, Villiers Street, W.C.2., entering Gordon's Wine Cellar at 5.35 p.m. He was joined by ASHLEY-JONES and they remained there drinking until 6.15 p.m.

From Villiers Street they walked to 76, Old Compton Street, purchased a fairly large quantity of wines and foodstuffs at A Gomez ORTEGA's food and wine store and upon leaving travelled by taxi to Northwood Hall, arriving at 7.5 p.m.

Our Assistants returned to this office, informed the N.D.O. and remained on duty until 11 p.m. but received no further information.

For record purposes John JUSTIN is described as:-

Looks 30-35. 5 ft. 9-10 ins. Good build. Light brown to fair hair, slightly wavy. Tanned complexion. Clean shaven. Square face.

Dressed in brown tweed sports coat with centre vent, grey flannels, light tan casual shoes.

Carried flat light tan holder with initials 'J.J.' on top left hand corner.

*J. Jones*  
D. Storrier.

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F.153/35.  
29.9.53.

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*Seen  
was*

28th September 1953

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Re:- Motor Cars, N U L. 43 & 22574C(E.T).

N U L. 43

Morris Minor, black saloon, registered with London County Council and owned by ROBERT JAMES SHIPTON, 7 Eccleston Street, SW.1. KDB/10

22574C(E.T)

Studebaker, maroon saloon, registered with London County Council. This car was imported into this country on 27.7.1953 at King George V Dock, London, by THOMAS RUSSELL LITTLE, address in U.K., c/o Arab News Agency, London, W.C.2, home address, Flat 1, No.5 Sharia Mohamed Saqib Pasha, Cairo. The address c/o Arab News Agency, 26 Sherif Pasha, Cairo, also appears on the file for this vehicle.

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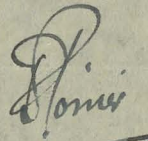
B.2.A. (Mr D.L. Stewart)

FF. 604584

PEACH

Our report F.153/31 dated 25.9.1953 refers.

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29.9.1953  
F.153/34

  
D. Storrier

923/8



**NIGHT DUTY OFFICER'S REPORT.**

366A

DATE..... 28/9 ..... TIME..... 1915 ..... REPORT No..... 3 .....

Message received from..... B.S. ....

Message taken by..... N.D.O. ....

Subject..... PEACH .....

**Summary of Message or Report:—**

PEACH has returned home

R. L. ...

(Continue overleaf if necessary).

Action taken—

Original passed to..... B.2.A. (Mr. Stewart) .....

Copy to A.1.

B.2.A. (Mr. D.L. Stewart).

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PEACH.

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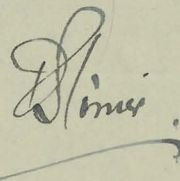
Assistants were standing by at this office from 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. By this time PEACH was known to be at Heronsgate with his wife.

27.9.53.

From 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. standing by at this office and at 4.30 p.m. we took up observation at Garden Lodge, Logan Place, W.8. as PEACH intended visiting HONEY there at about 5 p.m.

Information was received from the N.D.O. at 6 p.m. that PEACH had cancelled his appointment with HONEY and had gone out to visit a lady friend of ASHLEY-JONES.

We withdrew our Assistants at 9.15 p.m.



D. Storrier.

B.5.

28.9.53.

F.153/33.

922/11

NIGHT DUTY OFFICER'S REPORT.

for  
08/27/49  
364A

DATE 26.9.53.....

TIME 0<sup>3</sup>55.....

REPORT No. 1.....

Message received from B4B.....

Message taken by N.D.O......

Subject PEACH.....

**Summary of Message or Report:—**

B4B monitor reported that PEACH was going into the country for the day - no further details known.

(Continue overleaf if necessary).

Action taken—

Informed B.5. accordingly

W.35. Arnold

✓ Original passed to B2A. Mr Stewart. 08.25/49.

Copy to A.1.

B.2.A. (Mr. D.L. Stewart).

*Dr. 27/9.*

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PF. 604584.

PEACH.

25.9.53.

8.30 a.m. standing by at office.

12.45 p.m. observation was taken up at the Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall and at 1.15 p.m. BLUNDEN entered. Shortly afterwards PEACH could be seen in the Club with BLUNDEN so that he must have entered before our arrival there at a quarter to one.

The two men left together at 2.45 p.m., parted outside and PEACH visited the National Gallery where he wandered about through the various rooms viewing the exhibits. He made no contacts and at 3.55 p.m. returned to his club.

At 5.35 p.m. his lady friend arrived, as anticipated, and PEACH met her on the steps. She handed him a well filled shopping bag which he left with the porter and then the two went round to the Three Crowns in Babmaes Street and each consumed two double whiskies.

They left the 'pub at 6.30 p.m. and entered the Plaza Cinema, sitting through a complete performance.

Upon leaving at 8.30 p.m. they returned to the Athenaeum to pick up the shopping bag and then travelled by 'bus to Northwood Hall, arriving at 9.10 p.m.

After contacting the N. D.O. observation was withdrawn.

ASHLEY-JONES is described as:-

Looks 40. 5 ft.8-9 ins. Slim build. Very fair hair, cut short and wavy. Oval face with thin mouth and good teeth which may be false. Fresh complexion with make-up. Dressed in light beige gabardine two-piece suit, yellow straw hat, pale yellow blouse, brown leather shoes with medium heels, nylons. Smart appearance. Carried black patent leather shopping bag with brass studs around edges.

*Storrier*

D. Storrier.

*PF 604 973 ASHLEY-JONES.*

B.5.  
28.9.53.  
F.153/32.

NIGHT DUTY OFFICER'S REPORT.

362A

DATE 25.9.53 TIME 2110 hrs REPORT No. 2

Message received from B.5

Message taken by N.D.O.

Subject PEACH

**Summary of Message or Report:—**

B.5 reported that PEACH had returned home from the pictures and was turning in.  
B.5 referred to his earlier observation.

(Continue overleaf if necessary).

W.S. Randall

Action taken—

✓ Original passed to B217 - Mr. Stewart 25.9.53

Copy to A.1.

B.2.A. (Mr. D.L. Stewart).

*Dr. 2079.*

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PF.604584.

PEACH.

24.9.53.

As from 8.30 a.m. Assistants were standing by at this office.

Upon hearing of PEACH'S intended visit to Marlborough Gate House, Lancaster Gate, W.2. we covered this address from 6 p.m. According to the directory there are four flats in the building so that we cannot be certain whether two motor cars parked outside were connected with the dinner party or not. These cars are N U L 43 and C.PRIVE, 22574 (E.T).

At 6.40 p.m. PEACH arrived alone, from the direction of Lancaster Gate Station, and entered the address.

By 8.20 p.m. we were able to see PEACH, two other men (one undoubtedly Christopher WREN) and a woman having dinner in flat 1 which is on the first floor.

PEACH left alone at 11.5 p.m., travelled by train and bus to Highgate, reaching Northwood Hall at 11.45 p.m.

Observation was withdrawn shortly afterwards.

*D. Storrier*

D. Storrier.

B.5.

25.9.53.

F.153/31.

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B.2.A. (Mr. D.L. Stewart).

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PF.604584.

PEACH.

23.9.53.

Observation was taken up at Northwood Hall at 7 a.m. and at 9 a.m. a man, believed to be PEACH, was seen in the flat dressed in pyjamas.

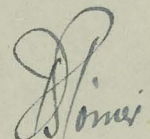
At 10.50 a.m. PEACH walked out of the main entrance carrying a suitcase and travelled by trolley-bus to Holloway Road, where he entered the Underground Station and continued his journey by train to Piccadilly.

PEACH arrived at his tailors, Henry Poole & Co., 37/38, Saville Row, W.1. at 11.35 a.m. and came out, still with his case, at 11.50 a.m. He travelled by 'bus to Drayton Gardens and entered Grove Court at 12.15 p.m.

At 2.15 p.m. PEACH left his mother's address and journeyed by 'bus to Archway Road, Highgate where he alighted and entered Northwood Hall by the rear entrance in Hornsey Lane. Gardens.

As agreed, we then withdrew observation and up to 9 p.m. Assistants were standing by at this office.

We had arranged to have Assistants available up to 11 p.m. but information was received from the N.D.O. that PEACH intended to retire early.



D. Storrier.

B.5.  
24.9.53.  
F.153/30.

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NIGHT DUTY OFFICER'S REPORT.

100 PEACH.

DATE 23 9 53 TIME 20 30 REPORT No. 4

Message received from B40

Message taken by M. T. E. CLAYTON

Subject PEACH

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**Summary of Message or Report:—**

PEACH is with his girl friend and intends to have an early night.

(Continue overleaf if necessary).

Action taken—

B.S. advised. w. N.D.O. instructions

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Night Duty Officer.

PEACH.

PEACH is under observation by B.5. For certain reasons, observation is not being maintained on his residence, but B.5. are notified whenever any information regarding PEACH's intended movements is received from the T.C., which is on monitor.

B.4.B. have been instructed to notify you on any information bearing on PEACH's movements. On receipt of such information, please telephone B.5. at GROsvenor 8192. The B.5. office will be manned until 11.00 p.m. each night unless special instructions are given to the contrary. (see below).

Should the B.5. staff be out covering PEACH at any time after office hours, and should they lose him, they will telephone you and ask whether you have received anything further in the meantime. In any event, they will telephone you before closing down at 11.00 p.m.

B.4.B. have also been instructed to give you any information indicating that PEACH has definitely settled for the night either at his home or somewhere else. In the event of such information being received, please telephone B.5. and tell them to stand down.

It is not particularly likely that PEACH will do anything out of the ordinary. Should he do anything which strikes either you or B.5. as unusual, I would be very grateful if you would telephone me at HADLOW (Kent) 315.

*DL*

D. L. Stewart.

B.2.A.  
23.9.53.

The B.5. Office will be manned again <sup>in</sup> the morning as from 8.30 a.m.

B.2.A. (Mr. D.L. Stewart).

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PF.604584.

PEACH.

22.9.53.

Observation was resumed at Northwood Hall at 7.15 a.m. Particular attention was paid to the 'bus stop in Archway Road and check made at the Green Line coach stop at Marble Arch when we learned of his proposed visit to Rickmansworth. Nevertheless PEACH had not been seen up to 12.45 a.m., 23.9.53, when we withdrew.

At 10.35 p.m. the lights were switched on in the flat and a man and woman could be seen moving about until the woman drew the curtains. They appeared to have just arrived home, the woman was wearing her out-door coat.

Neither could be seen clearly enough to identify but the man was about the same age and build as PEACH. All lights were extinguished when observation ceased.

*D. Storrier.*

D. Storrier.

B.5.  
23.9.53.  
F.153/29.

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B.2.A. (Mr. D.L. Stewart). *Di. 279.*

PF.604584.

PHILBY.

21.9.53.

*1 held B2A*

Observation was taken up at Northwood Hall, Hornsey Lane, N.6 at 6.45 p.m. and maintained to 11 p.m. but PHILBY was not seen.

Northwood Hall is a large block of flats with one main entrance and two side entrances. At the rear there are three exits which lead to a large number of lock-up garages, obviously belonging to the flats. The drive out for cars runs into Hornsey Lane Gardens.

Flat No. 4/20 is in the front of the building on the fourth floor and it was not until 10.15 p.m. when the lights were put on that we had any indication of its being occupied.

Neither the taxi, B X X 542, previously used by PHILBY nor the car, D X R 351, was seen in the area.

D. Storrier.

B.5.  
22.9.53.  
F.153/28.

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NOTE

Reference B.2.B note of 21st September 1953 on SF.84/USSR/2/SUPP.A.

Mr. Hollis, Mr. Robertson and I discussed PHILBY's case with the Director General and it was decided that observation should be imposed upon him for a few days. Mr. Robertson therefore telephoned Mr. Storrier at 1730 hrs to ask for this, giving as PHILBY's address 4/20 Northwood Hall, Hornsy Lane, London N.6

B2B  
21.9.53

R.T. Reed.

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A. F. SAFFERY, Esq.,  
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Bs 17 SEP 1953

TO B2B

REF PF 604584

Held B2A

Dear Miss McBarnet,

Please refer to your letter of 29 July, 1953,  
reference PF.604584/B.2.B/RTR.

We have now been briefly advised that ORLOV was  
unable to identify PHILBY's photograph. He could also pro-  
vide little additional information to that previously fur-  
nished concerning KRAL or the others he had mentioned.

The Bureau is forwarding more details on this in-  
terview. We will advise you further upon its receipt.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Philip O'Brien*

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