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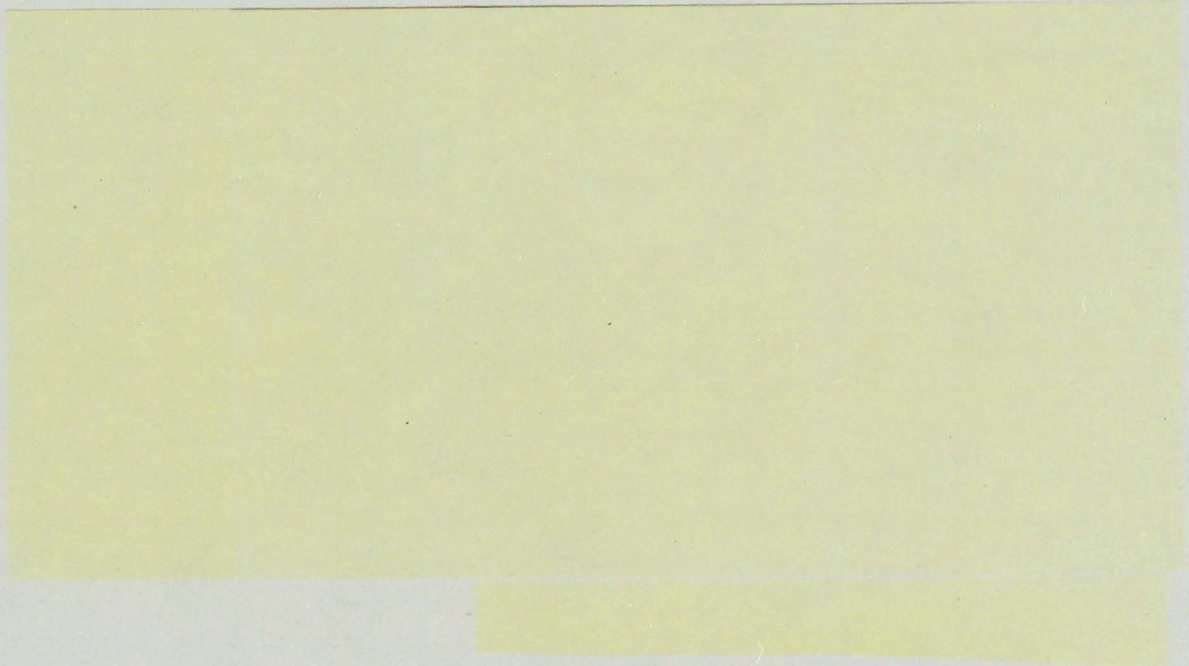
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2.6.54. Int. letter to PEACH from Dick BROCKTON-WHITE. 497a.



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	<u>D. (through L.A.)</u>	

Please refer to minute 443, (volume 9), in connexion with which you should see the telephone check intercepts at 519a and 520a in this file, where sidelined.

You will note that PEACH is preparing considerably more than a skeleton draft. He hopes very shortly to have completed five chapters which should be enough to "keep DEUTSCH quiet" until the whole book is ready.

L.A. will no doubt wish to consider whether the stage has been reached at which it would be possible for action to be taken through Admiral Thompson with the publishers.

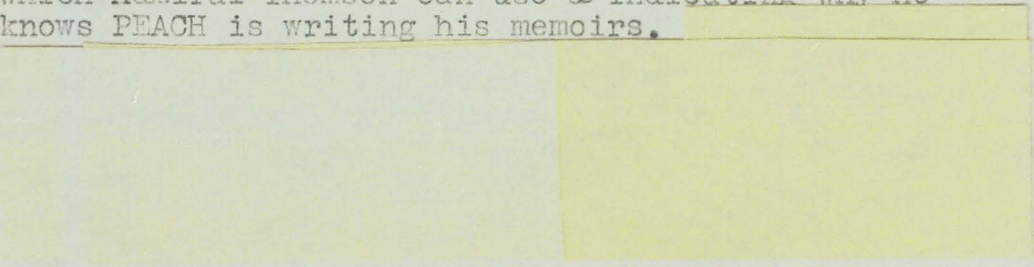
B.B. Drabble
for J.C. Robertson.

D.1.
3.9.54.

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D.

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L.A.

6.9.54

B.A.Hill

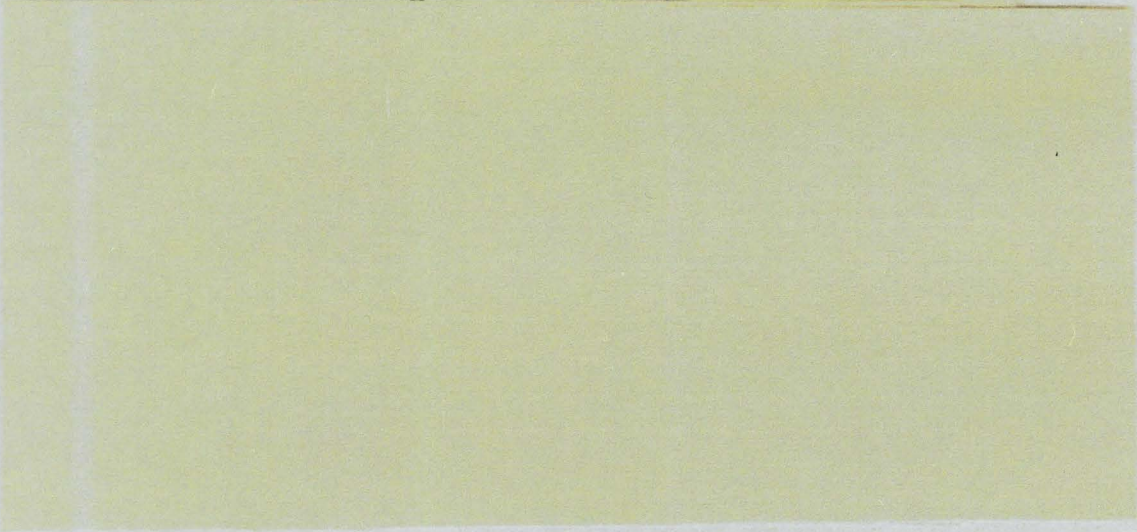
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L.A.

6.9.54

B. A. Hill
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524.

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D.
L.A.
DIA/EMCB.

You may like to see my letter at 523a.

G.R. Mitchell
G.R. Mitchell.

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9.9.54.

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21/9
DIA/ENB

I should
D. only if it proves to be the 525.
whole book that has gone to
the publishers. 24.9

I learned late yesterday evening from the T.C. that PEACH has sent the completed chapters of his book to the publishers. I had hoped to learn of this in time but unfortunately it was only mentioned long after the event. The actual T.C. material is not yet available.

E. McBarnet
E. McBarnet.

D.I.A.
24.9.54.

526.

- 24.9.54. T.C. on PEACH showing that he has sent some chapters of his book to the publishers. 526a.
 - 27.9.54. T.C. on PEACH. 526b.
 - 27.9.54. Note on arrangements made with G.P.O. for intercepting a package. 526c.
- 527.
- 28.9.54. Intercepted chapters of PEACH's book. 527a.

528.

en
D. 29.9

You may care to see the chapter of PHILBY's book which refers to BURGESS (pages 1-18). The other two chapters are about PHILBY's experiences as a War Correspondent in France and about his experiences in Spain respectively. They are not particularly interesting.

E. McBarnet
E. McBarnet.

D.I.A.
28.9.54.

529.

- 9.9.54. Intercept telecheck on PEACH mentioning reaction of publishers to first three draft chapters of his book. 529a.

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530. A

~~D.D.G.~~ *Rev. 2/19*
D.G.

I told you today about the chapter of PEACH's book which deals with the character and conduct of Guy BURGESS during his period in Washington from 1950 to 1951. A photostat copy of the chapter is attached to the papers at 527a. I draw your attention in particular to the passage beginning towards the bottom of page 13 and ending in the middle of page 15. If this were published I have no doubt that it would be exceedingly damaging to Mr. Eden.

The LAND material at 529a shows that the publishers seem to like the three draft chapters which they have received. They have some "small scale reservations" but we do not yet know what they are.

B.B. Drabble
fw G.R. Mitchell.

D.
29.9.54.

531.

1.10.54. Note of D.G.'s discussion

531a

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DIA/ET/13

532.

4.10 *Rev. 4/10.*
~~D.D.G.~~ } to see 531a.
D.

D.G. write.

533.

1.10.54. D.1.A. note - conversation with GPO re transfer of telephone. 51

533a

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4.10.54. To GPO re transfer of telephone.

534a

4.10.54.

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T.C. on PEACH.

D.D.G. *[initials]* 7110. *[initials]* 536 *[initials]*
 D. *[initials]* DIA/ECIB
 L. *[initials]* 8.10



I told him that it was most important that it should not be disclosed to PEACH that we had already had secret access to a part of his work. *[redacted]* said that there was absolutely no need for this to arise since he had already been told sometime back by PEACH that he was intending to write a book and had later been informed by *[redacted]* that the work was in hand. He therefore had plenty of advance knowledge of the book. I then explained *[redacted]*

[redacted] and said that it was not a matter in which we were likely to be able to proceed under the Official Secrets Act to prevent the publication of the book, but that there were certain points in it which, while not being strictly security points would, I thought, be damaging to the Foreign Office and particularly to the Foreign Secretary. My suggestion was that PEACH should be persuaded to modify these passages. *[redacted]*

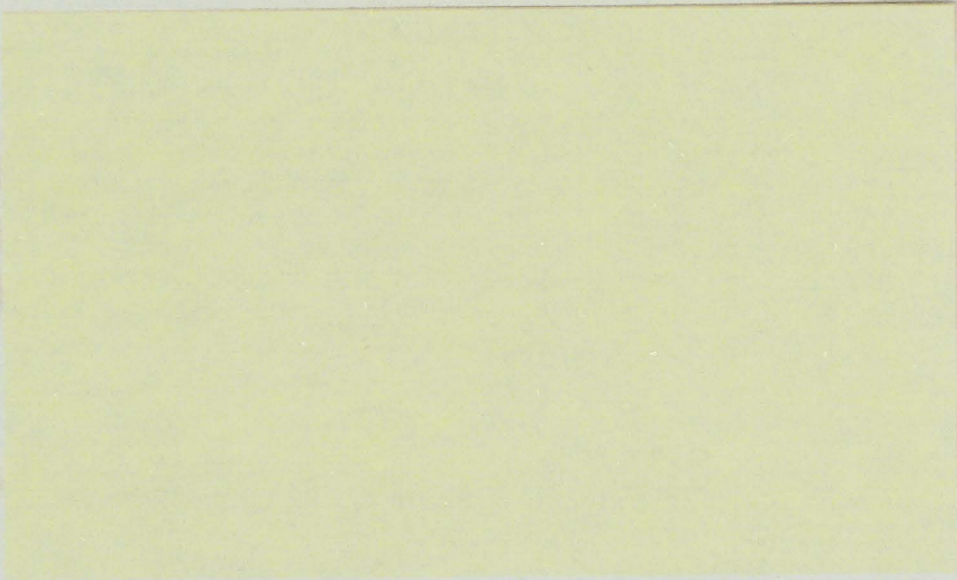
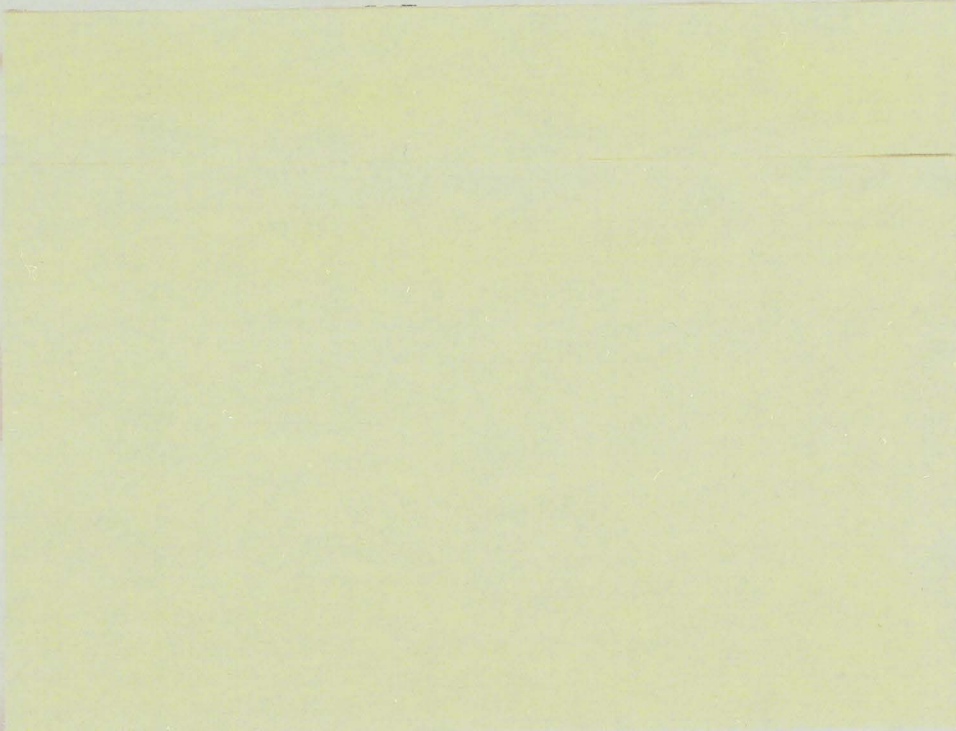
[redacted] then had lunch with PEACH and subsequently reported that he had encountered no difficulty in persuading PEACH to submit the manuscript and to do this before sending any further chapters to the publisher, Andre Deutsch. It transpired from their conversation that PEACH has already received an advance of £600 upon the work, and also that, in the first place, it was not realised by the publishers that the work would be important for the portrait of BURGESS that PEACH would be able to draw. Since *[redacted]* submitted a few *[redacted]* /he had completed chapters to Deutsch, however, they were alert to the book's topical interest and had asked PEACH to put in as much about BURGESS as possible. So far as *[redacted]* could discover no question had yet arisen of serialisation in the press. The general form of the book was still not wholly determined, nor has a title been chosen.

D. G.

D. G. White.

6.10.54.

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- 8.10.54. Int. letter to PEACH [redacted] 538b.
- 9.10.54. Letter from F.O. to D.G. setting out possible courses of action re PEACH's book. 538c.
- 11.10.54. D.L.A. note on the progress of PEACH's book. 539.

539a.

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- 11.10.54. D.L.A. note on PEACH's book.
- 11.10.54. L.A. note on PEACH's book.

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D.G.

Having read the American chapter of PEACH's book, it is clear that PEACH is not in that chapter disclosing any information acquired in the course of his employment with M.I.6, in the sense that he is disclosing any details about any methods, operations or the like. The chapter recounts interviews he had with BURGESS in Washington and repeats the stories BURGESS is alleged to have told him. In my view material of this kind cannot be deemed to be information acquired in the course of his employment, within the meaning of the provisions of Section 2(1) of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, as amended by the Official Secrets Act, 1920.

It is true to say that had PEACH not been stationed at Washington the information he recounts in this chapter would not have come to his knowledge, and therefore the information is information he did in fact acquire by virtue of his Crown employment. I feel, however, that such a construction is a false one insofar as it can be said that information of that type is information which is protected by Section 2.

The position is quite different in the case of Colonel SCOTLAND's book, as in this book the text repeats verbatim SCOTLAND's wartime interrogations.

As to PEACH himself, following Milmo's interrogation in December, 1951, the case was orally discussed with Sir Theobald Mathew, Director of Public Prosecutions, who then advised that there was no evidence upon which a prosecution against PEACH could be launched. Since that date no fresh evidence has come to hand which would justify the Director's decision being reviewed.

To sum up, if my view be accepted that at the moment there is no evidence which would justify a prosecution against PEACH, it would seem wrong in principle to threaten him with any prosecution under the Official Secrets Acts, as if he ignored such threats and published, no legal proceedings could follow. Similarly we are not in a position to produce any evidence which would justify a prosecution against PEACH himself under the provisions of Section 1 of the Official Secrets Acts, and again it would seem wrong to threaten him in this respect in any way whatever.

I am in a position, if this is thought advisable, to obtain a formal opinion on both these points from the Director of Public Prosecutions, who is already aware of the PEACH case.

B.A.
11.10.54.

B. A. Hill
B.A. Hill.

Passed VSDG
11 Oct 1954
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NOTE.

H.A.R. PHILBY appears to have first thought of writing his auto-biography on 5 March 1954. He immediately got down to writing a synopsis which was sent to Nicholas BENTLEY of the publishing firm of Andre DEUTSCH on 12 March 1954. The book was described as being mainly concerned with his "early life, Spanish Civil War, Foreign Office activity, etc.". It was to include a chapter on the impact of the world crisis on undergraduate politics in the 1930s, and at this stage Guy BURGESS would be introduced.

Nicholas BENTLEY was immediately interested in the synopsis and said that his firm was mainly interested in biographies with a view to selling the newspaper rights.

On 2 April 1954 PHILBY received and signed a contract which he returned to the publishers together with what was described as the "American synopsis." Andre DEUTSCH wanted to sell the American rights of the book on the synopsis. PHILBY was supposed to complete the book by the end of 1954 and the publishers were particularly anxious that he should "let his hair down sufficiently". PHILBY was to receive an advance of £600 for the book at the rate of £40 a month.

It is known that PHILBY has finished three chapters of the book, one dealing with his experiences as a war correspondent in 1939, one with his experiences as a newspaper correspondent in Spain and one about BURGESS in Washington. These three chapters have been sent to Nicholas BENTLEY and he has commented on them most favourably. BENTLEY said that before returning the manuscript he was getting the opinions of Andre DEUTSCH and Miss ATHOLL, the directors of the firm.

It is quite certain that a good deal more of the book has been written, at least in outline. Reference has been made to "the Arab chapter" and the "Austria chapter", also about the theme of the time from PHILBY's starting on "The Times" to the time of his leaving the Foreign Office.

D.L.A.
11.10.54.

E. McBarnet.

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Passed G.P.G. 11 Oct 1954

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NOTE.

The idea that H.A.R. PHILBY should write his autobiography was first suggested to him by Tomas HARRIS when they were dining together on 5 March 1954. HARRIS got in touch with Nicolas BENTLEY of the firm of Andre DEUTSCH, Publishers, and PHILBY wrote a synopsis of his book which was sent to BENTLEY on 12 March 1954. In a conversation with HARRIS on that day, PHILBY said that emphasis was to be given "to early life, Spanish Civil War, Foreign Office activity, etc.". HARRIS suggested that the general influence of Marxism on the education of the upper classes in English University life would play a big role. PHILBY said that he thought this would come into chapter 4, which would be a discussion on the impact of the world crisis on undergraduate politics. "At this stage he would obviously introduce Guy."

On 15 March 1954 HARRIS told PHILBY that he had discussed the synopsis with BENTLEY who was immediately interested and said it was only a question of settling the financial arrangements. BENTLEY added that his firm was mainly interested in biographies with a view to selling newspaper rights.

On 27 March 1954 PHILBY met the publishers at HARRIS' house. They agreed to give PHILBY a contract and to make him certain advances.

On 30 March 1954 PHILBY told his wife that he was about to sign a contract for a book of memoirs with Andre DEUTSCH and he was to receive an advance of £600 for it. DEUTSCH were also trying to sell the rights in America and in serial form. Mrs. PHILBY asked whether he intended to include "the last 12 dead years", to which PHILBY replied that "he would have to handle it very carefully and was proposing to keep as far as possible to absolutely neutral subjects".

On 2 April 1954 the contract was signed and returned to the publishers together with what was described as "the American synopsis". It was apparent at this time that the publishers hoped that PHILBY would complete the book by the end of the year and they were particularly anxious that he should "let his hair down sufficiently".

It appeared that PHILBY was to receive his advance from the publishers at the rate of £40 a month.

On 8 June 1954 Mr. Richard BUTLER informed the D.G. that he had heard that PHILBY was writing his memoirs and was in touch with the publishers, DEUTSCH Ltd. Mr. BUTLER said that PHILBY had been advised that the manuscript should be submitted for clearance and that [redacted] would be an appropriate person to approach in this connection.

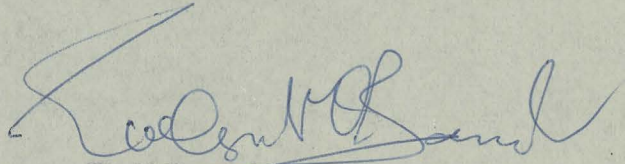
On 31 August 1954 it was learned that PHILBY had finished two chapters, i.e. "the Washington one and one of the Spanish ones". On 2 September PHILBY thought he would have finished another couple of chapters by the end of the week. He proposed to give DEUTSCH five chapters covering various areas of experience which he hoped would keep him quiet until the whole book was ready.

Three chapters were sent to the publishers on 23 September 1954.

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Although only 3 chapters of the book have been seen, it would appear from a conversation with HARRIS on 27 September that a good deal more of the book is already written, at least in outline.

On 28 September Constance ASHLEY-JONES read out over the telephone a letter from Nicolas BENTLEY which acknowledged three draft chapters and expressed great interest in them. BENTLEY said that before returning them he wanted to get the opinions of Andre (DEUTSCH) and "Miss ATHOLL, our other director". BENTLEY said that he was delighted with the work, but had some small scale reservations about which he would write again.



E. McBarret.

D.I.A.
11.10.54.

Top Secret
Strictly Personal.

F.O. 5380c

8. X.

Dear Dick

Herewith my
preliminary thoughts
on Philip's book.

I'll ring you in
the morning.

Yours Ever

Pat Dean.

Recd: 79.10.54.

DIA/JC
14-10-54

TOP SECRET

Strictly Personal

MR. P's BOOK

There seem to be a number of possible courses. These are some.

(1) To continue to receive from P. instalments of the book, read them and try and influence P. to accept our suggestions. This could be done with or without threats ~~that~~ if he did not do what we wanted we would prosecute him under the Official Secrets Act. It almost certainly involves our ~~nomination~~ ^{agreement} to let the book be published in due course.

(2) Adopt the same procedure as in Col. Scotland's case, namely: make a categorical statement that if the book is published we shall prosecute under the Official Secrets Act. This involves there being a prima facie case at least for such a prosecution.

(3) Tell P. that we are not interested in reading the book in advance but that he published it at his peril.

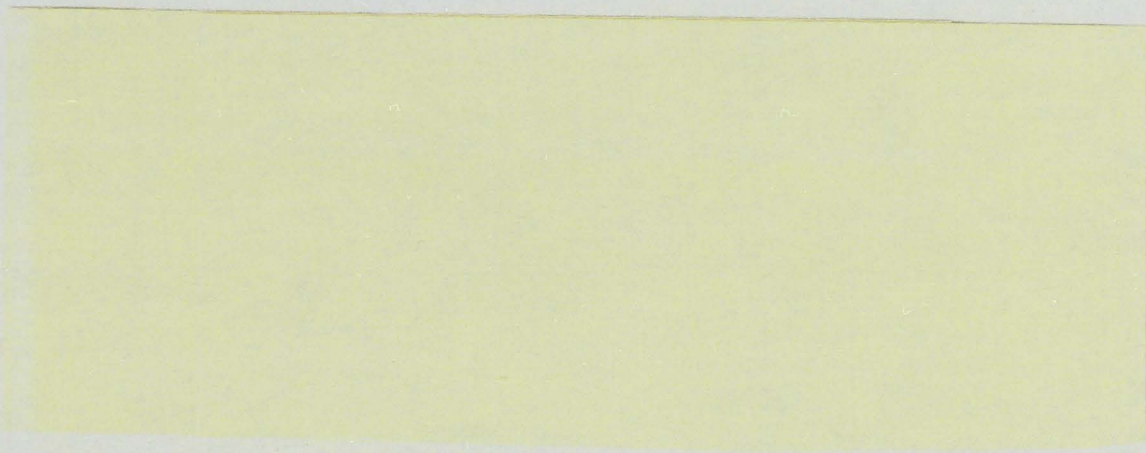
(4) Tell P. that we are not interested in reading his book at all and do nothing else and wait and see what appears.

(5) Tell P. that if he will not drop his intention of publishing we will forestall him with a full statement about the facts of the B. and M. case. (We could of course make ~~this statement~~ whether he published or not).

(6) Tell P. that he may publish the book provided he leaves out all the story about his period in Washington (and possibly other offensive passages relating to the B. & M. case).

(7) Publish our statement fairly soon without saying anything to P. and if possible strengthening the passage in the statement which in fact at present refers to P.'s treachery without saying so. This would probably not be safe unless both Ministers and high legal authorities are prepared to face the risks involved.

(8) Do nothing and let P. publish without attempting to interfere. Then retort at once with a full statement going as far as is legally and politically possible to point out that P. himself was a traitor. If possible we should follow this up with a prosecution either for what P. did at the time of B. and M.'s escape or for the contents of his book under the Official Secrets Act.



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(2) We must not get too excited or frightened about P.'s book. On the contrary we should try to use its publication or the possibility of its being published as a means of restoring confidence in the Foreign Office and the Security Service and also, if possible, the means of successfully prosecuting P.

(3) At first sight we should not become involved with P. either by helping him in writing his book or by trying to prevent him publishing. P. is thoroughly unreliable and at first sight it seems very dangerous to try and get out of any difficulties there may be either by relying on P.'s goodwill or by trying to bribe him.

(4) We should try and find out if we can what P.'s motives are in writing the book. Is it to reinstate himself? Is it to make as much money as he can? Is it as the result of direct or indirect pressure from the Russians?

(5) If the book is published and is damaging to the Foreign Office and the Security Service and if we have not got a plan for dealing with the situation, the effect in America will be very bad indeed.



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WHITE'S,
ST. JAMES'S, S.W. 1.

7. 11. 1957

My Dear Kim,

Very many thanks for
your letter and its enclosure. How
I envy you your mastery of the
English language. I have passed
it on to the "appropriate quarters"
and trust it will not be too
long before I can give you
some more.
With kindest
yours
White's

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