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- 8.2.55 Intercept letter to Connie ⁵⁸⁸ASHLEY-JONES from PEACH. 588y
- 12.2.55 Loose minute by D.I.A re 588y and T/C on PEACH. 588z
- 14.2.55 Ext. from T/C on PEACH conversation about the book. 588za
- 16.2.55 Intercept letter to PEACH. 588a.

589

- 21.3.55 Extract from T/C on PEACH - conversation about PEACH's Book. 589a

590.

- 23.3.55. D. biref note for the D.G. re PEACH and B. and M., mentioning PETROV. 590a.

591.

- 23.3.55. D.G. note re interview with Lord Chancellor, mentioning PEACH and B. and M. statement consequences. 591a.

593.

25.3
D. - to see 592a.

594.

- 26.3.55. Intercept telecheck on PEACH: Postponement of publication of PEACH's book. 594

595.

- 28.3.55. D. note re information concerning the publication of PEACH's book passed to F.O. 595

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5.4.55. Ext. from T/C. 596b
 6.4.55. LASCAR on PEACH ment. FLANAGAN, MAITLAND, ENGELBACHs, BROOMAN-WHITE, HONEY. 596b
 597.
 6.4.55 LASCAR on PEACH mentioning FLANAGAN, [redacted] JOLL, McCLELLAN, 597z
 .4.55. T.C. on PEACH [redacted] 597a.

12/4
DIA/RTA
14/4

599

Please see note at 598a.

G.R. [unclear]

D
12.4.55

600.

2.4.55. Int. letter to PEACH from D.J. FOOTMAN 600a.

601.

18.4.55 Intercept P.C. from FOOTMAN to PEACH. 601a

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9.5.55 Note by D attached to telecheck material mentioning John Gordon COATES. 602a

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31.5.55 Intercept letter to PEACH from Aileen 603a

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Int.letter to PHILBY from Turkish Press Attache

604a

605.

17.6.55

Int. letter to PHILBY from FOOTMAN.

605a.

606.

27.6.55

Note by D.G. re HONEY, PEACH, [redacted] DEUTSCH BURGESS.

606a

606b

27.6.55 Loose minute by D.G attached to 606a.

607.

28.6.55

Telecheck on PEACH HONEY reporting events recorded at 606a.

607a

608.

28.6.55

Letter [redacted] re 606a.

608a

609.

D.G. Daw
1/7

At 606b you invited my comments on your note at 606a. They are as follows:-

- (1) HONEY's sympathies, as you say, are wholly with PEACH in his matrimonial troubles. The impression derived from the telephone check material, however, suggests very strongly that there are faults on both sides. You may like to glance at 1562 and 1563 in volume 27 of PF.604584 Supp Z attached, which show that PEACH is apt to get blind drunk and behave abominably to his best friends. Instead of blaming him for this they appear to think that he is only to be pitied.
- (2) HONEY's mention to you of Mrs. PEACH's fabrication of a story of a telephone call received in September 1953 is interesting as throwing doubt on the discretion of [redacted]. The circumstances surrounding this telephone call are set out in the notes at 410a and 411a in volume 8 attached. Later, in order to prick the bubble of [redacted] theories about

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/Mrs. PEACH's

Mrs. PEACH's cognizance of espionage on the part of PEACH, I told him in confidence that we had good reason to know - and to know from our running of a telephone check - that no such message had been received by Mrs. PEACH on the evening of 6 September 1953. HONEY's knowledge that the story was a fabrication by Mrs. PEACH can I think only have come from [redacted] apart from the extremely unlikely possibility that Mrs. PEACH later confessed its falsehood herself.

- (3) PEACH can hardly have convinced himself in reality that "the whole case against him rests on his ignorance of his first wife's Communist activities", even though he may so have convinced HONEY.
- (4) HONEY's repayment of the £600 to the publisher argues that he is indeed a good friend to PEACH, as does his hypothesis in (2) of your note at 606a. There is little chance of his ever forming objective judgments about his friend. At the same time there is no ground for our harbouring suspicions of HONEY or doubting his good faith.
- (5) The telephone check confirms that PEACH has discontinued the submission of chapters of his book to Andre DEUTSCH.

G.R. Mitchell

D.
30.6.55.

G.R. Mitchell.

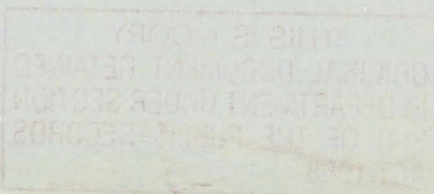
P.S. On seeing the above in type after dictating it this morning, I realise that the argument in (2), in that it points to indiscretion by [redacted] is not watertight. It is possible that [redacted] or someone else to whom Mrs. PEACH retailed her story of the telephone call, told PEACH later that his wife had been putting out this story and that he denied ever having sent such a telegram or message. If it came at all it could only have come from him. PEACH then told HONEY the story as an illustration of his wife's fabrications about him. This simple explanation requires no disclosure by [redacted] of our knowledge from the telephone check that no such message was sent.

cmx
30.6

610a

7.7.51 Copy of telecheck material for 6.7.55 - Aileen's discussion of PEACH's innocence to friend.

610a.



611..

11.7.55 Intercept postcard to PEACH from FLANAGAN.

611a

612.

4.7.55 Intercept letter to PEACH from Westminster Bank.

612a

6.7.55 Note by D.I.A re operations of telechecks BLUNDEY/REES/FLANAGAN/PEACH.

612b

613.

9.7.55 Intercept letters from Aileen to PEACH & his father.

613a

614.

19.7.55 Intercept letter from FLANAGAN to PEACH.

614a

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~~21.7.55 D.G. loose minute re 615a~~

~~616a~~

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22.7.55 Intercept letter to PEACH from Aileen.

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25.7.55. Note for file

619a.

620.

D.1.A/B.F.R. *25/7*

Please see papers from 615a onwards.

G.R. Mitchell

D.
25.7.55.

G.R. Mitchell.

621.

27.7.55

Copy of minute in file of Valentine VINCENT @ VASSILIEFF re VOIKOV's condition re use of telegrams from Istanbul in 1945.

621a

622.

10.8.55. IASCAP report.

622a.

623.

29.8.55. Int. letter from Elisabeth [redacted]

623a.

624.

13.9.55. Int. r.c. from FLANAGAN to PEACH.

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625.

21.9.55. Note re reposition of TO on HONEY.

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625a

Note for FF 604584
Copy FF 604,643.

At 9.45 this morning I was informed that there seemed to be some interesting material on the PEACH check. After hearing an account of it I decided to resume the T.C. upon HONEY and Mrs. Grist asked for two lines to be reimposed.

R. T. Reed
R. T. Reed.

D.1.A.
21.9.55.

BPDA
21/9/55

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PA Philby

BPDA
12/9/55

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3998

D

13 SEP 1955

Hope you can soon send p.c. to
say when it wd. suit you come
down & dine & spend night. I shall be
here most of the time till term starts
Oct. 4th. Jenkins ménage likely to
be back round about Oct. 1st. First
guest night of term Fri. Oct. 14th (and
Subseq. Fridays). Kind regards
S
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D

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My love to the
children and yourself
and my good wishes.
Elizabeth

6 3357 D

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COCKERMOUTH
CUMBERLAND
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CUMB
3.
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H.A.R. Philby, Esq.,
Alhambra Club,
Pall Mall,
London S.W.1.

Mc
30/8

6 AUG 1955

6 3357 D

PA in Peach
BPDIA 3/9/55.

24. VIII. 55

LOWER GATESGARTH,
BUTTERMERE,
NR. COCKERMOUTH,
CUMBERLAND.
TEL. BUTTERMERE 200.

Dear Miss,

I am very sorry to hear of these new troubles from your letter, and will write to Aileen to-day. What a sad and depressing home-calling for you. By now you will have talked to the Ds. and know more of how long this attack may last and what plans will have to be made.

6

3357

D

LOWER GATESGARTH,
BUTTERMERE,
NR. COCKERMOUTH,
CUMBERLAND.
TEL: BUTTERMERE 200.

Should he not be
able to reach you at
your Club, will you ring
him up at Wilton Street?
Then you could also give
him the latest news to
pass on to me. We too
have been in Spain
and got back a week
ago. Dick is still
travelling luxuriously on
either the Continent or
the Middle East with a
hery of politicians.

6 3357 D

I am so very sorry
that I can be of no
little practical help
from here - the children
specially must be a
memendous worry - but
if you can think of
anything I can do please
will you ring me up or
write to me? According
to present plans I
will be up here with
the children for another
four weeks, but Nicholas
is in London and
planning to ring you up
and arrange a meeting.

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3357 D

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Responsible Section: D.1.a.

A.2.A. Reference: LD.

Date of Contents: 7.8.55.

Date and Time of Despatch :



*you may like to see -
all
11/8/55.*

22.10.

FLANAGAN (who was here for the week-end) was discussing KIM with AILEEN.

DG

I think you will like to see.

*ms
12.8*

He said he had met ROBERTS, who he had known and liked during the war, and he (F.) had talked about KIM and the importance of his finding something to do for the sake of his morale. ROBERTS had agreed to meet KIM next time he went down to dine with FLANAGAN. It was difficult for ROBERTS to know what job would become available. AILEEN pointed out that it was unlikely to be a permanent job and she felt that that was what KIM required. For four years, he had "been taking bits and pieces. FLANAGAN agreed but said at present, he was not even taking temporary jobs - the Whitehall Letter was nonsense; it was too easy for him. AILEEN said he needed a job which he found quite difficult and at the same time interesting. She did not mind if it took 2 years - she could manage. After that, he had to provide money for the family and thus get back his self respect. AILEEN asked who should she go to, or should she not. KIM would be livid if he knew she had spoken to anybody. He had to be "shoved" - she did not mind whether it was writing, or whether to go to someone like JOHN HACKETT and appeal to him. FLANAGAN said close friends like himself and DICK BROOMAN-WHITE knew he required a boost. AILEEN realised that but nobody did anything about it. CHARLES DUNDAS had said he

/must have

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22.16.

must have a job, way back in 1952. AILEEN was prepared to interview anybody and to pull every string she had. She said she could not try any at "your" old office - that was out. FLANAGAN agreed that that would be very difficult.

At this point, Josephine came into the room and AILEEN hurried her off to bed.

FLANAGAN suggested DICK BROOMAN-WHITE - he had a lot of contacts. AILEEN said she could not talk to him about such matters. FLANAGAN disagreed - DICK was one of the most genuine men he knew. AILEEN agreed and she liked him very much but had he anything to give. She thought he was not brave enough. Whenever she mentioned it to him, he said "KIM will get something, don't fuss."

22.22.

FLANAGAN said he was trying to help AILEEN by explaining his (F.'s) point of view. AILEEN apologised - she talked too much. He continued that his contacts were primarily, now, University contacts and KIM did not come into the picture because he was not academic in that sense. His degree would get him into the Oxford or Cambridge Press. AILEEN asked how much the BURGESS and MACLEAN thing would go against him on anything like that. FLANAGAN did not answer but went on to say that COLIN ROBERTS might offer him a job which might last 2 or 3 years and lead on to something else. BILL DEAKIN, his Warden, was very fond of KIM. He had been with KIM at Westminster. He knew everybody from WINSTON down. If KIM wanted an introduction anywhere, he would be delighted. AILEEN said KIM would not ask for it. He had been offered good jobs in the past but the Foreign Office had stepped in and put a stop to them. This sort of thing had gone on for ^{years} 4 years now. FLANAGAN continued that DICK had had a word with one of the ASTORS about KIM. AILEEN broke in and said she remembered that - it was quite a long time ago. DICK had told her about it. She repeated that she never talked to DICK about it. He had said straight away, when the crash came, that KIM was so much more important now, that he would get a much better job. He was so certain that KIM would get something - it was useless talking to him. FLANAGAN had heard, quite by chance, ~~two months~~ that there was to be a reshuffle in the Times Lit. Sup. Within a few days after that, he had lunched with DICK, who had said he would do what he could when he saw the ASTORS. FLANAGAN felt that beyond offering introductions, one could only do what one could, if, and when, a specific opportunity arose. Within the last 18 months

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22.28.

he had only known of two such occasions. One was the Times Lit. Sup. and, in point of fact, PRYCE-JONES was kept on for another year. The other was a job going in the Spectator and RALEIGH had gone to the people concerned. AILEEN again interrupted and said she knew about that too. If only KIM could get a job on the Times, he would get back his confidence. This led to a discussion of the book. FLANAGAN asked if it was "washed up." AILEEN told a long, garbled story about her goddaughter, GEORGIE having heard through TEDDY UNDERDOWN, who, in turn, had heard from NICOLAS BENTLEY that KIM had not submitted the manuscript and had repaid the £2000 to DEUTSCH. She had tackled KIM about it but he had flown off the handle - GEORGIE had only told her in the nicest possible way and had asked if she could lend them some money. She understood that DEUTSCH wanted the first refusal should KIM decide to submit the book for publication. FLANAGAN sounded very interested and wanted to know if KIM had completed the manuscript. AILEEN admitted that she really knew very little about it.

22.35.

(Josephine reappeared briefly.)

FLANAGAN then said he did not really mind about the book. He had asked, just out of curiosity, because KIM had talked quite a lot about it when he first came down to Oxford. People were now asking: "What about this book?" AILEEN repeated that she knew nothing first hand - only the silly rumour from GEORGIE. However, she was pretty certain that KIM had given up the book. FLANAGAN said it was perfectly logical. If he had a contract and an advance and the manuscript was not submitted, he would repay the advance. It was agreed that he was rightly cheered at receiving such a high advance - higher than his father had ever received.

22.40.

NICOLAS BENTLEY came under discussion. AILEEN thought she had met him once at HONEY'S. FLANAGAN said that was very likely and confirmed that he was a member of DEUTSCH'S firm.

AILEEN again spoke of the necessity of KIM'S having a job. She asked whether she should go on bended knee to DOUGLAS and see if there was another job going in Goya. FLANAGAN said he was against that. AILEEN gave him no time to give a reason, before again referring to JOHN HACKETT, who, she said, was the nicest man she knew.

22.46.

They reverted to DOUGLAS. FLANAGAN said hackles would be up - KIM and DOUGLAS different temperaments. KIM would be mu in the Press. AILEEN agreed but how to in. She prattled on about jobs he had a and for which he had been turned down; he among friends to get him interviews and hi ful period with JACK IVENS.

(FLANAGAN, obviously, was finding this an effort to follow and was fast becoming bored!)

22.57.

AILEEN was still doing all the talking. FLANAGAN was no longer trying to further the conversation or make any points. When she asked his advice about her pulling strings, or what he thought of KIM's brilliant ~~mind~~ brain, she did not wait for an answer. She again mentioned DOUGLAS (COLLINS), JOHN HACKETT, DICK and added FRECKLES WREN and TERRY HARMAN of the Readers Digest.

23.06.

FLANAGAN said he hoped soon to be going to sta the RALEIGHS. RALEIGH was a great admirer of KIM and would "weigh in" where he could. AILEEN dou this and she thought KIM would say the same. If he wanted to weigh in, he would have done so a lo time ago; as, indeed, could MALCOLM. FLANAGAN said that was not true.

?Hugy ridge

23.09. 00.

AILEEN again holding the floor. She spoke, in affectionate terms, of her father-in-law and said KIM could not expect to go being kept by him, or for her mother, whose money died with her, to help her out.

23.11.

FLANAGAN decided that it was bed-time. AILEEN apologised for keeping him up so late, and after a few remarks they went out of here.

JW.

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Reference.....

621A

(Original at Minute 14. in PF.605392 - Valentine VINCENT)

D.

In view of our recent [redacted]
agreeing to a re-examination of the PEACH case

[redacted] we shall certainly need to consider VASSILIEF in relation
to the VOLKOV case at the right time but I do not think the
right time is now. I propose to put a copy of this minute on
the PEACH and VOLKOV files so that we can refer to this case
later on. Do you agree ?

D.L.A.
27.7.55

R.T. Reed.

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2079

P

Thursday Seylands

Dear Kim,

I am sorry you seem to
have got my letter all wrong,
maybe I wrote it badly but
I honestly meant none of the
things you thought - except
the fact it will worry the
children - But not because
of its health - You have
never had to listen to his
questions as I have & I
know there'll be a lot of
comment if I am taking
a holiday - for whatever
reason - without me or his
whole family - So far I have

4 2079 P

had to use all my tact in
answering questions - I have
always been extremely fair to
you - (tho' I say it myself -)
I only hope you will not
go against my advice this
time as I honestly know
what I'm talking about.

I am all for your holiday
& think it a good thing
so if I am tactless in
saying other things you
must not take up -

As far as the 'half-truth'
I mean no more than that it
is under doctors advice but
also because you would have
a space to consider how you
want to continue your life.

42079 P

2.

To has got the time wrong
but it's only a little!

It is 2.15. But we shall
expect 2 for lunch - and
we will have at 1 o'clock.

I am sorry for all this
misunderstanding but I think
you are being rather touchy
or perhaps I am being
quite tactless -

Adieu.

P.S. I will wish this voyage
and I have already told Mr
Verny that I shall not be at
the sports - I shall only be
there not to expect 2 unless 2
turn up - I am picking him
up Tuesday evening AAP

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19 JUL 1955

W PA

18/7

Many thanks yrs - No, it wasn't
either Bill or me, but person concerned
has already see Mel and likes him.
Sorry miss you early Aug. Will go
ahead with Aileen. Expect to be
abroad late Aug - early Sept. but we
must forgetter soon afterwards. Let
me know yr movements. ☺

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1890

✓



H. A. R. Phillips Esq.
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Pall Mall
S.W. 1

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1896

W

10 JUL 1955

Juylands.

Dear Kim,

I hope you have a nice holiday - I quite agree that a speedy decision should be made ~~soon~~. I am also confused but I don't think as much as you are - still I am very miserable and may be that is the same thing.

Anyway I want these terms settled as soon as possible.

I do not agree with his suggestion that you should tell the boys you've been advised by the doctor to be absorbed. (a) It's only half the truth -

91896 W

Note Allen sounds more sane than most of the others!

b) they have enough in their
plates without harming their
health.

c) Just felt the two answers
abroad either for the
for getting a job. They'd
understand all of that but
they want understand a
strong looking man being
"sent abroad" — write
it to Jo so she might read
but it will only upset John &
Tommy.

Girls sports on Saturday.
Boys swimming sports on
Tuesday ~~next~~ ^{week} — come around
as per phase — I can give
2 a lift down if you wish.
Bill let me know. The boys

9 1896 W

2.

don't mind a long a one
of us for I am just
angry because I love
it

Aileen

p.s.

Please write your address
the enclosed.

A.A.B.

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1896

W



H. St. J. B. Philby, Esq.

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London, Heylands
 Crowborough
 Sussex.

Dearest Abdula,

Thank you very
much indeed for the lovely
fruit. Everyone enjoyed
it so much. As there was
no card ~~with~~ in it we couldn't
think who sent it.

The children are all very
well & send their love - or
would if they were at
school!

I'm sorry about the ^{muddle} ~~bundle~~
& hope we shall see them
hope you will have time to think

9 1896 W X

too badly of me - but I
cannot plead for myself.

Except to say, I shall always
be grateful for all you have
meant & done for us.

Love

Aiden

Harry's marks !!

Harry

Harry George

P.S. My writing is almost as bad
as Harry's but I have a double
thumb which makes writing most
difficult - !! AHP.

9 | 1896 | W | X

FF.604582 (BLINDEN)
FF.604583 (REES)
FF.604589 (FLANAGAN)
✓ FF.604584 (PEACH)

612B

NOTE

In view of the information shortly to be made public by PETROV about the cases of BURGESS and MACLEAN it was agreed today with D that the telephone checks upon BLINDEN and REES should be re-imposed just before the publicity occurs. The PEACH check is already in operation and it is not possible to put a telephone check on FLANAGAN.

I therefore asked Mr. Saffery this afternoon to stand by to re-impose the telephone checks upon:

(a) Lane 2135 - WEL 1388	}	BLINDEN.
" 2136 - " 1389		
" 2138 " 9841		
" 2147 " 4841		

(b) Lane 2577 - ABERKISTWYTH 7803 - REES,
and warned Mrs. Grist accordingly.

D.I.A.
16.7.55.

R.T. Reed.

2/10/55
28/7/55

M.A. 38-6-1/54

Private

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PALL MALL,
S.W.1.

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14 JUL 1955

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JUN 16 55	GLEN MILNE	4. 0. 0			52. 14. 0
JUN 21 55	CHARGE	1. 1. 0			51. 03. 0
JUN 22 55	SELF	10. 0. 0			41. 03. 0
JUN 28 55	C. ASHLEY JONES	37. 0. 0			4. 03. 0
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THE FINAL AMOUNT IN THIS
COLUMN IS YOUR PRESENT
BALANCE ACCORDING TO OUR
BOOKSOVERDRAWN
BALANCES ARE SHOWN
IN RED

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11 JUL 1955

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6 1587 D

When do you disappear
abroad? Am much hoping
descend on heads. Fri. Aug 5th
(with target he has races
Sat. 6th). Kind thoughts
☺

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NAME: PEACH

T.C. No.: 2732

Tel. No.: Crowborough 3405

Date: 6.7.55

Responsible Section: D.I.a.



7 JUL 1955

Incoming call from KIT to AILEEN.

KIT regretted but she could offer no excuses for not phoning her. AILEEN said it was the same with her - she had intended to and did try once but had got no reply from the number.

KIT was ringing to ask if she could come over to lunch one day next week. AILEEN explained she would have her mother with her. KIT begged her to bring her along too, and AILEEN said she would consult her about it though she feared she might find the journey too much.

AILEEN made a note of KIT's address and number - Blackhill, LINDFIELD 3264.

KIT had a good deal of news about them from BUNNY.

AILEEN recalled their meeting the other day and asked KIT if she had thought her to be blind drunk. KIT said she thought she was. AILEEN explained that the doctor had given her some pills but had not mentioned she was not to drink on top of them. On that occasion KIM had given her a stiff gin which had reduced her to that state. He had then accused her of being 'blotto'. KIT had not found her to be quite as bad as that.

AILEEN remarked that KIM had observed she was very young looking and she told KIT that she had mentioned to him at the time that she was one of her oldest school friends. KIT spoke of her own family matters. She asked AILEEN how many children she now had and AILEEN told her there were 5 of them. KIT inquired after her mother and AILEEN told her how sweet she was and how good she was to her and said that she more or less kept them. KIT asked about KIM.-

K. What's KIM doing now?

A. God only knows (laughs).

K. Well, I mean, does he work in London - does he go up every day?

A. No, he doesn't, he lives up in London, pretty well.

K. Does he?

A. Em. He isn't doing anything very much, if he could get a job I think our life would be saved.

K. Well he looks a very hearty and healthy looking strong man.

A. He is but, you see, we were in the Burgess MacLean mess.

K. Oh yes, oh dear!

A. So he got the sack for that.

LINDFIELD?

K. Well It's rather bad luck isn't it.

A. Oh awfully bad luck. I mean, I have nothing against him for that at all. Only, it rather kind of broke him because he was a terribly successful young man.

K. What a shame!

A. It is, isn't it.

K. Absolutely Wicked, isn't it?

A. Absolutely wicked.

K. It really is.

It's cruel, and I suppose he wouldn't be the only one either in the-

A. No, I should think he was - you see, we had GUY living with us, when he ran away - we were in America.

K. Em.

A. And so, of course, the whole thing was a bit of a - and the Americans say he will never go back to America again, you know.

K. No!

A. You know what the Americans are like.

K. Oh yes, do I not! Talk about a sort of ...

A. Em.

K. Oh heavens, yes.

A. And, there was KIM in a very high official post and we'd had a great spy living with us.

K. And I suppose they wouldn't believe that you didn't know anything at all.

A. We didn't know a single thing, and I was quite certain poor old KIM didn't, but he can't take this sort of thing, I mean, he's not a person who has ever fought for anything, he's always been handed it on a platter.

K. Yes.

A. So - somebody else has got the blame. It's all very muddled - it's all a muddle.
Never mind, we shall get out of it soon.

KIT tried to comfort her by saying she had a very nice family and remarked on things BUNNY had told her about the children. KIT asked her how long they had been back and AILEEN told her, 4 years.
AILEEN agreed to get in touch with her after speaking to her mother about next week.

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L.E. Outgoing call AILEEN to HAZEL. In the course of their talk
AILEEN mentioned they were to lunch at KIT MANOPRIER's (ph)
next week

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28th June 1955.

I think you will be interested in the following information:

You may remember that one of PEACH's closest friends is a former member of this Service, the painter and art dealer, Tomas HARRIS. HARRIS has recently sold his business and gone to settle in Majorca and he has invited PEACH to stay with him there for three weeks, beginning next week. Harris asked to see me yesterday when he volunteered that he was anxious to do all in his power to assist in clearing up the PEACH case. He told me that, whatever the circumstantial appearance of things and even assuming, as he does, that some fairly damning evidence against PEACH exists in connection with the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN, he still believes that PEACH did nothing to betray this country or his old Service. Harris feels that the suspicions attaching to PEACH are unfairly dogging his footsteps and preventing him from rehabilitating himself.

To all this I replied that I was afraid I was unable to comment to him on the PEACH case, though I hoped he appreciated that neither my Service, nor PEACH's old Service, would ever be unwilling to examine new facts relating to it. I asked Harris whether he had any such and he had to admit frankly that he had not.

Harris then passed to the question of PEACH's book. It appears that he was responsible for suggesting the project to PEACH in the first place and for introducing him to the publisher, DEUTSCH. Now, having written a certain portion of the manuscript, PEACH is becoming greatly discouraged. He feels that, on approaching the most interesting part of his book, he is bound by former loyalties not to reveal the best and most news-worthy part of his material. Harris says that the fact that PEACH had already received £600 from the publishers, and now felt unable to live up to his contract, was so weighing on his mind that he, Harris, had decided to pay back the £600 to DEUTSCH and thus release PEACH from his obligations. He hopes that PEACH will at least now finish the book and submit it to the publisher in completed form, though he has doubts whether, in his present discouraged frame of mind, PEACH will feel equal to doing so. In giving me this account of PEACH and his book, Harris did not appear to be aware

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The picture of PEACH which I derived from Harris is a rather serious one. Harris described him as on the verge of a nervous breakdown. He and his wife are contemplating separation and divorce. He is drinking heavily and not making any serious efforts to find himself a job. I told Harris that he would be wrong to assume that security issues were standing in the way of PEACH's rehabilitation. Before joining M.I.6 he had, after all, been an able professional journalist and there seemed to be a promising future for him as a leader-writer on foreign affairs if only he would set his mind to it. Nor was this likely to be the only possibility outside the very narrow field of secret government employment. After some debate of this issue, Harris appeared to be persuaded that it was true

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...of Harris when he volunteered that he was anxious to do all in his power to assist in clearing up the matter, however the ... of Harris ...

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T.C. No.: 2510

Tel. No.: MOU 8325

Date: 27.6.55

Responsible Section: D.1.a.



Incoming calls unanswered.

- 09.29
- 10.09
- 16.31
- 17.54
- 18.21

Outgoing call KIM to DORA, his Mother.

DORA asked if he could not go and see her one evening by himself. KIM suggested coming on Wednesday evening - he would be working at Ovingdon Square that day. CONNIE had an engagement in Chelsea and could come and pick him up round about 10.30. DORA would expect him between 6 and 7 o'clock.

DORA mentioned that CONNIE had rung her this evening - and remarked that things were a little easier. Yes, KIM agreed on the whole and added that there were no major scenes.

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Outgoing call KIM to HONEY.

They inquired after each other. KIM said he was quite well but added that his visits to the country were always 'a bit awkward'. HONEY quite understood.

HONEY mentioned that he was going to see GERALD tomorrow at 11.30. He wondered whether KIM could meet him for lunch after that or, on Wednesday or Thursday. KIM told him he was working at Ovingdon Square tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday. He agreed to meet him tomorrow at the Unicorn in George Street at 1.15. KIM then asked him-

- K. What is your news?
- H. Nothing, at all, except that I saw DICK today, we had luncheon.
- K. Oh did you, yes, yes.
- H. And-
- K. How is he?
- H. There's nothing very lucid came out of the conversation.
- K. Not awfully helpful I imagine.
- H. No.
- K. Laughed.
- H. I'm afraid far less helpful than I imagined.
- K. Yes, of course, yes, I know.
- H. But never mind.
- K. No, no.

KIM would meet him at 1.15 tomorrow.

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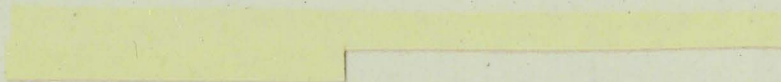
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~~D.~~ You wanted to discuss
this. *JK*

To see the attached account of my conversation with HONEY today.

Much of it is well known to you. I shall be interested to have your comments.



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HONEY invited me to lunch today, an invitation which I have refused on two previous occasions and which I now thought it advisable to accept. It became early clear that he wished to talk to me about the PEACH case.

The general burden of a long discussion was that he was anxious to clear up the suspicions which, he considered, lay unfairly upon PEACH. HONEY thought that an opportunity might arise for doing so during a visit which PEACH is to pay him in Majorca in the near future. His main reason for wanting to clear up the suspicions was that he thought there was no hope of rehabilitating PEACH and getting him a job unless they were removed.

I said that I did not think any good purpose would be served by seeking to obtain any further information from PEACH and that, furthermore, it would not be possible for me to give him any guidance if he attempted to do so on our behalf, because I could not allow him access to our information. I thought that one day new information might come to hand which would clear up the case but that anything other than precise facts would be quite useless to us. I appreciated HONEY's feelings, and respected them, but I could be of little assistance to him on a matter of this kind. HONEY took my answer in good part.

The following points emerged from our discussion:

(1) PEACH and Mrs. PEACH are about to separate, and possibly to divorce. HONEY's sympathies are with PEACH. He considers Mrs. PEACH totally deranged and subject to hallucinations - e.g. her invention of the telegram

PEACH is aware of this senseless invention.

(2) HONEY has assumed that we have some information to go on or we should not have called in Milmo, and that it was sufficiently strong to convince Milmo of PEACH's guilt before he undertook to interrogate him. He further believes that the information we have is that direct information was passed to the Russians from Washington while PEACH and BURGESS were together there. To his hypothesis HONEY ventured the following solution: that BURGESS obtained access to PEACH's papers or files in the Embassy, photographed certain of these and despatched them to the Russians. He pointed out that BURGESS had with him in Washington a Leica camera.

(3) HONEY told me that PEACH greatly resents the treatment he was accorded by Milmo, and ventured the opinion - with respect - that bringing in Milmo was the last way in the world in which to get PEACH to talk to us. PEACH has talked to HONEY about this interrogation and of his conclusion that we have no positive information, the whole case against him resting on the fact that he did not appear to know the full range of his wife's (first wife's) activities as a Communist.

(4) HONEY told me that he had himself suggested to PEACH the writing of his auto-biography and, for the purpose, had introduced him to Andre DEUTSCH, the publisher. Having written a certain amount and passed it to DEUTSCH, PEACH had come to the conclusion that the moment he started on the really interesting part his hands were tied. He had therefore come to a temporary standstill. His failure to live up to his obligations to DEUTSCH - who had already advanced £600 - had so weighed on

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his mind that HONEY has paid this sum~~a~~ back to the publisher in order to relieve PEACH of his feeling of obligation. There is now, therefore, no pressure upon PEACH to furnish the manuscript and although he is continuing with the book he is also refusing to pass any of it to DEUTSCH.

D. G.

27.6.55.

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18 JUN 1955

Am in correspondence with A.
 about the best week end of this
 month and pos. of Kingfield
 (or Brighton) from Cranborne. Hope
 in due course receive considered
 comments and wishes from you and
 in due course. © 11/6

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The Press Attaché to the Turkish Embassy
and Mrs Sönmez
request the pleasure of the company of

Mr. H. A. R. Philby

at a Reception
at 69 Portland Place, W1, on Thursday June 23rd
to welcome Mr Mehmet Ali Pamir,
who is succeeding Mr Sönmez as Press Attaché,
and Mrs Pamir

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Cocktails
6-8 p.m.

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Friday.

Deylands.

Dear Kim.

Thank you for
your letter. I have not
heard about a joint
meeting - so I should do
as you feel about seeing
Bill.

I shall not be able to
visit you Saturday as
I am going to London
& go this week there
early Saturday. I shall
be coming down
Saturday afternoon -
suggest I give you a lift

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L. F. W.

Let me know what you wish
if this is OK where I
am to pick you up?

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SECRET

NAME: PRACH
 Tel. No.: MOU 8325
 Responsible Section: D.I.a.

T.C. No.: 2510

Date: 3.5.55.



4 MAY 1955

Outgoing call from CONNIE to BARRY to ask if she would help her do her hair on Friday or Saturday. BARRY thought so on Friday - she might be going to the races on Saturday. CONNIE thought it a good opportunity because KIM was going to Oxford on Friday and Saturday to see MURAGAN again. BARRY remarked that she had thought KIM looked terribly nervous on Saturday and he was stuttering badly. She thought "that woman" was getting him to the end of his tether. CONNIE said she had not been so conscious of it but when she had asked if he had enjoyed the evening, he had said, no, he had been in such a state of nerves. She added that it was a thing that occurred now and then and there was so little that anyone could do about it. They would just have to hope for the best. KIM was just going off to work and she must leave now as well.

09.22

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 Incoming call to KIM from HELENA. She had seen the COATES today and they would be free on Monday for a drink. KIM said he almost certainly would be but he would confirm on Friday - he had given the choice of Monday or Tuesday. HELENA thought Tuesday would be equally all right - they had suggested Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. HELENA did not ^{know} whether to invite CONNIE or not. KIM said, no, no, no.

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+ See 23.3.55 t/c: HELENA lives at 41 Sydney Street.
 COATES lives at 45a Sydney Street.

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8 MAY

Outgoing call from (PRACH) for CONNIE, at her office. She was out. No message.

10.26.

Incoming call to CONNIE from HELENA, who said she had been speaking to a neighbour of hers in Sidney Street today. She had known KIM at some time and was anxious to know if there was any chance of seeing him. KIM came to the 'phone and told him that her next door neighbours, whose name was SCOTES (ph.), would like to see him again.

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KIM did not recall the name at first but then admitted that he knew him - he would love to see him again. HELENA said they were moving house but would be there about 10 more days. KIM said he was in London for most of May; he would be away next Friday and Saturday but the following week was absolutely free. HELENA would arrange for them all to have drinks at her flat. She would let him know the form later because a friend of hers, MARGE, was supposed to be arriving from Germany tomorrow to stay with her for a week. She was awaiting confirmation of these plans. KIM asked after Mikey. HELENA said he was up in Derby with (DORA) - they were returning on Wednesday.

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W.A.D.
2/4/55

D. J. FOOTMAN, ST. ANTHONY'S COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Many thanks yrs - but shall not be
in town now till pm. Wednes, so
cannot expect you until time 6th May.
Delighted hear interview of 4/4 reasonably
satisfac. Am now in touch with

Mrs E. ?

Kind thoughts



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PA PEACH

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C.R. ok. for May 6th. So
let us make fit for data.



PS. Have you any London phone No.
& time of day, what a time is reasonable
chance to phone you? Myself have only In &
Out 9.15 ish when better (and try as hard at finding one).

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6.4.55.



7 APR 1955

There were no calls.

5.4.55.

- Peach's mother

6.4.55.

Incoming call to CONNIE from DORA, who said she had a letter for KIM from his father. As it was addressed to Northwood Hall, she had sent it there and not down to Crowborough. If it did not arrive before KIM left, CONNIE could keep it until his return on Monday. There would be no news in it because she had received one too and there was no sign yet of his leaving Saudi Arabia. CONNIE wished her a happy Easter and asked if there was any chance of her going to Leylands. DORA would wait and see what was AILEEN's attitude because she (AILEEN) was hating her at the moment. CONNIE said KIM would obviously like her to go down. KIM then came to the telephone and DORA told him about the letter. She then said: "I am very glad you had it out with [redacted] One doesn't know what poison has been poured into him." KIM said it had been awfully interesting and he had been able to pour a little poison in the reverse direction. [redacted] had said that KIM had not told him anything he did not either know, or guess. He had been very pleased that KIM had spoken out - it had been a relief all round. DORA agreed because they had been such good friends and it was a shame to have something between them like that. They wished each other a happy Easter. If AILEEN were "sniffy" about DORA's going down there, KIM would not call her on Friday evening. On the other hand, if the coast were fairly calm and clear, he would 'phone his Mother at home. DORA said if there was no reply, he should ring her at HELENA's, where she might be baby-sitting. She then told him that she was lunching at the Ritz tomorrow with an old boy friend - FRANK, who was on leave. KIM asked her to give him his warm love.

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DI. Have you heard about this? I have not.

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D. To see. Have you heard anything about this?

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FLANAGAN and KIM were thought to be making arrangements for another week-end visit, possibly at the end of June. FLANAGAN hoped KIM would have finished his book by then.

21.38.

FLANAGAN again referred to the writing up of the Spanish Communist Party. If it was definitely decided that this should be done, it would give KIM a little extra money.

K. Indeed, yes. Interesting that'd be. I suppose, actually, there would be a certain amount of difficulty over any extraneous intervention in Spanish affairs because, presumably, a certain amount, anyway, of the excellent information that would be involved in M.I.5 files -

F. Yes, well, we normally don't have access to M.I - to official information anyhow.

K. Aren't you at all? I mean, that's absolutely out, is it?

F. Yes. Well, we never do try for our other (? studies) - sort of general instruction, we never do. We could depend on DICK's*memory perhaps. (Laughter) - old Garbo. And we'll try and get old to produce some (? links) or two.

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- K. Yes.
- F. That's one way of working it. But you see, none of our studies have got any official information yet but as this is foreign information, in which the foreign type is quite likely to chat and see no harm in -
- K. (Interrupting) Quite, yes. It would be awfully interesting and also the characters are awfully interesting, you know the -
- F. Are they mostly in Mexico, the survivors?
- K. Well, almost all of them now but there were those extraordinary people who (? toddled) back to Moscow after the Civil War and took tremendous pains to get out again.
- F. Yes. Well, that famous General who wrote a book. He escaped from -
- K. Yes, he had an extraordinary time. The last I heard of him, he was in North Africa somewhere, I think. The French, presumably, keeping him up (together.)

(Pause.)

- K. I had a word with JOLL (ph), isn't he - the ... man in St. Antony's?
- F. That's right.
- K. He was saying it's awfully hard to impress any of the undergraduates nowadays with the importance of the Spanish affair at all. is absolutely impossible to get over now, after Hiroshima and hydrogen bombs and gas chambers and everything else.
- F. Yes. We are rather anxious, you see, with this (? ROCK fellow running it) - spread it right over Europe.
- K. I see, yes, yes.
- F. And so, as I say, this is frightfully in the air. They think that Spain is right at the end of the European peninsula, or whatever it is, it makes it better rather than worse.
- K. Indeed, yes, yes.

KIM then reverted to his visit to (MCLELLAN) tomorrow, saying that he felt no enthusiasm towards anything these days.

They went out of this room.

GONZALEZ @ "EL CAMPESINO"

James Joll.
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Now don't Oxford

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Handwritten note:
D. Flanagan has just spent the weekend with PEACH in the country. We were fortunate to get a little of the material & you will be interested to see the underlined passages. Mc Reed

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6.4.55

FLANAGAN was here for the week-end. For the most part, he seemed to fall in with the family - offering to help with the chores i.e. making tea, chopping wood, gardening, entertaining the children etc. Only one or two snatches of conversation were recorded.

17.43. He was telling KIM that there was a chance that "we" might ask somebody to write up the Spanish Communist Party for one of their series of studies. KIM's name had occurred to "both of us" because if his relations with the Franco regime were good enough, they might let him see some of their ... records. He emphasised that it was all frightfully in the air. KIM thought he could almost certainly get inspiration with the help of friends in Spain. He said his only fear was that some condition might be laid down in which any final manuscript would have to be angled in a particular way. FLANAGAN thought that could be overcome. It would not be primarily for publication but an academic research project.

17.46. AILEEN came in to discuss early morning tea. FLANAGAN said he would attend to that.

17.55. The radio was on but KIM could be heard saying that he was at present involved with MAITLAND, which enabled him to keep his hand in.

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21.57. KIM was telling him about PADDY ENGELBACH's death and how awfully well HELENA had taken it. She had been left with two small sons, which the R.A.F. had agreed to help educate. He also spoke about his other sister, PAT, and how the journey to London from Kent every day, had made her ill. His own proposed visit to a doctor on Monday, was also discussed. FLANAGAN said KIM had looked very tired when he came to Oxford. KIM said he was going to HONEY's and BROOMAN-WHITE's doctor, so he must be all right. FLANAGAN had thought, when he last saw DICK, that he had looked less fit than usual. He added: "Of course, what he gets through in 24 hours, is nobodys business - and at such speed." KIM agreed that it was terrific. He was suffering from not having enough to do. FLANAGAN said it was wise to go to a doctor - it did not do any harm. He thought twice about people going to a psycho-analyst. KIM agreed that that was a mad thing to do.

22.08. FLANAGAN spoke about a first cousin of his who had married a very nice man in English China Clay - family business.

AILEEN joined them. Chat about the children ensued.

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Extract from telecheck on PEACH

Outgoing call from CONNIE to DORA to tell her that KIM was back from seeing the doctor. He had talked so much that he had asked her to tell his Mother what had happened. The doctor had said that he was in a shocking state. He had given him sedatives for the night and stimulants for the day. He had not given him a physical check because at the moment it would be hopeless - his heart would be one thing and his pulse another. He was to go to see him again in a fortnight's time, when he would examine him physically. CONNIE continued that (McLELLAN) was chief surgeon of the Brentwood Mental home and on learning about ALLEEN, he had said she would never improve and neither would KIM if he were with her. Her case was completely hopeless. DORA said she had been told that in Cairo about 6 years ago. She hoped the children would not take after her. (McLELLAN) had also said that KIM was to have a holiday and to get rid of any remorse which he felt. From now on, he was to do what he wanted to do; not what he thought he ought to do - just please himself for a while. KIM then came to the 'phone in order to say, hello and to arrange to lunch with DORA tomorrow, when he would tell her all about it.

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NOTE.

On receipt this morning of the material at 594a, I showed the final paragraph to D.G. in view of [redacted]

This morning I told de la Mare, for the information of Dean, that it appeared from information we had just received that PEACH had temporarily laid aside work on his book. It seemed that he had asked the publishers to wait a bit before they receive his manuscript. The reason why I was telling the F.O. this was that there now seemed no immediate likelihood of the publication of material which could be personally embarrassing to the Foreign Secretary.

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Tel. No.: MOU 8325

Date: 25.3.55.
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Outgoing call from KIM to tell CONNIE that he had done the shopping. Also that there was a radio adaptation of 'Carmen Jones' at 4.15. CONNIE said that was most interesting - she would be home by then.

12.51.

Incoming call to CONNIE from PAT (MILNE).

During the course of their conversation, which was largely about PAT's health and their bets for the Grand National, PAT inquired about KIM and said she hoped they would come and visit them soon. CONNIE said-

- C. KIM has been away an awful lot you know and - he hasn't been in much of a mood to do anything - he's been-
- P. Frustrated ?
- C. It isn't only that, I think the job is getting him down, you know, not working is really getting him down - b--- awful nights and - I don't know, I wish to --- he could get something, it's so depressing for him, it just gets worse and worse, you know.
- P. He's just got to wait until something turns up. I'm convinced that something will turn up eventually-
- C. Yes. Oh I'm convinced that something will turn up, the idea of anything not, is just too ridiculous.
- P. What about the book, is that finished?
- C. No, no, he's put it off for the time being. He's just not - well, I - well - nervous breakdown is far too exaggerated, but he's - he's unable to concentrate, he felt he was making a --- of the book, so he's asked Boyds ? if they'll wait a little while. I think it's much better than being under this tremendous pressure and producing something that you don't think anything of. He knows whether it's any good or not, and, he said that he just felt it wasn't any good. However, he's hardly touched on that as far as your mother is concerned, he just said, you know, 'they've given me a bit more break', or something, and, left it like that. She gets in a flap very easily about these things.

KIM then took over the call - he had been in the next room and CONNIE called him. He told PAT that they had to pay them a visit in the second half of April. J. D. B. B. 19.31

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I asked to see the Lord Chancellor and was given an appointment at 3 o'clock this afternoon. I gave as the reason for my visit that I had noted the deep concern he had expressed at the possibility that the facts about PEACH might become known if the Foreign Secretary makes a statement about BURGESS and MACLEAN. As he evidently felt that this had a bearing on the advisability of making a statement, I thought that he might wish to have the most recent facts on the case with any relevance to the issue. To the best of our knowledge PETROV had no information whatsoever about PEACH. His statement on the escape was couched in general terms - he had heard from KISLITSYN that one or other of the men became aware that they were under surveillance. This might be literally true, for on re-examination of the observation reports of the period, it appeared probable that MACLEAN had become aware of it. This of course was not inconsistent with PEACH's guilt. However, it did provide an alternative explanation. I continued on the lines of D's brief, saying that a certain amount of notice had been taken by the Beaverbrook press of the presence of PEACH in Washington at the time of BURGESS' disappearance, and the possible connection between PEACH's dismissal from the Foreign Office and his friendship with BURGESS. It seemed therefore that it was at least possible that, if a statement were made indicating that a leakage of information occurred at that time, the press might connect PEACH with the leakage and put up a Member to ask the worst of all possible questions in the House, namely: "Is there any connection between the dismissal of PEACH from the Foreign Service in 1951 and the leakage of information alluded to?"

The Lord Chancellor said he was very glad to have this additional information. He agreed with me that a question of the kind I had suggested would be the worst thing that could happen. On reflection, he suggested that it might be answered on the lines that enquiries had been made into the mysterious departure of MACLEAN and certain precautionary measures taken, but that it would be invidious to give names. Without confirmation of the privilege of the House of Commons it would then be impossible for the newspapers to write stories about 'PEACH, the traitor'. He then said that he was extremely worried about the whole matter of the statement and deeply concerned about the Foreign Secretary's own position, knowing how ready the Beaverbrook Press would be to find cause to attack him and the Foreign Office.

I said that I appreciated that the real issues involved in this matter were political ones outside my experience and which I did not feel able to judge. It had seemed to me my duty, however, to point out to the Ministers who were considering it such facts as had a bearing on their decision. The most important point I had to make was that sooner or later PETROV's information would be given to the world and that then the government would surely be asked questions about it. Moreover PETROV's information contained the true inwardness of these cases. On balance, I had therefore tendered the opinion to the Home Secretary that it would be advisable to forestall lurid press comment by a more sober statement made on the government's own initiative. Lord Kilmuir commented that he thought the subsequent publication of PETROV's material would somewhat tarnish the idea of government initiative. It would be seen to have been forced from the government by PETROV's intention to publish.

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The Lord Chancellor then went over the various issues which were debated yesterday and made some comments on the pros and cons which need not be recorded. After nearly an hour's discussion, I left him to give further consideration to the problem and to draft his advice to the Foreign Secretary. If he decides to advise that the statement should be made, I fancy he will criticise the present one as of a too casual nature.

D.G.

 D.G. White.

23.3.55.

TOP SECRET

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NOTE.1. THE PROGRESS OF PEACH'S BOOK.

From our telecheck on PEACH we learnt that on 11.2.1955 he told his mother that he was at the moment finishing his book and that April was the deadline (588za).

The same source informed us that on 19.3.1955 Connie Ashley-Jones, PEACH's mistress, received a call from an unidentified woman to say that Lydia (also unidentified) had finished "Mr. PEACH's thing" and wanted to know whether to post it or not. Connie asked if it was very big and was told that it was quarto size. She agreed to collect it in person.

We do not know for certain that "Mr. PEACH's thing" is the book or part of it, but no other major literary work is, so far as we know, being undertaken by PEACH. Lydia may be the typist.

From the two items above there is a real~~y~~ possibility that PEACH has completed the book.

Against that it is curious that no chapters additional to the first three which were completed have been submitted by PEACH to his old office. [REDACTED]

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2. PETROV's INFORMATION ABOUT BURGESS and MACLEAN.

Leggett's summary of this material is at 755a in PF 604558, volume 12, attached.

3. PETROV's INFORMATION ABOUT AN R.I.S. SOURCE IN THE U.K.

Our information on this is contained at 7a in SF 441/UK/5 attached. The material is amplified at 8a.

At 183a in PF 604558/SUPP.C., volume 4, I drew attention to the possibility of the British Press connecting any information that may be published about RAZIN's story with the name of PEACH, and I mentioned that there had been rumours about him in Fleet Street. On this I refer you to three serials in PF 604584, volume 11:

- (3) At 582a is a record of the visit paid by a "Daily Mirror" representative to the Foreign Office News Department, at which the journalist suggested that a man called PHILBY was under suspicion and likely to be arrested.

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Incoming call from Gweneth to CONNIE (ASHLEY-JONES) to tell her that LYDIA had finished "Mr. PEACH's thing", and wanted to know whether to post it or not. CONNIE confirmed that she was in the office this morning. She asked if it was very big and GWENETH said it was quarto size. CONNIE agreed to collect it on Monday or Tuesday...

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Outgoing call from KIM to DORA to ask about her Court case...

DORA asked if he was still working at Ovington Gardens. KIM said no, at the moment, he was finishing his book; April was the dead-line.

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Please see the attached PEACH conversation on the 6 February. I felt pretty sure that this conversation referred to personal problems, but as I could not be certain, I asked the G.P.O. to intercept the letter which would clear up the matter, and it did as you will see.

Perhaps the only concrete thing we get out of this is the fact that PEACH says he is an atheist. This does not prove anything but it is not incompatible with his being a Marxist.

This was known in 1951!

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12.2.55

R. T. Reed
R. T. Reed.

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I believe that you will find the attached letter interesting as throwing light on PEACH's character. I do not think for a moment that either party has the least intention of ending the liaison.

G.R. Mitchell

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11.2.55

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NAME: PEACH

T.C. No.: 2510

Tel. No.: MOU 8325

Date: 5.2.55

Responsible Section: D.I.a.

6.2.55.



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Incoming, unanswered calls only.

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Outgoing call from CONNIE to tell CHARLES that she was safely home. It seemed that they had been away for the week-end. Chat followed - of no interest. CONNIE was expecting KIM to telephone her tonight.

19.49.

Incoming call from KIM (from a call-box) to CONNIE to ask if she had had a nice time. She said, yes - she had gone in the car and it had run beautifully. KIM said he had not written. He had felt awfully uncertain and awkward as to what he ought to say but her voice was wonderful to hear again. They discussed the car and KIM said he had been counting the half hours wondering when she would be home.

C. KIMMIE. Are you not going to write, do you think, darling?

K. Darling. Yes, I will tomorrow. (Stammering badly.)

C. Well, look, if you don't feel like writing, darling, before thinking the worst, I'll wait until you come back.

K. O.K. darling. I'll try anyway. How do you feel now?

C. Well, I'd like to see you, KIMMIE, you know.

K. M'm. On and off.

C. No, no darling. Not on and off but I've wanted to know what you feel, you see. It's difficult for me to think that it's such a big problem but then that's because you haven't said much about it, I think, you know.

K. Well, I've been consulting the owls and the full moon, you know. (They both laughed.)

C. Oh, darling. And didn't you get any answer at all?

K. No, absolutely none, no. No darling. But I'll try and explain it anyway, you see. It's awfully hard.

(The pips went and CONNIE told him to reverse the charges, if they were interrupted. KIM said it was all right, he had some change.)

CONNIE then told him that she was taking JOHN (DOUDNEY) into hospital tomorrow. He was getting a little bit anxious now.

C. You'll come back on Wednesday, anyway, won't you?

K. Absolutely, darling, yes - oh, yes, rather (laughing.)
And I'll telephone you from Charing Cross and we'll hop along home straight away, eh?

C. Yes, yes. The only thing is, darling, if by any chance you do absolutely make up your mind in the next few days, give me a ring before you come back. Because I don't think I can face a Wednesday night like some of the nights we've had (light-heartedly.)

K. I know darling exactly what you mean.

C. You know.

K. Awful.

C. This sort of uncertainty and everything. If you're still uncertain - with quite a lot of uncertainty, I mean. You know if you think there is much chance of you really wanting to come back, of course, come but otherwise, you know, perhaps it would be better for you to go to your Mother's, or something.

K. (After a pause) Yes but what do you honestly feel?

C. Well, if I could - I feel that you ought to, you see, KIMMIE.

K. What?

C. I think that you ought to come back.

K. Why?

C. Well, because I feel that this problem isn't such an enormous one.

K. M'm.

C. But I don't honestly know, darling, you see.

K. Yes. O.K. darling. Anyway, I'll hop along on the Wednesday afternoon or evening and we will talk about it and see how it is. We're adults, aren't we?

C. What darling?

K. We're adults aren't we?

C. Of course we are, yes.

(KIM laughed.)

C. KIMMIE, you don't want me to cancel TONY and BARBY, or anything?

- K. Oh, no, CONNIE, no. I'd like that party anyway.
- C. I see.
- K. It could be (?? Cocktails) alone.
- C. Yes. (They both laughed.) Oh, KIMMIE. Don't be too pessimistic, honey.
- K. No darling but I can hardly er - you know, say that everything is marvellous and I've thought it all over and I've taken a tremendous resolve or anything of that sort because it isn't true, you see. (He tittered.)
- C. No. Not even a little bit?
- K. Well, darling, that I have, honestly I have, you know, I haven't read a book or anything for months really.
- C. M'm. Oh, yes but I think - I don't think that's really the problem. Well, darling, never mind on the telephone now.
- K. No, quite but otherwise are you happy - otherwise, you know.
- C. Otherwise. It's awfully difficult to think of otherwise really, isn't it?
- K. Well, I'm awfully pleased you (?? heard) it darling. Anyway, look here, I will write to you and I'll be home sometime on Wednesday afternoon or evening. O.K. darling?
- C. Yes, sweetie.
- K. Well, have a nice night if you can darling. I will also.
- C. Yes, all right lovey. Yes, all right, sweetie-pie. Look don't think about it too much now. Let's not think too much, perhaps, until we meet again.
- K. All right, good darling, yes.
- C. Because you don't seem to have got very far by yourself, do you?
- K. I haven't actually - I haven't at all.
- C. Oh, God!
- K. Well, you know, I'm a silly old thing.
- C. All right lovey. There's no chance of you coming back before Wednesday, is there?
- K. No. I ought to hang around anyway until then.
- C. Yes. All right sweetie.
- (The operator interrupted to say their time was up.) They said good-bye.

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8 FEB 1955

Monday A.M.

My darling,

This is the letter I promised you yesterday. It is not an easy one to compose, as I am not certain yet either as to the diagnosis of our malady or its cure. But I hope that I am not too clumsy in expressing my latest thoughts, and that you will give them serious, and perhaps loving (!) consideration.

One thing is clear. Certain aspects of my character and conduct seriously upset you. In spite of the efforts of two years (less five days), you are still easily upset whenever those aspects emerge. You can still say that I never utter, that we have nothing to discuss, that there is no understanding between us, etc. Admittedly, there is hyperbole in all this, but it is nevertheless hyperbole that overlays real feeling on your part.

For my part, I feel that I have made a considerable and sustained effort to meet your needs. I cannot remember offhand a single evening that I have not devoted to you -- often very willingly, sometimes with an effort. The fact that my effort has failed so signally is a serious matter.

A large measure of my failure is due to the fact that I have been made all too aware that my shortcomings on any given

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occasion are liable to disturb your equilibrium. (Forgive me for saying that I feel your equilibrium is perhaps too easily disturbed -- a common failing among wilful characters!) The result is that my effort is marred by anxiety which leads to self-consciousness; and that it therefore tends to defeat its own object.

My failure is also partly due to the fact that I am not convinced that you are wise in asking me to change so radically my habits of mind and behaviour. Spontaneity is an excellent thing, but reserve is not necessarily to be condemned. The essential is that they should be sincere expressions of the personality concerned. It would be wrong for you to cultivate an unnatural reserve; but similarly an "artificial spontaneity" in me would ring horribly false.

I am inclined to the conclusion that any association must founder unless there is basic compatibility of views on intellectual, emotional and moral issues, and on conduct. By "compatibility" I do not mean "identity", but rather mutual respect and tolerance. In more concrete terms, unless you respect my reserve and my atheism just as I respect your spontaneity and your leanings towards Buddhism, then we are on a sticky wicket. In my view, we should both be very careful

not to interfere too brutally or too insistently with ingrained habits -- after all, we are not malleable children. The result of such interference may well be unfortunate, to say the least.

A review of our association suggests to me that your dissatisfaction with my mental habits and my conduct is very deep, or that your self-control is weak, or a bit of both; also that my capacity to meet your needs is very limited. Therefore I do not feel justified in pressing you to put up with my shortcomings any longer, for I know that improvement will come very slowly -- if at all -- and I have no wish to cling to you at the expense of your happiness and well-being.

These are the thoughts that have been running through my brain since I last saw you. I need not tell you, my beloved, that they have been painful. Perhaps you may find something to say to me by Wednesday evening that will ease our position. I shall be arriving at Charing Cross at 5.10, and I would rather not go to the Sherry Bar. So let's go straight home. If you are not at the barrier, I will meet you at the entrance to the Boot's in the station -- you know it, I think.

Very tender kisses and caresses, my sweetheart, from your

Kim

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