

26.9.55. TC material on RALEIGH. 631. 630b.

30.9.55. D.D.G. note re conversation with Dean. 632. 631a.

4.10.55. Cable from Washington re "Third man". 633. 632a.

4.10.55. Cable to Washington in reply to 632a. 634. 633a.

10.10.55. Note re Walker of News Chronicle and Fleet St. on PHILBY. 635. 634a.

12.10.55. Transferred to Supp. G. 636. 635a.

14.10.55. Copy of telegram from New York to F.O. 637. 636a.

21.10.55. D note re talks with de la Mare re Foreign Sec. and REACH's passport etc. 638. 637a.

22.10.55. D note. 638a.

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24.10.55. Cable to Washington re Daily Mail and Sunday News.

639a.

24.10.55. Cable from Washington.

639b.

24.10.55. DDG minute to D.1 re interviewing ⁶⁴⁰TAPLIN.

640a.

25.10.55. Note on PHILBY and VOLKOV.

640a.

641.

25.10.55. From FO - telegrams from Washington re American press.

641a.

642.

26.10.55. Cable to Washington in reply to 639b.

642a.

643.

26.10.55. Note by D.1 re Walter TAPLIN, REES, BURGESS and PHILBY.

643a.

645.

28.10.55. Int. letter to PHILBY from COLVIN.

645a.

647.

28.11.55. Cutting from the Star.

647a.

648.

9.11.55. D1A note re press cuttings re PHILBY.

648a.

650.

9.11.55. Ext. from TC on Mrs. Dora PHILBY's flat, comments on press reports.

650a.

651.

9.11.55. Note re filing of all PHILBY's own statements.

651a.

653.

18.11.55. To G.P.O. Mr.Harlow forwarding int.letter 653a

654.

18.11.55. From G.P.O. returning int.letter. 654a

21.11.55. From British Embassy Washington re BURGESS staying with PHILBY in Turkey. 656a.

657.

23.11.55. D1A note to D re 656a. 657a.

658.

24.11.55. To British Emb. Washington in reply to 656a. 658a.

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29.11.55. Ext. from Hansard. 659a.

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2.12.55. from DG re PHILBY and his job. 660a.

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Reference..... FF 604584 PHILBY.
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D.1.

The PHILBY telephone check shows that he has at last obtained a job as P.A. to Bill ALLEN, an advertising executive and a chairman of David Allen & Sons Ltd. and Associated Companies, 7, Buckingham Palace Gardens, S.W.1.

How PHILBY obtained this job is not completely known. From the telephone check there is reason to believe that PHILBY's name and qualifications were brought to the attention of Bill Allen by Dick BROCKMAN-WHITE (serial 1903 and 1904).

The nature of the work and the remuneration is discussed at serial 1908 when it was reckoned to be worth about £1800 a year and expenses. ?

Serial 1918 is a useful and enlightening discussion between Allen and PHILBY on the work to be done and the terms of employment.

D asked me to bring this to your notice as you will want to inform D.G. (see D's note on serial 1908).

R. T. Reed
R. T. Reed.

D.1.A.
2.1.56.

(6343) A.O.St.

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662.

D.G.

Please see Minute 661, which shows that PHILBY has at last apparently got a job.

His employer, William Edward David ALLEN, has three volumes in this Office. The short assessment of his case from the vetting point of view is given in D.'s Minute 219 in PF.43,107 (attached), based on D.1.'s longer Minute at 218.

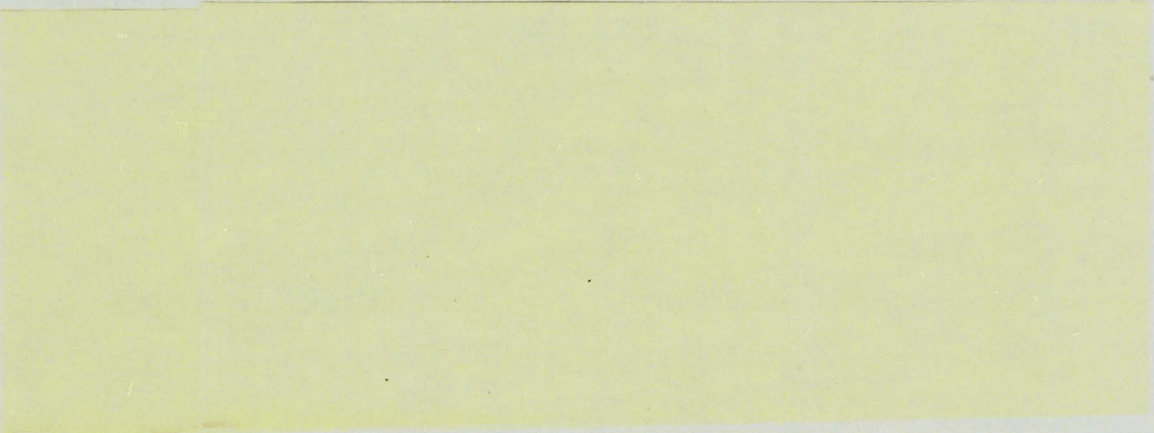
The financial conditions are obscure and appear to be based on financial assistance for the education

/of PHILBY's children

Minute 662 - continued

of PHILBY's children by means of a reduction in ALLEN's surtax.

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I assume that the remarks on Page 3 about "skipping" (sidelined) are a reflection of Aileen's nervous state.

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2.1.56

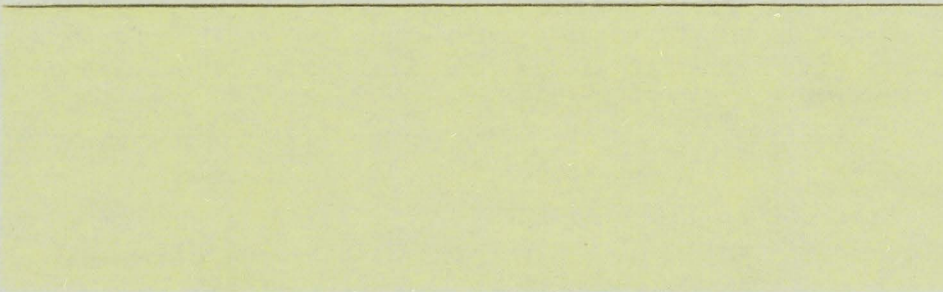
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2.1.56. Int. letter to PHILBY from Bill ALLEN.

662b.

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~~D.1.~~ ^{am 31}
~~BY DIALECTR~~



The tie-up with ALLEN is certainly not without interest. I should not be inclined to give credit to the proposition examined in minute 218 on PF.43107 that PEACH has confessed his true position to ALLEN. If there is one thing that seems clear about PEACH it is that he keeps his own counsel.

Excluded
to PF 43107
ALLEN

D.G.

 D.G. White.

4.1.56.
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664.

9.1.56. Int. letter to PHILBY from Bill ALLEN.

664a.

665.

9.1.56. Int. letter from ALLEN to PHILBY.

665a.

667.

22.2.56 Extract from note by L.A. on interview with CHAPMAN PINCHER 667z
ment. PHILBY

D.1.

Reference D's comment on serial 2006 in the supplementary volume (attached). There is no substantial change in PHILBY's employment since Minutes 661 to 663. His work for Allen is his principal occupation. Since then we have found out that:-

- (b) He may visit the Middle East with a commission to do some work for the "Observer" in June or July 1956. - serials 1967, 2008, 2012 and others in supp.vol.;
- (c) The Economist may offer some part-time work also probably connected with Middle Eastern affairs - serial 2008 in supp.vol.

D.1.A.
23.2.56

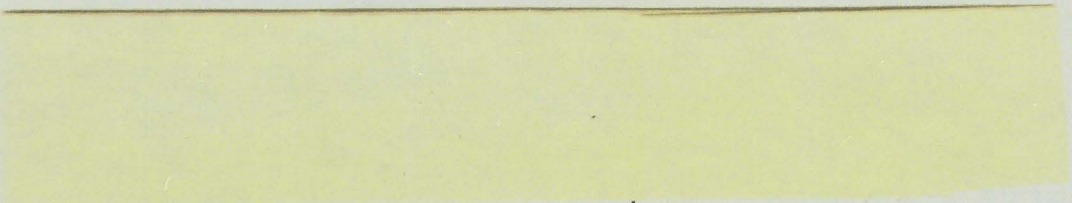
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D. DIA/RIP - 3.2/2
Please see 668. 669a. 21.2

Please see minute 667. The position as regards PHILBY's journalistic work still appears somewhat obscure. The D G. has been fully appraised of the position vis & vis Allen and until such a time as we can discover more details regarding any firm contract between PHILBY, The Observer, and the Economist, I do not think that the D.G. need be worried with the case.



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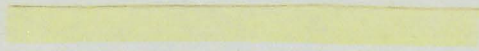
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24.2.56.

D. note re discussion



669a.

671.

6.3.56

Extract from int. letter from BURGESS to Mrs. BASSETT mentioning PHILBY.

671a

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8.3.56

Extract from Minute by D.1.A. commenting on 671a.

672a

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9.3.56. I/L to PHILBY.
19.3.56. Ext. from int. letter ment. PHILBY

673a
673b

674.

26.3.56. Extract from note ment. PHILBY

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1.4.56. [redacted] letter from PHILBY [redacted]

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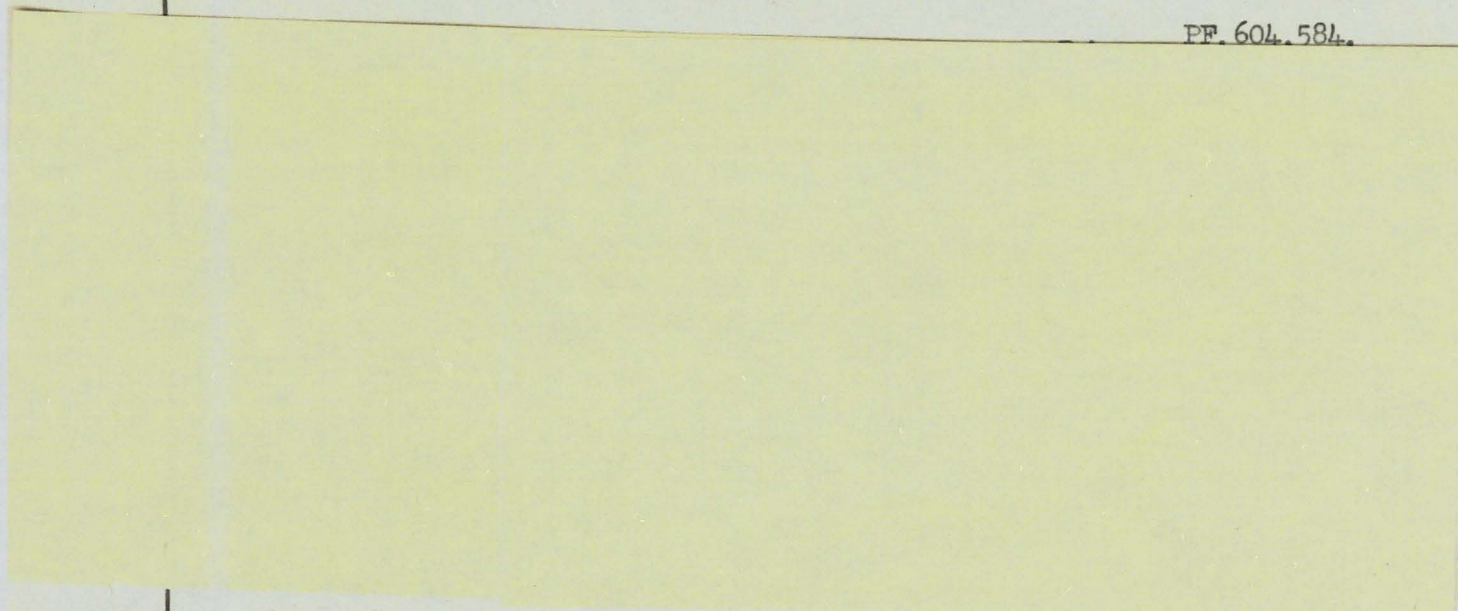
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D.1.A/RTR.

Please see note at 677a.

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13.4.56.

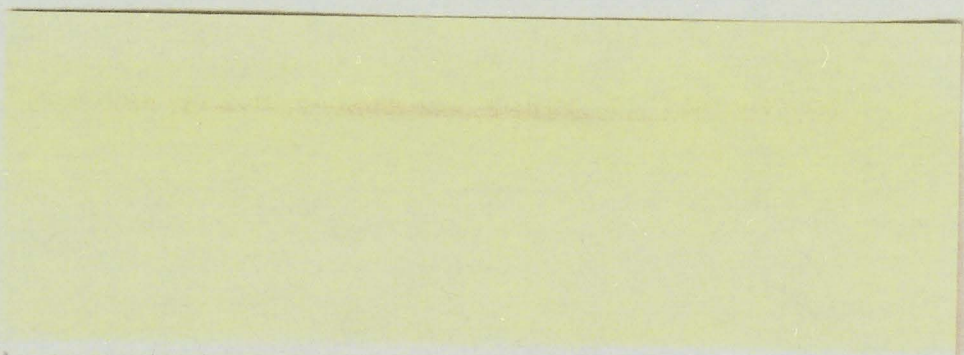
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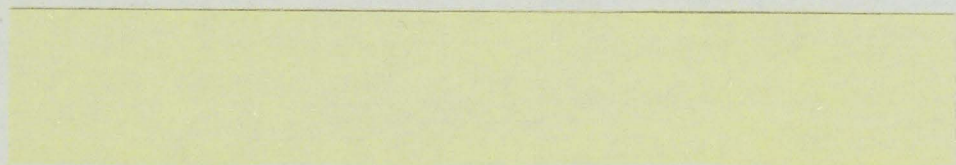


680,

~~D.~~



It would appear as if he was installed in his job with the, as far as we know, not yet confirmed possibility of newspaper assignments in the Middle East, to which employment we neither would want to, nor could, put up any objection.



D.1.
21.4.56

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~~D.D.G.~~

Please see Minutes 680.

Nevertheless, we have often in the past found the telephone check on PHILBY useful.

D.1, as you will see, states that there is a possibility that PHILBY may obtain newspaper work in the Middle East. If so, the question of the telephone check will of course resolve itself automatically.

In the meantime, I should be inclined - with reluctance - to keep the check on.

J. C. Robertson
J. C. Robertson.

~~D.~~
24.4.56.

682.

JL
26/4

~~D.~~ D.1.
I have discussed minute 681 with D.G. He feels that in all the circumstances there is insufficient justification for maintaining the telephone check on PHILBY. Please therefore have it cancelled.

G.R. Mitchell

~~D.D.G.~~
26.4.56.

G.R. Mitchell.

683.

26.4.56. Cancellation of telephone H.O.W. on PHILBY.

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1.5.56. Cancellation of letter check on PHILBY

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1.5.56. To Denman, G.P.O.

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4.5.56. T.C. material mentioning PHILBY. 686a.

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3.9.56. A.1 note re contact with PHILBY. 687a

688.

5.9.56. Copy of TC on REVAI mentioning PHILBY. 688a

690.

10.9.56. S.B. report re PHILBY's departure for Beirut. 690a

691.

16.10.56. Ext. from T.C. on BLUNDEN ment. PHILBY 691a

692.

10.12.56. Copy of T.C. on BLUNDEN 692a

1.8.57. Note for file 692b

2.8.57 LASCAR material ment. father PHILBY 693a

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13.12.57 Loose minute and press cutting re death of Aileen PHILBY 694a

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SECRET

NAME: BLUNDEN

T.C. No.: 2990

Tel. No.: WEL 1388

Date: 7.12.56.

Responsible Section: D.1.



Incoming call to (Miss SCHEERER) from W.E.D. (BILL) ALLEN. He explained that he had had a letter of introduction to BLUNDEN from a mutual friend, Mr. KIM PHILBY, but unfortunately he had mislaid it. He had had it some time ago when PHILBY was staying with him. Mrs ALLEN was very interested in pictures and they would like to come and see BLUNDEN, or to invite him for a drink at the Ritz where they were staying. (Miss SCHEERER) understood but said BLUNDEN was very busy next week. It was the end of term and he had numerous classes and meetings. She suggested the week beginning 17th December. ALLEN explained that he lived in Ireland where he would be returning next week. He suggested getting into touch in February when he would be coming to London again. He mentioned that he had got BLUNDEN's address from Who's Who. (Miss SCHEERER) apologised - she was sure BLUNDEN would be very glad to meet him. ALLEN should write a note before coming to London and then BLUNDEN could keep some time free. ALLEN expected BLUNDEN knew that PHILBY was now in the Middle East as correspondent for the Observer. (Miss SCHEERER) thought he knew that. They would look forward to hearing from ALLEN in February.

10.29.

JW.

69/a

SECRET
EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF. 604,584 Name: PHILBY, Kim

Original in File No.: PF. 604,582 Vol: 4 Serial: 232a Receipt Date: 16.10.56.

Original from: T.C. Under Ref: 2990 Dated: 15.10.56.

Extracted on: 25.10.56. by: FMD Section: D.1.

EXTRACT FROM TELECHECK ON BLUNDEN MENTIONING KIM PHILBY

-
Tommy Harris
- H. Do you know where KIM is?
- B. No, I don't. The last I heard from KIM was - he wrote to me from Ireland in June, I think, to congratulate me and said he was coming over to London in July and would ring me. Then I heard nothing more and then he said he was going out to join his father in Beirut.
- H. I haven't heard a word from him; not even a card.
- B. Oh, you haven't. I've heard nothing at all.
- H. I'll ring his mother and find out what has happened.
- B. I didn't do anything because he said he was definitely going to get in touch with me.
- H. Yes. I don't know what can have happened because he usually writes me a short note or something - keeps in touch whilst we're away. I wasn't sure where he was and so I haven't written to him.
- B. I imagine he's left Ireland anyhow.

/H. I should

H. I should think he's possibly gone to the Middle East.

BLUNDEN agreed. They would look forward to seeing each other on Friday.

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S.B. No. 5 (Flimsy)

LONDON AIRPORT - NORTH

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METROPOLITAN POLICE (Special Branch)

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SPECIAL REPORT

ENCL
10 SEP 1956
1519
REF.

6th day of September 1956

D.I. Pa. Peak.

SUBJECT

Harold Adrian
Russell HILBY

Harold Adrian Russell HILBY, British, born 1-1-12, a journalist, left this airport for Beirut, Lebanon, by flight K.4 at 7.30am today. He was travelling on British passport No. C.368090, and was alone.

REFERENCE TO
PAPERS

HILBY was implicated in the Burgess - Maclean affair and has a number of mentions in S.B. Records under their reference - 371/51/80.

371/51/80.

Conrad Dixon
Constable.

Submitted.

Burns
Chief Inspector.

A. G. Smith
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.

38/21

Smith
13.9.56

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METROPOLITAN POLICE (Special Branch)

~~Joseph~~
~~10/10~~

Control Room

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TOP SECRET AND PERSONAL.

689a

PF.604584/D.1/DHW.

6 September 1956.

Dear

We have heard casually that H.A.R. PHILBY is planning to leave for Beirut today, September 6th. You may well know this already but I am just passing it on in case it is of interest.

Yours

D. H. Whyte.

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They did indeed.

*David
49-50*

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Rt R 604584

(Original in R. 55570, S. 7a, (att. 10))

SECRET

NAME: REVAI

T.C. No.: 3104

Tel. No.: HYD 3117

Date: 5.9.56.

Responsible Section: D.I.a.



Incoming call to REVAI from Mrs. BASSETT, who thanked him for his letter and remarked that she had only got back on Friday. She was wondering when he could go along to see her. It was arranged that he should go along for a drink tomorrow about 5.30.

Mrs. B. Anthony gets back next week, doesn't he?

R. Yes, probably - I just had a postcard from him from Rome and I think he will be back by the end of next week.

Mrs. B. And do you know KIM?

R. Well, I know him slightly, yes.

Mrs. B. He's going this week, I think - he wrote and told me.

R. I see. Well, I didn't realise that. Well, I only met him slightly, about once or twice, I don't know him well.

Mrs. B. No. Well, I'll hear all your news when I see you then.

R. Thank you very much indeed. Good-bye.

10.31.

JW.

PERSONAL.

687a

D.I. Mr. C. Young.

My family are staying in Sussex, near Newhaven, for the childrens' summer holiday.

On the afternoon of August 29th my wife and two children were at Newhaven beach. While watching the children enjoy a ride on a merry-go-round my wife became aware of a familiar figure standing by her. Because he had changed a lot since she last saw him - some years ago in Washington - she did not immediately recognise him. It was Kim PHILBY.

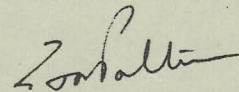
My wife greeted him and they talked for a few minutes during which time he introduced four of his children to her.

PHILBY said that his wife was suffering from some kind of nervous disorder, that all his children were at boarding school and that he planned to leave for Beirut next ~~Friday~~, September 6th. My wife told me that PHILBY had quite obviously not had a haircut for months, that he appeared to have lost a lot of weight and was chain smoking.

Evidently our holiday abode is fairly near the PHILBYS' house and PHILBY asked if he could bring the children over to see us this weekend. Wishing to "stall" until she had an opportunity of finding out my views, my wife said that we were expecting a flock of relatives on Saturday and Sunday, but she would telephone him at some point over the weekend in case we had a free moment.

I mentioned the above to you this morning and we agreed that possibly the best thing to do would be for us to invite PHILBY and his family to tea on Sunday. If we do so, and the PHILBYS accept, I shall of course let you know what transpires.

A.I.
31.8.56.



G. T. D. Patterson.

p.s. On consideration we decided not to ask the PHILBYS to our house while I was at home. My wife rang suggesting that Mrs. PHILBY brought the children over one day this week.

3.9.56.

686A

SECRET

NAME: HONEY

T.C. No.: 3055

Tel. No.: GRE 4462

Date: 11.5.56.

Responsible Section: D.I.a.

12.5.56.

13.5.56.

14 MAY 1956

Nothing of interest to report.

11.5.56.

12.5.56.

Incoming call to Mrs. HONEY from CONNIE (ASHLEY-JONES.) Chatter. CONNIE asked after the HONEYs and Mrs. HONEY's Mother. Mrs. HONEY told her about the servant trouble she was having. CONNIE was surprised to learn that they were returning to Majorca next Saturday - they would have been here three weeks. They spoke about KIM and agreed that he was looking very well. CONNIE did not see so much of him now that he went to Ireland on his job so much but she did not mind as his having a job made him so much happier. Mrs. HONEY knew about his going to the Middle East for the Economist and the Observer. HONEY then came to the telephone and mentioned that they would be coming back in September - Mrs. HONEY liked to see her Mother everyx three months. He said he had seen KIM a couple of times and he felt that things were working out well. CONNIE agreed - it looked as if the Irish job would go on, in some way or another, for years, if KIM had time. However, he was confident that once he got to the Middle East, either the Economist or the Observer would become permanent. This although he had signed no contract and no definite arrangements had been made. HONEY remarked that KIM had seemed to know when he was going because he had said he would be out there when HONEY returned in September but he would try to get leave over Christmas when the HONEYs would be here again. CONNIE was horrified at the thought of KIM's being out there for such a long time. HONEY felt sure that once he got back into the newspaper world, he would make a hit of it - his experience was far greater than it was before. They agreed that whenever KIM did anything for anybody, they were always so delighted with it. HONEY said he must dash - he had got to be in Bond Street by 10 o'clock. CONNIE hoped to see him next time he was in London.

09.41.

Nothing of interest to report.

13.5.56.

PF.604584/D1A/RTR

1 May, 1956.

Dear Denman,

H. A. R. PHILBY

Will you please refer to the cancellation slip for the H.O.W. No. 1266 dated 26.4.56. The cancellation slip was in the name of H. St. J.B. PHILBY whereas it should have been in the name of H.A.R. PHILBY.

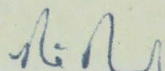
We have already spoken by telephone about the effect of this cancellation slip and of the fact that as a result quite a number of lines may be cancelled.

The check on H.O.W. No. 1266 was taken out on 18 August, 1951 on ROTHERFIELD 403 which was known to be installed at "The Manor House", Rotherfield, Sussex, where we thought PHILBY intended to live. We subsequently found that the negotiations for that house broke down and that PHILBY with his wife moved to Flat E, 23 Cadogan Gardens, S.W.3, his mother-in-law's address. The telephone installed there was SLOane 0937 upon which we began to operate the PHILBY check. Meanwhile we continued to operate a check upon KNightsbridge 2437, this number having been added to the telecheck already in operation upon Coronwy REES at SONNING 3197. KNightsbridge 2437 was subsequently added to the PHILBY check as you will see from my letter of 30 August, 1951. I then wrote asking you to add to the H.O.W. SLOane 8945 - installed at 13 Wilton Street, S.W.1.

PHILBY later moved to The Sunbox, Heronsgate, Rickmansworth, where the number CHORLEY WOOD 97 was added. When in 1953 he took up residence at 4/20 Northwood Hall, Hornsey Lane, N.6. the telephone no. MOUNTview 8325 was added. The family eventually moved to Crowborough and the telephone number Crowborough 3405 was added.

This letter is to confirm that the telephone check is to be cancelled on all these telephone numbers.

Yours sincerely,


R. T. Reed

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Major A. E. Denman, M.B.E.,
G.P.O.

SECRET.

H.O.W. No. 11757 684A

File No. PF. 604584

A.2.C. for :

G.P.O.:—MR. G. A. HARLOW.

Please cancel the operation of the H.O.W. on the following:—

Name..... Harold Adrian Russell PHILBY

Address..... 4/20 Northwood Hall, Hornsey Lane, London, N.6. and
The Sunbox, Heronsgate, Rickmansworth.

Date..... 1 May, 1956. Signature..... *At Reed*

R. T. Reed

SECRET.

683a

H.O.W. No. 1266

✓ File No. PF. 604584


A.2.A. for

G.P.O.:—~~MR. SAFFERY~~ Major Denman.

Please cancel the operation of the H.O.W. on the following:—

Name..... H. St. J.B. PHILBY

Telephone No..... Rotherfield 403

Date..... 26.4.56. Signature..... 

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TOP SECRET.

676a.

Extract from a letter from Philby dated 4.4.56.

Now, for a small item of possible interest. I was telephoned on Easter Monday by a Major John McGrath of 65, Clifton Hill, London, N.W.8, telephone MAIda Vale 5542. He described himself as a freelance journalist and told me that he knew quite definitely the name of the chap who had put Lipton on to me.

His suggestion was that we should foregather so that he could tell me his story. Then, in the event of my taking any action against the chap in question, I would give him anything that was going in the way of a story that might develop therefrom. He stipulated that anything he told me should be regarded as wholly confidential for the time being.

The only information I could elicit about the identity of the chap is that he is a well-padded Public Relations Officer with Rootes. I think McGrath told me that in order to whet my appetite for possible damages.

I told McGrath that I was not madly interested in principle, since as far as I was concerned the incident was closed, and I left the suggestion of a meeting hanging fire by saying that I would think it over and let him know if I thought it worth pursuing. I also told him that, while I would certainly treat his confidences with discretion, I must reserve my right to pass to "the authorities" any information that, in my view, would interest them.

What do you think? I am afraid I am still not madly interested. It would be nice to soak a well-padded P.R.O. for a few thou. but on the other hand such action might well upset the Observer and/or Economist - not to mention Bill Allen and other possible sources of a steady income. Unless you are very keen, I will let the matter drop. But talk it over and let me know. (I am going away for the week-end but will be back here by mid-day Monday).

My only other thought is whether, in view of the deliberately mischievous serial he is writing for The People, you couldn't get Goronwy as an accessory before, during and after the fact?

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EXTRACT FROM NOTE ON DISCUSSION WITH REES ON 21.3.56. MENTIONING PHILBY

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We then passed to consideration of the case of PHILBY. I told REES that immediately after the disappearance we were naturally most concerned to determine if BURGESS and/or MACLEAN had learned of the investigations into MACLEAN's activities and if they had learned about it, how they had done so. In America PHILBY had been aware of our investigations into MACLEAN and we had discovered after the disappearance that BURGESS had stayed with PHILBY in Washington and had been a close friend of his for very many years. Our attention had therefore been attracted to PHILBY and I wondered if REES could add anything to what he had written about PHILBY in his book. REES said that he could add really nothing. BURGESS had been a great admirer of PHILBY who had been rather a lone wolf while he was at Cambridge. PHILBY had also continued his friendship with BURGESS even after BURGESS had said that he was renouncing the Communist cause. REES really could not express an opinion on the extent to which PHILBY might have been concerned in BURGESS's espionage activities but thought that BURGESS would certainly have used PHILBY as an unconscious source.

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Dated: 26.3.56.

EXTRACT

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Extract for File No. : PF. 604,584 Name : H. A. R. PHILBY

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM GUY BURGESS TO HIS MOTHER MENTIONING PHILBY

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As for Kim I can't think of any way to make up to him for what I see from the papers he has lost. And its no use pretending I can. If he can bear to write I would of course love to hear from him. Would he like to come with you? I doubt it - though tell him he would love Tiflis. God knows again what the authorities would say here if I suggested he came, given his past job in England.

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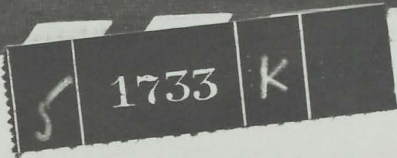
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The Athenaeum,
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ENGLAND.



Philby, 'Ajaltun, Lebanon.



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'Ajaltun, Kasruwan, Lebanon,
March 4, 1956.

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My dear Kim,

Sometimes good news travels fast; and your letter of the 27th, long awaited as the result of hints from Mother that it was coming, certainly lost no time in coming, once written, as I got it here on the 1st. It was certainly the most cheerful news I have had from home for a very long time: everything except of course the part about Aileen, which can only be regarded as one of the mishaps of life which have to be endured philosophically. Perhaps the children have profited from the trouble by getting away to boarding school and I am glad to hear they are all well and happy in their new situations. The financial confusion discovered by you as a result of the upheaval must be a little distressing, though you seem to have to have handled the situation satisfactorily for the time being. I imagine that she never was really conscientious about financial transactions; and, as for her brain, I find it difficult to believe that it is really normal. I suspected signs of instability as long ago as those days in Wales when John was a baby! So much for that.

I do just remember Bill Allen, though rather vaguely. Anyway he seems to have reappeared in your life at a critical stage, to provide a comfortable transition from a period of anxiety to the brighter future which seems to be dawning for you. I should think the writing up of the story of a centenarian firm might be quite interesting, as it must have passed through many vicissitudes since the days of the Mutiny. It might incidentally throw much light on the conditions under which your own forbears worked in Leadenhall Street as rabbit salesmen and poulterers! You might even produce a Dombay and Son of real life. It sounds a fascinating job. The other project of a history of Anglo-Russian relations looks like a pretty solid side-line, which might place you in the Trevelyan class! The arrangements he is making to ease off the educational position seem very satisfactory and generous. He has indeed been a friend in need. Please give him my regards. His palace in Co. Waterford sounds a pleasant place to sojourn in.

The journalistic prospects seem admirable, and of course I shall not even mention them to anybody until you are definitely on the way, or actually here. I certainly think you should be able to serve both papers pretty well in the area indicated by you: with four neighbouring countries as different from each other as chalk from cheese. Of them the Lebanon, whose controversies are mainly domestic, might well prove the most interesting in the foreign field, where its general line is to keep out of international and inter-Arab dissensions, with the result that it is bidding fair to become an international (political, financial and social) centre in replacement of Egypt, where xenophobia and the stream-lining of opinion are too prevalent for real comfort. A good write-up of the Lebanon in its various aspects offers excellent prospects of establishing a Middle East reputation.

You ask me what my plans are; and I can only tell you what they were, with the rider that now they rather depend on yours. I had vaguely envisaged travelling to England by easy stages, via Rome, Orleans, possibly Karlsruhe or Hamburg, and Brussels. I have made no plans, though I had thought of starting about the middle of May and arriving in time for the Lord's test-match and the Varsity match, and staying on for the Oval match, to say nothing of a visit to the sea-side with some of the grand-children. Obviously that programme does not harmonise with your arrival here (by some leisurely route) in July. And I am not so enamoured of my plan as to cling to it. So I think the best thing for me to do is to keep myself uncommitted, without any dislike of the idea of remaining here through the summer and deferring my visit home till Xmas or even the following year. And in view of one or two things you have said that

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might actually be a very good idea. So you may take it that I wont even consider making any plans for the summer until I know definitely what yours are, and you can make your own in the way which suits you best or which is imposed by your circumstances: without feeling any compunction on my account. Incidentally part of my reason for this general attitude is that I dont consider the Sa'udi door closed really closed on me for good, though I am not knocking at it; and it may take quite a long time before circumstances force a rather silly government to accept my rather severe conditions as an alternative to being madeto look even sillier. And I would like to be on the spot to deal promptly with any developments in that direction.

Unfortunately, in this connection, recent British policy vis-à-vis Jordan has handed a substantial political victory on a silver platter to the subversive elements in SA; and they must now all be very cock-a-hoop over the dismissal of Clubb, to secure which they have spent large sums among the refugees and other discontented elements in the Jordan population to provoke disturbances. There certainly no mass demonstrations of delight when I was banished from SA, whereas the Jordan folk have made no secret of their joy at the departure of Clubb. Incidentally, when I arrived at Mafrag less than a year ago, I exchanged greetings with him, and in his letter he told me that he thought he was nearing the end of his term in Jordan. The Baghdad pact business may have been an attempt to keep him in the saddle, but it has proved a boomerang. I cant believe that he and Duke did not warn the BG of the obvious consequences of sending Templar out to Jordan. Anybody could have foreseen what would happen. It is, mutatis mutandis, the Portsmouth treaty business all over again. In both cases the Government of the day was prepared to go the whole way with Britain; and in both they have been compelled by public clamour to climb right down.

It remains to be seen whether the BG stands firm on the Buraimi issue; but for the moment the Sa'udi hounds are in full cry. Incidentally I never read a more tendentious and ridiculous article than that of the Times on Buraimi. The whole argument is false in law and in history, though I do think the BG did right to settle the matter by force in the circumstances which broke up the arbitration proceedings. It was rather like kicking over the card table in a losing game; but the other side had clearly been guilty of cheating on the deal.

I have been all out for a long time now on getting my two books finished; and they are all but finished, though in neither case have I been able to keep within the limit of words prescribed. And now I dont quite know what is to be done about it! I may have to do some pruning; or they may have to take me as I am. My present material could make three books, and I have by no means finished. Incidentally I think the time might now be ripe for my (still unwritten) book on The Right Side of Jordan. Unfortunately part of my material (diaries and files) is still at Jidda, though I am hoping it may arrive any day; and I think that will be my next commitment. What about placing it when done?

Well that must be all for now. It looks as if we may meet in July, but that is alright by me! Khalid and Faris and their mother went up to Faraya this afternoon (about 5000 feet) and saw live snow for the first time in any of their lives; and now they are clamouring for skis. I dont think I have ever yet seen anybody ski-ing.

All good wishes and love,

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Extract from Minute 649 in PF.604,529

D. (through D.1.)

You have already seen the letter from Guy BURGESS to Mrs. BASSETT filed at 671a. It is apparent from the context that the letter is the first one that Guy BURGESS has sent to his mother since his re-appearance in Moscow. It may be convenient if I make a few observations upon it.

Guy BURGESS knows a lot about Secret Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence Services, both British and Russian. Clearly, therefore, when he says "I am sure no English official, any more than any Russian one, would interfere with a letter from you", he does not believe it for one moment. He must also assume that any letter which he sends from Russia to his mother will be intercepted by us and read - or at least that we shall take such measures as we are capable of to try to intercept it, and that these measures will be 95% successful. If that is agreed upon, we must assume that BURGESS has written his letter in the knowledge that M.I.5. and the R.I.S. would see it. The letter is therefore a little surprising in a number of passages:-

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3. BURGESS suggests that one of his old friends might like to go with his mother to Russia. He says that he does not know whether any of his old friends are on speaking terms with him and would like to go. This is rather a surprising statement in any circumstances, for he has clearly failed to understand the attitude of his friends, and of anyone else who has been associated with him, none of whom I am sure would be prepared to go openly to Russia to visit him, with the consequent danger that they will be called the closest friend of "a traitor";
4. I am surprised that BURGESS should say "Is David F. all right?" (David FOOTMAN) "Judging by what happened to Kim I am very worried I may have caused him trouble - and others too". BURGESS goes on to say that he won't go into details about this, but he wants to avoid a witch-hunt. Obviously he is in ignorance of the fact that

To say "I know A. is all right, because I see his name in the papers" (Anthony BLUNT) is surprising, but my interpretation is that he has no idea that either BLUNT or REES told the Security Service that they had been approached by BURGESS for espionage purposes. It is also extraordinary that BURGESS should say of BLUNT "I could probably arrange pictures for him to see" in a letter which he must assume will be seen by us.

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5. The date Sunday, 26 October, is inexplicable.

I understand that the Director General intends to show a copy of this letter to the Home Secretary, and that he feels we should send a copy of it to the Foreign Office.

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Sgd. R.T. Reed

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 PF.604,589 (FOOTMAN)
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Extract from intercept letter from Guy BURGESS to Mrs. BASSETT
 written from "Poste Restante" dated "Sunday, October 26th".

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"The question is - are you well enough to fly here?
 The next question is - would anyone like to come with you.
 I'm thinking of the journey. Once you're here all would be
 well. About making suggestions I'm in a difficulty. I
 simply don't know whether any of my old friends are on
 speaking terms with me, and would like to come. There's
 another difficulty. After reading in the papers the
 persecution which poor Kim has suffered through no fault of
 his own, I don't like to write to people in case by doing
 so they should get into trouble - I don't mean with the
 authorities so much as with the Press. Which is why I so far
 haven't written to any of them. You know as well as I do
 why my friends are - so please in your next letter give me
 advice. For example. is David F. all right - judging by
 what happened to Kim I'm very worried I may have caused him
 trouble - and others too. I won't go into detail over this -
 but it's why I asked you to ask them in my telegram to write -
 if they do I'll know at least we are on speaking terms and
 that I can answer without putting a witch hunt on to them.
 Would any of them like to come with you - you and me paying.

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Would [redacted] for example? Probably it's too early to say. I know A's all right because I see his name in the papers. I probably could arrange pictures for him to see. Tell him that if I write to him I shall punctuate my tremendous admiration for his big book with criticisms of his proof reading and remind him of what he once said about some Sitwell in the Spectator. In an earlier letter - which you never got - I sent you a check to give to A. to give to Jackie who was the friend of mine who could least afford to lose his job. However I hope to hear from you or them - if we're still on speaking terms - about all this."

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Note for PF.604584.

[redacted] in discussion this morning on various subjects, told me that it was virtually certain that PHILBY would be going to Beirut in August next as accredited representative of the 'Observer' and the 'Economist'. From there he would write articles under his own name dealing with affairs in the Middle East.

Meanwhile PHILBY had temporary employment with W.E.D. ALLEN, writing the history of his firm, an advertising agency. For this purpose he was going regularly to the firm's offices in Buckingham Gate.

I reported the foregoing to D.G. orally to-day.

G.R. Mitchell

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D.1.A. Mr. Reed

You may care to see attached extract from a note By Mr. Hill
Would you kindly have it P.A. in PF.604584, please?

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P. Barbary
for B.A. Hill.

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I saw Chapman PINCHER this afternoon with Admiral Thomson, at the Admiral's office. Admiral Thomson asked me to see PINCHER because he had received an intimation from Mr. Christiansen, Editor of the "Daily Express", that he was greatly disturbed by the fact that we took exception to PINCHER's article regarding microphones.

PINCHER then asked me about PHILBY, and again I said that I had no reason to disagree with what had been stated in the House of Commons about PHILBY.

PINCHER said he was interested to hear this, because Percy HOSKINS (Crime correspondent to the "Express") had been told by a leading member of Special Branch that PHILBY was a thoroughly bad hat, that he was in fact a Russian agent, and that his activities in Turkey had resulted in the death of a potential defector. I told PINCHER that in this respect I still had nothing to add to what I had said before, that I had no reason to suppose that the statements made as to PHILBY in the House of Commons were not true and accurate.

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CAPPAGH A
(WATERFORD)

WHITECHURCH HOUSE,
CAPPAGH,
CO. WATERFORD.

7 Jan.

Dear Kim.

Thanks for your letter of 5th.

- (1) We will pick you up in Cork on
FRI 13th unless you hear to contrary.
But we probably shall not get to the
place before 11 AM. (It is 50
miles from here.) The best RV is
the Imperial Hotel.

(We'll combine the visit with inspecting
the Riverstown farm and river, Dick
a couple of hours after ship. (If
you want to shoot - Nabasha will
lend you her gun.)

- (2) Which brings me to clothes.
Roughly "Arabian" - essential -

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rubber boots. Also bring dinner jacket.

(2) Research. Layen on ways etc.

Do not do too much on this subject until we have talked it over.

My grandfather survived the Hungerford as a "worker" and became a self-employed man towards end of 1850s. I believe conditions were frightful. There is a record of his working 16 hours a day (when a foreman) until he dropped. There is material for a good story (incidentally I have English "Conditions of the Workers" class in the 1840s" - which covers Liverpool where my g.f. worked)

(3) All the Trade journals are at the BPA. I have Cyril Skildon's

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(WATERFORD)

WHITECHURCH HOUSE,
CAPPAGH,
CO. WATERFORD.

book. Pretty boring but quite good
on documentation. Incidentally it covers
the "Yonde Case" in which my
father was sued for a million - on
the grounds that he had sabotaged a
combine scheme. I look to you to
re-haul "Sheldon" which I am
finishing the earlier period.

(3) A thought. If Claud Cockburn
(who has a house at Yougal
near here) is a friend of yours
(he is a buddy of Ruggidge
and I imagine you know him)
please lay off him while here
as he is extremely persona non

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grate with N - who object to
encouraging any contacts with him.
(The same applies to Sir Oswald -
who has a house near here at
Fermoy.)

looking forward to seeing you.

Yours

Bill.

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The Athenaeum

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LONDON SW1.

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CAPPAGH 4
(WATERFORD)

WHITECHURCH HOUSE,
CAPPAGH,
Co. WATERFORD.

4 Jan.

Dear him.

Thanks for your letter of 1 JAN.

(1) I have already written about the brass chandeliers, and sent the documents. You probably have this letter by now.

(2) BM. My friend. R.A. ("Peter") Shelton is now head of the Printed Books Dept. and it would be worth while dropping in to see him while you are in the Museum. He lives in the Map Room. A sardonic, amusing, chap. mostly interested in his own hobby. the Hakluyt Soc. He knows about the "History" and is having some photostats done for me (including the first number of my grandfather's debut

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newspaper - "The Belfast Times."

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On wages conditions, etc. have you
glanced through the works of the Hammond
& Wells? These never faced up
to them.

Another Bore point. In 1867, a
certain Bill Allen (William Philip)
shot a policeman which engaged in
a Fenian effort to secure (successfully)
some political prisoners. He was tried
and hanged for murder - and became
known in Irish nationalist biography
as "the Manchester Martyr". Altho'
born in Co. Cork, he was the
son of an Ulster Protestant - ~~and~~^{was}
probably was one of the numerous
progeny of the fertile family Allen
in Randalstown. At any rate an
old quarrelled cousin of my father's
(now about 90), dug up in Belfast.

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states that WP Allen was a cousin of
my grandfather. If we could
reestablish the connection, it would make
a good chapter in the book. I have
read the Times reports of the case, and
seen the ILN which gives one picture
of the trial. (Oct - Nov 1867)

There may be Fenian newspapers
or memoirs which give more
particulars about WP Allen's parentage
and appearance - and there may
even be a type in the Museum
who makes a hobby of Fenian
literature, and who could give us a
lead in this matter.

There might be some reference to

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P.S. The "Slappy Sam" song sounds just the sort of thing we want. Can you make a copy of it?

WPA's Ulster origin in the numbers of the Belfast Newsletter or Northern Whig covering the trial. Perhaps also Irish Times might be worth trying. (I do not think the Belfast Telegraph and Irish News were published at that time.)

All this may seem trivial, but in Ireland an authentic ancestor (or collateral) who shot a policeman is far more desirable than a peer (who was probably ennobled for acting as an informer.)

Love to Eileen. I trust the girls children celebrated appropriately their Dad's birthday. Mine comes on the 6th - we must both be under the same curious constellation!
— Bill.

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Handwritten:
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PA
Philby



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CAPPAGH
(WATERFORD)

WHITECHURCH HOUSE,
CAPPAGH,
Co. WATERFORD.

30th December 1955

H. A. R. Philby, Esq.,
Athenaeum Club,
PALL MALL, S.W. 1.

My dear Kim,

Thanks for your letter of December 28th. Dick is flying over on Thursday 12th January, leaving Waterloo Terminal at 10.15 am. If you can combine with him, all to the good. We shall be sending a car to Dublin to meet him. I have in mind, however, that you said that you do not like travelling by air. In this case, I suggest that you come via Paddington, Fishguard and Rosslare, where a train connects that will bring you to Cappoquin (about four miles from here) by about nine o'clock in the morning. A car can pick you up at Cappoquin.

There is one slight chore. Natasha has a brass chandelier standing in my office at 7, Buckingham Palace Gardens already cased. She has been waiting for some time for a promising guest to bring this over. It is a matter of collecting it from Miss Brough (in the front office) on the day you travel. As it is an antique over 100 years old, it should be passed through the Irish Customs without duty being payable. I enclose herewith a statutory declaration by the vendor signed before a Commissioner for Oaths. The Irish Customs usually accept these declarations. If there is any argument, the only thing you can do is to leave the chandelier at Rosslare and I will take the matter up with the authorities; but I think they will let it through without trouble. Incidentally, on the case you will find a label marked "B.A.D.A." (British Antique Dealers' Association). This should be scratched off as it might form a point of argument with the Customs people (we failed to get the alternative certificate from the B.A.D.A.).

P.T.O.

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I will write you separately with regard
to one or two research points which you might have
time to cover before coming over.

Yours ever

Bill

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DECLARATION OF ANTIQUITY

I certify that, the above mentioned Brass Chandelier is an Antique and was manufactured over 100 years ago.

Signed.....

Edward Nield

Declared to be true by Edward Nield & signed in my presence this 28th day of December 1955

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John Hodgson

A Commissioner for Oaths

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PF. 604584/D. G.

2nd December, 1955.

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[redacted] PEACH is seeking
employment with one of the national newspapers
[redacted]

We do not vet journalists and even if, as an exceptional measure in view of the publicity he has received, the newspaper did seek information from us I should be bound to refuse any assessment whatsoever. But in any case I can assure you that we should not wish to raise any security objection to PEACH's employment with a national newspaper.

Yours sincerely,

B. S. WHITE.

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Written Reply.

**Burgess and Maclean
(Officer's Resignation)**

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74. **Captain Kerby** asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if he will state the exact sums paid out of public funds by the Foreign Office, in the one case in the form of a financial settlement and in the other as a gratuity, to the two Foreign Office/Service officials who were asked and permitted to resign, respectively, from Her Majesty's Service as a result of the inquiries instituted following the escape of Messrs. Maclean and Burgess.

Mr. Turton: As I stated on 21st November, in answer to another Question by my hon. and gallant Friend, the Foreign Service officer who was permitted to resign did so not as a result of the inquiries but only because of his relationship to one of the persons involved.

It is not customary to reveal the amount paid to individual officers upon the termination of their services and I am not prepared to do so in these two cases.

*Alan
MACLEAN*

75. **Captain Kerby** asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if he will cause to be printed in the OFFICIAL REPORT the exact terms of engagement under which a Foreign Office/Service officer, who was asked to resign from Her Majesty's Service in consequence of inquiries into the Maclean-Burgess affair, was enabled, and in accordance with the terms of this engagement, to receive from the Foreign Office a financial settlement out of public funds; and how many Foreign Office service officers are at present serving on similar terms of engagement which, in the event of their being asked to resign from Her Majesty's Service, would entitle them to financial settlements out of public funds.

Mr. Turton: I am not prepared to meet either of these requests.

Security Transfers

Dame Irene Ward asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the dates on which the members of the Foreign Service who have been transferred to other positions in the service for security reasons entered the service.

Mr. Turton: No. I am not prepared to give this information.

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24 November, 1955.

PF.95

Dear

Thank you for your PF.95 of 16 November. I do not think that F.B.I. knowledge of BURGESS's 1948 trip to Istanbul raises any special issues. I understand that the trip was in fact referred to in the PHILBY brief which was sent to the Bureau.

Yours

G.R.Mitchell.

H.C.M. Stone Esq.,
British Embassy,
Washington.

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BURGESS' Istanbul trip is of no particular importance to the PHILBY case. It is sufficient for us to acknowledge the information with thanks. This "trip" is mentioned in the PHILBY brief sent to the F.B.I. already.

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Your ref.:

Our ref.:

18 November 1955

I came up to thank

Harvard for his prompt
attention to this job.

Dear Mr. ~~Mitchell~~,
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Photostat of letter and
contents are herewith.

The original attempt
at opening was very poor,
indeed, by any standards,
and couldn't possibly
escape detection. I
found it impossible
to do any effective
repair work.

Yours sincerely
P. Harvard

19 NOV 1955
D/866
G.R. Mitchell Esq., OBE.

Copy in PF 604529 Burgess.

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Recd: 21.11.55.



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BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON

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Your: PF 604,558 Supp.C.

16 November, 1955.

Our: PF 95.

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~~DIA/RTR~~

Dear Graham,

I don't think that U.S. knowledge of B's Istanbul tip raises any points on which SLD needs guidance, does it?

21.11

H.A.R. PHILBY

The State Department has given the F.B.I. certain information about PHILBY which was reported by one of its Foreign Service officers, Ernest Edmondson Ramsaur, Jr. For what it is worth this is what he reported:-

During the summer of 1948, while I was stationed at Istanbul, Turkey, I received an invitation from a nearby resident, Philby, son of Sir John Philby and of the British Foreign Service assigned also to Istanbul, to pass by his home that evening for a drink with him and a couple of friends. I discovered that one of the friends was a Britisher from the British Embassy at Tehran, I think another may have been a British Army Officer, and the remaining one was Guy Burgess, who, it developed, had come straight from London for a two weeks' leave as a house guest of Philby. The relations between Philby and Burgess were obviously very friendly. At that time and on other occasions during the visit Burgess was pleasantly drunk and slovenly. Later Philby was transferred to the British Embassy at Washington, D.C.

According to the State Department Mr. Ramsaur furnished this information in view of recent publicity concerning Philby being the "tip-off" man to Burgess.

Handwritten signature

21 NOV 1955
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G.R. Mitchell, Esq., O.B.E.,
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H.C.M. Stone.

BP DIA
30/11/55

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Copy of manuscript letter sent to Mr. Harlow G.P.O.

PF.604,584/D

18 November, 1955.

Dear Mr. Harlow,

Herewith the letter we spoke about.

Could you please open and photograph and then re-close and return to Mr. Mitchell first thing tomorrow. You will observe that it appears already to have been tampered with.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) C.T. Young.

G. A. Harlow Esq.,
G.P.O.

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In order to re-assess the PHILBY case it is necessary to have on record a full list of the written and oral statements made by PHILBY since he returned to this country in June 1951. These are spread throughout a number of files and it is necessary to read them all before it is possible to make any categorical statement as to what PHILBY has said. Because they are spread through many files it is not possible to gather all these statements in one place. I have therefore compiled a list of them which is as follows:-

2. Statement made by PHILBY concerning his relationship with Guy BURGESS and others, filed at 13b in FF 604584 vol. 1.
3. Interviews of Mr. White, the then D.B., with PHILBY at Leconfield House, filed at 21b, 25b and 28a in FF 604584 vol.
4. Verbatim report of the interview between Mr. Milmo and PHILBY held at Leconfield House on 12.12.51, filed at 220a in vol. 5.
5. Interviews between Mr. Skardon and PHILBY at 221y, 230b, 237b, 239c in vol. 6 of FF 604584.

9. PHILBY's interview with the Press on 8.11.55, the most accurate report of which (according to PHILBY) is in the Manchester Guardian for 9.11.55. (See BURGESS and MACLEAN press cuttings folder for that date.)

D.1.A. 9.11.55

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R. T. Reed. B.P.D.I.A.
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PF 604584

PHILBY

Extract for File No. : Name :
 PF 604584 Supp. Z 30 1865 9.11.55.
 Original in File No. :* Vol. : Serial : Receipt Date :
 Original from : TC on KNI 2437 Mrs. Dora PHILBY 2141 9.11.55.
 Under Ref. : Dated :
 Extracted on : 11.11.55. by : BP Section : D1A

Incoming call to KIM from CONNIE asking how he was today. He said he was fine although exhausted. He had had a bad night wondering how the morning papers would turn out. They discussed these. KIM thought the Daily Express was "stinking" reporting that his voice had dropped to a croak and his hands were shaking when he handed out his statement. All the other papers had described him as being smiling and confident. He added, after stating which photographs he liked best, that there was an excellent piece of reporting in the Manchester Guardian. It was precisely everything he had said and how he had said it. They laughed over the fact that the Telegraph had quoted KIM's reference to LIPTON. KIM told her that LIPTON was expected to "open his trap" in the House at 3.30. They would have to await the outcome.

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Note for PF 604584 PHILBY
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A large number of press reports about PHILBY appeared on 8.11.55 and 9.11.55. These have been p.a. in the BURGESS and MACLEAN Press Cuttings Folder.

These reports and photos were the result of an interview granted to the press by PHILBY on 8.11.55 at 11 a.m., the day after the Debate in the House of Commons on BURGESS and MACLEAN.

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9.11.55.

R. T. Reed
R. T. Reed.

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7/11/55

—Philby—'I Challenge This MP'



Today's "Star" picture of Mr Harold Philby.

"Star" Reporter

MR HAROLD PHILBY, former Foreign Office official mentioned in the Maclean-Burgess debate, today challenged Lieutenant-Colonel Marcus Lipton, Labour MP for Brixton.

A fortnight ago Colonel Lipton asked Sir Anthony Eden in the House of Commons about "the dubious third man activities of Mr Harold Philby."

Mr Macmillan told the Commons yesterday, "I have no reason to conclude that Mr Philby has at any time betrayed the interests of his country or to identify him with the so-called Third Man."

Mr Philby said: "Colonel Lipton from a safe place slipped in a supplementary question charging that I was guilty of a crime for which the maximum penalty is 14 years' imprisonment. He produced no shred of evidence to support this charge."

"Last night Colonel Lipton refused to produce his evidence, refused to withdraw the charge and refused to repeat the charge outside the House."

"In justification of his refusal he indulged in some extreme

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Philby: Why I Was Silent

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verbal gymnastics saying that even Mr Philby had not asked him to do so. He ended by saying "Let us leave it at that."

"I say no. It is absolutely unsatisfactory."

"I suggest to Colonel Lipton that he either repeats the charge outside the House and publishes the evidence or, if the evidence is really so secret, he should forward it to a judicial member of the Privy Council and meanwhile withdraw the charge until the judicial member of the Privy Council has had a chance of examining the evidence and pronouncing on it."

Mr Philby added that Colonel Lipton had said that comment and gossip had linked his name with the Third Man for months. He would suggest that nothing but comment and gossip was at the back of it.

"Why I Resigned"

Colonel Lipton had also made play of the Foreign Office shielding him. But when asked to produce his own evidence he had indulged in the same sort of covering up saying it was too secret.

Mr Philby said he was asked to resign from the Foreign Office as a direct consequence of his "imprudent association" with Burgess.

He said he had met Burgess at Cambridge when both were undergraduates and Burgess had stayed with him in Washington for six to eight months.

"I introduced him as a friend and indirectly sponsored him," Mr Philby said. "I understand the reason for the Foreign Office asking for my resignation."

His Statement

Mr Philby, who Mr Macmillan said in the Commons was known to have had Communist associations, said the last time he spoke to a Communist knowing him to be a Communist was in 1934. But he had never known that Burgess was a Communist.

Of Burgess's behaviour in America he said it had never been disgraceful in any sense known to him. Burgess, he said, was sent home because of a driving offence.

Earlier, Mr Philby, who was speaking at the home of his parents in Drayton-gardens, Kensington, issued this following statement:

"In the middle of September it came to my notice that a whispering campaign had developed coupling my name with the hypothetical third man in the Maclean-Burgess case."

"Having given that development careful thought I decided that I should say nothing whatever to anticipate a Government statement."

3 Considerations

"In reaching that decision I was guided by three considerations."

"One—as a former Government official I am bound by the Official Secrets Act to disclose to no unauthorised person information derived from my official position."

"I cannot discuss the Maclean-Burgess affair sensibly without disclosing such information."

"Two—The Maclean-Burgess affair has raised problems of great delicacy in the sphere of international affairs."

"I left the service four years ago and, therefore, have no means of knowing whether words of mine, perhaps lifted from context, or even garbled,

might not prejudice the Government in their conduct of international affairs.

"Three—The efficiency of our Security Services can only be reduced by publicity given to their organisation, personnel and technique."

"These considerations held good in mid-September. They still hold good today."

TALKS ON SECURITY INQUIRY

SIR ANTHONY EDEN and Mr Attlee have had a second talk about the Government's offer of an informal inquiry into the security services.

Choice of about six Ministers and ex-Ministers to conduct this investigation will be announced as soon as the arrangement is approved by Labour and Tory MPs at private meetings.

Some Opposition politicians are likely to raise doubts about this method of probing the Foreign Service and other Government Departments, following disclosures in the Burgess and Maclean affair.

They would prefer inquiries to be conducted either by judges or politicians who have not been connected with Government Departments.

Such individuals, they say, would approach the question with a more open mind.

The Star
8.11.55.

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H.A.R. Philby, Esq., OBE
The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall.
~~W.H.~~

28 OCT 1955

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WHITEHALL 9341.
"c/o PELLUCIDLY, PICCY, LONDON?"

THE BATH CLUB,
74, ST. JAMES'S STREET, S.W. 1.

26.10.55

My dear Philby,

Can you possibly ring me or drop in here? I am here on Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m.

I'd like very much to contact you again. I have written to your other addresses, as I seem to have had no success lately.

I'd prefer you ring here

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than my office and I
expect you would too.

Yours

Sincerely

Ian Colvin

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PF. 604584 - PHILBY. *✓*

Extract in: PF. 728458 - MOLCHANOV.

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NOTE.

Reference D.D.G.'s loose minute of 24 October 1955. I saw Walter TAPLIN at the Iron & Steel Board offices, Norfolk House, this afternoon.

What he had to tell me was of very little interest as regards REES, BURGESS or PHILBY. It was as follows.

When TAPLIN succeeded REES as assistant editor in the Spectator office in 1946, the two worked together for a time. During this time REES advised him that he would find BURGESS - then in the Press Department of the Foreign Office - very useful as a contact in that department.

TAPLIN acted on this suggestion and saw a good deal of BURGESS during the time that he was with the Spectator. He found BURGESS efficient and helpful.

At one time (after TAPLIN had become editor) he wanted an assistant editor on the diplomatic side of the Spectator. REES suggested PHILBY's name in this connexion. TAPLIN saw PHILBY and put him on a short list for the job. He later heard from a press contact of his something about the association of BURGESS and PHILBY in Washington. He then had doubts about PHILBY and mentioned the matter to Commander COURTNEY, who simply commented that he "didn't like the sound of it".

TAPLIN had nothing more to say on the subject of BURGESS, PHILBY and REES.

He then went on to tell me that he had been seeing a good deal of the Russians during recent years, from the time when he joined the Spectator. He had met IPPOLITOV, PEUTIN and more recently MOLCHANOV. Through his friendship with the Finnish Press Attache he had also on one occasion had an invitation to meet BELOKVOSTIKOV but this had not materialised. He said that he was in fact dining with MOLCHANOV tonight.

On one occasion MOLCHANOV had expressed a particular interest in an article which TAPLIN had written for the Spectator, following a visit to Germany, in which he had expressed profound misgivings at German rearmament. This had been shortly before TAPLIN left the Spectator, and the Russian had asked him whether there had been any connexion between the two things. TAPLIN said that of course there was no such connexion. He later had been asked by MOLCHANOV if he would agree to writing an article on similar lines for publication in Russian papers, including a publication called "International Life". He had refused to agree to this.

I thanked TAPLIN for this information, and told him that this kind of approach on the part of Russian officials had been increasing during recent years, and that it was scarcely ever disinterested. We liked to know about these things, and I should be grateful if TAPLIN would let me know if anything more of interest should come out of his association with MOLCHANOV or other Russian officials. He agreed to do this and I gave him the Room 055 telephone number.

JCR
J. C. Robertson.

D.I.
26.10.55.

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To:.....SLO WASHINGTON..... Office File No.....PP 60458 Supp. Section of Origin.....D4A /RFR

Date.....26.10.55..... Signed.....*[Signature]*

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26.10.55.

Reference your letter No..... WARY 203..... of..... 24.10.55.....
our telegram No.....
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We have now seen telegrams your para 2.

Yesterday Bureau instructed Cimpermen obtain replies to questions raised in New York article. For your information we said:

- a) It is untrue that MACLEAN was seen to hand over brief case to a Soviet agent in London.
- b) PHILBY was not asked to compile list BURGESS's friends before disappearance. No information to support the allegation that he told Alan MACLEAN to warn BURGESS through Donald.
- c) We consider ~~no~~ ^{the allegation} untrue that PHILBY passed a message to BURGESS who in consequence made a rendezvous with a Soviet agent.

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS
OF
SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Mr. A. J. de la Raza.

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25.10*

25 OCT 1955

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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Sir R.Makins

No. 2563

October 23, 1955.

D. 5.7 p.m. October 23, 1955.

R. 5.25 p.m. October 23, 1955.

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MacLean and Burgess.

My immediately following telegram contains text of New York daily news story, datelined London, which has appeared on front pages of several newspapers including Washing Post. I am sending full text by telegram in view of impending House of Commons debate.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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Sir R. Makins

No. 2564

October 23, 1955

D. 7.36 p.m. October 23, 1955

R. 8.35 p.m. October 23, 1955

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My immediately preceding telegram.

Following is text.

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London October 22.

*Text of article in "The
Sunday News" - 23.10.55*

The Mysterious "third man" whose secret warning enabled Soviet spies, Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess, to escape a counter-intelligence net and flee behind the iron curtain, will be named in Parliament after it meets Tuesday.

Norman Dodds, a Labour member today demanded that Foreign Minister Harold Macmillan unmask the tipster. "If necessary", Dodds declared, "I will stand up in the House of Commons and name him".

Identity of this mysterious "Mr. X" has thus far been hidden by the Foreign Office.

The New York News was informed today, however, that the man Dodds will denounce is Harold A. R. Philby 38.

Philby was made First Secretary of the British Embassy in Washington in October 1949 when he was only 32, and had been in the British Foreign Service a mere two years. His rapid rise to such an important post is best explained by his real job.

Philby was in fact an intelligence agent working for the hush-hush MI-6, a branch of the British Secret Service. His Embassy assignment was only a cover for his spying activities.

Although the Foreign Office is dead sure Philby triggered the May 25 1951 flight of Burgess and Maclean, his only punishment was being fired. One reason he was sacked without fanfare is that detectives believe he was the Russian spies' unwitting dupe, that he did not even know they were traitors.

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In a White Paper on the case, the Foreign Office admitted that Maclean "might have been warned". This official report issued last month said "searching inquiries involving individual interrogations were made into this possibility". But, it added, there was not enough evidence for prosecution. Highly classified Secret Service reports said, however, that Philby got the word to Burgess, his intimate friend, to "watch your step".

Philby evidently believed that Burgess' superiors were upset by his scandalous sex behavior and drinking, but to Burgess it was hint enough that his Red spy game was up. Then he and Maclean slipped away.

Philby, who holds the coveted Order of the British Empire, had been very close to Burgess in Washington. Burgess lived with Philby in his rented house there. The two often entertained Alan Maclean, Donald's younger brother, when he visited the capital. The younger Maclean also was in the Foreign Service and then was private Secretary to Sir Gladwyn Jebb, British Ambassador to the United Nations at the time.

Burgess' conduct in Washington was notorious. A known homosexual, he drank to excess. He was stopped three times in one day for speeding. He was a cynic and a braggart, and his cocktail-party jibes at British Commonwealth policies shocked his colleagues. Weeks before his disappearance, Burgess was bluntly ordered home and told to resign.

Knowing Burgess' habits, Philby was not surprised when his superiors instructed him to make a list of the disgraced diplomat's close friends and associates. He assumed the Foreign Office was piling up evidence of his friend's homosexual activities to bolster the demand for his resignation. What Philby did not know was that in mid-April 1951, the Secret Service launched an all-out investigation of a spy ring in the Foreign Office and suspicion pointed to Burgess and Maclean.

The White Paper, incidentally, admitted that this probe was started two years after authorities got a tip from a Russian in the London Soviet Embassy about these Foreign Office leaks.

Philby, who suffered a head wound in 1938 while covering the Spanish Civil War for a London newspaper, could not warn Burgess himself, but he could - and apparently did - tell Alan Maclean to get the message to his friend through Alan's brother Donald.

/Donald Maclean

Donald Maclean was in London serving in the Foreign Office as chief of its American Section. He had been acting First Secretary in the Washington Embassy from 1944 to 1948. Well before Burgess' arrival there they knew each other only by reputation and neither knew - then - that the other was in the Kremlin's service.

When Burgess got Philby's message, he immediately went to a secret rendezvous with the Soviet agent who served as his contact man. This Russian spy was also Maclean's go-between with the ring. Burgess evidently told the Russian he was suspected and that the game was up. He demanded that the Soviets line up an escape route to a Red asylum for him.

The go-between realized that Maclean's role in the operation also must be suspected. He warned Maclean, set up the flight and put the two in contact.

Maclean was indeed under suspicion, along with three others. He was however, allowed to continue his normal routine in hopes he would lead intelligence agents to other spies. Maclean's country home where he lived with his American-born wife, Melinda, and their two sons, was not shadowed for fear he would notice and realize he was suspected.

This policy paid off - except that the quarry escaped. Maclean was spotted handing over a brief case full of documents to a Soviet agent in St. Martins Lane, London. These papers were photographed and returned to Maclean.

Then warned, Maclean and Burgess fled.

Ends.

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H.A.R. PHILBY and Constantin VOLKOV

- 24 August 1945 Mr. Page, British Vice Consul in Istanbul, received a letter from VOLKOV asking for an interview. The letter was ignored.
- 4 September 1945 VOLKOV arrived at the British Consulate in Istanbul and saw Mr. Page.
- 13 September 1945 VOLKOV came to the Consulate and handed to Mr. Page a long letter. With this he enclosed his "sales catalogue".
- 19 September 1945 Papers from the Foreign Office Mr. Tom Bromley were sent by letter to [redacted] (It is believed that these papers arrived at the Foreign Office on 19 September). The letter to [redacted] enclosed a copy of the "sales catalogue".
- 20 September 1945 PHILBY was informed of the contents of the "sales catalogue". He was detailed to fly to Istanbul to see VOLKOV.
- 22 September 1945 [redacted] PHILBY would leave the U.K. for Istanbul via Cairo on 26 September.
- 26 September 1945 VOLKOV was flown away with his wife in a Russian plane from Istanbul to Moscow.
- 27 September 1945 PHILBY reached Cairo on his way to Istanbul.
- 28 September 1945 PHILBY arrived during the afternoon at Istanbul.

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PF 604529 BURGESS

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D.1.

A few days ago I met Tony Courtney who told me he had been talking to Walter TAPLIN, who had succeeded Coronwy REES as Assistant Editor of the Spectator in 1946. At that time REES had told TAPLIN that the Spectator had two very important contacts which he ought to cultivate. These were BURGESS, for all information from the Foreign Office, and HILBY for information about the Middle East. Courtney took this latter to refer to Kim HILBY, though I imagine it is possible that it might be his father.

2. TAPLIN knew both REES and BURGESS personally, and told Courtney that he had some reason to believe that REES had acted as a Russian agent. I am afraid I was unable to get any details of this allegation.

3. I have spoken to Courtney who is just about to leave this country for Yugoslavia. He has however promised to ring TAPLIN and tell him that he can expect a telephone call from James Robertson some time this week, and ask him to be co-operative. TAPLIN is now working as an economist with the British Iron and Steel Federation.

Signed R. H. Hollis.

D.D.G.

24.10.55.

P.S. Since writing the above, Courtney has rung to say that he has been in touch with TAPLIN who will be delighted to receive a call from you. His telephone number is TRAFALGAR 8833.

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D.S. 6048 Signed G.R. Mitchell

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Copy to.....

Reference your letter No..... of.....
our telegram

1. Todays Daily Mail claims that article appeared in Sunday News yesterday naming PHILBY as third man.
2. Please send cutting by air mail soonest.

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Precedence.....ROUTINE..... Security Classification.....SECRET.....

From : SLO WASHINGTON File Nos. PF.604,584. Originator's No. WASH/283.

To : PF.604,558. Supp.C. Date of Origin.....24.10.55.

Passed for D. Action to Date of Receipt.....24.10.55.

Info..... Copies to..... Decyphered by.....FEH/JL.

Reference your telegram DS/6048 of 24th October.

1. Cutting sent by bag to-day.
2. Embassy cabled to Foreign Office yesterday giving summary of article.
3. Would appreciate comments if any for F.B.I.

3PDIA
20/10/55

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On the evening of 21 October de la Mare rang up to say that the Foreign Secretary had held a meeting at 4 o'clock that afternoon to consider the question of PEACH. He strongly held the view that his position in Parliament would be quite impossible if someone were to say during the debate on the White Paper that PEACH was not then in the U.K. I asked de la Mare whether this referred to PEACH's absence in any other country at all, such as France or the Middle East, and de la Mare said that it did. He went on to say that Mr. Macmillan had not yet decided finally that PEACH's passport should be withdrawn from him but that he was strongly in favour of that course at present. He had instructed de la Mare to put the following proposition to the Security Service: that we should contact PEACH and say that, in view of PEACH's disclosures, we wished to re-examine him. For that purpose it was necessary that we should be sure he stayed in this country and he was therefore requested to hand over his passport.

De la Mare said that at the meeting with the Foreign Secretary he (de la Mare) had suggested another method:

it would be best in every-one's interest that he should give an earnest of his intention to stay here by handing over his passport. On this suggestion Sir H. Caccia had commented that if it did not work the position would be worse than ever.

De la Mare's instructions were to try the first proposition on us to start with and consider the second only if the Security Service raised strong objections to the first.

I informed D.G. of the foregoing.

Later, on D.G.'s instructions, I told de la Mare that D.G. was ready to discuss the matter with Sir I. Kirkpatrick, or if he were absent ill, with Sir H. Caccia on 22 October. I also told de la Mare that

De la Mare said that, while the Foreign Secretary was anxious to reach an early decision on this matter, it might be that it would not have to be reached before Monday.

G.R. Mitchell

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22.10.55.

G.R. Mitchell.

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On the evening of 20 October de la Mare rang up to say that the Foreign Secretary had just summoned him to his room. Mr. Macmillan had heard from a source which he believed would know what he was talking about that PEACH was getting the jitters and might be thinking of leaving the country. Mr. Macmillan had consequently given immediate instructions for the Foreign Office Legal Advisor to examine the question of taking away PEACH's passport and had told Sir H Caccia to take all necessary action at short notice. De la Mare was to seek the views of the Security Service.

I first asked who was the Foreign Secretary's source. De la Mare said that he had not been told. I then said that we too had a source on PEACH and that its evidence was that he was not getting the jitters but that his morale was high and that he was making no plans to leave the country. I said that I would like to consult my Director General, who at that time was out of the office, before giving a considered reply. When I pressed de la Mare as to the identity of the Foreign Secretary's source he told me that the Foreign Secretary had said it was a person well connected with the 'News of the World' but he had enjoined de la Mare not to mention this to anyone.

After consulting D.D.G. and hearing from D.I.A. what was the most recent telecheck evidence I rang de la Mare back. I said that we knew PEACH to be at that time in London, staying at his mother's. We knew that his morale was high. We knew why it was high.

He planned, as we knew, to return to his home at Crowborough on the morning of 21 October.

I then told de la Mare that to withdraw PEACH's passport would court publicity in the Press. It was quite probable that PEACH would tell the Press of any such action. Further, for action to have the maximum chance of preventing him leaving the country, it would not suffice merely to withdraw the passport. It would be necessary after Home Office clearance to circularise the ports. This would ^{increase} lead to the likelihood of publicity. Such publicity would be likely to take the form of representations that H.M.G. were now pin-pointing the third man.

I said that if it should be that the Foreign Secretary's source was in any way connected with the Press then there was a strong motive for false or tendentious reports of this sort to be put out. There was nothing the sensational Press would like better than to throw a stone into ~~the~~ pool and watch the ripples. They were capable of taking provocative and mischievous action of this sort by putting out such rumours. I added that, supposing the source should prove to be Ian COLVIN of the Sunday Express, we knew three things about him which were immediately relevant; first he was in touch with PEACH, secondly he was striving to obtain from PEACH a good story for his paper; and thirdly he had shown himself unscrupulous in his recent transactions with PEACH.

For all these reasons I urged the Foreign Office

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not to take precipitate action which they might regret. I added that if they wished to test the truth of the story that PEACH was jittery there would be no difficulty

I said that in view of the importance of this matter I felt bound to consult my Director General and that until I had done so the above advice must be regarded as provisional.

A little later I was able to consult D.G. who approved the foregoing. I so informed de la Mare. I added that I had just been reminded that at the end of September 1955 PEACH was planning a visit to the Middle East on business on or about 20 October. No preparations for such a visit had shown themselves on our source and I thought it likely that he had postponed the idea until after the debate. Nevertheless the fact that he had earlier entertained it might well account for a rumour such as that which Mr. Macmillan had heard.

G. R. Mitchell

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To FOREIGN OFFICE

Telegram No. 136 Digestion

Dated 14/10/55

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We were asked today by New York Daily News what we knew of Harold A.R. Philby. They said he had been Security Officer in Washington 1946 to 1951. After consulting the Embassy we confirmed that Philby had been employed in a temporary capacity in the Embassy. He had certain security responsibilities, but was not the Security Officer. We told the News that he now lives in London and we understand him to be a freelance journalist.

News correspondent may approach you.

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Diana McNab of F.4 came to see me this morning. She said that during the weekend she had met David Walker of the News Chronicle who had told her that PHILBY was now the top suspect in Fleet Street for the "Third Man" who had tipped off BURGESS and MACLEAN. Walker, had said that Fleet Street had been comparing Foreign Office diplomatic lists for 1950 and 1951 and had found that PHILBY - although he was reported to be a member of the Foreign Office - did not figure in these. Members of the press were therefore speculating about PHILBY's true job and although David Walker suspects that PHILBY was a member of M.I.6. he claims to have told noone in Fleet Street about his guess.

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1. Short articles on PHILBY appeared in last Sundays newspapers. They gave more or less the factual accounts of his career (not mentioning Secret Service) and referred to him as the man who had story about B & M which he could not yet tell.

2. Very little doubt that PHILBY's name will be brought up by M.P.s in forthcoming debate on White Paper together with allegations that he was Third Man. Minister will be briefed to reply in as much detail as possible.

4. Fully expect number of other embarrassing names and stories

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I have been informed press curiosity over possibility of a third man tipping off M and B that they were under investigation has resulted in:-

- (a). SOKOLSKY the right wing columnist telephoning John RUSSELL of British Information Service New York to discover information about PHILBY with whom B was known to have lived. British Information Service replied to the effect nothing known about PHILBY or his work.
- (b). New York correspondent of London Daily Mirror receiving instructions from London to discover all that was known about PHILBY his political views etc.

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Pat Dean spoke to me about [redacted] He said he had not been much impressed by the points put forward, and asked me what the present position was. I told him I understood that [redacted] was going to have a further interview with PEACH and that Mr. Mitchell had discussed with him the points which needed to be clarified at this interview. [redacted] said he hoped that the matter could be settled quickly: he felt that [redacted] did not appreciate the urgency of getting this question cleared before the debate in the House.

[redacted] and, further, as I understood it, it was not absolutely certain that there was a 'third man'. [redacted] said he accepted that point, though he himself was very doubtful whether MACLEAN would have cut and run simply because he had noted that he was under observation and without some other warning.

I asked [redacted] whether he thought that names were going to be mentioned in the debate. He said that so far as he could see it was likely to be a real old fashioned debate with plenty of mud thrown about. On the whole he welcomed this because it would be the only way of disposing of the question, and he hoped that he would be able to put the file away for good after the debate. I said that no doubt he did hope this.

D.D.G.
30.9.55.

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Name: RALEIGH

Rec: 26.9.55.

T.C.No.2577

Tel.No. Aberystwyth 7083

Date: 25.9.55.

Responsible Section: D.1.A.

Outgoing call RALEIGH to Henry YORK, KEN 4781.
RALEIGH said that he had been thinking over the question of the YOUNG boy and asked if he would write him a letter about him. He would then talk to the Professor of history with a view of having the boy there.
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Outgoing call RALEIGH to 494 to Mr.COOKSON to say it would not be possible to go along to view the house this morning - some friends had turned up and he could not get away. He told Mr.COOKSON, however, that the registrar and the architect of the college would probably view the house next week.
n.t.s.

Outgoing call RALEIGH for the number of St.Anthony's College, Oxford. Oxford 57473.
RALEIGH booked a personal call to that number to FLANAGAN. RALEIGH said to him-

- R. Look, I think I may have got a job for PEACH.
F. Oh how terrific.
R. I'll tell you what it is. I was talking to the head of the features department of the B.B.C.
F. The speeches.
R. The features department of the B.B.C.
F. Oh yes.
R. And they are going to put on a long series which will take a lot of time, which they call stories of today.
F. Oh yes.
R. And it will be about things like the Montesi case.
F. Oh yes. That sounds all very.....
R. And the fall of PERON and that kind of thing, and they say they want a first class investigator, reporter and somebody who can handle materials.
F. I think that sounds absolutely up his street.
R. Well it does doesn't it?
F. Absolute brain wave.

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- R. And they're very anxious to get hold of him.
- F. Yes.
- R. I told them what his past history - him - what KIM's past history had been.
- F. Yes.
- R. And he said, 'well that makes absolutely no difference to me at all'.
- F. No, splendid.
- R. 'And I don't have to ask anybody whether I employ him or not'.
- F. Yes.
- R. 'And I would like to send him abroad'.
- F. That sounds absolutely splendid.
- R. I think it sounds all right don't you?
- F. Yes, I do.
- R. Quite well paid, you see, quite a lot of money in it.
- F. Yes.
- R. Well look, I wonder if you could tell me how to get hold of him.
- F. Yes, well, he spends his time between London and Crowborough, I can give you both addresses, or rather, the best London address is the Athenaeum, I can't say that he goes in every day.
- R. No - I see.
- F. I can give you the Crowborough address and tel. number.
- R. I should think if I rang up Crowborough and asked him if he would ring me up.
- F. Yes. Aileen would be there, you see. I think she's over her operation, I think she's back now.
- R. Yes - could you get me that address.
- F. I'm afraid I have no telephone number for it but it is The Leylands, Crowborough, Sussex. A telegram to there to him telling him to ring you up would -
- R. To there - I think that would be the best thing to do.
- F. I shall be seeing his sister in London tomorrow evening and I'll make her
- R. Will you?
- F. Yes.
- R. Because the sooner - they're very anxious to get hold of him.
- F. Exactly.

R. and he's not doing anything else at the moment is he?

F. No.

R. Right you are.

F. So far as I know.

R. Good.

FLANAGAN went on to tell him about the progress of Elisabeth KATKOV who had had an operation. RALEIGH hoped to see

FLANAGAN soon when he was next in Oxford. n.t.s.

Outgoing call RALEIGH to Directories for the number of PEACH, Crowborough, Sussex. He was given 3405.
n.t.s.

Outgoing call RALEIGH to Crowborough 3405, to PEACH.
(RALEIGH announced himself and asked AILEEN, who answered, whether she remembered him but she had apparently not heard him). PEACH took the call.

R. Hallo KIM.

P. Hallo RALEIGH, I haven't heard from you for a long time.

R. No, indeed.

P. I haven't even had an opportunity of congratulating you on your recent appointment.

R. Oh thank you very much. Well FLANAGAN was here the other day and said that you were looking for a job.

P. Oh yes, yes.

R. And I heard of something quite by chance the other day - on Friday actually - which I thought you might like.

P. That's extremely interesting.

R. I'll tell you what it is, it's this. The B.B.C. are going to have a long series of programmes which I think they're calling stories of today. They want to do things like the Montesi case.

P. Oh yes, yes.

R. And, you know the fall of PERON - anything of that kind which is still going on so to speak.

P. Yes, I see.

- R. And for that they want somebody who is a first class investigator and reporter.
- P. I see.
- R. And was good at handling material, you know.
- P. I understand, yes.
- R. Would that appeal to you at all?
- P. When is this beginning, have you any idea.
- R. Well they're starting now on collecting the material, you see.
- P. Oh I understand, yes.
- R. So it won't come on for sometime and they want someone who will go about and help collect the material and
- P. I see well it could be awfully interesting.
- R. It sounds to me just up your street.
- P. Absolutely, yes. Well now -
- R. Well I told them about you.
- P. Yes.
- R. I spoke to the head of the features department who is responsible for all this.
- P. I see.
- R. And he's frightfully keen to get you.
- P. Who is he now.
- R. His name is Lawrence GILLIAM (spelt), and, he asked me would I get hold of you and would you ring him up.
- P. Yes, I see.
- R. As soon as
- P. Well now I presumably contact him at (the B.B.C.) -
- R. At the B.B.C.
- P. Headquarters, yes, and he is....
- R. He is the head of the features department I think.
- P. Well RALEIGH that was extremely kind of you.

PEACH then asked after him and where he was and RALEIGH told him - he only got back last night. PEACH repeated that it was extremely kind of him and that he would certainly contact them and he would let him know if anything materialised. They sent love to each other's families.
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