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C. W. Sibson

I agree with Mr. Sibson's comments. I doubt whether HL is a

transaction that the British

Library should promote or even whether they should agree to receive the paper.

RRB

16.7.

Dear Sir,

PHILBY ARCHIVE

Thank you for your letter of 13 July enclosing a copy of the letter of 7 July from Mr Borrie.

2. My eyebrows rose when I read his letter. Philby's widow is seeking to make a significant financial gain by selling documents which disclose eg how he helped indirectly with the recruitment of agents in the UK (see items 6 and 7). Although the British Library are not themselves proposing to spend public money to acquire the material, they appear to be keen to facilitate its purchase be a 'benefactor'. I suspect that there might be something of a public outcry if it became known that a public body was involved even in this indirect way in a transaction which would enrich a traitor's widow.

3. I am not sure how much scope there is for influencing the British Library's actions on a matter of this kind. But before we consider how, if at all, we should try to do so I should be interested to know whether you and others share my instinctive reaction.

Yours ever,  
J

J SIBSON

cc: Russell Pullen (FCO)  
Robert Ward (MOD)  
Tim Jones (FCO)  
Michael Sturdy (T Sols)

(Hidden copy: Sir Robin Butler)

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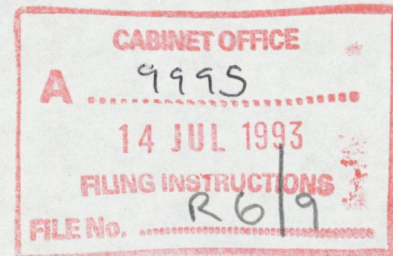
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Dear Tom

### PHILBY ARCHIVE

I attach for your information, and that of copy addressees, a letter which I have received from the British Library about an offer from Kim Philby's widow of his 'Moscow Archive' for the sum of £68,000.

When Mr Borrie telephoned me recently he told me that an American University had been pursuing Mrs Philby with a view to purchasing the archive but that she had been put off by their persistence and wished to sell the papers to Britain. He also said that whilst the Chief Executive did not think it would be right for taxpayers money to be spent on acquiring the archive he did, as the letter says, think it should be in this country and in a public institution. I understood that the 'benefactor' the Chief Executive had in mind was Max Hastings, Daily Telegraph.

I have, so far, simply acknowledged the letter.

I am copying this letter and enclosures to PS/Sir Robin Butler, Russell Pullen, Robert Ward, Tim Jones and Michael Sturdy.

Yours  
Pat Andrews

MISS P M ANDREWS



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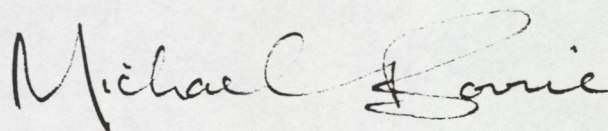
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date 7 July 93

Dear Miss Andrews

### Philby Archive

Further to our telephone conversation, I enclose a description of the Philby papers on offer to us: the price asked is £68,000. The Chief Executive feels that these should be in a British public institution, provided they are what they purport to be, and have not been sanitized or made a vehicle for disinformation. He is not however willing to spend the grant-in-aid on them, and is looking for a benefactor. But we must first prevail on Mrs Philby to send them to London, for a thorough inspection. I will keep you informed.

Yours sincerely



M.A.F. Borrie  
Manuscripts Librarian

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## THE MOSCOW ARCHIVE OF KIM PHILBY

Containing the remaining papers of Kim Philby, presently in possession of his wife, Rufina Philby. The papers are complete, save for two files of KGB-related political material which was taken from the flat by the KGB after Philby's death. The papers listed here do contain such material, however, but they were not examined when the two files were removed from the archive.

The archive consists of the following:

1. Corrected typescript, unpublished, of Philby's uncompleted autobiography, 48 pp. Together with: carbon copy of the above, with some rejected early drafts, 68 pp. (Note: a short extract from this material was published recently in *The Daily Telegraph*).
2. Corrected typescript of Philby's first lecture to the KGB (1977). Unpublished, and of the greatest importance. Introduction: 2 pp. top copy; Text: 16 pp. carbon copy with corrections; file of early drafts: 11pp.
3. Corrected holograph draft of an article on the subject of how to behave when a field agent is arrested. (Extract published in *Sunday Telegraph* 9 May 1993). Introduction, pp. i-iii, unpublished; pp. 1 - 6 extracted from by *Sunday Telegraph*.
4. Philby's diary, Beirut, 1956 - 1963. Unpublished. Covering the entire period up to Philby's defection. Notes on Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf Sheikdoms, Yemen. With 35 further pages on events, personalities, countries. Altogether 60 holograph pages, together with inserted news cuttings.
5. Incomplete typescript of *My Silent War* (pub. 1968). Philby's only book. Introduction, corrected top copy. Text - Chapters 1 - 6, corrected photocopy. Introduction by Graham Greene, photocopy. The only surviving manuscript material relating to this book.
6. Corrected typescripts, being reports on individual students from Philby's "England Course" seminars at the KGB: covering letter to Michael Bogdanov, a student at the seminars, and later a field agent in England, 1981 - 1985. Extensive notes on each student, with commentary with regard to the single



question of how well would they do as KGB agents in England? Notes on Michael (1 p.), Valery (2 pp.), Alexander (2 pp.), Yuri (1 p.), Sergei 1 (p.).

7. Typescript (2 pp.) for Philby's "England Course" (1980 - 1981), signed. Highly important document outlining Philby's aims and methods in training agents for work in England.

8. Report on a talk by Philby (4 pp.) and a question and answer section (3 pp.) compiled by KGB agent Michael Bogdanov, in Russian, reporting on the first meeting (December 1975) between Philby and young KGB operatives, from which the Philby Seminars (1976 - 1987) arose. (Note: Bogdanov was expelled from England in the Russian spy scandal of 1985).

9. Letters from Philby to Michael Bogdanov, 1981 - 1984, sent when Bogdanov was a "journalist" in London. Altogether 6 t.l.s. Together with 4 cards to Philby from Bogdanov, and a joint letter of thanks from the five students at the first seminars (see (6) above) expressing thanks and admiration to Philby.

10. Corrected typescript for Preface to East German edition of *My Silent War*, 4 pp.

11. File of correspondence from Graham Greene to Philby. Twelve letters from Greene, 16pp., 1978 - 1989. (See copies, attached). *-not circulated I have them if wanted. Pat Andrews*

12. Four files of letters, in Russian, received by Philby after his defection to the USSR in 1963.

13. Substantial English correspondence file, letters from friends and various publishers, TV companies, etc., including letters from William Manchester, Phillip Knightley, Norman Sherry, Richard Elman, Leonard Mosley, Richard Beeston, Oleg Kalugin and others. Occasional copies of Philby's responses. Includes 4 pp. various ms. notes by Philby; 2 pp. carbon typescript by Philby regarding John Foster and Allen Dulles.

14. Xerox article, "Face to Face with a Soldier of the Silent War," sent to Philby from Prague, being a response to *My Silent War*, 10 pp. Together with a translation into Russian, 5 pp.

15. Further large correspondence file: letters from publishers, personal letters, cuttings.

16. "Personal " file of condolences received on the death of his father, St. John Philby, in 1960. Together with copies of some of Kim Philby's replies.



17. A set of Diplomas, Congratulations, and Addresses of Honour given to Philby on various ceremonial occasions (as is Russian practice) by major figures at the KGB, including Andropov and others. Ten large, leather-bound items.

18. An album of photos from Philby's trip to Siberia in 1971.

19. An album of photos from Philby's trip to Cuba.

20. A 5 pp. typescript answering questions about world affairs, socialism and capitalism, in response to a Prague correspondent.

21. Thirteen important books from the library of Kim Philby as follows:

1. *Elementary Russian Reader*, George Z. Patrick, Pitman, 1949. Annotated by Philby.

2. *Marx and Science*, J.D. Bernal, London, 1952. Ownership signature in Russian of Guy Burgess as "Jim Eliot".

3. *V.I. Lenin*, Moscow, 1953. Ownership signature in Russian of Burgess as "Jim Eliot".

4. *Linguaphone Conversation Course: Russian*, n.p., n.d. Annotated by Kim Philby.

5. *Poetical Works of Milton*, Oxford, 1922. Annotated by Philby as a schoolboy at Westminster.

6. *History of the Communist Party*, Moscow, 1931. Light marginal markings by Guy Burgess, with his ownership signature in Russian as "Jim Eliot".

7. *Die Osterreichische Revolution*, Wien, 1923. Heavily annotated by Philby, most likely during his stay in Vienna.

8. *The Mongols of Mongolia*, London, 1935. Ownership signature of Kim Philby.

9. *Russian as We Speak It*, S. Khavronina, Moscow, n.d. Lightly annotated by Kim Philby.

10. "Beginners Russian for Foreigners," n.p., n.d. Annotated by Philby.

11. *Marx and Engels*, Moscow, 1951. Two volumes. Marginal marks by Guy Burgess, with his ownership signature.

12. *Lenin*, London, 1959. Marginal marks by Guy Burgess.

13. *Zur Preussischen Geschichte*, Franz Mehring, 1932. Two volumes. Annotated by Kim Philby, with various inserted material from the Vienna Socialist Society, of which he was Treasurer.

*A note on the archive: these papers and books were examined during a visit to Moscow on the weekend of June 12-13, 1993. Because of the amount of material that was examined, and the occasional linguistic problems (of various sorts), the descriptions in this list must be regarded as, to a degree, provisional.*



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