

Polish Naval Headquarters,  
28, Wimpole St. W.1.  
Tel. ~~W.1.~~ LAN. 4587.

Dear Macdonald, or Mr. Donald, as the case  
may be,

I enclose the communication  
I mentioned to you on the telephone  
today. If you would like to probe  
the matter I could put you into touch  
with my informant who is a Polish  
Naval Officer (London based) on the  
staff here. I know him quite  
well and should be surprised if  
his move is 100% altruistic or  
and more surprised if he can add  
much to our knowledge; but one  
never knows.

Squadron Leader  
Macdonald R.N.F.  
12, baston St.  
London. S.W.1.

Yours sincerely  
Geoffrey W. Little  
(BOSTON. S.W.1.).



Georgii Zarubin - the Russian envoy in Canada, connected with the spy-affair - is a prominent NKVD (secret police) general, well known to the few Polish survivors of the camp in Kozielek.

He spoke good English, was intelligent above the vulgar, and seems to be in excellent relations with Beria. Difficult & confidential missions were often given to him. He is one of the few Russians who travelled abroad pre-war, probably with such missions.

In January 1940 he was sent to the camp of Kozielek, where 5200 Polish prisoners were confined. He has to choose the small number of those who should be spared from the voyage to Katyn. To the 160 who remained alive, many proposals were put forward by Zarubin & his staff. Later he was sent with a similar mission to the Baltic-countries. His activities were outstanding.

Further details could be given only verbally and in condition of absolute discretion.

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NEW YORK.

No. 305 of March 6th.

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My telegram 300 para. D.

A. In this connection Canadian authorities are considering approaching C. Wilfred JENKS repeat <sup>DECARDED</sup> JENKS, legal adviser to I.L.O. Montreal for many years, to consult him and to obtain his views regarding diplomatic immunity of I.L.O. officials.

B. JENKS is British subject and Canadians would appreciate being assured that you have no repeat no adverse information concerning him before making approach.

S.L.B.3 Colonel Cussen.

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I have spoken to Dick White about this and we agreed that it would not be proper for Hope to pass on to the French any information about the case except that which has appeared in the press.

A.D.F.  
6.3.46.

*R. H. Hollis.*  
R. H. Hollis.

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CORRECTION.

NEW YORK telegram No. <sup>217a.</sup> 306 of March 5th.

IMPORTANT.

Para. B. should read ..... so patently far fetched  
that he is damaging his own case. He has in his possession  
certain R.C.A.F. documents which, .....

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NEW YORK.

No. 306 of 5th March.

A. Commission have been hearing NIGHTINGALE for last day and a half and will have to continue tomorrow. He appears an accomplished liar but through tangle of evasions it is possible to see old pattern. First interested in Left wing ideology at McGill University, he joined study groups during (gp.mut.) period, contributed to party funds and was finally approached directly by ROGOV.

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B. On his relations with ROGOV his lies are so patently far fetched that he is damaging his (11 gps. omitted) in additions which, though not of high security rating, will probably be sufficient to make a legal case against him though he may possibly be able evade more serious charges.

C. Commission will make final attempt tomorrow to extract truth. BOYER will then follow.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy  
1, Grosvenor Square  
London, W. 1  
March 4, 1946

R34

A.A. Corby Support  
indirect HESS

*[Handwritten initials]*

No. 1879

case file PF 127, 652  
Hess

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Dear Mr. Hollis:

I have just been informed by the Bureau that ALEXANDER HESS who, until recently, was the Military Attache of the Czech Legation in Washington, D. C. and identified by Corby as a Soviet Agent, departed from the United States with his wife on February 27, 1946 from New York City aboard the M.S. Gripsholm for Le Havre, France. Both he and his wife are carrying Czechoslovakian Passports and their ultimate destination is Czechoslovakia via overland.

It is reported that the M.S. Gripsholm will stop enroute at Cobh, Ireland and Plymouth, England. HESS is not expected to return to the United States, but his wife advised INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) she expected to return to the United States as a native born American citizen.

A confidential source advised that the major portion of HESS' luggage contained nothing pertinent. It was noted, however, that HESS had in his possession a brown briefcase 12 by 16 inches which he guarded carefully.

The above is being furnished you for your information. I am also advising H. A. R. Philby of MI-6. In the event you receive any information regarding his activities on the continent I would appreciate your keeping me informed.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Cimperman

Mr. Roger H. Hollis  
58, St. James' Street  
London, S. W. 1

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NEW YORK.

5.3.46.

No. 514.

Following from Hollis for RCMP.

Has BOYER yet been questioned on words "FREDA TO  
THE PROFESSOR THROUGH GRIERSON", found in CORBY papers  
and, if so, have you any further information about  
[GRIERSON] 6690068

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NEW YORK.

No. 301 of March 5th.My telegram 289. ~~211~~ 104A.

A. My paragraphs B. C. and D. Further examination shows that majority of documents referred to in these paragraphs are of a later date, some as late as end of 1941.

B. Among the papers are also some inter office memoranda written in Vickers-Armstrong, Newcastle.

C. The 500 pound bomb is described as mark 5.

D. I understand that these documents were brought to Canada by J. R. BEAUMONT on behalf Munitions and Supply in April 1942 when it was under consideration to build factory for production here.

E. Factory referred to in my telegram under reference should read "Hadfield's, Swinton".

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NEW YORK.

No. 299 of March 5th.

A. Canadians are now tentatively considering possibility bringing <sup>- W 60,372</sup> WITCZAK passport case in detail before Commission (?this would) enlarge scope of Commission somewhat beyond purely Government employees as it would introduce Doctor SOBOLEV, Doctor HARRIS and [Sam CARR.] PF 603,401.

B. Importance of this is that implication of CARR would bring out with force the part played by C.P. - Canada and this is of particular significance from point of view of public education. This now under consideration and I will revert.

C. Question of Bill of Attainder as method of dealing with <sup>PF 48347</sup> Fred ROSE has been suggested to Prime Minister who is not at moment inclined view this with approval. Inclusion of ROSE by some means would of course assist any ?procedure concerning communist party.

My immediately following telegram.

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NEW YORK.

No. 300 of 5th March.

My immediately preceding telegram.

D. However, it is now not impossible that Commission's scope of enquiry may be widened and I am therefore pressing inclusion of <sup>P.P 603 477</sup> [Helena RABINOWITZ] since am of opinion she may be able to give information of some considerable value to us in Europe and also bring out U.S.A. LINK. Her possible inclusion would depend partly on the case of Commission and partly on whether her present diplomatic status under I.L.O. could be withdrawn if Canadians considered it desirable.

E. This is purely tentative but meanwhile I should appreciate your views with particular reference as to what if any use could be made of your Swiss report on RADO group as means ?having RABINOWITZ under ?suspicion. I should presume from your report that since RADO was arrested there may have been some publicity in Swiss press, and in this case we could perhaps safely make use whatever was made public.

F. If this were to be done it would probably not be for at least ten days.

Swiss - answering  
this. Best.

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M.I.5 - S.L.B.3 (Lt. Col. Cussen).

From time to time in the last week I have had enquiries from various contacts about the Atomic Bomb affair in Canada. These have come from the Prefet de Police, from Commissaire Pousselgue of the S.T. and from Commandant Ruissan of the D.G.E.R. In each case I have replied that I know nothing of the affair, which has somewhat disappointed them as they have shown a lively interest. **So far as I can gather, the purpose of the enquiries are not entirely due to personal inquisitiveness, but they are anxious to know how we handled the affair in view, I presume, of the present political conditions in France, of which you are well aware.**

If, therefore, there is any information on this matter which you consider it would be proper for me to informally pass to my contacts here, I should be very grateful if you could let me know.

*C.P. Hope*  
C.P. Hope,  
Major.

PARIS  
M.I.5 Liaison Section.  
27 February 1946.

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NEW YORK.

No. 289 of March 4th.Our telegram <sup>91A</sup> 283 paragraph E.

- A. Documents consist of 4 process manuals marked "secret" issued Directorate of Industrial Planning, War Office, London and 2 are dated July 1937. All are entitled "Bomb H.E. Aircraft - S.A.P. 250 pounds mark I.I.I./A. empty design No. D.D.(L.) 6354. Specifications No. Air/202".
- B. Also bundle of documents concerning Hadfield and Swinton factory - productions details of 500 pound bomb, including 88 negatives of photographs and details bomb production.
- C. Also 89 plans of Swinton factory number one.
- D. Received blue prints, diagrams and production details regarding Hadfield and Swinton manufacturing of 250 pound bombs.
- E. GERSON is extremely worried that these have been found, but I imagine from date that they are probably not repeat not of great significance. Please telegraph expert opinion.
- I understand they were brought out here for munitions and supply in 1942.

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No. 286 of March 4th.

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My telegram 285 time is now changed back to ?(as was)

12 noon.

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Addressed:  
NEW YORK.

3.3.46.

No. 502.

Following from Sargent for Holmes repeated Halifax.

In view of Canadian attitude as described in your 257 ~~(1902)~~ 89A.  
of March 2nd and subsequent telegrams we withdraw our  
suggestion that action should be postponed.

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NEW YORK.

NO. 285 of March 3rd.

Following for Sargent from Holmes repeated Halifax.

1. It was decided by Canadian authorities shortly after midnight that in view probable slight changes in text of Commission's report it would be necessary to change time for publication and arrests from 12 noon E.S.T. to 2 p.m.
2. We are advising you as soon as possible of this as it may affect actions in London particularly in case it has been found possible to meet Mackenzie King's request that action in regard to Primrose be synchronised with action here.
- ~~2. We are advising you as soon as possible of this as it may affect actions in London particularly in case it has been found possible to meet Mackenzie King's request that action in regard to Primrose be synchronised with action here.~~
3. I have of course informed Canadian authorities of substance your telegram 502 on its receipt.
4. I am hopeful that textual changes will meet your suggestion that it be made clear that only one United Kingdom employee here is involved and also correct inaccuracy regarding her noted in para. 5 my telegram 280.

NEW YORK.

3.3.46.

10.20 P.M.

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8.10 P.M.

A.I.  
4.3.46.  
10.15 P.M.

1A. 204 of HARBOUR ST.

10.15 P.M.

Following is for U.S.S. only on final account from 1945.  
From 48, 1945.

Following for Special Agent in Charge.

Mr. [Name] asks me to inform you that [Name] also [Name],  
greatly hopes that you will be able to [Name] [Name]  
concerning [Name] at the [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]  
[Name] [Name].

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NEW YORK.

No. 282 of March 3rd.

A. RCMP interrogation at Rockcliffe has taken interesting turn. □ BOYER is proving rapidly more co-operative and position in which he finds himself is turning him away from Communist part. His testimony before Commission is likely prove interesting to ?observe.

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NEW YORK.

No. 283 of March 3rd.

My immediately preceding telegram.

D. When stenographer is not present GERSON indirectly admits activities as far as he himself is concerned. He has said, however, that morally he cannot bring himself to incriminate "this person and that person". This is particularly tantalising since we do not know GERSON's contact except for BOYER's recent statement about

E. Among papers found in GERSON's office in war assets are five British documents concerning 250 pound rocket 500 aerial bomb together with details of factory to produce them.

Apparently he obtained these from munitions and supply. I have not had time to examine these but will telegraph details and origin shortly.

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Following is for C.S.S. only.

Personal decision yourself from 48, 10.

Following for [unclear] from [unclear] reported H. [unclear].

See telegram 501-1000 of 603-469. *Winnipeg*

1. Your Paragraph A.

1). You will have seen nature of charge against [unclear] of full text of Commission's report.

2). Contrary to what was in their mind when I sent by te<sup>172</sup> 245 paragraph 7 one Commission did not recommend [unclear] of (2 groups-mutilated) 7be sought. This fact [unclear] that this would in any case have been regarded as [unclear] only and as indicated in paragraph F. my telegrams Canadian authorities would consider that, suffici. against her having been found by Commission, her

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1951 E. EDWARDS.

follows naturally from our request that she be treated as a Canadian Government employe and from our earlier request for her detention for interrogation (via my telegrams 525/25 and your telegram 280 October 16th 1945).

See. Your paragraph C. See my telegram 451 paragraph C.

Your paragraph D. ROBINSON would welcome handing

to LUNAN's next-of-kin. You may like to know that

LUNAN wrote his parents some ten days ago and said of his trouble and chance of publicity about him.

My immediately following telegram.

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22. 23. of March and 24. 25. of March.

Following is for C.S.S. only personal decipher yours 12 from 10, 48.

By immediately preceding, tele. com.

Yours paragraph 2. and 3. noted with thanks.

As regards paragraph no 1) above Commission's possible reference to attached is inaccurate in extent and does not repeat not have access to any documents in the office. scientific or atomic energy these were specially handled at all times but not necessarily retained in personal custody of administrative staff.

By immediately following, telegram.

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NEW YORK.

No. 269 of March 2nd.

Following for Sargent from Holmes.

Following is text of Commission's interim report.

Pursuant to order in Council P.C.411 dated February 5th 1946, we have been conducting investigation thereby provided for having commenced our sittings on Wednesday February 13th 1946. We have now reached a stage in hearing of evidence which permits us and renders it advisable for us to make an interim report. The evidence establishes that a network of under cover agents has been organised and developed for purpose of obtaining secret and confidential information particularly from employees of departments and agencies of Dominion Government and office of High Commissioner of U.K. in Canada.

The evidence reveals that these operations were carried on by certain members of staff of Soviet Embassy at Ottawa under direct instructions from Moscow. The person directly in charge of these operations was Colonel ZABOTIN, Military Attache of Embassy, who had had active assistants in this from Lt. Colonel MOTINOV, chief assistant Military Attache, air Lt. Colonel ROGOV assistant Military Attache, Major SOKOLOV, of staff of Commercial Counsellor of Embassy, Lt. ANGELOV, one of the secretaries of the Military Attache, as well as other members of staff of Military Attache all of whom, as well as agents whom they employed in pursuance of their activities, were, in interests of secrecy, known by under cover names.

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NEW YORK.

No. 270 of March 2nd.

My immediately preceding telegram.

We have noticed that each of dossiers compiled by staff of Military Attache with respect to Canadian agents contain this significant question: "length of time in net". We think that word "net" well describes organisation set up and under development by Colonel ZABOTIN and his predecessor. We have had before us a former employee of Russian Embassy at Ottawa, Igor GOUZENKO, the cypher clerk of Military Attache, who has described this organisation and its functioning, and who has produced original documents, the authenticity of which we accept.

As shown by these documents the specified tasks committed to Colonel ZABOTIN were following:-

1. **As described in ?despatch from "the Director" at Moscow addressed to Colonel ZABOTIN under his cover name "Grant".**

(a) The technological processes and methods employed by the Canadians and English for production of explosives and chemical materials.

(b) Instructions as to which of members of staff of Military Attache should contact particular Canadian agents and suggestion of names of persons in Department of National Defence for Naval Affairs who might act as agents.

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No. 271 of March 2nd.

My immediately preceding telegram.

(c) Information as to transfer of American troops from Europe to USA and Pacific: also the army headquarters of 9th Army, the 3rd, 5th, 7th, 13th Army Corps, 18th Armoured Division, the 2nd, 4th, 8th, 28th, 30th, 44th, 45th, 104th (?Infantry Division)s and 13th Tank Division, together with dates of their moves, the location of army headquarters of 8th and 6th Armoured Corps, the 29th and 89th Infantry Divisions, the 10th Tank Division and location of Brazilian Infantry Division. Whether or no there had (been) organised a staff for American troops in Germany and if so location and name of officer in command. The locations of parachute troops and plans for their future use.

(d) Instructions to take measures to obtain particulars as to materials of which atomic bomb is composed, its technological process and drawings.

2. As described in writing ?received ?under hands of ZABOTIN, MOTINOV and ROGOV during period March to August 1945.

(a) To obtain from National Research Council methods of developed RADAR sets, photographs, technical data, periodic reports characterising RADAR work carried on by Council and future developments planned by delegates.

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No. 272 of March 2nd.

My immediately preceding telegram.

(b) Particulars of explosives establishment at Val Cartier and its ?factory, including obtaining of formulas of explosives and samples.

(c) A full report on organisation and personnel of national research council; "Give more details of organisation of research council. Manipulate so as to get their leaders and find out what they do".

(d) Particular work of specified employees of research council.

(e) Obtaining of documents from library of national research council so that they might be photographed with expressed intention of ultimately obtaining the whole of library of national research council.

(f) Particulars as to plant at Chalk River Ontario, and processing of uranium.

(g) The obtaining of a sample uranium 235, with details as to plant where it is produced.

(h) Specifications of electro-projector of "V" bomb.

(i) Research work being carried on with relation to explosive materials and artillery.

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(j) The obtaining of material on American aeroplane RADAR  
?location or type, navigation periscope.

(k) A list of army divisions of Canadian army which have  
returned from overseas and names, or numbers, of divisions  
which have been divided or reshaped or undergoing reshaping.

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NEW YORK.

No. 273 of March 2nd.

My immediately preceding telegram.

- l) The number of troops in Canadian Army in post war period, together with system of its organisation.
- m) Information from department of munitions and supply of various kinds relating to guns, shells, small arms, arsenals, optical and radio appliances, automobiles and tanks, apparatus for chemical warfare and particulars of plants producing same.
- n) Information as to electronic shells used by American Navy.
- o) To endeavour to keep agents in Government departments threatened with discharge as a result shrinkage in size of departments, in order to maintain their usefulness for future.
- p) Information with regard to depth bombs and double charge shells for cannon.
- q) Information as to telegrams passing into and out of department of external affairs and office of High Commissioner for United Kingdom.

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NEW YORK.

No. 274 of 2nd March.

My immediately preceding telegram.

It must not be assumed that above list is ?exhaustive, but it illustrates nature of objectives of these operations. It has been stated to us by commission counsel that method of presentation of evidence before us is with object of ultimately establishing identity of greatest number of those persons who have acted as agents, but question of relative importance of above subject matters has not been dealt with to an extent of where we are yet able to pronounce upon it. To proceed in any other manner might have been prejudicial to ultimate attainment of purposes of investigation. It has taken considerable time to hear evidence relating to general scheme of operations being carried on, which evidence it was necessary to hear before dealing with ?activities of particular agents. Evidence heard so far however establishes that four persons namely Mrs. Emma WOIKIN, Captain Gordon LUNAN, Edward Wilfred MAZERALL, Miss Kathleen Mary PF 603,469 WILLSHER } all employees of Dominion Government except Kathleen Mary WILLSHER, who is an employee of Government of United Kingdom, have communicated directly or indirectly secret and confidential information to representatives of USSR in violation of provisions of official secrets 1939, 3 George 6th, CAP 49. Emma WOIKIN. This person was employed as a cipher clerk in Department of

External Affairs, having taken usual oath of secrecy required in such cases. Taking advantage of position she occupied she communicated to Major SOKOLOV the contents of secret telegrams to which she had access in course of her duties.

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No. 273 of 2nd March.

My immediately preceding telegram.

Captain Gordon LUNAN. This man, a Captain in Canadian Army, on loan to War Time Information Board, now Canadian Information Service, was head of a group of agents acting under personal direction of Lieutenant-Colonel ROGOV. In course of his own particular duties with Information Board, no secret information came to him, but he was intermediary through whom information furnished by group reached ROGOV, which information was, in our opinion, furnished and transmitted in violation of statutory provisions already referred to. The members of group headed by LUNAN were scientists employed by National Research Council and Department of National Defence, Research Division, and their concern under LUNAN, was to obtain for ROGOV information on technical matters in connection with work of these agencies. Some of information obtained and transmitted to ROGOV related to latest developments in RADAR. Through this group also secret documents in library of National Research Council were handed over.

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NEW YORK.

No. 276 of 2nd March.

My immediately preceding telegram.

Edward Wilfred MAZERALL. He is an electrical engineer in National Research Council working in field RADAR, who also had taken an oath of secrecy. He was one of group headed by LUNAN and he furnished to latter, on one occasion, for transmission by latter, two reports of National Research Council on certain developments, actual and projected, in field RADAR at a time when disclosure of these documents was still unauthorised. The fact that these reports were shortly thereafter presented to British Commonwealth and Trieste conference on (group mutilated) for civil aviation should be considered as an extenuating circumstance in MAZERALL's favour.

Kathleen Mary WILLSHER ] PF603,469 She was employed in office of High Commissioner of United Kingdom as deputy registrar, having subscribed to a document in which she acknowledged having read official secrets act of United Kingdom. She had access to all (group mutilated - ?secret) documents in that office, except such as might from time to time be retained in personal custody of a particular member of administrative staff. She made disclosure of contents of secret documents from that office.

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NEW YORK.

Unnumbered of 2nd March (?No. 277)

My immediately preceding telegram.

In our final report we shall deal more fully with evidence and our findings with regard to above named persons. Each of these persons has given evidence before us and has admitted substance of above. To each, in accordance with provisions of sections 12 and 13 of Dominion Act, R.S.C., CAP.99, an opportunity was given to have Counsel, but none desire to be represented by Counsel or do adduce any evidence in addition to his or her own testimony.

We propose from time to time, as circumstances permit, to make further interim reports before reporting finally. We are reporting now with regard to above named persons as we concluded our investigation with regard to their part in activities mentioned and we have been assured by Commission Counsel that they have no further evidence to offer which can effect opinion we have formed on evidence with regard to these persons. As already pointed out, we have been able to review complete activities of 4 only of agents used by officers of Soviet Embassy. The evidence indicates that, in addition, many other agents were active and that information much more intrinsically important has been disclosed. We are not however as yet in a position to report with regard thereto, as evidence has not been fully developed.

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Telegram addressed NEW YORK.

No. 503.

Following for HOLMES from MACHTIG.

Would it be possible to amend text of first paragraph of Commission's interim report so as to insert after "from employees of departments and agencies of Dominion Government and" the words "from an employee of". Point is that text as it stands especially if read in conjunction with concluding paragraph of report implies that more than one employee of High Commissioner's Office is involved or suspected. This might obviously have awkward repercussions here at moment of publication.

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Telegram addressed NEW YORK.

2.3.46.

*Copy in PE/66949 PRIMROSE.*

No. 498.

*W. S. M.*  
Your 226 of February 27th.

A. Please supply any available information about WALLACE.

This may be very valuable in cross-examination.

B. Legal authorities have decided that no further questions can be asked of Primrose in view of his confession.

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NEW YORK.

No. 278 of 2nd March.

Following for Sargent from Holmes.

Our telegrams <sup>- 192. 91A -</sup> 266 and 268. <sup>92A</sup> - 192. 91A .

Cabinet have approved.

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Referred to PF 66960/1A

EXHIBIT 7 of March File

IMMEDIATE

Following for C.S.A. himself. Personal copy for [unclear]  
Year 20, 1950.

A. BNA's completed testimony today he was drawn out. Parti-  
cated account party to considerable degree in  
evade this issue. He made a statement explicit  
on ideological grounds but made no attempt to  
no new information.

B. WILLIAMS was re-introduced for hearing and  
right of Council, thus making it unconstitutional  
recessed charges against them both (together  
[WILLIAMS] PE 603 469 to be implemented on Monday.

COCKROFT gave technical evidence explaining  
GOVY documents referring to [unclear]  
placed before Commission in such a way that  
any records.

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- 1. When there is unexpected development, arrests of ...
- 2. ... of interior report will take place at 12 o'clock ...
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brief message as soon as I know Cabinet have finally decided.

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- 1. The first part of the inventory is a list of the names of the persons who have been mentioned in the reports of the Committee on the subject of the investigation and of the persons who have been mentioned in the reports of the Committee on the subject of the investigation.
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EXG 265 of 2/3/46MOST IMMEDIATE

My immediately preceding telegram.

Following is for C.S.S. only. Personal decypher yourself

From 48,000.

E. Question of commission's statement to be released on Monday presents greater problem. It is now being enlarged widely in scope in order that it may have strong impact. I believe you will agree that, since a statement of some kind is inevitable, it is now clearly essential that for international political reasons it should be in stronger terms and this can only be achieved by considerable use of CORBY information.

F. Commissioners intended this afternoon to mention in their report leakage repeat leakage of atomic information. I was able with assistance counsel to dissuade them from this course. I have been able to achieve no more than this to assist you and can only trust that you will be able to extemporize in situation which circumstances have forced us from.

G. Significance of HOLMES's point concerning loan will not escape you.



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CKO.258 of 2.3.46.

Following for G.S.S. only personal decoder message from  
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By immediately preceding telegram.

B. Con. It will mention the Canadian departments which in some degree  
or other have been penetrated and the four individuals against  
whom sufficient evidence is already available to justify further  
steps against them, making it clear that in all probability  
further work by Commission on case will lead to similar action  
against other named detainees, the number of whom (17) has already  
been announced.

C. As drafted I understand that Report mentions:-

a). United Kingdom High Commissioner's office along with  
Canadian departments as having been penetrated.

b). WILKINSON as one of four detainees to be immediately arrested  
and charged.

D. Reasons which have prompted Prime Minister and other  
Ministers

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Ministry must closely co-operate with the Government to ensure very early production and publication of a bill, subject by Commission and immediate concurrent action with the publication of documents are transferred-

1. The general criticism of unsatisfactory method of procedure adopted by Government which has led to fairly formidable charges of interference with civil liberties of subject.

By immediately following telegram.

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1945.EXG 259 of March 2nd.CONFIDENTIAL.

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By immediately preceding telegram.

D. 8. Need of effective reply to official statement by Soviet Government and inspired articles in Soviet press, burden of which is that whole matter has been grossly exaggerated by Canadian Government in meeting to support United Kingdom authorities and particularly Foreign Secretary. Of these two reasons the first weighs more strongly with Canadian Ministers and Prime Minister is so impressed with difficulty of holding position (Tony Loner) that he was contemptuous Cabinet consideration yesterday, Friday and action today Saturday and was deterred more by luck than judgment.

E. It is contemplated that it will be possible to telegraph full text of Commission's report to you immediately it is completed shortly before meeting of Cabinet.

F. I have discussed United Kingdom aspects exhaustively with Canadian officials with whom I was in personal action at moment your telegram arrived. As you will see from paragraph C. there postponement of action against ~~WILSON~~ would postulate amendment of report in



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respect of b; it would in my view be almost essential to secure  
excision of an answer also.

My immediately following telegram.

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CXG 260 of March 2nd.

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Following is for C.S.S. only. Personal copy for yourself from 42,000.  
By immediately preceding telegram.

P. Continued. I have represented as strongly as possible difficulty from point of view of United Kingdom authorities of action against [WILLSHER] and PRINCE before March 6th and difficulty which would be created by a action on different days. From Canadian point of view it is very desirable to terminate existing subpoena conditions in respect of as many as possible as soon as possible and mention of this office with Canadian departments broadens basis of report and enhances its domestic and international political effect. It is thought very difficult to contemplate separate second report in respect of this office and Willscher on March 6th and it is thought many objections exist to postponement of a action against this to synchronize with inclusion of Willscher in second batch of Canadians perhaps as much as a week later. The arrest and charging of

NEW YORK CXG 260 continued.

Willsher is of course regarded by Canadian authorities as logical outcome of our request that she be interrogated and detained for that purpose and I am afraid that we are in a very difficult and delicate position for asking for Commission to be pressed to modify their report in any way or alternatively for pressing Canadian Government to postpone on her account its publication and intended action against their own first batch.  
My immediately following telegram.

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CXG.261 of 2.3.46.

Following for C.S.C. only. Personal despatch yourself from Ottawa  
By immediately preceding telegram.

8. As regards publicity no statement of Canada's Government is contemplated at this stage, matter being left to rest entirely upon publication of Commission's report and evidence in all news of certain arrests and charges. It is suggested that the statement could be confined to something very brief and it does not appear that in circumstances now importance is attached here to being concerted by us with Canadian (though an all hope that it might be possible to communicate it to them in advance).

11. As regards action against PHIA the Canada authorities would prefer from their view point that this be taken simultaneously with proposed action here. This too would have important political and perhaps domestic effect as they see it. If it were impossible for us to act before such then they would not think be greatly embarrassed and certainly not to extent of resigning their own action for what Prime Minister apparently would regard as another day's

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Copy of 2/3/41

Following is the text of the letter received from the  
on 4/1/41.

Yours faithfully,  
[Signature]

To the above named [Name] [Address]

(a) The Canadian Government is of the opinion that  
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begin and which have refused to accept the  
to which on them.

The Government is of the opinion that the  
which (as per para 2 above) is of the opinion that  
which is a violation of the provisions of the  
which is brought to the attention of the  
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3. Finally, and in accordance with the  
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that pressure from us to disturb Prime Minister's and Sr. LAURENT's programme on espionage case might tip scale against immediate consummation of financial negotiations.

By immediately following telegram.

*All copies sent C.S.S.*



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NEW YORK.

No. 254 of March 1st.*PF 603, 469 WILLISHER.  
172a-178d. PF 66949. MAY.**842*Reference Holmes's telegrams 245-49 and my telegrams 242-43. - ~~WLS~~.

A. For reasons indicated in my telegram under reference tentative of plan for action was drawn up last night by Counsel and I understand it has Prime Minister's blessing.

B. Commission will probably recommend tomorrow morning to Governor in council that charges be laid against ~~WOLKIN~~, <sup>PF 603, 469.</sup> [WILLSHER,] LUNAN and MAZERALL. LUNAN's ?inclusion would depend on progress tomorrow and on whether he asks for counsel before Commission.

These recommendations will most likely be before Cabinet by 2 O'clock tomorrow afternoon and no doubt approved.

C. Attorney-General of Ontario will then be asked issue warrants which would be enforced on Monday morning. Detention orders would then be cancelled and arrests take place simultaneously.

D. At the same time Commission would issue ?limited interim report on these four which will however state nature of charges, ?in regard to activities on Soviet Union and cite names of Russian attaches involved. **They then plan to proceed in similar fashion with series of such recommendations as soon as and wherever hearing make it ?possible. This method of procedure will undoubtedly relieve present very considerable pressure on question of civil liberty which threatens to overshadow ?more serious issues involved.**

P.T.O. *✓*

E. I will endeavour inform you if possible in advance if this plan is not carried out as anticipated although it is subject to last minute revisions.

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NEW YORK.

No. 252 of 1st March.My telegrams 233-240. <sup>23</sup> ~~ETA~~ <sup>83A</sup>

A. LUNAN gave testimony to-day and will continue to-morrow. He is of very different calibre from previous witnesses. He has accurately sized up overwhelming amount of documentary evidence against him and his confession is ?logically motivated by and confined to this. He confirms step by step events shown in Corby papers and his testimony makes findings against still recalcitrant DURNFORTH SMITH and HALPERIN foregone conclusion. Only new details of any significance he has provided are of meeting when he took SMITH personally to meet ROGOV at clandestine rendezvous in latter's car at night.

B. He appears however at some pains to protect communist party from implication. He will not admit to being party member nor to attending study groups during clandestine period. When evidence as to his presence at group meeting is produced he dismisses it as mere social gathering. He is evasive on his relations with <sup>pp 98 347</sup> Fred ROSE and while it is clear latter recruited him he will not admit it. He shows no signs so far of penitence.

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No. 253 of March 1st.

My immediately preceding telegram.

C. LUNAN's hearing was interrupted for brief reappearance of  
 WOIKIN and <sup>P.F. 603, 469.</sup> [WILLSHER] who were warned by Commission that report  
 on them would be adverse and that therefore they were entitled  
 to Counsel before Commission if they desired. Both refused.  
 This leaves way open for legal charges to be laid against them.

D. RCMP interrogators do not expect to achieve much more.

However, GERSON has informed them he will decide by noon  
 tomorrow whether or not he will make statement.

P.F. 603, 605  
 E. SHUGAR is on hunger strike no doubt to ?urge further  
 (group mut.) for his press ?campaign.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

1st March, 1946.

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*Dear Dyer* *R.H.*

I enclose herein two copies of a record which I made of our meeting this morning.

Sir Orme Sargent is signing a minute to the Prime Minister asking for his approval for action to be taken next week if the Canadian Government agree.

I discovered afterwards that the Prime Minister wished to stick to the Attorney-General's letter and discuss it with the Foreign Secretary when the latter returns from leave on Monday and so I thought it well to put in a minute on the strength of our meeting in view of the urgency of the question. This would still give /

R.H. Hollis Esq.  
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give time for the Prime Minister  
to talk to the Foreign Secretary  
on Monday if he wants to do so.

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NO. 244 of February 28th.

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For further details of recent urgent developments foreshadowed in my telegram of yesterday please see Homes' two immediately following telegrams. *III*

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NEW YORK.

No. 242 of February 28th.

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My telegram 224.

A. Release of text of order in council does not appear to have relieved pressure on subject of civil liberties in Canadian press.

PF 603605

Some editorial comment is severe, particularly with reference to fact detainees are so far refused advice of legal counsel. Press campaign on this particular aspect, and also on question of partial censoring of mail (which is inevitable for security reasons) is being carried out with some success by Mrs. SHUGAR, former Grace WALES,

You can judge degree of her experience from fact that while she is conducting this not ineffective campaign she is using mail privileges allowed to detainees to arrange details of procedure with SHUGAR himself.

B. Situation is becoming embarrassing to Canadian authorities and after meeting this afternoon between counsel and Prime Minister it was tentatively decided that some action at week end might be desirable.

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My telegram 224.

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B. continued. If this is decided upon it will most likely take form of charges being laid against probably five of detainees who by then will have appeared before Commission. These would probably be WOIKIN, <sup>P.F. 603,469.</sup> [WILLSHER] MAZERALL, LUNAN and NIGHTINGALE.

C. This would undoubtedly relieve pressure. However I understand that under Enquiries Act these five are entitled to benefit of counsel before repeat before Commission can make charges. While it is unlikely that any but NIGHTINGALE would take advantage of this, it could nevertheless delay action. No details would be made public by Commission but names and nature of charges would of course be released.

D. If this action should be taken arrest of Primrose could then ?probably follow as you see fit - or be made to coincide.

E. Above is for your information. It is purely tentative and subject to changing situation.

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No. 238 of 28th February.- 167a 78A  
Telegrams 218-220.

A. MAZERALL gave testimony today. Like WOLKIN and WILLSHER, <sup>Noted.</sup>  
 though more deeply involved, he is again the honourable fellow-  
 traveller and general picture outlined by them is made (gp.mut)ly  
 clearer. In assessing his possibilities, LUNAN wrote of him to  
ROGOV that he was "politically naive". This is true, and  
 fullest use was made of it. There was some conflict of loyalties  
 finally resolved by belief that his actions would benefit society  
 as a whole. It was indicated to him (and he believed it) that  
 this clandestine activity might lead to reciprocal information  
 from Russians and hence pooling of scientific knowledge.  
 MAZERALL's testimony which we believe to be sincere would  
 seem to lend weight to suggestion in my telegram 197 paragraph C.

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My immediately following telegram.

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No. 239 of February 28th.

My immediately preceding telegram.

B. MAZERALL began to attend study groups in 1941. He paid one dollar a month "organisation fee" to group secretary and was at one time secretary himself. <sup>PF 603,605</sup> [Over period of time he belonged to three groups details of which are of no immediate interest except that SHUGAR attended one of them.] He confirms in every detail what you already know from CORBY documents and has implicated no new persons, although he states some group meetings were held in apartment of Agatha <sup>PK 605,600</sup> CHAPMAN whom you will recall in connection with WILLISHER and ADAMS. He appears to have been approached by LUNAN in June 1945 and to have passed most important (3 groups omitted) from National Research Council in July both of which were ironically made public, in substance at least, a month later. Case against him will stand in any court.

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No. 240 of February 28th.

My immediately preceding telegram.

C. LUNAN follows tomorrow and then NIGHTINGALE. After weekend will come individuals with whom we anticipate trouble.

D. **RCMP interrogator states GERSON has been enquiring how many years imprisonment he would be liable receive. This indicates further that he is likely to talk soon.**

E. My telegram 198 para. <sup>-1546</sup> F. questioned by RCMP, Mrs. ADAMS admitted indirectly that "Helen's baby" telegram was warning her husband. You will appreciate that this extraordinary indiscreet admission is most damaging to

[ADAMS] case.

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No. 228 of February 27th.-157a78A  
My telegram 218. P.F. 603,465.

A. My para. A. [WILLSHER]'s evidence is completed and nothing materially new was added.

Mystery of Wilgress letters has still not been cleared up. WILLSHER states she saw substance of one of them in High Commissioner's office but there is still no trace either ever (having been) sent to that office. It is opinion of observers that she is still covered up and could explain this. Most likely probability is that [ADAMS] (P.F. 603 471) (who could have had access to Wilgress letters) may have shown her one and asked her to obtain more information on same subject. She may therefore inadvertently have admitted to seeing it before recalling circumstances which she now wishes to hide in effort not to implicate ADAMS too deeply.

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No. 229 of February 27th.

My immediately preceding telegram.

- C. GERSON has been re-interrogated by RCMP. This time he was shown photostats of his own handwriting from Corby documents and was severely shaken. Interrogator believes it may now be possible to extract at least partial confession.
- D. MAZERALL, whose testimony was delayed, appears tomorrow.

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- A. Corby has suddenly produced further information which may be of assistance to M.I.5 when Primrose can be interrogated.
- B. Corby recalls that at beginning of August 1945 Moscow instructed ~~ZABOTIN~~ ZABOTIN to obtain prospects for agents from Montreal laboratories of research into atomic energy, through Primrose.
- C. Primrose fulfilled this task and proposed Phillip WALLACE, ~~chairman~~ chairman of Montreal branch of Canadian Association of Scientific Workers, and a scientist working in same laboratory as Primrose, for this work pointing out that he had free access to secret information. Primrose supplied a detailed biography of WALLACE from which it was evident that he could have obtained details only from a personal conversational contact with WALLACE. This biography was sent by telegram to Moscow.

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No. 227 of 27th February.

My immediately preceding telegram.

D. Primrose reported, however, that several members of administration of laboratory consider WALLACE to be a "Red".



At one time there was a selection of scientists for the handling of some very secret work and WALLACE was not one of those selected on that account. Primrose described WALLACE as an excellent prospect for an agent, very cautious and fully competent for that work.

E. Any further decision regarding his employment as an agent was in hands of Moscow. No reply had been received from Moscow up to September 5th 1945.

F. We should be most interested in anything you may be able to extract on this subject.

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No. 225 of February 27th.

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Reference paragraphs 6 and 7 on page 36 of RCMP Corby report.

A. Doctor SOBLOFF, no doubt apprehensive owing to recent publicity, has come forward and made voluntary statement to RCMP in Toronto.

B. He admits that he vouched for <sup>PF 603, 107</sup> WITCZAK without in fact knowing him and states that he did this at request of Sam CARR. PF 603, 101.

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No. 224 of February 27th.

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My telegram 184.

- 165a.*
- A. **As already indicated in Holmes's telegram 216 lack of official information has caused Canadian press to turn its attention to question of rights and civil liberties of detainees.**
  - B. **Two statements have been issued by Council retained attacking Department of Justice for methods used and editorial comment in some papers mention "Gestapo" methods.**
  - C. **Release last night of complete text of order in council under which action was taken will undoubtedly correct this to some extent.**

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No. 218 of 26th February.

My telegram 201-3.

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P.F. 603, 469.  
A. WILLSHER appeared before Commission today but her hearing is not yet completed.

B. She first joined Communist Party in 1936 and was almost immediately approached by <sup>P.F. 603, 469</sup> Fred ROSE who asked her to provide information to which she might have access in High Commissioner's office. After some struggle between divided loyalties she agreed and provided ROSE with information orally until 1939 under impression it was for Communist Party members. Information was usually given at end of study groups which she attended.



C. Her activities then seemed to have lapsed until 1942 when she was again approached this time by Eric ADAMS. P.F. 603, 472. Information was similarly given at end of study groups of which SCOTT BENNING was also member, until ADAMS went to Montreal in 1944. After this either she would visit Montreal or ADAMS would drive to Ottawa and interview her in his car.

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No. 219 of 26th February.

My immediately preceding telegram.

D. She insists that she passed no documents and that she believed that she was working only to party. On this latter score it is most likely she deliberately deceived herself in order to minimise her sense of guilt.

E.

Of further interest is BOYER's mention of individual named CHUEB, secretary of Canadian Association of Scientific Workers. It would seem most likely that this person may be identical with "engineer CHOB" mentioned in margin note on page 8 of CARR dossier. This will be investigated by RCMP.

F. Interrogator is now of opinion that POLAND is implicated but that we lack sufficient information to force confession.

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No. 220 of 26th February.

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F. continued. Questioned as to individual referred to as "SURENSEL" on same page of Corby documents on which his own name appears, POLAND (who admits everything except guilt) suggested name should properly be SORENSEN with whom he is acquainted. Quick check shows existence Henning I. SORENSEN, Lt. in Naval Intelligence as was indicated in Corby document. This will be investigated.

G. Search of NIGHTINGALE's papers shows him to have in his possession RCAF map giving complete data on Alaskan highway communications and also detailed RCAF document showing direction of coast communications with photographs. You will note that these documents one of which is marked "restricted", would have enabled him to carry out task suggested under head of "possibilities" on document 9 of volume 5 of Corby papers.

H. Commission continues tomorrow with WILLSHER and probably MAZERALL.

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No. 216 of February 26th.

Following for CADOGAN from HOLMES repeated Lord HALIFAX.

There are not altogether unexpected signs here that agitation on part of press and public may develop against method adopted in case of suspects whereby they have been detained without charge and are not allowed counsel. It is thought that criticism will not survive once commission is in a position to make interim report giving some account of circumstances surrounding procedure under which case is proceeding.

Meanwhile however it is obviously desirable that least possible grounds for activities should be afforded and in circumstances arrest of Primrose and normal action against him might prove embarrassing to Canadian authorities. I have discussed matter with Robertson and we are inclined to think that in light of these recent developments view expressed in para. E. my telegram <sup>PF 66949</sup> ~~194~~ should now be modified to extent that if Director of Public Prosecutions feels case against Primrose is possible and provided postponement can be accepted on other grounds action should be delayed until rather nearer the time when Commission can report.

I would in any case suggest Canadian authorities be given as much notice as possible in the event decision being taken to proceed against him.

MEMORANDUM

From Mr. Holmes

To Mr. Roger Hollis.

For your information.

25th February, 1946.

COPY OF TELEGRAM No. 491

From: SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

To: HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA, LONDON.

Dated: 23rd February, 1946.

Rec'd: 23rd February, 1946.

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Paris 75. Royal Commission of Enquiry on leakages of information. It is not our present intention to make any reply to Soviet Government's statement or to charges in Soviet Press. For your own information we should tell you that the seriousness of the matter from our point of view lies particularly in the highly organised nature of the espionage activities in Canada. The investigation is being treated by us as essentially domestic house-cleaning. For two or three weeks yet it is considered essential that there be no repeat no disclosures of substantive nature on the investigation. However, the Minister of Justice is expected to release later to-day a statement on certain procedural aspects of Commission's work, text of which will be cabled to you.

2. Please continue to cable summary of local Press treatment.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

COPY OF TELEGRAM No. 496.

From: SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

To: HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA, LONDON

Dated: 23rd February 1946.

Rec'd: 24th February, 1946. (2.46 - 11.35 a.m.).

No. 496. February 23rd, Minister of Justice to-day issued the following communication, which he had just received from Counsel to the Royal Commission of Enquiry, BEGIN:

1. Since the Commissioner, on our advice, recommended you should be requested to issue orders for interrogation and for that purpose detention, of certain persons, a considerable amount of additional evidence oral and documentary has been placed before the Commissioners which confirms the serious nature of the disclosures on which (orders for) interrogation were based.

2. Orders have been made to date under Order-in-Council P.C. 644 dated the 6th day of October 1945 and passed under the Provisions of the War Measures Act and continued under the Provisions of the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act 1945, for interrogation of 11 men and 2 women, and it is apparent that it may be necessary to request that additional persons may be interrogated under similar Orders.

3. A great deal of evidence is still to be placed before the Commissioners and reasons for proceeding in camera become more apparent every day.

4. The enquiry is proceeding as rapidly as possible, especially considering the difficult circumstances under which the work is being done (it obviously must be done with the greatest discretion) and the Commissioners desire to make a

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report which will contain at least some of their findings within as short a time as possible, which, however, as appears at present, cannot be less than two or three weeks from now.

5. The Commissioners feel, however, and have authorised us to advise you that in their opinion the evidence has not advanced to the stage where an interim report should now be made. They do think, however, that it should be possible to report upon the completion of the evidence now in contemplation, as above, as soon thereafter as that is physically possible, leaving such further matters as may later have to be dealt with for subsequent report. This is as matters appear to the Commissioners at the moment. It may be that as a result of evidence not yet heard the above proposed procedure might prove to be inappropriate.

6. The Commissioners have authorized us to state, notwithstanding their Order that their proceedings be conducted in camera, the information communicated to you in this letter may be made public at once if you see fit to do so. Statement ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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NEW YORK.

No. 205 of February 23rd.

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A. Holding statement referred in my telegram 184 para. B. is to be released this afternoon. It will emphasise that evidence both oral and documentary now before Commission proves that extraordinary measures taken were fully justified. It will indicate that further detentions may result and that Commission's first report cannot be expected for three weeks.

Result

B. For your most private information only, counsel are unofficially considering possibility of impeachment of Fred ROSE which would give Canada her first state trial.



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NEW YORK.

No. 201 of February 23rd.

A. Emma WOIKIN was called before Commission today. This is a pathetic case. Canadian of Russian parentage, she lived in considerable poverty. Her new born child apparently died of lack of medical care and her husband committed suicide. In resultant nervous condition she was therefore fair game for diplomatic representatives of Soviet Union - particularly as she had found employment in cypher room of External Affairs. Conscious of her origins and vaguely believing she might assist political system, under which she was led to believe poverty did not exist, she agreed to work for them.

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No. 202 of 24.2.46.

My immediately preceding telegram.

B. She was approached directly by SOKOLOV, and Madame SOKOLOV generally acted as cut-out for passing of digests she made of telegrams. NOTED  
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Although she evades on some points she has confirmed in detail Corby documents and statements. Details of her testimony can therefore wait until transcripts of hearing are available. Case against her is cast iron.

C. Of particular interest however is "DUBOK" used on at least one occasion. This was located in waiting room shared by three dentists whose offices opened off it and who are unaware of these operations. She was instructed to leave digests of telegrams under lid of tank in toilet adjoining waiting room. Contrary to instructions she lingered long enough to see documents collected shortly after by Russian who she cannot identify. NOTED  
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No. 203 of February 23rd.

My immediately preceding telegram.

PF 603,605

E. SHUGAR has now admitted to having been questioned by Sam CARR on R.D.X. and on location of various Canadian laboratories. He states that he answered these questions in general terms. He will probably develop under further interrogation.

F. You will appreciate lack of specific detail as to dates etc. in some of my present telegrams results from fact that it is not humanly possible to cover all activity here in detail. You will finally have all these facts to study from transcripts of hearings.

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"DAILY MORNING".

22 February 1946.



"Allright, they got our 'secrets',  
 but what makes me wild is  
 their admitting it and telling  
 us our 'secrets' are valueless!"

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Addressed: NEW YORK.

22.2.46.

No. 455.

From Hollis for RCMP.

- A. Copies of Primrose's diary addressed to High Commissioner are being despatched by Dominions Office bag today. Please arrange to collect.
- B. Cursory examination reveals nothing significant.

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NEW YORK.

No. 196 of February 22nd.My telegram 186/7. <sup>SEE 70A.</sup>

A. BOYER has been interrogated and brought to point of complete confession. This will be taken tomorrow. Meanwhile he has admitted to knowing both ZABOTIN and SOKOLOV. These were however not his contacts for passing information, and once again the information member for Montreal - CARTIER (Fred ROSE) was both instigator and collector.

B. BOYER gave <sup>PF 98347</sup> ROSE the R.D.X. formula knowing that it was to be passed on to Russia. He will be interrogated tomorrow in detail on all other information he gave. His explanation is exactly same as Primrose's appears to be - that he believed inst these activities to be for general good. His interrogator inspector HARVISON, who would not be deceived and who has dealt so brilliantly with LUNAN and MAZERALL, is satisfied that BOYER was motivated by what appeared to him at time to be sincere reasons. I have little doubt from some personal observation that LUNAN, MAZERALL and <sup>PF 603,469</sup> WILLSHER were similarly motivated.

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No. 197 of February 22nd.

My immediately preceding telegram.

C. It is of interest therefore to note that in this case any way GRU obtains its foreign agents with an ideological and not a financial bait. This would emphasise importance of fullest educative publicity in Corby case, as deterrent particularly for susceptible fellow-travellers who are initially stuff of which much this organisation is made.

D. LUNAN's interrogation proceeds in detail and confirms step by step all documents in our possession.

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E. NIGHTINGALE has stated that he knew GERSON, BENNING, and SHUGAR and has, as usual, given apparently logical explanation.

There is no reason to modify opinion given in my telegram 187 - 156 para. C.

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No. 198 of February 22nd.

My immediately preceding telegram.

PF.603,472

F. An attempt has been made to re-interrogate [ADAMS.] Since he is allowed no lawyer he replies to all questions with phrase "no comment". It has therefore been suggested that he might be used to answer press enquiries at RCMP. H.Q., otherwise he is of no value. It is of interest that shortly after arrest at Prince Albert he received delayed telegram sent by his wife in Montreal 5 hours after arrests. Telegram warned "HELEN's baby is dying", and was signed "SALLY". Mrs. ADAMS is now being investigated by RCMP.

(. WOLKIN appears before Commission today.





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NEW YORK.

No. 186 of February 21st.~~147 to 153~~  
My telegrams 178 to 81.

- A. LUNAN has confessed completely. He has identified photograph of ROGOV as "JAN" and has implicated fully SMITH, ~~MAXERALL~~ and HALPERIN. This links group to Soviet Embassy. LUNAN was recruited by Fred ROSE who is clearly becoming central figure in espionage and since ROSE arranged meeting between LUNAN and ROGOV, C.P. - Canada is now implicated both with espionage and with Embassy. Interrogation continues today and LUNAN will be questioned on activities of POLAND.
- B. <sup>PF 603,469</sup> [WILLSHER] has been further developed. She now admits giving <sup>PF 603,472</sup> [ADAMS] verbally the substance of Wilgress letter of November 3rd. She gave any information of interest which came her way and answered when possible questions put by ADAMS. One question in particular which she was unable to answer concerned any possible activities of S.I.S. from High Commissioner's office. She salves her conscience by drawing a fine distinction between passing of information verbally and in writing and still refuses to admit to latter.

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No. 187 of February 21st.

My immediately preceding telegram.

C. Case of NIGHTINGALE is still unresolved. There is now no doubt whatever that he was contacted by ROGOV on Ottawa - Montreal train, that ROGOV visited his apartment and that they also met on at least one occasion on street <sup>c</sup>orner at night. He has identified photograph of ROGOV as his contact whom he knew as "JAN", but maintains he did not know his full name and believed he might belong to French Embassy. He states that he thought "JAN" might give him work in Europe on telephone construction and for this reason gave him full details of his background and past experience. He did not oddly enough bother to find out real name of his possible benefactor. My tentative opinion on present evidence is that NIGHTINGALE knew very well what was going on but that for reasons of their own Russians did not finally make any serious use of him. He may be capitalising on this and feel safe to make admissions.

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No. 184 of February 21st.*66a in Vol: 2*  
~~126a in Vol: 3~~

My telegram 177 of February 20th.

- A. Canadian press is mainly occupied this morning with Moscow statement and speculates as to weight of evidence Canadian Government will be able produce to counterbalance it.
- B. There is continued pressure for further release of information and interim holding statement by Commissioners is being drafted in most general terms and may be released on Saturday. Statement would be concerned solely with procedure and would give no information on case.
- C. General opinion in Ottawa is that Russian counter grievance can be aptly compared to maid who admitted to being just a little bit pregnant.

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*[Handwritten mark]*

CX dated 21st February 1946  
R.S.

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Dear ~~Hollis~~,

I attach a copy of the memorandum which I prepared for "C" who is considering its transmission to the Service Directors of Intelligence.

Yours sincerely,

*[Faint signature]*

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