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From New York.

15.2.46.

No. 148.

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Following for Cadogan from Macdonald.

 As you know, matters proceeded satisfactorily this morning.
 As regards WILLSHER, I made written request to Minister of Justice on behalf H.M.G. in UK in accordance authority sent in your telegram 426.

3. We all decided late last night that I should not interview her after all. This would have been in effect discrimination in her favour, since none of other detainees are for the present being allowed personal visitors of any kind for any purpose. Such discrimination might turn out to be embarrassing to Commission.

4. I have made formal request to RCMP that they should give WILLSHER every proper comfort, facility and consideration whilst she is detained. They have readily agreed to accord this, which in any case is covered by their written instructions to their officers in charge of detainers. They showed me these instructions.

5. Please inform Dominions Office.



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TOP SECRET.

1410

From: NEW YORK

15.2.46.

No. 147.

My telegram 142.

A. Operation was entirely successful and we are only awaiting confirmation ADAMS arrest from WINNIPEG.

B. WILLSHER was included in arrests.

C. Interrogation will not begin until weekend.

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Top Secret.

From New York.

15.2.46.

No. 144.

Following for Cadogan from Macdonald.

Following is draft text of statement to be issued by Mr Mackenzie King at 5 o'clock Canadian time today.

"Information of undoubted authenticity has reached the Canadian Government which establishes that there have been leakages of secret and confidential information to unauthorised persons including some members of staff of a foreign mission in Ottawa. In order make possible full investigation which seriousness of this information demands, the Government has appointed Mr Justice TASCHEREAU and Mr Justice KELLOCK of Supreme Court of Canada to act as royal commissioners to hear evidence and to present a report which will be made public.

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From New York.

Top Secret.

15.2.46.

No. 145.

My immediately preceding telegram.

The Commissioners have appointed as their counsel Mr E.K.Williams, K.C. of Winnipeg, Mr Gerald FAUTEUX, K.C. of Montreal, Mr D.W.MUNDELL of Department of Juctice, and Commissioner has already commenced its investigation which is proceeding in camera. Upon application of counsel and having regard to serious nature of evidence already adduced before Commission, the Commissioners recommend counsel to apply to Minister of Justice for orders for interrogation and detention for that purpose of a number of persons known or suspected to be implicated. This action has been taken to-day. The persons involved include some now employed or who have been employed in a number of departments and agencies of the Government.

My immediately following telegram....



 From New York.
 Top Secret.

 15.2.46.
 No. 146.

My immediately preceding telegram

It is the intention of Government that, after the report of Royal Commissioners has been received, prosecution will be instituted in cases in which evidence warrants it. It would not be proper at this stage to make a more complete statement or, in particular, to make public the names of those concerned. Some of them appear to have been far more deeply and consciously involved than others. Some will probably be found to be more or less innocent instruments in carrying out schemes much more far reaching than they may have imagined. Obviously the matter should be treated with caution and reserve, pending time when it will be possible to issue a fuller statement. Until investigation by Royal Commissioners has been completed the case remains sub judice.

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TOP SECRET.

Addressed NEW YORK.

14.2.46.

<u>No. 426</u>.

Following from Stephenson for MacDonald.

A. You are authorised to proceed as suggested in paragraph D. of telegram 135 of February 13th.
B. Foreign Office and all other interested authorities have been consulted and concur.

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Addressed: NEW YORK

14.2.46.

No. 425

your 133 of 13th February.

M.I.5 not repeat not unduly perturbed by precipitation of affair and are ready to take action against Primrose at few hours notice.

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New York.

14.2.46.

No. 142.

Reference 138: 135a.

A. My para.A: Time of arrests has been put back
few hours to 7 am. repeat 7 am. Canadian time February 15th.
B. My para.B: Prime Minister will release statement
to Press at 5 pm. repeat 5 pm. Canadian time February 15th.
C. MacDonald will telegraph text of public statement
early tomorrow.

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NEW YORK

No. 140 of February 14th.

A. Commission is proceeding rapidly. Names of all agents to be arrested has been introduced with documentary support.
Majority of documents should be in by end of today.
B. Corby is making excellent impression on judges and this hearing will be completed on Saturday morning.

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NEW YORK

No. 138 of February 14th.

Reference MacDonald's telegrams 134/35 and my telegram 133 - 1344 paragraph A.

A. Arrests will take place at three a.m. before dawn Canadian time on morning of tomorrow Friday February 15th.

B. Present plan is that publicity release here along lines already indicated will be during afternoon of Friday and will almost certainly miss your Friday night's papers but may make it possible late news and reach Saturday morning Press.
C. We cannot of course guard against preliminary leaks once

arrests have taken place.

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NEW YORK.

No. 134 of 13th February.

ABSOLUTE PRIORITY.

Following for Sir Alexander Cadogan from Malcolm MacDonald. A. RCMP may now decide to pick up agents this Friday morning, the fifteenth, instead of on Sunday. Reason for this is that some of them may be planning to leave Ottawa for week end. This decision has not been finally taken, but is at least possible. I will inform you as soon as matter is ?definite one way or other.

B. I fear this gives London authorities even shorter notice than before for action regarding Primrose, if that action is to be taken simultaneously picking up agents here and if the picking up occurs on Friday. On question whether London authorities should act simultaneously, everyone here is fully satisfied to accept London's judgement.

C. If picking up is done on Friday morning, brief public statement in general terms would be issued later that day.

D. Commission authorities have not yet decided on most appropriate procedure regarding agent in my office. Two alternatives are being considered.

My immediately following telegram.



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TOP SECRET.

NEW YORK.

No. 135 of February 13th.

My immediately preceding telegram.

D. continued. a) that she should be picked up and detained in same way as agents in Canadian government departments. Minister of Justice's advisers here are urging him that he should not on his own authority ?exercise his powers of detention in respect of anyone ?except agents in employ of Canadian government. Under this formula (to which they attach importance) he could not authorise action against U.K. employe except as a result of request from ?appropriate U.K. authority. Such request should be addressed to Minister, asking him to authorise detention of agent in my ?(a) if he is satisfied that she can be detained under relevant order in council. If you agree I should be grateful if I could be given authority (if possible before Friday morning) to send in such a request on behalf appropriate U.K. I would only use this if Commission decided that authority. this method of dealing with ?person in question were wisest and most helpful to them. (b) alternative is to subpeen her a day or more later, whenever Commission are ready to hear evidence which we hope she may be prepared to give.

E. I need not trouble you with pros and cons of these ?two

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alternative courses. They are being ?carefully weighed by experts concerned here in consultation with myself.

F. Please inform Dominions Office.





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NEW YORK.

No. 133 of February 13th.

A. We must warn you that Commission is progressing so well that date for arrests may now be moved forward again to morning of Friday February 15th and preliminary statement may be publicly made on that day.

B. This considered mean Robertson's attempt to recall LUNAN before story breaks may possibly not be implemented in time. In attempt to avoid possibility of LUNAN trying to skip, Canadians may make use of his army status and instruct Canadian military authorities in U.K. to place LUNAN under armed arrest at time arrests are made here and return him by military aircraft to Canada under escort. They are urgently ascertaining if this is feasible.

C. We regret haste with which matter your end must be improvised but we have been unable to arrange delays now that machinery is in motion.

D. We will telegraph revised date immediately it is known definitely.



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From New York. No. 124. Dated 13.2.46.

Following for CADOGAN from MACDONALD.

As a result second and more serious DREW PEARSON leak of
!Last Sunday an unexpected impetus has been given to action to
be taken in CORBY case. Royal Commission decided to-day that agents
are to be "detained" by R.C.M.P. early in morning of Sunday February
17th to anticipate further leak. St. LAURENT has agreed that
this action may be taken under order in council of last October.
B. This sudden development could not be foreseen, and it is
regretted that your security authorities have only four days to
decide what action to take with regard to PRIMROSE if you wish to
co-ordinate with action here. Counsel to Royal Commission have
regretfully decided that they cannot repeat not take any action
to assist you, since Commission is limiting its detentions for
the present at any rate to Canadians in government employment.

My immediately following telegram....



From New York. No. 125 Dated 13.2.46.

B. Continued. For Political reasons, basis of enquiry is on "House cleaning" of Canadian Government departments and for this reason and because it would involve action of extra-territorial character commission do not themselves feel able to deal with PRIMROSE case. On the other hand Commission would greatly welcome any relevant information which may be forthcoming from PRIMROSE.

C. (Gr. mut) our discussions here we can, in these unforeseen circumstances, see only one course of action open to you in respect of PRIMROSE viz: his interrogation by Security officials with charges under U.K. Official Secrets Act in the event of confession. We would however tentatively suggest that a direct approach to PRIMROSE, made personally by someone of authority backed by information in your possession, might produce an admission. You would ?(have no) difficulty in securing any necessary technical atomic advice.



NEW YORK.

No. 126 of February 13th. MOST IMMEDIATE.

My immediately preceding telegram.

D. If you wish to ?pursue course of action which demands more time for preparation, you should know that public statement which is to follow detentions within 24 hours may perhaps be limited to announcement by Canadian Government that a number of persons have been detained in connection with an enquiry which is in progress. (We shall hope to send you text in advance). Neither names or number of persons, nor reasons for detentions will be given initially to public in hope that this will enable RCMP to interrogate for 2 or 3 days without outside demands forcing ?Further publicity legal representation for agents detained. will be governed by developments as Commission proceeds. It is thus possible that you will feel it safe to leave handling of Primrose ?for a few days longer to ?give you more time to make atrangements.

E. ?Please inform Dominions Office and Hume Wrong and also see my immediately following telegram.



NEW YORK.

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No. 127 of February 13th.

MOST IMMEDIATE.

Following for Cadogan from MacDonald.

My immediately preceding telegram.

Limitations which Commission is imposing upon itself applies also to case of suspected indirect agent in my office (see my telegram 314/7 September 15). Counsel are at present advising Commission not to include her among detainees. But their recommendation to me is that I personally should interview her at time detentions are being made in attempt to persuade her to give me, and later Commission on subpoena, all information in her possession about her own activities and those of any contacts.

2. It may (be) in her own interests as well as generally advantageous that she should be taken into custody and I am considering advisability of pressing Commission to take this course. In either case I agree with Counsel's opinion that I should interview her.

3. Please inform Dominion Office.



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NEW YORK

No. 122 of 13.2.46.

A. Royal Commissioners suddenly decided to-day to prevent any further damage by leaks from Drew Pearson by taking action before his next Sunday broadcast.

B. Programme is expected to be as follows:-

1. Evidence of Corby who is already before Commission to be completed by afternoon of Saturday February 16th. 2. Detention by RCMP of following Canadian agents shortly after dawn on Sunday February 17th: WOIKIN, MAZERALL, SMITH, HALPERIN, BENNING, ADAMS, GERSON, NIGHTINGALE, POLAND, SHUGAR, BOYER. Also LUNAN on arrival from England whence he is being recalled urgently. Brief statement of press that detentions have taken 3. place, but giving initially neither names nor reasons. Publicity releases to follow as enquiry progeeds, 4. partly governed by public feeling. Statement is expected to be made some time during day of detentions.

My immediately following telegram.



NEW YORK.

No. 123 of February 13th.

My immediately preceding telegram.

4. Interrogation of agents in 2 above by RCMP from February 17th to February 20th during which time Commission will not sit.

5. From February 20th or 21st on agents will begin to appear before Commission. This stage will most likely not be in camera.

C. You will note that list is limited to Canadian agents now or formerly in Canadian Government service and notably excludes CARR and ROSE. This is undoubtedly designed to avoid public criticism of Liberal Party for deal at former election with Labour Progressive Party.

D. MacDonald is telegraphing in detail today concerning unexpected problem this precipitate action raises in connection Primrose and ELLI of his office. Please inform M.I.5 and pass them MacDonald's telegrams.



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Following for hormon Robertson fin herrong. 1. your missage ho Andrew is due brail Thursday on Eligabett, so instructions for him and Lunan & return try air should be dispatched at once. 2. Her le report of Drew Remon's last brondenst reachers breach he might resign on pretext of desiring to remain here. He has applied for jost in Information Department of hunted halvoors. 3. Paul Martin was approached by human two or three works ago with offer to arrange private meeting with Vyshimski which he said he could rasily do. This seems to indicate contact with Soviel Tinhany here, as such a suggestion would al anie for his official datus.

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NEW YORK.

No. 119 of February 11th, 1946.

Following is extract from text of Drew Pearson's weekly broadcast of February 10th, quote:

Several people have written complaining that I was baiting Soviet Russia when I told last Sunday how a Russian agent in Canada had surrendered, revealing certain agents in this hemisphere and how a secret Russian survey had been made of Canadian and Alaskan water-ways. Now, I am sure that anyone who has listened to or read me consistently knows that I have always advocated friendship with Russian people, but, as a newspaper man, it is my job to expose any Government whose agents operate in this hemisphere against interests of my Government. So here is my prediction: within 3 weeks Canada will stage one of the most dramatic trials in history. I predict that certain Canadian officials who gave information to Soviet will be brought into an open trial where entire world can judge accuracy of my ?revelation last Sunday, unquote.



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NEW YORK

No. 114 of Rebruary 9th.

Following taken from "The Ottawa Citizen" February 9th morning edition.

"BYRNES evasive on report spy ring in Canada. Washington February 8th. Secretary of State Byrnes today side-stepped press conference questions whether Canadian Government had advised United States Government of operations in Canada and United States of a foreign Government's espionage ring. If he had a report from Canada that a foreign Government was carrying on espionage there, he would not comment, the secretary said, because a third Government was involved. If report was about operations of a foreign Government's spies in United States, he would pass information along to Justice Department for investigation and still would not comment publicly because that would enable the guilty parties to escape apprehension, Presumably the question was based on claim of a radio he added. commentator last Sunday (Drew Pearson) the Prime Minister Mackenzie King had recently made a secret visit to Washington to discuss operations of a Russian spy ring in this country".

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Addressed NEW YORK.

8.2.46.

<u>No. 410</u>.

From Hollis for RCMP.

A. We have re-examined the legal position of Primrose and if interrogation produces evidence of complicity as holder of office under His Majesty's Government he is liable under British as well as Canadian Official Secrets Acts but we consider he should be tried under Canadian Act in Canada.
B. He might be associated in conspiracy charge.

C. We propose to send you copies of any statement made by Primrose.

D. We suggest that RCMP should obtain warrant and ask police here to execute it and send Primrose to Canada under Fugitive Offenders Act. Primrose would remain at liberty

pending arrival of warrant. We do not regard this as dangerous.

E. Arrest on British warrant would necessitate trial here.

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NEW YORK.

No. 109 of February 8th.

Following for Wrong from Robertson.

Your telegram 400. - 120a

I plan to ask ANDREW and LUNAN to return to Ottawa as soon as possible to ?re-examine war-time prices and trade board in organisation of emergency food conservation campaign and shall ask Canada House to arrange air passage if necessary.

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NEW YORK.

No. 106 of February 7th.

Following for Sir Alexander Cadogan from Malcolm MacDonald repeated to Washington for Lord Halifax.

A. As I reported in my telegram yesterday, the Cabinet have passed order setting up a Royal Commission to investigate Corby case. Commission consists of Justices Taschereau and Kellock, both of Supreme Court. So far as I can judge arrangements which have been made with great care are likely prove very satisfactory. The Commissioners started work yesterday, in first place examining documents.

B. As I think Mr. St. Laurent reported to Secretary of State and Mr. Byrnes in London the Commission will complete its work as rapidly as possible in two stages. First it will interrogate Corby in secret. This they will do in Justice building (where RCMP headquarters are located) in Ottawa. Examination of him will begin about middle of next week and will probably occupy three days of three sessions each.

My immediately following telegram.

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NEW YORK.

No. 107 of February 7th.

My immediately preceding telegram. B. continued. Corby will live in Justice Building throughout this phase. When his examination is complete commissioners will ?consider consequences of his evidence and perhaps proceed to examine, also in secret, heads of departments in which Russian agents are thought to exist. During all this stage there will be no intimation to ?public of Commission's existence or of existence of Corby case. Main purpose of this conference enable Commission to complete ?orby's examination without any risk of Russian attempts to dispose of him physically or start propaganda which might prejudice position whilst he is giving evidence.

C. As soon as Commission are ready, second stage of their work will begin. This will consist of interrogation of alleged Russian agents in Canadian Government departments, other official organisations and my office. Ministers and Commissioners have not yet decided precisely what authority or in what manner this should be arranged, but it will probably be under emisting secret special orders in Council. They do not propose at present to take any action with regard to non-official persons, e.g. Fred

ROSE and Sam CARR. Any possible later action against them will

be consequential to Commission's findings on cases of official persons.

My immediately following telegram.

NEW YORK.

No. 108 of February 8th.

My immediately preceding telegram.

D. Publicity is inevitable as soon as second stage begins. Form in which publicity will be guided has not yet been decided. It is also too early at present to set approximate date when Commission will reach second stage, but it will probably be not less than two and not more than three weeks from now. Commissioners will have ?clearer idea about this when they have completed preliminary examination of documents early next week. They will keep me fully informed of position and prospects and I shall see that all necessary information is passed on to London.

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E. Proper time for appropriate action concerning Primrose will be at opening of second stage, when interrogation of agents in Government departments begins. I think Commission will send request through me ?for him to be interrogated by London authorities. Exact procedure for this is being examined here. If you and your colleagues have any particular desires about form of this, please let me know.

F. Other matters, such as form of Commission's report, will of course be ?decided as situation develops.



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NEW YORK.

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<u>No. 103</u> of 7.2.46.

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Following for Hollis from RCMP.

Your telegram 401. Sant to Fic 1/2

A. Your para. A. No visible reaction in Canada.

B. Your para. B. Canadian press silent.

C. Your para. C. Of course.

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Addressed: NEW YORK.

<u>No. 401</u>.

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Your 90 of February 4th. - (15 & .

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Following for RCMP from Hollis.

A. What are reactions in Canada and United States of Drew Pearson's broadcast.

B. There has been no repeat no reference in press here but it may be expected to leak on arrival of Canadian and American papers.

C. We still intend to await request from you or Royal Commission before questioning Primrose and

D. Action on Lunan's case awaits reply to Wrong's message to Robertson.

E. Please keep us fully informed.

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NEW YORK.

No. 101 of February 6th.

Last night Canadian Cabinet passed order in Council Α. setting Royal Commission with wide powers to investigate Corby case.

Commission will open in camera on February 11th to review в. Corby will be called on February 13th or 14th to documents. Report will be submitted as soon as possible give evidence. to Privy Council - possibly at weekend of 17th - and rushed to Bevin and Byrnes.

As soon as publicity is settled RCMP will proceed by C. orders in Council to arrest and interrogate.

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NEW YORK.

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No. 100 of February 6th.

George Glazebrook repeat Glazebrook of External Affairs Α. leaves here by sea for London tomorrow.

He actively assisted in early stages of Corby case and в. I hope you will feel free to consult him if you wish on any Canadian aspects of case after Hume Wrong has left.

Glazebrook is old friend of ours and you can have every C. confidence in him.



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Addressed: NEW YORK

<u>No. 400</u>.

Please pass following to Norman Robertson from Hume Wrong:-My message of February 4th (our 387 of February 4th):
A. Hollis has told us of Drew Pearson's broadcast of February
3rd. He is communicating with RCMP on steps to be taken
here when time comes for this respecting Primrose and
interview with Leo.

B. Lunan problem is difficult and we hope to learn your views very soon. Could action for his recall be instituted in Ottawa on grounds, among others:

> (a) that C.I.S. had no right to make the appointment without your approval;

and

(b) that Moodie is remaining in London for the present.



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NEW YORK.

No. 95 of February 5th.

Following for Sir Alexander Cadogan from Lord Halifax repeated Ottawa for Mr. Malcolm MacDonald.

A. (?You will) have heard from Ottawa of Drew Pearson's broadcast on Feb. 3rd in which he referred to Corby case with fair accuracy.

B. I am assuming that you are receiving full information from Ottawa. So far the broadcast has attracted no public attention here. ?Canadian Embassy have answered a few scattered enquiries by saying that they never comment on Drew Pearson's stories.



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NEW YORK.

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<u>No. 102</u> of 5.2.46.

Following for Sir Alexander Cadogan from Malcolm MacDonald repeated to Halifax.

The Canadian Government have issued orders for Royal Commission to be set up immediately. It has begun its work in secret to-day. There is no question of any action with reference to Primrose being necessary for about a fortnight. I will telegraph in detail tomorrow. Please inform Hume Wrong.



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NEW YORK.

No. 93 of February 4th.

Mackenzie King has given all clear to proceed by Royal Commission immediately. This is subject to approval by Cabinet tomorrow, but approval forgone conclusion.

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NEW YORK.

<u>No. 90</u> of 4.2.46.

Following is extract from text of Drew Pearson's weekly broadcast of February 3rd.

Quote. Ottawa Canada exclusive. Prime Minister Mackenzie King has informed Presi ent Truman of a very serious situation affecting relations with Russia, which I do not like to report, but I think American public, sooner or later, must ?know the truth.

A Soviet agent surrendered some time ago to Canadian authorities near (?Cal)gary and confessed a gigantic Russian espionage network inside United States and Canada. Russians agents have been surveying Canadian lakes and rivers and Alaskan waterways. They had maps of this country which, of course, is nect to Siberia.

Perhaps even more important, this Russian told Canadian authorities about a series of agents, planted inside American and Canadian Governments who are working with Soviets.

My immediately following telegram.

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NEW YORK.

No. 91 of February 4th.

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The revelations given by this man were so amazing and so serious that Prime Minister King took a special trip to Washington and spent a night at White House several weeks ago, laying all facts before President Truman. All this points to belief on part of high American officials that a small group of military minded men near top in Russia are apparently determined to take over not merely Iran, Turkey and Balkans but perhaps dominate other areas of world, all of which bears out my often repeated idea that our main problem is to get underneath the rulers of Russia whose foreign policy is no different from Czars and to make friends with Russian people, for people who know more do not make war on each other no matter what their governments may do. Unquote.



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Please pass following to Norman Robertson from Hume Wrong :

1. I only learned on February 1st that LUNAN was at Canada House when Hollis showed me message from R.C.M.P. I at once gave Massey outline of story which was expanded at meeting February 2nd between him, Hollis, Holmes and myself.

2. I find LUNAN was summoned here by ANDREN shortly after latter reached London in order to take Moodie's place while Moodie visited Canada and to remain later as his assistant. LUNAN's movements will now be watched while he is on this side. Problem of removing him from Canada House is not easy and it will be necessary to live some indication of reasons to Moodie and also to ANDREW, who is now on the Continent. R.C.M.P. message to Hollis contained warning against consulting ANDREW without stating reason. Please warn me is he should not be told relevant part of story.

3. Massey and I have discussed your message to him No.297 of February 2nd. We agree that best course is to get LUNAN back to Canada as soon as possible, keeping Moodie here for the present. In view of LUNAN's part in the case, he could be best interrogated in Canada if we proceed along lines previously suggested. Therefore any indication you can give of probable date for action in Canada would be useful in considering means of getting LUNAN our of Canada House.

4.2.46.



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No.85 of February 1st.

My telegram 56 para . C.

POGOV sailed from U.S.A. for U.S.S.R. on January 29th <u>ما ا</u>ر per s.s. VILIUS.

SOKOLOV (see CORBY report page 5a) has disappeared from ₽. Ottawa and indications are that he has returned to Moscow although his actual legarture is not confirmed.

This more or less completes party. All top Soviet officials С. in lighted by CORBY (with the exception of AMGELOV) have been withdrawn without official notification and Conadian authorities will now be left without anyone to complain about when the time comen.



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NEW YORK.

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Supp. B.

<u>No. 79</u> of 1.2.46.

A. I returned to New York January 30th.

B. Mackenzie King said Wednesday night that he could not make decision until Friday or weekend as both he and St. LAURENT are up to their eyes in dominion-conference. Prime Minister said he realised decision should be made this week end and he is keeping Williams, head of Canadian bar association, in Ottawa for this purpose. I think Prime Minister can probably be induced to go ahead.

Note:- Caccia informed 2.2.46.



On 22.1.46 Mr. Bevin had a meeting with Lir. Byrnes and Mr. St. Laurent, at which Mr. Byrnes stated that he had no objection to the Canadians (if they so desired) taking action on the CORBY information.

In view of the foregoing, a meeting took place on 23.1.46 between D.B., A.D.F., and Colonel Burt to consider the way in which PRIMROSE should in due course be questioned. It was decided that the best results would be likely to be achieved if PRIMROSE at the outset of the interview realised that information was being sought from him in connection with an enquiry which was being conducted by a Royal Commission, since it was felt that in these circumstances PRIMROSE would find it almost impossible to refuse to give any information at all. It was also decided that the interview with him should take place as soon as possible after the time when he could reasonably be expected to know that a Royal Commission had been set up. In view of the fact that PRIMROSE might plausibly refuse to discuss his own activities on the grounds that everything connected with Tube Alloys was Top Secret, it was decided that Akers' co-operation might be necessary both in arranging the interview and if necessary at short notive to give PRIMROSE authority and instructions to with-hold nothing from his interrogator. The D.G. having ordered that PRIMROSE's premises and belongings should be searched, it was decided that a Search Warrant would have to be obtained and that in this respect, the collaboration of S.B. would be It was agreed, however, that the question necessary. of enlisting S.B. support in obtaining a Search Warrant need not be dealt with until the news had definitely been received from Canada that action was going to be taken.





NEW YORK.

No. 42 of January 25th.

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Following for HOLLIS from RCMP.

Your telegram 351 January 20th. - (10c

A. We shall keep you fully informed. There is no indication that action will be taken here without allowing sufficient time for preparation both here and in London.

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ADDRESSED NEW YORK.

25.1.46.

<u>No. 359</u>.

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Your 38 of January 24th. 159a

A. I understand that both Byrnes and Bevin told St. Laurent that they had no objection to Canadians proceeding with Corby case. It remains of course for Mackenzie King to decide whether he will go ahead.

B. Malcolm Macdonald is on his way back to Canada. He has seen Hume Wrong and is fully informed of position.

C. Both M.I.5 and ourselves feel that decisions arrived at by President and Prime Ministers in Washington should be implemented. Measures set out in your telegrams 759 and 764 of November 19th offer most satisfactory solution from our point of view and your efforts should be directed along those lines.

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1.6 TOP SECRET

ADDRESSED NEW YORK.

24.1.46.

for

<u>No. 351</u>.

Following from HOLLIS for R.C.M.P.

A. If Royal Commission should ask us to interrogate X Primrose we should like to do this on the day on which Mr. Mackenzie King's announcement of Royal Commission appears in London newspapers.

B. We shall need one week for preparation.

C. Please therefore keep us fully advised.

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NEW YORK.

No. 38 of January 24th.

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A. I am informed Hume Wrong has telegraphed Norman Robertson that "green light" has been given in Corby case.

B. I am also informed St Laurent, who is expected to have full details, has left London for Canada and Robertson has asked me to be in Ottawa for conference by Saturday.

C. Please telegraph any private instructions you may have in connection with this.

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F2c Mr. Marriott.

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Sent to S.I.S. for despatch 24-1-46.





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TOP SECRET

ADDRESSED NEW YORK.

<u>No. 931</u>.

12.1.46.

Your telegram 984 of January 10th.

I can see no objection to course you propose in your paragraph E. and it might be useful to Canadians to know that their hand may be forced and from what direction.

NR/R3y 21.1.46.



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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: FF. 66960 Y Box SUPP B Name: COREY - High Level Correspondence... Coul in File No.: SF. 422/USA Link Vol Y Box 6457 Serial: 23a Receipt Date: Original from: New York Under Ref.: No. 984 Dated: 10.1.46. Extracted on: 21.1.46. by: NR Section: R3y.

A. From information received from one of our representatives it appears to me that Drew Pearson is aware to some degree of both Corby and Speed cases. It is unlikely that he knows much of Corby case but he appears to have been given some details of Speed case as he is aware of implication of Alger HISS. B. Our representative was naturally unable and did not attempt to draw Pearson out on subject but is of opinion that information may have been obtained confidentially from Hoover himself in some general terms in hope of enlisting Pearson's support for dominant position both at home and abroad under present American Intelligence reshuffle. C. I personally should be more inclined to attribute leak to State Department, but if our representative's opinion is correct, it may possibly be confirmed by Pearson article or broadcast favouring F.B.I. and making oblique reference to Speed case.

D. I have advised our representative, without discussing case with him, to continue to follow his original course of leaving matter strictly alone.
E. It might be advisable for me to warn Canadians most privately of apparent facts of matter without any specualtion as to Pearson's source. I should appreciate your earliest instructions. Ends.

HOTE: The above information was obtained clandestinely and should on no account be conveyed to the Americans.





NEW YORK.

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No. 955 of 4th January.

Following for Sir Alexander CADOGAN from Malcolm MACDONALD repeated personal and top secret to Lord HALIFAX.

A. Mackenzie King has been considering again Corby question. St. Laurent (Minister of Justice) and Hume Wrong are both going to be in London for U.N.O. meetings and they are both fully cognizant of Canadian opinions and situation regarding matter. He greatly hopes therefore that soon after their arrival these two can meet Mr. Bevin and Mr. Byrnes with their advisers to consider whole subject and reach decision on policy to be pursued. He has asked me to telegraph you in hope that you can arrange this meeting at an early date.

My immediately following telegram.



NEW YORK-

No. 956 of 4th January.

My immediately preceding telegram.

B. Perhaps you or Neville Butler would get in touch with Hume Wrong about this after he arrives. He should be in London this week end. St. Laurent should arrive at beginning of next week.

C. Only recent development here which is probably relevant is that Grant apparently sailed from Philadelphia on December 13th by slow, non stop freighter bound for Murmansk. Head of Russian organisation in New York is reported to be travelling on same ship. As you know, ZAROUBIN is now in Moscow.





A. I have discussed latest situation of SPEED case with F.B.I. in Washington. 3. Anile their investigations have proceeded well and largely substantiate Speed's statements, they can at present see nos prospect whatever of a legal case and do not intend to risk another "A.ERASIA" fiasco.

C. For this reason they are preparing detailed document setting out Speed's information which they propose to give to State. Document will show serious penetration of United States official agencies and links to Soviet Embassy and will request State's advice as to what action should be taken. I hope to see this document during week.

D. F.B.I. are uniformly ?pessimistic as to State Department reaction but hope they may possibly succeed in forcing non public dismissal of agents from office and private request to Russians upon any withdrawal of Soviet officials implicated. They fear however that with Byrnes forthcoming departure for London it may be some time before they could be implemented.

E. They expect that State Department will probably consult with Canadians after study of document.

F. I have informed Makins and Pearson in general terms of situation.

