

12-M-8-3

P.O. Box 159, Station "H",
September 18th, 1944.

The Accountant,
United Kingdom Payments Office,
Temporary Government Building No. 8,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the attached travelling claim from Dr. A.N. May for trip to Chicago and return, Dr. May obtained his ticket Montreal to Chicago and return via New York. He has prepared his claim as if he had returned direct from Chicago to Montreal as I have told him that he would not be allowed for expenses via New York. He is quite satisfied with this and would like you to charge his personal account for the extra amount expended for his ticket via New York.

Yours very truly,

T.E. Smith.

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P.O. Box 159, Station "H",
September 18th, 1944.

The Accountant,
United Kingdom Payments Office,
Temporary Government Building No. 8,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Travelling and inci-
dental Expenses accounts from Dr. A.N. May covering
trips to Chicago.

Yours very truly,

T.E. Smith.

12-11-8-2

YELLOW, PINK AND SALMON COPIES TO BE FORWARDED TO THE ACCOUNTANT U.K.T.M.

UNITED KINGDOM TECHNICAL MISSION

70 LYON ST. OTTAWA, ONT.

ACCOUNT OF TRAVELLING AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

I certify that the expenses shown below have been actually and necessarily disbursed by me solely on the Public Service, and that the personal allowances charged are in strict accordance with the rules relating to the allowances payable to the staff of the above Mission, and that accommodation at my permanent station was necessarily retained on nights in respect of which Travelling Allowances are claimed.

Journey Approved

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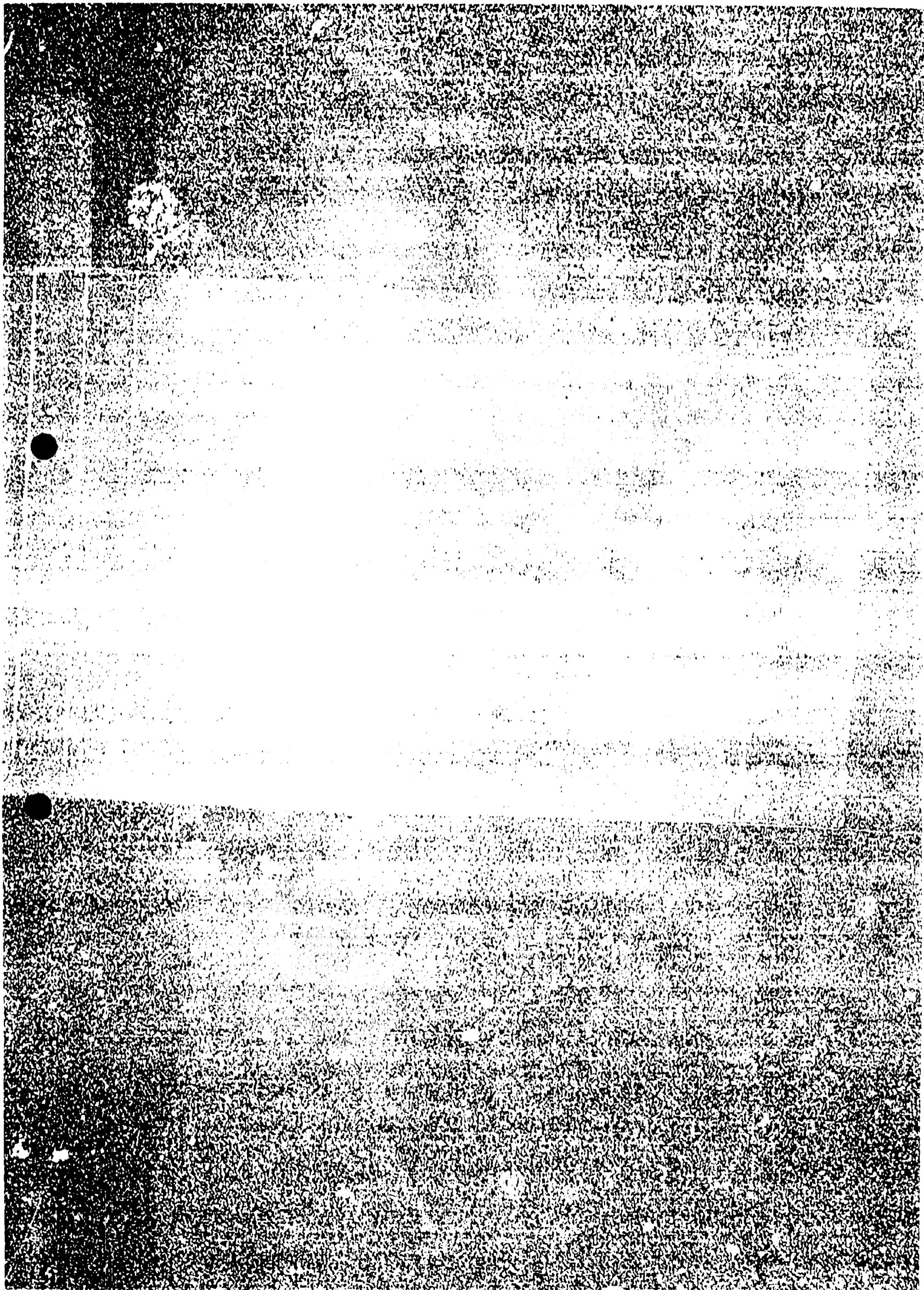
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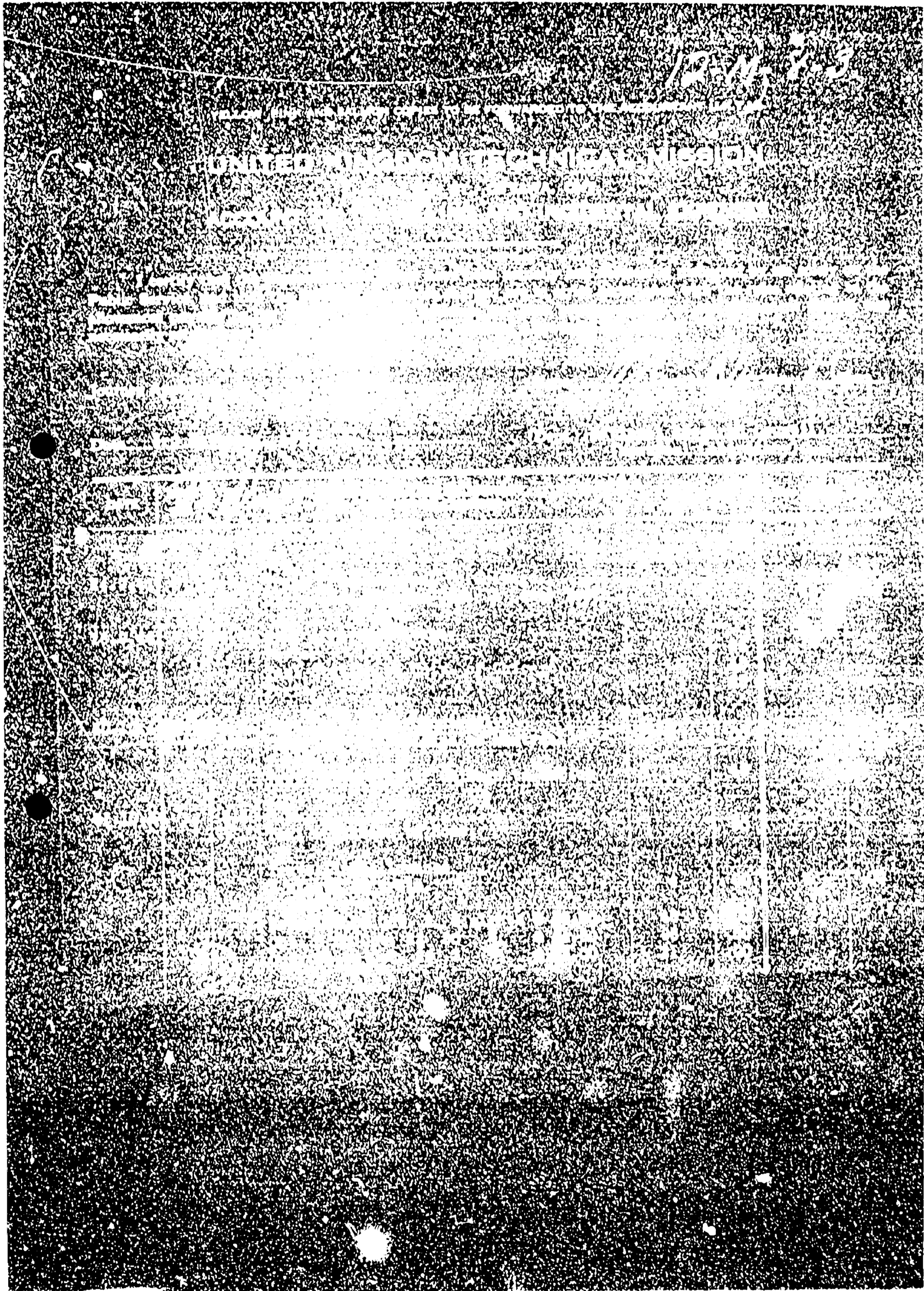
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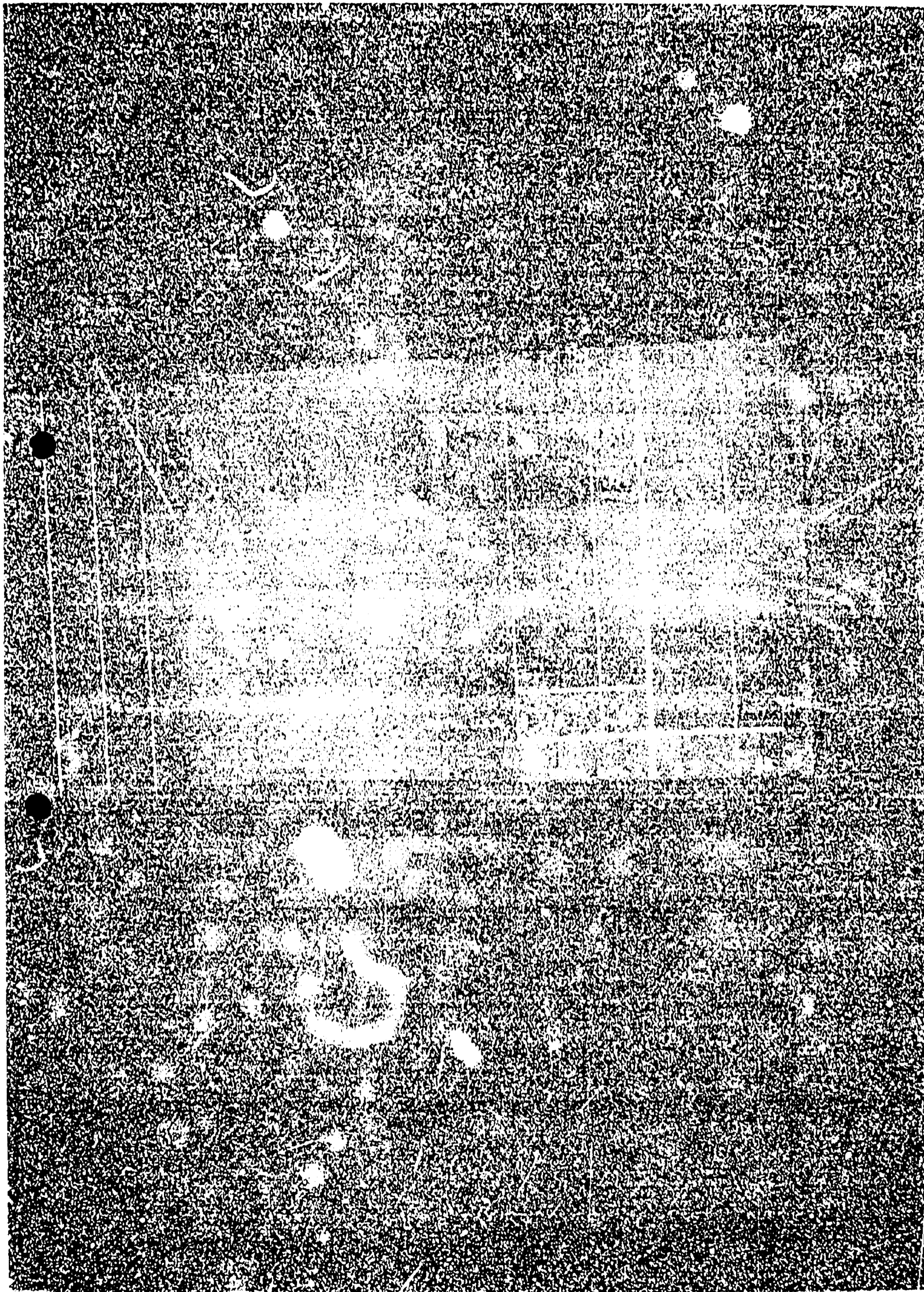
Date 14th September, 1944

(Dept.) NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
(MONTREAL LABORATORY)

DATE	TIME LEFT	TIME ARR.	PARTICULARS OF JOURNEY OR OTHER CHARGES	U.S.		CAN.	
				D.	C.	D.	C.
Aug 18/44	8.30	1.15	Train Montreal to Chicago				
19	8.30	1.15	Perish		.25		
			Taxi Station to University of Chicago		.45		
Aug 20/44	9.10	1.15	Chicago to Montreal				
21	1.15	1.15	Overnight Detroit to Montreal	3	.75		
22/44	8.30	1.15	Perish				.25
	8.30	1.15	Taxi Station to residence				.90
			Travelling Allowance				
			7 nights on train		3.00		3.00
			10 full nights		60.00		







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UNDER SECTION 3(4) OF
THE PUBLIC RECORDS
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UNITED KINGDOM PAYMENTS OFFICE

File No. TRA/3A

Ottawa, Canada

August 13th, 1945

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of warrant #33187 issued by you to Dr. A. N. May on May 26th, 1945, providing transportation from Montreal to Ottawa and return.

As Dr. May has not submitted a travelling claim to cover the above mentioned warrant, I shall be glad if you will kindly advise him to do so in order that this warrant may be checked.

Yours truly,

(J. Harrison)
Accountant.

Mr. T. E. Smith,
P.O. Box 159,
Station "H",
Montreal, Quebec.

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P.O. Box 159, Station "H",

28th August, 1945.

The Accountant,
United Kingdom Payments Office,
Temporary Bldg., No. 8,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of August 13
re missing expense account of Dr. A.N. May - Montreal
to Ottawa on May 26th, please find this attached
hereto and also one from him for trip to Chalk River
on August 15th.

Yours very truly,

F.L. Smith.

12-M-8-3

P.O. Box 159, Station "H",
14th September, 1945.

The Accountant,
United Kingdom Payments Office,
Temporary Bldg., No. 8,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find unused portion
of C.P.A. ticket No. 286668 issued under warrant
No. 34418 to A.N. May which was not used.

Would you please enter claim for refund of this
expense.

Yours very truly,

T.E. Smith.

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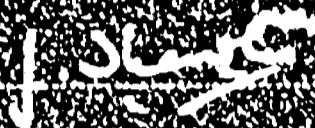
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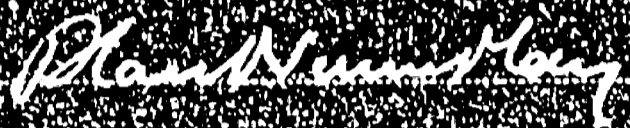
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Journey Approved



(Signed)



Date August 27, 1946

(Dept.) National Research Council

DATE	TIME DEPT	TIME ARR.	PARTICULARS OF JOURNEY OR OTHER CHARGES	U.K.A.		CAN.	
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May 25	1:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Montreal to Ottawa Car Pembroke to Ottawa One night at Pembroke				
May 27			At Chalk River Leave for Ottawa Night in Ottawa				
May 28		11:30 a.m.	Return to Montreal Taxi from station 1 days travelling allowance				75 12.00
Aug. 15	10:15 p.m.		Train to Chalk River from Montreal sleeper to Chalk River				
Aug. 16			Arrive Chalk River				
Aug. 17			Night at Hotel Pembroke				
Aug. 18	8:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	Pembroke to Montreal Taxi from station 1 1/2 days travelling allowance				75 15.00

TO BE SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE

P. O. DAY

UNITED KINGDOM PAYMENTS OFFICE

801, 000 OTTAWA, ONT.

ACCOUNT OF TRAVELLING AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

I hereby certify that the following items have been actually and necessarily disbursed by me solely in the public service and that the amounts claimed are in strict accordance with the rules relating to the allowance of travel expenses of the above Mission, and that accommodation at my permanent station was not actually claimed. Expenses in respect of the following Travelling Allowance are claimed

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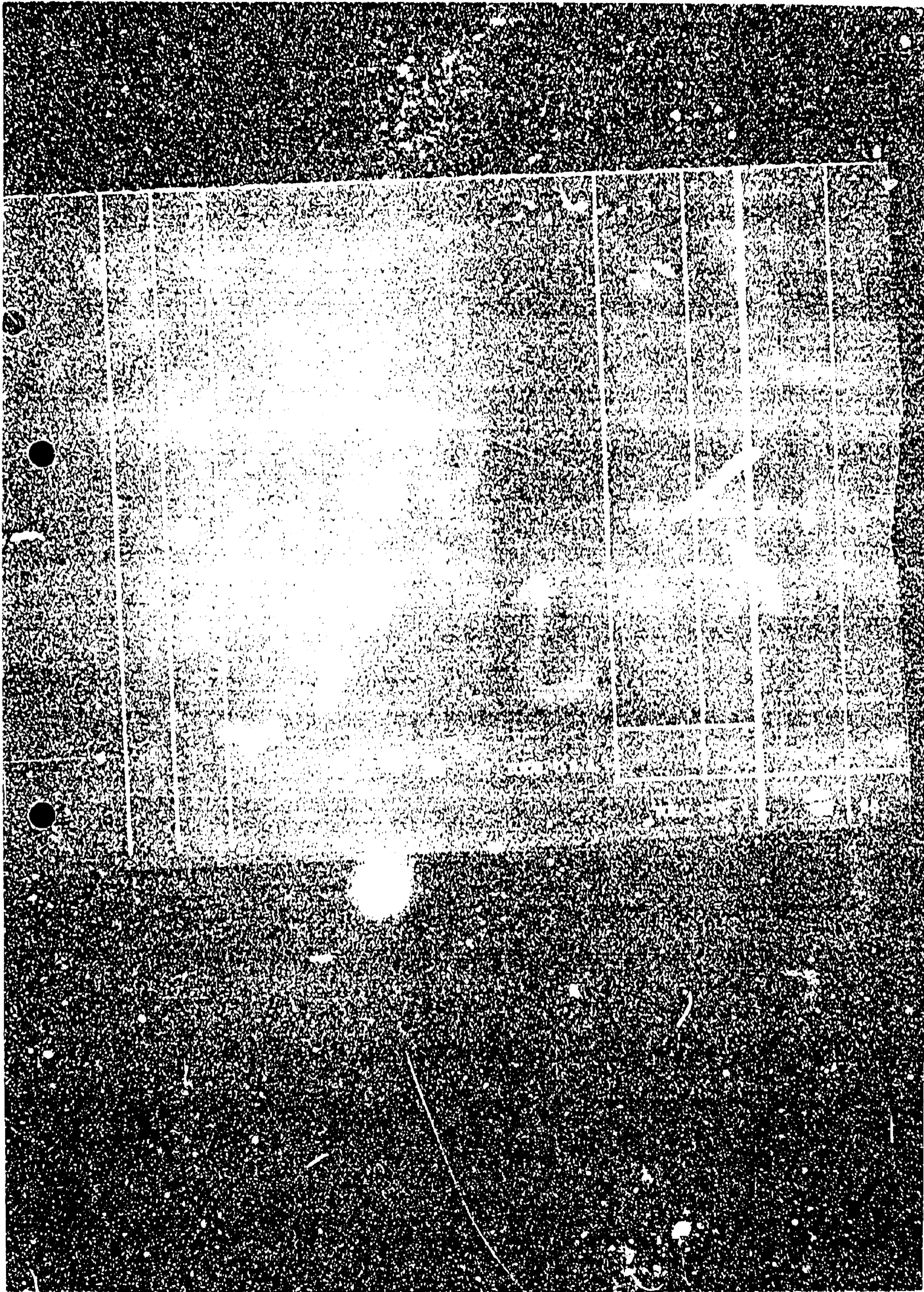
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Journeys Approved

(Date) National Payments Office
Ottawa, Ontario

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF TRAVEL	CLASS OF TRAVEL	AMOUNT PAID	REMARKS
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	Ottawa to London	First Class		
	London to Paris	First Class		
	Paris to London	First Class		
	London to Brussels	First Class		
	Brussels to London	First Class		
	London to Geneva	First Class		
	Geneva to London	First Class		
	London to Rome	First Class		
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30th December 1949.

Mr. GEORGE GEORGE

Dear Major George George,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 23rd of December, which I imagine crossed with mine of the 21st.

The letter you enclosed I find quite useful and I am grateful to you for having sent me an exact copy.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Marriott.

Major P. G. George-George, M.C.,
Governor,
H.M. Prison,
Lancasterfield.

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30/12/49

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to "The Governor" and not to any
official by name.

H. M. PRISON,
Wakefield.

555a.

23rd December 1949.

Received 28/12/49.



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Dear Marriott.,

Ref; your P.F.66949/B 2 a/J.H.M. dated 30-1-48.

Christmas seems to bring a spate of correspondence to
our friends.

I enclose an exact copy of a letter received from a
scientific friend of his - spelling and typwriting mistakes included.
I dont for one moment suppose the writer is anything but above-board
but he does mention a lot of names, which may possibly convey something.

I wrote to you on a similar matter on 16-12-49.

I presume you received it all right.

SS2a

Yours faithfully,

D. Gurnea

Governor.

J.H.Marriott., Esq.,
Box 500.,
Parliament Street B.O.,
London. S.W.1.

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28/12/49.

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REQUEST FOR LOOK-UP.

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REGISTRY. Please look-up undermentioned and attach further papers.

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Name TROTT, Nigel

Address 40, Parkbank, Guesse, Herne Hill

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Nationality born on at Occ.

Further Screen test at Kings College

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RESULT OF LOOK-UP.

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Signature Date 28/1/12
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PF.66919/B.2.

21st December, 1949.

My dear Maurice,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter addressed to Alan Nunn MAY, which has been forwarded to me by the Governor of the prison in which he is detained. The writer, of whom we have no identifiable trace in our records, is a new figure in Nunn MAY's correspondence, and although the letter seems harmless I should be grateful if you could identify him for me.

Yours ever,

J.H. Marriott.

M. Oldfield Esq.,
S.I.S.

MJ/1949
28/12/49

Encl. ... received for
 2118. Alan Nunn-May.

R.

40 Oakbank Grove,
 Herne Hill,
 London S.E.24.
 Sunday, Dec 18th.49.

Dear Dr. May,

A letter from me is long overdue. I should like first of all to send the very best wishes from friends at King's, and particularly those like Matsukawa, Ramanna, and Roy, who have now gone on to appointments elsewhere. More news of them later. I am sending off a parcel of books via your brother, as I am not sure of your address now. I'm afraid the books won't arrive until after Christmas, but they come with the very best Christmas wishes.

Roy has now gone back to India. He left in November, with Ramanna, and has gone to take up a post of Assistant Director of Laboratories, at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research / Ramanna is there too. I have heard once or twice from Roy. At present his time is taken up collecting apparatus, and in fact he has to build up from scratch. Roy did very well at King's, and had about ten papers published by the time he left, with one or two more in the press. Most of his work was on the angular distribution of protons from bombardment of light nuclei, but he also published a very nice piece of work on pair production. Ramanna published a note in Nature on his Ph.D. work, on the ion chamber. Last year he spent most of the time developing a multiple plate chamber, which he has taken with him to India.

Matsukawa has left, and has an appointment as Assistant Lecturer at Leicester. He hasn't yet submitted his thesis, ~~but~~ but should I think, be able to do so. He ran into considerable difficulty, over intensity in studies of the ~~inelastic~~ inelastic scattering of neutrons. At Leicester a chap named Rose has built himself a small Van de Graff generator of about 1 Mev., almost single handed. He has used the internal design of the modern V. de G. type, without the pressure cover. Rose was a student of King's, during my first year of research. The linear amplifier tradition, or mantle has been taken on by one Chynowent, a brilliant young chap, who has been doing some work on crystal counters. In particular, he has worked on diamond counters, and took up the problem of removing space charge from them. By a cycle of operations, in which he first irradiates the crystal for a short time with infra-red, operates a clearing field, and connects to a counter he has been able to get reproducible results, and to tie up some of his results with theory of ion movement in crystals. He should be able to submit his thesis this summer.

One Jolley, who I don't think you met, has just had his oral examination, and should hear his result in a few days. He was on the same problem as Roy, but tackled it by the photographic plate method.

preparation of mirrors for the U.V. group. There was another marriage of a member of the Nuclear group about 6 weeks ago, and one of the young theoretical people last spring. He was originally under Pincherle, whos as you ~~know~~ probably know has left now, and is at T.R.E.

Last year the Dept. held the first dinner since the war. We had about a 100 there, including all the technical staff, and the meal itself was followed by an entertainment, in which among other skits came one of Dr. Chapman and the atmospheric group, They by the way have done well. Cardwell took his Ph.D. last summer, and so did Morrison. Morrison is now at Imperial College with Prof. Brunt, on some Meteorological work, which will include climbing the mast of the Radio Station at Rugby, and possibly flights in a helicopter.

Now may I send you my very best wishes and the hope that these snip bits of news have been interesting.

Yours sincerely,

Sgdr

(Nigel Trott). J.P.F. 55587

A new lab. is getting on towards completion in the Quadrangle. This will be opened in about a year from now. The whole quadrangle has been excavated, and ~~the~~ about one fifth of the steel structure is now completed. Most of this will be for biophysics, but a section will be for nuclear. However, as the plans that had been made for a generator there have had to be abandoned, it is not easy to see what nuclear can be done. Possibly some radiation work, or tracer, but that is not settled.

Proud is still with us. He hasn't yet managed to round his work off, but is using the photographic plate method to study neutron scattering.

The biophysics section is becoming more active almost every month. The total numbers on research are now about 30 in the various branches, and in addition to the two electron microscopes in operation, a 500 kev. is being constructed for the new lab; Wilkins, and one Sedds have developed the Burck reflecting microscope, and published several papers. Miss Friedlander has just had her oral examination for Ph.D. and seemed quite cheerful after it. She was on one of the electron microscopes.

Dalley is still at the college. He has the post of research assistant to the Professor. This is a new appointment created this year at most of the Colleges. It carries a salary of about £500. He worked for some time on some short wave absorption, then on auto radiography, using the new β sensitive plates developed at Kodak during the last 18 months.

You may know some of the work going on at Birkbeck. Here George is still on a course of lectures on the quantum theory of the electrodynamic and meson fields, which he started several years ago. The personnel in his group there does not change much. Siday, who had an I.C.I. fellowship at Edinburgh, had to come back for financial reasons, as living in Edinburgh proved so expensive. Most of George's people work now on the photographic method, although some cloud chamber work ~~goes on~~ still goes on. They make periodic visits to the Jung-frau station.

I am still at King's, lecturing to the 1st M.B. (a). I took my Ph.D. examination recently, and that went off O.K. Also, in August, I married. My wife works as an assistant to the Biophysics group and came originally from Vienna. She is very skilled at optical work -- grinding and polishing, etc., and has for ~~her~~ her main work the maintenance of the evaporating plant, installed for the

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IT.66949/B.2.

21st December, 1949.

Dear Major Guiso Moores,

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th December, enclosing a copy of a letter received by Nunn MAY. I agree with your view that on the face of it this seems baseless, but I am most grateful to you for bringing it to my attention.

Thank you for your Christmas wishes, which I reciprocate.

Yours sincerely,

J.H.Marriott.

Major B.S.K. Guiso-Moores, M.C.,
Governor,
H.M.Prison,
Wakefield.

MJM/ED.
21/12/49

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H. M. PRISON,

Wakefield.

18.12.49.

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J.H. Marriott, Esq.,
Box 500,
Parliament Street B.O.,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Marriott,

Reference your 66949/B2a/J.H.M.

I attach a copy of a short note of Christmas Greeting received this morning for Nunn May. It seems to me quite harmless, but as the writer seems to be a new one and as para. 3 seems to express sympathy with his views - I'm sending this to you, mainly as a matter of interest.

Best wishes for Christmas.

LU ROSE CHILLAT Yours faithfully,

B. Rose

Governor.

M.P. 28/12/49

COPI

Dr. Roger Caillat.
2 route du Panorama
Fontenay aux Roses.
(Seine) France.

12.12.49.

5500a

Dr. A.N. May.

Monsieur,

Je vous prie de recevoir mes vœux de Noël.

Je souhaite de tout cœur que vous puissiez bientôt rejoindre les vôtres dans votre foyer.

Chez nous, à la maison, le 24 à minuit, nous nous recueillerons une minute pour vous témoigner notre solidarité.

Veillez accepter ^{ce} témoignage, et l'expression de mes sentiments respectueux.

R. Caillat.

REQUEST FOR PASSPORT OR PERMIT PAPERS.

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R.I for H.O. representative.

Please obtain:—LATEST PASSPORT FILE LATEST PERMIT FILE

(Mark item(s) required.)

for the following:—

OUR FILE NO.: 66919

SURNAME: JAY

CHRISTIAN NAMES: Allen Gunn

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: And 1st, 1911. England

PROFESSION: Government Of India.

ADDRESS: King's College, Strand, London.

*PARTICULARS OF TRAVEL ABROAD:

*NUMBER AND DATE OF PASSPORT: 17701. London. 28.11.42.

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Date.....

* Where known.

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PP. 669.9 - MAY.

On 15th September, 1949, passport papers belonging to Allen Mann MAY were requested. His passport was valid only until 15th June, 1941, and gave no details of his movements apart from visits to the U.S.S.R. in 1936 and 1938.

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FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

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Press Section

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Fellow sympathisers are organising a petition to the Home Secretary to release Dr. Nunn May, now serving a sentence of ten years for revealing atom secrets to Soviet agents.

*It is
May's if
please.*

*NS/B26.
30.8.45.*

31.10.1945

*NS/B26
30.8.45*

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IT.66949/B.2.

31st March, 1949.

Dear Burloy,

Further to my letter under this reference of the 2nd March, I think that you will be interested to know for your records that the further attempt to persuade HANN HAY to give us details of his recruitment was fully made, but unfortunately without success. Although polite, he refused to give us any useful assistance and I am afraid therefore that we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that further interviews at our instance will be useless.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Marriott.

J.H. Marriott Esq.,
Home Office.

JHM/vr.

[Handwritten signature]
REC-1157
31/3/49

Alan Nunn MAY. 15 469

On the 21st March, 1949, I went to H.M. Prison, Wakefield, armed with an order to visit Alan Nunn MAY. Upon my arrival I saw the Governor and had a talk with him, one which merely confirmed the views which he expressed in his letter at 539a.

The Governor was a little concerned as to whether he should carry out the normal routine laid down by the regulations and ask MAY whether he was prepared to accept a visitor, and if so to caution him that he need not answer any questions. Upon reflection he decided to leave this task to me, and MAY was brought to the Deputy Governor's officer, which was placed at my disposal for the interview.

I told MAY at once that I represented the Security Service and that the Governor had requested me to make the two points mentioned above. MAY replied that he was quite prepared to stay and listen to me, and we thereupon embarked upon a conversation which was by no means one sided. This lasted for about 90 minutes and was of the friendliest character, but the only real information that I could obtain was that his recruitment, if that be the right word, took place literally a few hours before he left England for Canada, and that the individual for whom I might be looking in this connection was well out of my reach. I think it would be quite unfair to infer too much from what he said, but I gained the fairly distinct impression that the individual to whom he referred was a member of the Soviet Embassy, and I also gained the feeling that this individual followed him to Canada. There are however no firm grounds for this expression of view.

I put forward various arguments which I thought might perhaps sway MAY to be forthcoming as to the earlier details of his Soviet associations. In response I received only the meagre details outlined above. His point was that he could not bear to be a squealer. He despises such people and would rather serve his normal prison sentence than gain any advantage by - as he put it - talking out of turn. He is obviously a man of some character; equally he is a difficult and lonely sort of individual, and he was not much impressed by my argument that by indicating the individuals responsible for his defection he might save others. He said that as all the facts have been fully reported in the official publication of the Canadian spy case, anyone was free to learn the lesson for himself.

We got on to the question of motive. MAY told me that he considers himself a Socialist, that he is pro-British, has never wished to harm this country and has never been anxious to assist any other country. On his release from prison he hopes to settle down into a useful life in this country and not to be harassed by M.I.5. He claims that he did no damage to his country or its interests by the actions which led to his imprisonment. He explained at some length how he was sent down to Chicago by his Superiors in Canada to work in the American development plant, and how he was told unofficially to keep his eyes and ears open and to report back anything interesting that he might discover whilst in the U.S.A. On his return his superiors told him that he must not prepare a written report on these discoveries as it would be extremely embarrassing to the British Government in their relationship with the American State Department.

MAY says that the information which he passed "on a dirty piece of paper, at a street corner" and the samples of uranium

which he handed over, were insignificant details connected with his work, and that his only object was to gladden the hearts of the Soviet authorities by telling them that the atomic bomb was really a worth-while weapon and a practical possibility, and not merely the figment of some journalistic imagination. He stressed that it would be quite impossible to impart any useful information on the subject of atomic research even to an expert physicist, in less than six months in a laboratory. The whole subject was of so complicated and experimental a character that a mere message or a chance meeting could provide no information that could possibly be of the slightest assistance. He recognises that to break faith at all was wrong, but is puzzled to know why other people who seem to have been more actively engaged in really subversive activities received much shorter sentences. He quite saw my point that he was a man of specialised training and in an extremely trusted position, and that therefore his offence was more serious. Perhaps the only argument that affected him in any way at all was my suggestion that if he did not indicate the persons responsible for his downfall I should be left to browse amongst the names of his friends, associates and colleagues, perhaps to the unfair disadvantage of one of them. He said that he had always been sensible of the danger even of communicating with such people for fear that to be associated with him would justify the authorities in purging them from their employment. I asked him whether he could name one person who had suffered in this way, but he was unable to do so.

At the end of the interview I commenced to ask him, should he reconsider the matter and decide to inform us more fully of his past association with the Soviet Intelligence Service to notify the Governor that he desired a further interview with me, when he interrupted me to say that he had no particular reason for bearing love towards H.I.S. His first contact with this organisation had led to ten years penal servitude as the result of the admission which he was persuaded to make to Lt. Colonel Burt. His next meeting two years ago (with Mr. Cussen and Mr. Harriott) had produced in him such a boiling rage that he had found it quite impossible to discuss the case at all with them. After two years he was therefore no more pleased to see me, but he said he hoped he had not in any way appeared rude. At the same time he had no wish to meet me again, and I felt that his mind was made up on this point. However, I managed to complete my instructions that he should approach the Governor should he desire to see me. He said he thought it extremely unlikely.

During the interview I made no promise or suggestion to him that any action of his would lead to a remission of sentence, although I did mention petitions which had been made from time to time by the Association of Scientific Workers for his release. He said that he was not allowed to have any knowledge of these efforts on his behalf, although in fact he was told that the Association was currently engaged in an attempt to secure a remission of his sentence. He added that an additional reason for his dislike of my department was his transfer back to Wakefield from Joy Hill. I acted complete innocence in this matter and said that it was no part of our business to arrange the transfer of prisoners, this being a matter solely for the Home Office.

I have no confidence that Nunn MAY will ever decide to tell his story, but there is just the outside chance that upon reflection he will.

R.2.a.
26.3.49.

W. J. Skardon
W. J. Skardon.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

W.P. 66949/B.2.

8th March, 1949.

Dear Major Guise-Hoopes,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 5th March, indicating the convenient dates for an interview with Alan Nunn MAY.

We have now received a special visiting order from the Prison Commission which authorises Mr. W.J. Gordon of this office one interview with MAY, and it is proposed that he shall come to Wakefield on Monday the 21st March. He will be arriving at Wakefield at 2.25 p.m. and will make his way immediately to the prison. Unless this is not convenient to you it is not necessary to acknowledge this letter.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Marriott.

Major W.S. Guise-Hoopes, M.C.,
Governor,
H.M. Prison,
Wakefield.

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H. M. PRISON,

Wakefield.

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5th March 1949.



Reference: PF.66949/B.2.

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d 7-MAR 1949
TO..... B2 PB 2/3/49
REF..... P. 66949 B. 2

Dear

Thank you for your letter.

We are very busy during week ending March 20th. The following week, i-e; March 21st - 26th, (both inclusive) would be easiest from our point of view.

We could, however, manage March 8th - 12th if you prefer an earlier date. Afternoons better than mornings - but it doesn't really matter.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Marriott
for Governor.

J.H. Marriott., Esq.,
Box No. 500.,
Parliament Street B.O.
London. S.W.1.

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PRISON COMMISSION,
HORSEFERRY HOUSE,
DEAN RYLE STREET,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, E. W. 1.

5th March, 1949.

SECRET

Dear Skardon,

I enclose a Visiting Order which will enable you to see Allan Nun May.

No doubt you will let the Governor know when you will be visiting.

Yours sincerely,

R. L. H.

W. J. Skardon Esq.,
Box 500,
Parliament Street
Branch Office.

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2nd March, 1949.

Dear Burley,

I am anxious to make one more attempt to persuade Alan Mann HAY to do what he has so far never done, namely to give us an account of how he was recruited as a Soviet agent. As you will remember from the Canadian case, it is clear that his original recruitment must have been effected in this country before ever he went to Canada, and naturally I am most anxious to get information on this point. We had an unsuccessful interview with him about eighteen months ago, and I am by no means confident that we shall achieve anything now, but I think that the attempt is worth while making. I have been in communication with the Governor of Wakefield Prison, who is agreeable to our making the attempt, and I should therefore be grateful if you could arrange for us to have a formal Visiting Order for the purpose. The officer who will go up there is Jim Skardon.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Harriott.

S.H.H. Burley Esq.,
Home Office.

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1F.66949/B.2.

1st March, 1949.

Dear Major Guise-More,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 25th February. I am most grateful for your assessment of Nunn MAY's probable reactions to further questioning, and am bound to say that from my own experience of him I am forced to agree with what you have said. Nevertheless I think we ought to make one more attempt to get from him the very important information which we know him to possess, and I propose therefore to ask the Home Office for permission to send an officer to see him. Assuming that this permission is granted to us, I will ask you to fix a time which will be convenient for you.

Yours sincerely,

J.H.Marriott.

Major Guise-More,
Governor,
H.M.Prison,
Wakefield.

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E. M. Prison,



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Received 25/2/49.

Dear Maurice,

I've been thinking
hard about your letter with its suggestions, & have
had a confidential chat with N.M.'s housemate.
He talks in contact with him daily, not only in
connection with his duties as a housemate, but also in
connection with his work.

We both agree that any submission would about
concerning the question

N.M. is polite, cooperative, & respectful, with a warm & friendly
attitude towards those around him as a housemate, but he
is careful not to seem in any way to be doing housework
to convey it by atmosphere, politeness, & general
good personal appearance. On the other hand...

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stands, he is in no way advised. It just has to
 be that for a time he is bound to offer as, it making
 his best of it. I would class him as a man of character
 who looks strong character, & is perfectly satisfied that
 these conditions are correct. I don't think the Angel
 would get him a change. However, come along
 by all means & have a look. It will be very surprising.
 If you are successful

Yours in the most affectionate way
 your friend
 G. G. G. G. G.

G. G. G. G. G.

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AND PERSONAL.

IP.66949/B.2.

21st February, 1949.

Dear Major Guise-toro,

Alan Nunn MAY.

You will remember that about eighteen months ago a colleague and I interviewed the above at Wakefield in an unsuccessful attempt to persuade him to volunteer certain information which I know that he has in his possession.

In the hope that Nunn MAY will now prove a little more amenable I have it in mind to make one further attempt to get him to talk, but before doing so I should be most grateful for your estimate of his present attitude to life generally and your opinion whether the chance of our succeeding in our task is any more encouraging than it was.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Marriott.

Major B. Guise-toro,
Governor,
H.M. Prison,
WAKEFIELD.

Handwritten:
MP/BSA
21/2/49.

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FF.6691.9/B.2.a/JM.

3rd August, 1948

Dear Colonel Markes,

Thank you for your letter of the 28th July, 1948, about Alan Nunn MAY, which I am acknowledging in the absence of Mr. Marriott who has just gone on leave.

I was interested to see the extract from brother Ralph's letter and amused by his incorrect deductions. I agree with you that the meaning is only too plain, though I can not agree with his criticisms!

Yours sincerely,

R.T. Reed
R.T. Reed.

Lt.Colonel C.C. Markes,
H.M. Prison,
Wakefield.

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3/8/48

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H. M. PRISON,
Wakefield.

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28th July 1948.



Confidential.

Re: 9118. Alan Nunn-May.

Dear *Marriott*

My Governor, who goes on leave in two days time, has briefed me for taking over "Operation Nunn-May" in his absence, and this note marks my initiation!

I enclose a copy of the first paragraph of a letter to Nunn-May from his brother Ralph; the remainder of the letter contained nothing of note, and the whole was passed to him as if per normal.

I am sure you will not have to call your code experts in order to appreciate the type of man that brother Ralph is, and the sort of way in which his mind works, as revealed in this extract!

Incidentally, the printed address on Ralph N-M's letter sheet was:-

BIDSTON.,
TILEHOUSE LANE.,
DENHAM., BUCKS.

This was struck out and the address changed in MS

to:-

H
MEUSDEN,
GERPARDS CROSS.,
BUCKS.

Yours

Sincerely

C. C. Markes

(LT. COL. C. C. MARKES.)

J.H. Marriott, Esq.,
Box 500.,
Parliament St. B.O.,
London. S.W.1.

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Extracts from letter addressed to
9118 A. Mann-May.

(Dated July 24.)

Posted July 26

Dear Alan,

I was very shocked to hear of your move from Leyhill to Wakefield, and took what steps I could to find out what the authorities were playing at. All I could get was an "official" answer which made no more sense than official answers generally do. Having composed hundreds of them myself I know the form too well to be deceived! But events in Berlin have since supplied their own answer, and knowing the kind of schoolboy logic that motivates the official mind, and the timidity that inspires all official action, it is now clear to me, as it must be to you, why the thick stone walls of Wakefield were felt, at this moment, to be preferable to the symbolic gates of Leyhill. The official mind was, no doubt, misguided, as the official mind almost invariably is. But at least the crude mechanism of its working can now be discerned.

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2nd July 1945.

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Dear Major Guiso-More,

Please refer to my letter of 24th June last under the above reference.

The poem has been carefully examined by our experts, but there are no signs of any of the known tricks of concealment.

Though one text is not enough to give a firm opinion, I think the poem may be allowed to go to NUMM-HAY, but I should be grateful if you would copy any further texts of a similar nature and let us see them.

Yours sincerely,

J.C. Reed
J.H. Marriott.

Major B. Guiso More,
The Governor,
H.M. Prison,
WAKEFIELD.

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24 th June 1948

CP. 66249/P2a/MTR

Dear Major Guiso-More,

Thank you very much for your letter of 17th June about the correspondence addressed by Dr. Hewlett Johnson to Dr. Alan HUGHES MAY, and for the copy of the poem.

Though I agree with you that it seems unlikely that there is any code in the poem, I have referred this to our code experts for their views.

Meanwhile I should be glad if you would hold up the letter, and as soon as I have received a report I will write to you again.

Yours sincerely,

R Reed
J.H. Marriott.

Major B. Guiso More,
The Governor,
H.M. Prison,
BARKING.

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COPY. 9118. N.May.

16 June 1948.

The Deanery.,
Canterbury.

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June 10. 48.

Dear Sir

The enclosed poem has been sent to me by Mr.H.M.Marcovitch
from Wandsworth, whom I do not know, with the request that I send it on
to you.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd). Hewlett Johnson.

COPY OF LETTER TO 9118 N. May.

(Written on Form 243. ~~Prisoner's letter paper~~ (Prisoner's letter paper)).

In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:-

Number 13542. Name. H.M. Maroovitch.
Wandsworth Prison.

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L. C. May 23/6

To Dr Alan Nunn May.

May, true in peace, faithful to men and God,
Equall in fame with him (1) whom Elysiums sage (2)
Honoured and praised as th' noblest of his age
Thou art; and like him of the Attic mood,
That on th' cross for truth's sake poured out his blood,
Art endued with powers no wrong or outrage
Can conquer or debase; and they that rage,
And at thy blameless actions vent their lewd
D'spite, no more avail against thy fortitude
Than fraud against Truth, thy strength and anchorage;
While Liberty, whom you serve, doth engage
In every clime where Honour is understood,
Friends to her aid, who, blest with thy courage,
Help thee to freed'm, Citizen wise and good.

Finis.

- (1). Socrates.
- (2). Plato.

To the Democratic memory of Karl Marx
author of 'Das Kapital'

When tyrant Death, which ended not thy years,
Had argued thee with ease his dearest prize,
Thy Book, the cloudless haven of the wise,
Marked thee as king of Truth's renowned peers.
Thy large unstinted wisdom ever rears
Deeds democratic, brainless to criticize,
Though some there be, of saneness hard to size,
Hear May (1) defended with scandalized ears;
Famine, and war, and ruin, are their gain,
For all their talk of right and rule of good.
The State it sells truth to sweat and blood,
While trueborn men are heard with rude disdain.
Therefore thy fame races to ease their pain,
Who, deaf to Fraud, stand doimed where Socrates (2) stood.

- (1). Dr Alan Nunn May
- (2) So-crates; not So-ora-tes.

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H. M. PRISON,

Wakefield.

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17th June 1948.



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Prison
P.F. 66949

Held RS.

Dear Marriott,

Re: 9118.A.Nunn May.

Reference your P.F.66949/13.2.a/J.H.M., dated 30-1-48.

I have no doubt that you are aware that the above-named has been transferred back to our custody.

For your information, I am sending you a copy of correspondence which came in this morning, addressed to him. Presumably, one Marcovitch, a prisoner in Wandsworth, wrote to Dean Hewlett Johnson, (of Canterbury) enclosing some verses inspired, and addressed to May. The Dean ~~has~~ forwarded them to Lethill, whence they were re-directed to us here.

Beyond forwarding these copies to you I've taken no other action. The normal action would be for me to write to the Governor, H.M.P. Wandsworth, asking him to stop any further correspondence from Marcovitch, but as this might close a possible channel of information I've purposely refrained from doing so. Perhaps you will let me have your views on the matter?

May, of course, knows nothing about this.

Yours sincerely,

B. G. ...

Governor.

J.H.Marriott, Esq.,
Box No.500,
Parliament Street, B.O.,
London S.W.1.

*NA. I don't for a moment ...
copy of an account ... including ...*

[Handwritten signature]

MINUTES TO HEAD OFFICE

Leyhill Prison

12th. May, 1948.

SUBJECT

Interrogation of Prisoners.

With reference to the visit of Inspector Whitehead to interview V.553. H.J. Thomas, at which interview Thomas denied writing the anonymous letter concerning V.310. A. Nunn May submitted on 25-3-48, I beg to report that W.50. G.H. Parry sought an interview with the Deputy Governor and stated that he heard a conversation between S.346 D.F. Springhall and Nunn May. He repeated the conversation to Thomas who said, "I won't let the bastards make atomic bombs to blow up my family. I shall tell the Governor."

Thomas wrote an anonymous letter and Parry helped him although Parry was not in favour of this course of action.

Thomas having denied writing the letter is badly scared and I do not think much can be got out of him now.

The conversation which Parry overheard is as follows :

Springhall. "I shall not move up North for a while yet because they may follow me."

Nunn May agreed.

Springhall. "I can quite safely say that you will not be here in six months time."

Nunn May. "Yes."

Springhall. "Then we shall see how good the iron curtain can be."

(signed) E. Henderson.

Governor.

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REF. 66719/HLB

31st May, 1948.

Dear Burley,

Many thanks for your letter of the 26th May, enclosing a report by Special Branch on the interrogation of the convict as well as the Governor's report referred to by Special Branch.

I must say I myself feel some doubt as to whether I did in fact overhear the conversation, in view of the fact that Springhall was released from Mill Hill as early as 19.3.48. However, the matter - as you say - is now academic and no further action is required.

Yours, sincerely,

B. A. Hill.

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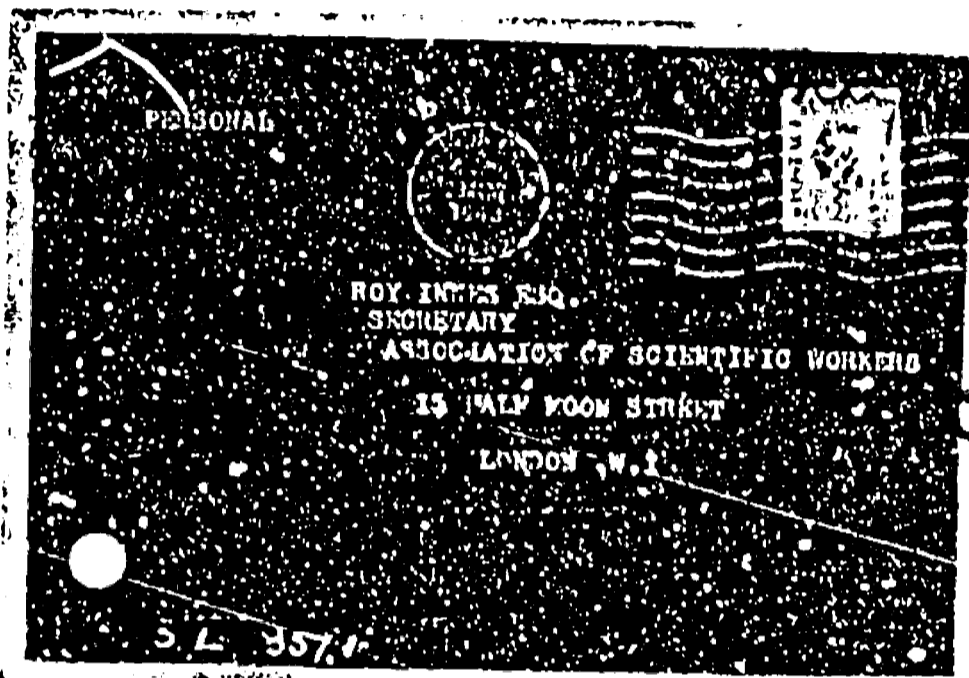
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Home Office.

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Keendon
Jennings
Key Bird

Dear Roy,

The one small crumb of comfort there has been in regard to my brother was the fact that it was at Leyhill Prison where the conditions are such that a man of intelligence might find life not altogether intolerable. To my great dismay I have learnt in a letter from him this week that he has been removed to Wakefield, quite the grimmest and most depressing of the several prisons I had occasion to visit during his trial and the early part of his imprisonment. There is no explanation of this sudden and unexpected move. The Governor of Leyhill told him that it was certainly not due to any misconduct. He was as much bewildered by it as my brother is.

It is evident from my brother's letter that he is greatly distressed - as well he might - to find himself back in this gruesome place. I should be more than grateful if you could get one of the M.P.s with whom the A.S.W. has connections to make tactful enquiries of the Home Secretary or his P.P.S. and try to find out what the authorities are up to. A formal parliamentary question would, I think, be unwise. The authorities are entitled to move prisoners about at their discretion. There can be no formal grounds of complaint. But it is unusual to remove prisoners from Leyhill once they have gone there unless they attempt escape or in other ways misbehave themselves. This

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explanation, which in any case would be incredible, is ruled out by the Governor's assurance. One is reluctant to think that the authorities are actuated by sheer sadism, but it looks uncommonly like it. The move is all the more cruel following his it does a long period at Leyhill, where my brother had begun to enjoy the pitifully small privileges that are allowed for good conduct and that may help to preserve sanity.

I cannot too strongly emphasise the probable effect upon his mentality of this move to Wakefield. Anything that the A.S.W. can do to bring influence to bear "behind the scenes" on the authorities to get them to return him to Leyhill will be of real and most immediate benefit to him.

In the meantime you and your colleagues will wish to note his new address which is No. 9118, Wakefield Prison. Perhaps you will be good enough to pass this on to anyone who is interested.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Leyhill Prison

11th. May, 1948

Name:

Statement :

I have been cautioned by detective Inspector Whitehead that I am not obliged to say anything, and that anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence. I understand this.

(signed)

I have been shown a note written in pencil commencing "As a Britisher I know it is my duty" and finishing "this matter should not be taken too lightly and should be investigated at once". This note is addressed to the Governor.

I did not write this note and I have never seen it before neither have I heard of it nor do I know who wrote it. I also know nothing of an attempted plot to release a prisoner. I have read this statement and it is true.

(signed)

Witness: (signed)

Wm. A. Whitehead
Detective Inspector
New Scotland Yard.

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MEMORANDUM TO HEAD OFFICE.

Leyhill Prison.

12th May, 1948.

SUBJECT.

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(Sgt.) J.W. Henderson.

Governor.

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HOME OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

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da 28 MAY 1948

TO..... *SLB*.....

REF..... *PF.66949*..... 26th May, 1948.

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M. C. R. 15.

Dear Hill,

Will you please refer to our earlier correspondence about the possible escape of Alan Nunn May (PF.66949). I now enclose, for your information, a copy of the report by Special Branch of the interrogation of a convict, who had been selected for interview because the Director of the Home Office Forensic Science Laboratory, Cardiff, was of opinion, after comparison of handwritings, that he had written the anonymous warning of the escape. I also attach a copy of the Governor's report referred to in the Special Branch report.

Neither the Home Office nor the Prison Commissioners are taking any further steps; but I think you know that May has been transferred to Wakefield Prison. You will no doubt read with interest Inspector Whitehead's opinion that the convict who says that he overheard a conversation between Nunn May and Springhall, cannot be expected to be reliable as to the actual words, if indeed the conversation took place, but that he thinks that his version of what happened is substantially accurate.

Yours sincerely,

St. V. Bunker

B.A. Hill, Esq.,
M.I.5.

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SPECIAL BRANCH,

15th. day of..... May..... 1948...

SUBJECT....

Reference to Papers

204/48/5

On 25-3-48 at H.M. Prison, Leyhill, Gloucestershire, an anonymous note addressed to the Governor was found in the "post box" used by prisoners for depositing mail for censorship.

The note read as follows :-

"As a Britisher I know it is my duty to let you know that there is a scheme afoot to organise the escape of "Munn May" from the prison, and to safely transport him from the country to the other side of the "Iron Curtain" the Russian occupied part of Germany.

PF. 37, 63+.
[Mr. "Pringhall"] has the arrangements in hand, which may take some time, but it may not for our safety as a country this matter should not be taken too lightly, and should be investigated at once."

In view of the implication the Governor forwarded the note to the Prison Commissioners who in turn sent it (together with specimens of the handwriting of all the prisoners in Leyhill Prison) to Dr. HARRISON of the Forensic Laboratory Cardiff. After due examination, Dr. HARRISON was of the firm opinion that the note had been written by

Mr. PENN of the Prison Commissioners requested that police interrogate THOMAS as to why he sent this note, and I was instructed to do this.

On Friday, 7-5-48 I saw Mr. PENN at the offices of the Prison Commission and he handed me several official files which contained a note

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