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December 16th

The D.G. talked to me and Burt about the future of B.5. Burt explained to the D.G. that there was no necessity to be generous to the Yard in this matter. B.5 were doing many duties which if not performed from here would have to be done by the Yard and that he need not anticipate any trouble from Norman Kendal. The D.G. seemed fairly satisfied and told Burt to record his views on the file. Unfortunately this was a file with a confidential note from Victor which he had expressed rather frank views on Fish and Smith. I therefore took the bull by the horns and explained to Burt how the whole matter had arisen in Paris. He did not seem very disturbed.

SMAEF C.I. telegram of today's date indicates that special attention should be paid to line-crossing activities. The SD have been trying to recruit and train some 8,000 pro-German Luxembourgers who fled before the allied advance. Francists and Miliciens are under training for work in France. Commando 130 are preparing parachute and line-crossing operations. G.I.S. Northern Italy are planning line-crossers by mountain routes into France. Uniforms and identity papers both Canadian and American are being distributed to various G.I.S. control stations. Security points requiring emphasis are that agents have been given lifts in service vehicles, that there has been an outbreak of telephone cable cutting, and many attempts at telephone tapping, and that three

enemy agents have recently been discovered in confidential positions with allied military units. Lastly organised escape routes are being prepared for German P/Ws in forward areas. Three W/T military espionage agents have been discovered in the Strasburg area and one in the Metz area. Four more agents have been arrested in the Monte Carlo area. These belonged to the Buhholtz organisation used for espionage under commercial cover. Two further agents have been arrested in the Marseilles area. A captured agent has stated that the G.I.S. is arranging for the landing of agents by submarine on the coast at La Rochelle for 10 day missions and return by the same means. Six more saboteurs have been arrested in the Strasburg area and large quantities of explosive coal recovered. At least 4 are French repatriated workers instructed to use explosive coal in locomotive bunkers. An important sabotage dump has been discovered near Antwerp by the use of a mine detector. From reports on the SD sabotage school in Oranienburg, Flemish and Dutch women may be used for sabotage work.

At a meeting of the RSIC on 7th Dec. Twinn drew attention to the fact that the Spanish Service with which he deals had undergone a blackout. New security measures had been introduced by the Germans but these were not of the fundamental type introduced elsewhere. It was therefore not impossible that the situation in respect of the Spanish service might improve before long. Both Twinn and Denis Page expressed the opinion that this change of method in Spain was not the culmination of a systematic policy of improving security

but was a reaction to some specific and recent development. There are two possible explanations, one is the capture of the OSS man and his secretary by the Germans (one of whom certainly had a knowledge of ISSS) and the other Klop's disruptive activities in Lisbon.

Herbert and Kirby-Green had a meeting with Section V on the 12th. K.G.'s view was that he got no assistance at all from the only quarter in England which could provide it, namely Ryder St. and he wondered why we considered it worth while his doing the work he did. Section V. considered that K.G.'s work and reports were invaluable to their stations at Madrid, Seville and Tangiers and that as long as there is close liaison between K.G. and these stations they are not inclined to worry. They did not accept without qualification the suggestion that they are doing nothing with K.G.'s reports. On the other hand they withdrew the suggestion, if they ever made it, that they are abstaining from doing anything on these reports because they understood M.I.5 were doing what was necessary. It was made clear to them that we had no information about Gib. except what K.G. gave us. Only Section V. with a full knowledge of what was going on in Spain from their own station and with the responsibility for distributing ISSS could give K.G. the assistance he required. A number of ISSS instances were quoted and it was apparent that Section V. officers at Ryder St. had no real conception of the use that could be made, with perfect security, by the DSO of these sources. They have however now agreed to send out reports appearing in most

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sample of the standard shipping observations that reach Berlin from the Rock.

A C.I. report dated 25th Nov. from the Italian front indicates that in the forward areas the enemy has again intensified his spying activity. Between 15th and 20th Nov. 23 agents were apprehended. Of these, 11 were saboteurs including 3 Italian swimmer saboteurs from the No. 10 M.A.S. flotilla which landed at Leghorn. Those who came through the lines were to damage vehicles, railway stock and various military installations. Two dumps of material near Lucca have been seized. Most of the espionage agents have obtained tactical intelligence. Two were bringing money to an agent in Florence, already captured, while three SD envoys were to come on a 30-day propaganda mission to Naples, a new departure which suggests that the enemy may attempt to exploit the discontent which is recognised to exist in southern Italy. Two proved and 3 suspected agents have been arrested in Rome and two with a W/T set near Naples. Four other agents have been arrested in Athens. Three of these had W/T sets. One was a Flt/Lt. in the Greek Air Force.

The number of Frenchmen estimated as being in Germany on the 30th Oct. is 2,655,000.

The Japs have recently been shown a good deal of German secret equipment. They were not however allowed to see V.2. They were told that V.1 had been put into action within a year of its first being studied, but that 12 years had been required for V.2. V.2 is fired virtually
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into the air. On entering the stratosphere is aimed in the required direction by radio which continues for a short time to control it. Up to the apex of its trajectory it is pulled by its own power and afterwards falls on to its target by its own momentum. The range is about 350 kms. and by the time it reaches the ground its speed is 1600-1700 metres per second

December 18th

Lenton is still fussing about getting information relating to the resumption of SITTIG's transmissions. We have replied to Bennett that we have in fact no information beyond the knowledge that the transmitter is once more on the air but that in any case the matter should be handled through Smuts.

I had a meeting with Rawli, Buster and Dick Butler. I pointed out to Rawli that we needed Stephens to control U20 here since in the forward areas all that was happening in the CI world was a transfer of the work now carried out by the SCI units to the forward CSDIC. It seemed therefore desirable that somebody on the operations side should be in command of the forward camp until it became predominantly CI. Rawli agreed with this view but made it clear that he thought Tin Eye should have an opportunity of guiding the policy as he himself would be ultimately responsible for the establishment in Germany. Rawli has in mind Le Bosquet who has his best interrogator. Le Bosquet was a good reference. V24/195 Tin Eye for some reason got rid of him.

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Burley has got out a list of the various restrictions which have been modified one way or another. The relaxation is considerable.

Pan-Air are trying to run passengers and mail from Foynes to Lisbon. We are endeavouring to get this stopped. There is also a proposal to run the Spanish air line to USA. We are insisting that it will have to touch down for control of passengers and freight on allied territory.

December 19th

Bertram Ede tells me that Kirby Green has gone back as the Duke of Gloucester was proposing to disembark at Gib on his way to Australia. K.G. seemed rather worried about this as the visit was supposed to be kept secret. I told Bertram that he would have to tell the C.O. that the Duke's visit to Gib. would be certain to leak to the Germans within a few hours, though whether the Germans would or could do anything about it is another matter.

Blunt, Dickson, Postan, Noble and Roskill came to talk to me about the italians.

We seem to have got on to Anna Neagle instead of CARADINI. I have no doubt she is much more interesting. It does not seem worth while trying to get things right as this cannot be done without a certain amount of dislocation. We decided therefore to wait
Catalogue Reference KV/4/195 the Embassy in about

three weeks time. In the meantime Jimmy and Poston have been vetting the caretaker. On present form we do not feel very inclined to make an approach. We think th t we should know more about him first.

Baxter came to see me about Peel, one of his examiners who has been marked permanently unfit for military service and placed in Cat.E. He wants to stay on after the war. Although his work is good I think this would be a bad bet as he is a very sick man. There is however no objection that I can see to his remaining on as a civilian for the present.

I attended the Travel Control meeting called by Harker to discuss the future of SCOs. The W.O. are trying to cut down our ceiling. Harry wants to get some ammunition to fight the Establishments Branch. I said that generally I was worried about the cutting down of security but there were many functions which the SCOs performed which could not be adequately performed by A.O.s, at any rate not by the present staff, which was insufficient and not always very good. Apart from this it seems to me that since new sea and air ports would shortly be opened and travel very much on the increase the SCOs were likely to be extremely busy. Apart from this I thought the W.O. should realise what the office had provided in the way of SCOs for the 2nd Front and the Far East and that the port organisation here was really their only training ground. They would probably want more FSP in the future. It would be wise therefore not to disband the existing organisation.

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Bertram Ede has written a memo on O.C. Virtually he wants to run the whole show except what he describes as the case work. The trouble is that intelligence is built up by cases and that the only judges of intelligence are the people who are really doing the work. Policy depends upon the knowledge of the work, the intelligence product and the officers in the area. It seems to me that Ede must either run the whole show or confine himself solely to administrative problems. Halfway-house is always likely to cause friction.

December 20th

R.J. came in today. His position is no clearer. He made the suggestion that he might perhaps take control of the War Room. TAR told him that as far as he knew Robin Brook had been earmarked for this job. I told RJ that I was against uprooting people from this office to go into the War Room situated elsewhere. RJ asked about SIME. I told him that Douglas Roberts had rather weakly given up his DSO post at Istanbul. He had heard about this and thought it unwise. He felt that Teague of ISLD was rather too heavy a weight for Roberts.

Curry talked to me about his memo on ISCOT. He is going to see Arnold-Foster to tell him that the matter should be drawn to the attention of higher authority. He thinks that it is specially significant in view of the Polish debate. I said that I did not think that anybody was unde

any illusions about the Lublin Committee. The only thing therefore that his report would contribute would be the wider issue. The information however on the existence of a network on Comintern lines was at the moment rather fragmentary and might be more effective if presented later on. I told Curry that if his memo was presented to Cadogan he would not be likely to read it. Loxley would probably read it and pass it to the department. This would lead to a considerable spreading of the knowledge of the source. It was for consideration whether this was worth while at the moment.

Swinton rang me up last night to ask whether he was right in thinking that Juan MARCH who he said was coming here, had formerly had some connection with KLEINWORTS. I told him this was so. Why he wanted to know I cannot say.

Tin Eye rang up. He is sending in a memo stating the position as he sees it when the forward CSDIC is established. He wants it laid down that he will have some say in the formation and control of the forward organisation. He is quite satisfied about having Le Bosquet as the head of the organisation and responsible to 21 AG.

The J.I.C. have written a memo on a possible Jap withdrawal from the outer zone. The present strength of the Japanese fleet is 4 battleships, 3 fleet and converted operational carriers, two escort carriers, 7 heavy cruisers. They may have two other fleet carriers under construction. They are concentrating almost their

entire air force in the Phillipines. The withdrawal of their land forces to the inner zone is now very difficult owing to the shortage of shipping, and it may be to their advantage to hold the outer zone as far as possible in order to deny to the allies its resources. It seems likely therefore that they will withdraw their naval and air forces to the inner zone but leave land forces except in a few outlying spots. She may to some extent reinforce her forces in Burma from the outer zone.

A Marita report shows that Strang has been in close touch with Tamara Wilson CROWE. It looks a little as if he may be having an affair with her. He has told her about his visit to Moscow, about Stalin's refusal to join in the Tripartite Conference, and about a secret mission which he is now about to undertake in Brazil. He did not give the nature of this mission. He was derogatory in his views about Stalin and conditions in Russia. I do not see what I can do with this information without jeopardising the sources.

I have read the case of Henrik MIERSEMAN. This man, who was connected with the Germans GC & CS has given information showing that the Germans have been running about 10 SOE transmitters for 18 months between August 1942 and Feb. 1944. Before closing down the officer in charge of the German stations sent a message to Majors Bingham, Blunt and Co. "Thank you for your long mutual co-operation. In case you should come to the continent I shall receive you with the same care as your agents".

At the Wednesday meeting Sclater said that he had learned that a French Press Station had broadcast in English morse the complete order of battle of the allies on the western front, stating that the information had been received from SHAEF. A short time later the same day a further communique was issued stating that this information should not be published anywhere. Sclater has taken this up both direct with SHAEF and through the War Office.

December 21st

Buster came to talk to me about John Noble who he is very anxious to get into his section. I explained to him my difficulties and said that I would see what I could do later on. Meanwhile I urged him to accept John Phipps and told him that if I could I would get him Martin Forrest who would be returning here early next year. I had ultimately promised Martin to Niall MacDermott to run a Wehrkreis in Germany but he would probably not be wanted to do this work for some months. Meanwhile B.LB would be an excellent training ground and perhaps tide us over the most difficult period.

At 12 o'clock today the D.G., in the presence of Dick Butler, Tommy Harris, TAR, Marriott, J.C. Buster and myself, presented GARBO with the MBE. The D.G. made him a nice little speech. Later we lunched at the Savoy when GARBO responded to the toast in halting but not too bad English. I think he was extremely pleased.

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News about the German drive, which started on the 17th, is a little better today. Monty has now taken over the 9th and 1st US Armies and is concentrating in the Louvaine area for a southward drive. Penetration has gone fairly far. No publicity is being given to the fact that Monty has taken over. He thinks that he will be able to restore the situation within 48 hours.

Five of the parachutists who have been captured report that 60 Germans, dressed as American officers complete with Chesterfields, Lucky Strikes and Jeeps, are heading for Paris where they intend to assassinate Eisenhower. They are said to be led by Skorzeny himself. This may be true. On the other hand it is not altogether unlikely that it is part of a jitter campaign.

has left SIS and the liaison officer with the Americans is now Bill Dunderdale. Walter has joined Dickie Coit. They have taken over Lunn's travel agency and are also going to market a new fountain pen invented by Miles of the aircraft company, which holds enough ink for a year and will not blow up in the air as many pens do.

An entertaining German document captured in Belgium at the headquarters of the Abwehrstelle and dated 28th Dec. 1941, gives an account of a lecture delivered by Canaris, to the assembled controllers of Asts on the 10th Dec. 1941. It was emphasised that poaching by the Gestapo was costly. Reference by all available means. The use of gestapo officials as Abwehr

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agents was strictly forbidden because a case had occurred where a Gestapo official was used by a certain Ast as an agent and paid out of a special fund. Messages were passed under the cover name of a non-existent sub-agent. Cases had also occurred of agents being given top secret documents and having access to safes. In one case such an agent had been found to be working for the enemy intelligence service.

No women employees are allowed to have safe keys. Military intelligence only is the job of Asts, hence reports on politics and morale are strictly forbidden. The Abwehr has nothing to do with the persecution of Jews. Ast duties are to be carried out in a humane, respectable, correct and cultural manner. Activity against Jews is to be avoided but not criticised. The strength of the service is estimated at 2,226 officers, 931 officials, 18,251 employees and 287 workers. Expenditure was now about 1 million Reichsmarks a month. No excessive luxury or entertainment should take place. Canaris was angry about an expensive entertainment given to himself by one Ast. Modesty is the way to good fortune. Caution and moderation are also necessary over the consumption of alcohol. There is to be no excessive spending or celebrations. Only nonsense is to be talked after 10 pm. As regards the supervision of women employees, it is mentioned that there is to be no excessive dressing up, painted lips or finger nails.

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December 22nd

I saw Marriott, TAR and JC about Brutus. SHAEF have intimated that they want either GARBO or Brutus to be on the air within the next few days. The trouble is that on SHAEF's own request we put them both off the air. Presumably there is something brewing in the way of major deception for a counter-attack. So important is this, according to Wile, that it is worth sacrificing one of our agents. In Wilde's view it is the last occasion on which they can be used with real advantage. This is all very fine, but it is still important to preserve GARBO as we are intending to use him exclusively to smoke out the Nazis after the armistice. We have therefore decided to put Brutus on the air. This means that we have got to bring him back notionally to London. We propose to do this tomorrow so that he can have time to settle down and pick up a certain amount of information. We do not know yet what SHAEF want us to put across. We have warned them that Brutus's return is not very plausible and that there is therefore a certain risk in using him.

Jim Hale has had a letter from Maxwell who is evidently reluctant to maintain 18A after Stage A. He says that the House of Commons having got rid of 18B will certainly focus their attention on 18A. In that case Maxwell thinks that the case is not strong enough to defend in the House. The suggestion is that if we really feel the need of something of the kind we must make application for legislation as and when we are confronted with a case.

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In other words as the DG puts it, we must not insure our house until it has been burnt down. The sort of case that may might be either that of some British subject here wishing to assist the Nazi underground movement, or someone wishing to assist the Japanese. In either case the Home Secretary would be quite impotent unless he could produce the evidence for prosecution. If for example there is a general movement to stop the war with Japan there will be no powers for dealing with it. The extraordinary thing about all this is that the average citizen is perfectly content with the situation and satisfied that the law will not be abused. The only people who make a fuss are a limited number of so-called Liberals who feel it incumbent upon them to protect the liberties of the ignorant citizen.

Peter Hope came to see me. He wanted to get some job in S.J. I said that possibly there might be something for him later when the War Room situation cleared up.

I dined with GARBO, Mrs. GARBO, Tommy and his wife Miss Bishop at the Dorchester last night. Mrs. G. was in tremendous form and related to me in animated and broken English the part that she had played in the early days of her husband's D.A. career. It is fairly clear that if at one stage she had not stimulated the American Asst. N.A. Rousseau at Lisbon the case would never have got on its legs. GARBO was completely in despair and was intending to go to Brazil. Mrs. G. mystified the American and finally whetted his appetite by faking GARBO's communications from the Germans and thereby indicating that

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agents were going to the USA to commit acts of sabotage. GARBO, looking rather like Lenin in his new beard, is by contrast quite a placid creature. Both are very likable characters.

December 23rd

Pearson of the Canadian D.P.W. came to see me. He had nothing really to say except that he was anxious for any information that we might be able to give indicating that there would be a mutiny in the camps in Canada round about Stage A. I said that we would certainly do so if the information came our way. On the other hand I thought he would be more likely to hear about it through M.I.19.

Joe Lynch called today. I talked to him about the case of He is going to impress on the Bureau that the matter is one to which we attach great importance.

December 27th

Burt came to see me. He said that there was a proposal that he should go to Paris in order to make some preliminary enquiries into the case of Roberts, formerly canteen manager of Junliffe Owens and now connected with the Wings Club canteen in Paris and Brussels. It is said that he is engaging in a big smuggling racket. Personally I am rather against the office getting mixed up in this business. It is Catalogue Reference: K/M/4/195 Provost Marshal. On the other hand it is perfectly true to say that

we should probably make a better job of it. It is however undesirable that Burt should come into the picture since he is personally known to Roberts. A possible result might be a suggestion that MI5 are persecuting anyone who was formerly connected with HOYES.

I spoke to the D.G. about Noakes. He is quite ready to let him go as soon as he can be replaced. I told the DG that we were proposing to put in John Phipps and later possibly Martin Forrst.

Wood of CICI came in. He has just got back and is being demobilised. He said that any attempt by SIS to take over their records at this stage would be met with a flat "No". It has already been attempted by Wharrey's successor. Wood I think entirely sees our point of view about intelligence in the Mid East. I said a word to him about Joe Spencer for whom he evidently has the highest regard. He spoke of a telegram that he had received from Ede suggesting that he should reconsider his resignation as we might have some other work for him. In order to get this message he had been forced to miss a plane in Cairo and was evidently not very pleased. The message was somewhat incomprehensible to him since he knew nothing of Ede. I told Wood that I could not imagine what Ede had in mind unless it was some DSO point in Rangoon or Singapore. Wood said that he knew enough about the East to keep clear of either place.

Kim Philby came in. He seemed fairly satisfied with our meeting last week. I said that I was

satisfied except that I still felt there was a failure to appreciate the opposition that would be raised to the suggestion of mass fusion. I could not really see the objection to my scheme which would in reality amount to the same thing and be much more palatable.

Ede showed me a telegram he had received from Tim Airy indicating that Cass, who is GSOL I.B. at SEAC, is for the purpose of C.I. proposing to base himself of SIPS and to reinforce this unit with MI5 personnel, possibly under the control of Tim.

According to the French Ambassador in Moscow, de Gaulle did not go there to conclude a treaty. His aim was to ensure that France's foreign policy should not rest exclusively on her relations with England. He also wished to dispel the anxiety caused in Russia by the idea of a bloc of western states. The French and Russian point of view is that in the past they have had to bear the brunt of the early German attack because England had never been in a position to put a big army into the field in the early days of a war. It was consequently necessary for France and Russia to have some closer arrangement in dealing with the German menace. As a matter of consequence in this identity of interests the French gave assurances that they would not be a party to a policy directed against Russia within a bloc of western states. It was only later that the Russians asked the French whether they wanted to confirm the points mentioned in the treaty. Upon de Gaulle consenting in principle, the
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British~~ers~~ stated that they were pleased with the idea of a Franco-Russian alliance because they considered it would be a factor in completing and strengthening the Franco-British alliance. Churchill suggested that a treaty of alliance should be realised as a 3-power British-Franco-Russian treaty of alliance, but it was thought better not to lose time waiting to transform the 2-power alliance into a 3-power alliance. Agreement was reached about the Rhine frontier for France, and the Curzon Line including Vilna and now as the Soviet-Polish boundary, Poland to be given compensation up to the Oder. the Russians tried to suggest that the French should recognise the Lublin Committee as the Polish Govt. The French temporised. The stubborn attitude of the French held up the signing of the treaty so much so that at the last farewell banquet talks lasted till 3 am when de Gaulle and Bidault made their farewells, leaving only the French Ambassador with Stalin and Molotov. At 5 am de Gaulle was roused and called to the Kremlin when the Treaty was signed. Presumably however the French had compromised on sending a representation to the Lublin Committee and allowing the Committee to have its representative in Paris. It is difficult to say how far the above account is really accurate. It may well have been put out by the French Ambassador for foreign consumption.

December 30th

I saw John Hill with Speir today. I told Hill that in Cairns' view he was not doing himself any good in this office but that for some reason the G.O. Medical Board had taken a slightly different view. They wished to keep him in Cat. C. We finally agreed that we should concentrate on getting him released from the army on medical grounds. He could then go back to his legal job.

At the 12 o'clock meeting today I discussed the case of George BELLEGARD, who is now residing in this country. He has had a most remarkable career. His outlook is apparently anti-Soviet and for this reason he eventually got into touch with the G.I.S. in Riga, proceeding to Berlin when the Soviet occupied the Baltic States. He was also in touch with Finnish circles and with a representative of the British Service in Finland. Finally he got permission to proceed to Stockholm. He has recently been brought to this country. Before leaving Stockholm he fixed up a liaison with a representative of the Japanese Embassy on whom material is being planted from this country. He may ultimately go to America and be used by the FBI.

I had a talk with Jimmy Jackson and Anthony. As regards Jimmy's scheme for a diplomatic news agency to act as a cover for his work, I said that the first essential was that the organization should be on a firm financial basis and succeed on its own merits. do do

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this it would have to provide news for journalists which they would not be likely to get from other quarters: If this news were purely of a gossipy kind would it be acceptable? If on the other hand it was too hot, it would draw attention to itself both in diplomatic and journalistic circles, possibly with awkward results. Jimmy seemed to think that it might be possible to strike a mean line and that news agencies were common as dirt and would not be likely to attract a great deal of attention. I have suggested that before we take the matter any further Jimmy should go through all his gossipy information and put forward of the kind of stuff he would offer, through the agency. He should also estimate the extent of the flow, since it would be no use starting an agency if it was going to dry up in the first few weeks. Meanwhile Anthony will have a talk with Kim Philby on the subject. We also discussed the prospective agent with the Italians. Jimmy has put forward a scheme for getting into contact. It seemed to me that someone else, possibly Bingham, should initiate the scheme and Jimmy should take over if things looked promising.

I talked to TAR, Buster, Marriott and Harris about the case of Onofre GARCIA and de la TORRE. It is suggested that these people might possibly be released. Marriott had strong views from the B. I. A. angle, and we ultimately came to the conclusion that their release would have to be postponed until after the cessation of Cuban hostilities.

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I gather that the lack of intelligence about the German concentration on the Luxembourg front before their sensational attack was due to two main reasons. DEGGS had for some time been referring to the area as a rest and refitting area. G.C. & C.S. had not tumbled to the true meaning of this phraseology, and thinking that the Germans were using that area for resting their troops, had used that part of the line for doing the same thing with the American troops. The result was that the Americans in the line were thin and tired and that in their rear their vehicles were being refitted. The German concentrations had been carried out in the wooded areas and no recce had been possible for nearly 4 days owing to foggy weather. In any case there were very few aerial photographs available. This does not however excuse the Americans for failing to dig in properly and establish road blocks in the rear. I gather too that vast quantities of petrol and other stores have been established in the vicinity of Stavelot. Luckily however these did not fall into the hands of the Germans.

"C" called this morning to see the D.G. and to inform him that Felix had resigned and that his resignation has been accepted. It had been brought about in connection with the War Room but the actual issue was one of administration. Apparently Felix felt that he ought to have control over both section 9 and 5 personnel in the field and switch them
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him and handed to Vivian. Tim is to take

over Section V, but I gather that Kim is to exercise a guiding hand. Felix will be leaving the office in about 3 weeks time. The D.G. has been asked to do what he can to get Felix re-instated in India. I think he has a contract with SIS dating from the time that he resigned his position in the Indian Police.

Someone has produced the following irreverent prayer and hymn for Govt. Depts:

Let us pray.

Oh Lord, grant that this day we come to no
decisions,
Neither run into any kind of responsibility,
But that all our doings may be ordered to
establish

New Departments,
For ever and ever, Amen.

The prayer to be followed by the hymn:

O Thou who seest all things below,
Grant that Thy servants may go slow,
That they may study to comply
With regulations till they die.

Teach us, O Lord, to reverence
Committees more than common sense,
Impress our minds to make no plan,
But pass the day when we can.

And when the tempter seeks to give
Us feelings of initiative,
Or when alone we go too far,
Chastise us with a circular.

Mid war and tumult, fire and storms,
Confirm us, Lord, we pray, with forms,
Thus will Thy servants ever be,
A flock of perfect sheep for Thee.

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Amen.