INFORMAL MEMO FOR: Mr. Friedman

Please see Col. Clarke's comments.

W. Preston Gorderman
Colonel, Signal Corps
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20511

RE: C47 to Scarrow

I do not care what the Colonel says. If you are not out of your ship before I leave, I shall have to go out on the hookey deck. That is what it is all about.

Best regards,

WPG

cc: Col. C.

NOTE: Col. C. had discussed his case with Gorderman's aide, who stated that Gorderman was not interested in the matter and that he did not know the situation.

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Memo for Col. Conderman:

In order to refresh my own memory, which is now too unreliable, I discussed this case with Gen. Strong. He says that it was never his intention to relax any restriction he had imposed except to permit Mr. Friedman to participate in official and formal conferences.

However, since a misunderstanding has arisen, Gen. Strong says that it is agreeable to him to permit the relaxation, inadvertently exchanged by Col. Bullard, to stand. Mr. Friedman should be informed that deliberate cultivation of certain persons, and real indications are not to be expected of one of his stature, and
experience.

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INFORMAL MEMO FOR:

Colonel Clarke:

The attached memorandum is self-explanatory. It has been written by Mr. Friedman in an effort to clear up a misunderstanding which reflects unfavorably upon him. I would appreciate your comments.

W. Preston Gorderman
Colonel, Signal Corps
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MEMORANDUM To: Branch Chiefs, B, C, D, E, in turn.

Subject: Personal

1. Last summer, after a severe reprimand, I was instructed to refrain from technical and social contacts with the British, as well as with the U. S. Navy cryptographic and cryptanalytic representatives. The instructions were obeyed to the letter and I refrained from such contacts until the restrictions were lifted some time in the autumn of 1942 by Colonel Bullock, who advised me orally that I could again engage in technical and social contacts with the above-mentioned representatives. I proceeded to engage in such contacts as seemed desirable and necessary in the execution of my official duties. Question has now been raised as to my authority for reengaging in these contacts, it being alleged that no restrictions on my activities had been lifted except that I was permitted once more to participate in formal meetings of technical groups where matters were discussed on an official basis.

2. Not having in my possession written records having a bearing on the matter, I appealed to Colonel Bullock, by telephone on the evening of March 22, to indicate whether he had made a written record of the new instructions he had received from G-2 and if so where that record might be found in the files. I append hereto a copy of a letter dated March 25, 1943, from Colonel Bullock, in response to my query. Unfortunately the "record memorandum" to which he refers has not yet been found in any of the files thus far examined, and I deem it desirable to have further substantiation of my own and Colonel Bullock's recollection of the matter.

3. In addition to notifying me personally and orally of the lifting of the formerly-imposed restrictions, and authorizing me to reengage in social as well as technical contacts with the British, even to the extent that "I could sleep with them if I wanted to"; Colonel Bullock called a special meeting of branch heads, at which I was also present, to notify us formally of the lifting of the restrictions imposed on our contacts with the British. I should greatly
appreciate it if you would indicate your recollection of the meeting I refer to and summarize your understanding of the nature or import of Colonel Bullock's new instructions from G-2, which he was to convey to us.

4. If you have any other information having a bearing on this matter, which might be of assistance to me in defending myself against the unwarranted charge that I violated direct instructions in the premises, I would greatly appreciate having such information in writing.

Attchd:
Ltr. dtd. 3/25/43 from Col. Bullock

William F. Friedman
Director of Communications Research

SPSIS-2

1st Memorandum Ind.

1. I recall that sometime after Dr. McVittie returned to England, Colonel Bullock called a meeting of Section-Heads and Mr. Friedman and informed us that Dr. McVittie had submitted a report severely condemning the Signal Security Service for lack of cooperation and secretiveness while he was here. Colonel Bullock stated that as a result of this report and other similar reports made by British officers concerning the secretiveness of our activities, G-2 had instructed us to cooperate with the British to the fullest extent. It is my recollection, although somewhat hazy as to details, that Mr. Friedman asked Colonel Bullock what affect this new attitude had on his status in relation to social and other contacts with the British and that Colonel Bullock replied that he "could even sleep with them if he wanted to".

2. In view of somewhat parallel instances having occurred to me, I might point out the desirability of having instructions of this nature in writing.

April 2, 1943

Harold Dowd, Colonel, Signal Corps.
2nd Memorandum Ind.        April 2, 1943

I recall the meeting referred to in the 1st Memorandum Ind. and concur in the remarks made by Colonel Doud therein. I distinctly remember the phrase "he could sleep with them if he wanted to" as being employed by Colonel F. W. Bullock in addressing Mr. Friedman.

Earle F. Cook
Lt. Colonel, Signal Corps

3rd Memorandum Ind.        April 3, 1943

I was not present at but have knowledge of the meeting referred to in Paragraph 3 of basic memorandum, as a result of discussions with the several other branch heads very soon after the meeting. I concur in Colonel Doud's remarks.

A. J. McGrail
Lt. Colonel, Signal Corps

4th Memorandum Ind.        April 3, 1943

1. I recall accompanying Col. Bullock on an official visit to Col. Clarke's office some time after Dr. McVittie's return to England. A number of things were discussed including some unfavorable remarks that had been made by Dr. McVittie in his report. Col. Clarke brought up the subject of our relations with the British and discussed this point with Col. Bullock for several minutes. From Col. Clarke's remarks I gathered the impression that restrictions formerly in effect regarding associations with the British were lifted. I distinctly remember a statement as follows: "Tell Friedman he can have a cocktail with the dried prune."
2. I recall a later meeting of Branch heads with Col. Bullock in which he announced the lifting of restrictions. I remember the statement "he could sleep with them if he wanted to" made by Col. Bullock in answer to a question that had been asked.

H. M. Brown
Major, Signal Corps