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Bill,

This morning I did quick review of the London KGB and London GRU which GCHQ redacted and sent to Rona for simultaneous release (part of our 5th release).

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The KGB translations look the same as those we hold.

GRU material sent to us is greatly different from what we held. We hold 65 GRU London <--> Moscow translations of 1940-41 messages. GCHQ sent us (my quick count) 159 messages on that lane and those years.

Most of the translations/re-translations that we do not have seem to have been made c. 1967

However, mmessages we did not have at all or have incomplete versions show:

+ GRU spy ring called the "X Network", apparently in the British armed forces

+ A u/i GRU radio-equipped personality covername STANLEY (same c/n as Kim Philby but this is not Philby -- I think a message describes this STANLEY as being from a Canadian working class family. I might have a guess at the ident).

+ GRU interview of Klaus Fuchs in the UK and his description of early atomic bomb research

+ The X Network learned that UK had broken a Soviet code (nfi)

+ A u/i source doing technical work in a UK intelligence organization (NFI)

+ A British Colonel clandestinely working with GRU

+ Discussion of the Crypto systems being used by GRU London

+ Several other apprently important u/i sources and more info abt GRU using clandestine comms.

[the London GRU of 1945-47 looks approx like what we hold, but I did not study carefully]

At least two 1945 KGB messages (and these we do have in file) have information about apparently important but u/i U.S. connected agents. Another 1945 KGB msg mentions the work of the u/i female agent TINA who is providing valuable documents re the atomic bomb.

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(truenames in text and footnotes). Their call. Their footnotes do contain the idents STANLEY = Philby and HICKS = Guy Burgess. We will put a couple UK messages in the book for the Oct conference.

Lou