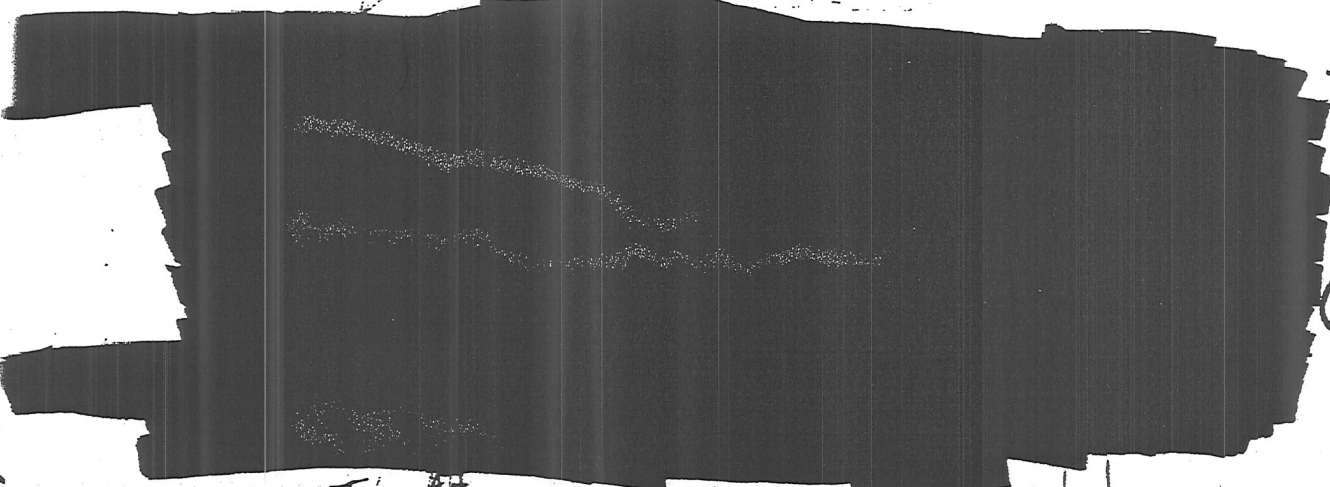


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WOODROW (BORRO) TO MAURICE HALPERIN:

- W: I thought you'd be interested in the fact the Division declared war on the Soviet Union Wednesday at 4:30.
- M: Really, very goodnews. Tell me about it.
- W: We're in a great crusade. I'm afraid we have JAMES back. The man is a fool I think.
- M: What's the nature of this business?
- W: He has his own ideas, he is pounding them. Tuesday he was already beginning to pound them and Wednesday he was beginning to preach. The non-Communists left the hemispheric block against the Soviet Union and the need of tracing every instance of opposition to Russia. He's a Socialist. PHIL had told me this was just a form of displaying it. I don't think it is. It's a little too much display. He is an idiot on political matters even though he is the Political Scientist.
- M: That's apt to be the case. It's very encouraging to know that _____, that we're all going to join the great crusade.
- W: He is a ROCKEFELLER man. He was in the ROCKEFELLER Organization for a year and seems to share pretty much their idea. Poor IRVING IS taking the brunt we are doing on this section job. He has decided he will run it directly with IRVING. ~~IE~~ I'm not to touch it.
- M: Oh my God! Poor IRVING.
- W: IRVING really is in a bad way—in fact the whole office is. The man has a _____.
- M: Have they begun to notice much of a change.

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- W: The whole office is completely aware of it. We had almost 300 forms 57 and by Wednesday they were all gone. Poor TERRY had to get some more. In addition this morning we were discussing PEGGY MALLAD (PH) leaving and going to Columbia (she has job as secretary to someone in oil company). She leaves in about 2 weeks. Question came up of replacement and could we place anyone on it—person would probably quit—the job is deadening. He got on discussion of the security of ~~xxxx~~ position—he is aware of —————. BOB ROGERS and I would probably be fired (laughter) but no one else. I don't think he meant to declare his intention to fire us although I think IRVING GOLDMAN thought he did. I was there you see and later he tried to recover himself by saying, "If we were used with R. L. I would leave too—you wouldn't want to stay would you."
- M: R. L. would look like a wonderful haven after this.
- W: People are ~~xx~~ beginning to pray for it.
- M: R. L. is nice.
- W: This man may wear himself down presently. He's only been here four days. He terribly anxious to make good and he is very young—only 22. It's JAMES all over again. He has a little more brain power than JAMES I think, at this point, though I may have to change my mind. He may be doing this for effect.
- M: Oh Christ—I doubt it.
- W: I doubt it too. If he does this through O.R.I. at large he'll cook the division. If O.R.I. by some miracle should continue it couldn't survive another JAMES.
- M: No, I don't think it could.
- W: In fact, you are appreciated more every day.
- M: Fine sentiments, my boy. (M stated he was trouble by having to do some of his own typing.)
- W: Hang on til July. You'll have a fairly efficient secretary coming up—maybe before that.

They talked about information MAURICE sent to the United Fruit Company. MAURICE said he sent copy to "Our Friend in 109" and told him I thought he would be interested. I told him I had separated myself from the department

- W: In that regard the division has doped out things pretty closely. They cross questioned me today and I denied everything or any knowledge of it. People are just guessing and don't know whether you just left or were requested to leave.
- M: Don't know if requested or on own volition?
- W: They suspect but aren't quite sure.

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- M: BOB has his suspicions
W: As long as he only suspects it is OK. I was thinking with amusement tonight it would be wonderful if the non-communists left and got tired of this.
M: That's what usually happens. They're the ones who get it.
W: I have my own particular candidate to offer. Why do all these good looking military men turn out to be idiots? This man has all appearances—well set up physically, good looking, fine voice but what is between his eyes I don't know.
M: There must be enough brains to get along.
W: He must have made good impression in first hours. I finally found out what his job was in the Secretariat—interpreter.
M: Interpreter—oh my God, Hah!

Woodrow asked Maurice if he had planted his tomatoes yet. M said no as it will still be cold. W said HAROLD WEISBERG (PH) planted his already and they discuss him and planting tomatoes so early. W said he would come out and help M spade and plant some things this week-end. W said IRVING and I decided physical labor is the only answer. IRVING is painting every week-end and HANNA feeds him at the easle while he paints.

- W: DAVID BUSHNELL (PH) will leave this fall for Harvard—helped in his decision by conditions since Monday.
M: Did his T-3 come through?
W: No, couldn't get the papers through.
M: Is he going to do work on degree?
W: Yes, his doctorate. I don't know how he can do it with a wife and baby.
M: Maybe he will do work as instructor. Is MERRIMAN (PH) still around?
W: He died in November.
M: He has lost his most important protector there.
W: Well, HARRING (PH) wants to use him. There aren't many students in Latin-American affairs.
M: I may be able to interest him in the fruit business. What is LYNN (PH) doing these days.
W: In a far corner turning out daily summary. "It" is fond of it thinks it is a wonderful idea. I think ROCKEFELLER has moved in. When I left IRVING was in a spot—man dictated 5 pages of dribble and asked IRVING for opinion of it. He had stated ARGENTINE PROBLEM.

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- M: Poor IRVING, guess he didn't know what to say.
W: He didn't know what to do short of the truth. Let it go on, it will hit PHIL and editorial staff and they will throw it back.
W: Said he was on diet as he is afraid he ~~ix~~ of ulcers. Then more conversation on new man being like JAMES.
M; Asked if new man was also named JIMMY.
W: No, WILLMOORE.
M: Oh my God—what a name.
W: Stated he was a Rhodes scholar. He believes you can't deduce a situation by research but should do it by the feel of the air and he says the place to get that air ~~x~~ is at cocktail parties.
M: He is a real scientist.

The conversation terminated with a discussion of what days M was going to spade and W said he would be out to help.

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