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Re New York letter to Bureau dated 4/21/64 requesting London to have British Security Service, MI-5 check back records Victoria and Mayfair Hotels for any record of BOCK and DEEGAN. Also, to determine if any officials of Chinese Peoples Republic registered at these hotels during the pertinent period.

By letter dated 6/22/64 classified Secret, MI-5 advised as follows:(5)

MI-5 had the registers of the Victoria and Mayfair Hotels checked back to the beginning of June 1963 but as suspected no trace of BOCK or DEEGAN having stayed there was discovered. No record of any official of Chinese Peoples Republic (CPR) was discovered as having stayed at either hotel during the period in MI-5 points out it is very unusual for visiting Chinese officials to be booked into a hotel as they are normally accommodated at one of the Chinese Diplomatic Mission (CDM) premises. MI-5 is confident that any exception to this rule during the pertinent period or at any other time would have come to its attention. TANG MING CHAO did not visit the UK until later in the year, that is, from 9/30 to 10/26/63 during which period he was accommodated at the CDM main building.

MI-5 speculates that if the names BOCK and DEEGAN are bogus, as they apparently are, it wonders whether the references to the two hotels are not equally fictitious. would be interested in ascertaining if the two envelopes involved in this matter bear the hotels name in print or any other insignia that might indicate a clear connection with the Mayfair and Victoria Hotels. According to MI-5 printed stationery is readily available in the public rooms of the Mayfair but in the Victoria Hotel there is a guest house with no public rooms where it is available to guests and is used only by the management.

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MI-5 has inquired into the possibility of the Chinese having acquired samples of the hotel's printed stationery direct from the printers as a result of which this has been ruled out.
MI-5 states if the envelopes concerned can be specifically attributed to the two hotels it will consider examining its records for information pertaining to contacts of the Chinese who have in the past stayed in either of them. This, MI-5 points out, is quite a formidable task. MI-5 states over the years the Mayfair Hotel has been used by contacts of the Chinese but not as far as it can determine, the Victoria Hotel.

MI-5 states it was interested in the possible technique used and it might be of some significance that according to a delicate and reliable MI-5 source, since July 1963, fictitious, very English sounding names, that is JOHN SMITH, FRANK BAKER, CHARLES FINCH, JOHN CARTWRIGHT, etc. have been used by the New China News Agency, London and one of its overseas contacts in circumstances which suggest that their use was calculated to mislead (3)

The Bureau is requested to furnish information concerning the envelopes as desired by MI-5 in a form suitable for dissemination to it. (\$)

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