

EXTRACT FROM THE U.K. HANSARD OF JANUARY 30TH, 1957

1. It is the policy of Her Majesty's Government that no one who is or has recently been a member of the British Communist Party or of a Fascist organisation or who, in such a way as to raise legitimate doubts about his reliability, is or has recently been sympathetic to Communism or Fascism or associated with Communists* or Communist sympathisers or is susceptible to Communist pressure, should be employed in connection with work the nature of which is vital to the security of the State.

2. You have been appointed to advise Ministers in any cases referred to you whether in your opinion their prima facie ruling that an individual comes under paragraph 1 has or has not been substantiated. In doing so you should answer the following questions:

- (i) Are there or are there not reasonable grounds for supposing that the individual has or has recently had Communist sympathies or associations of the type described in paragraph 1 above?
- (ii) If you are in doubt about the answer to (i) above, how do you assess the evidence whether presented to you or elicited at the hearing before you?

3. In answering these questions your aim should be to give the Minister the utmost help in deciding himself what course to take.

4. If you agree with the prima facie ruling you should specify your grounds. If you do not agree with the prima facie ruling or do not reach a firm opinion in any instance you should assess the evidence for the Minister reporting the weight which you have attached to particular factors.

5. You should in all cases take precautions to safeguard any very secret sources from which any of the information bearing on the conclusions has been obtained.

* (In these terms of reference for convenience and brevity the term 'Communist' is hereafter used to cover Communist and Fascist alike).

6. In the appreciation of a case defects of an individual's character should be taken into account when they bear upon his reliability in the general context of Communist associations or sympathies. (Where no question of such associations or sympathies arises, cases of character defects will not be referred to you, but appeals will be dealt with under the normal disciplinary procedure of Departments).

7. A decision on what employment is to be regarded as involving 'connection with work the nature of which is vital to the security of the State' is not one for you but for Ministers in charge of Departments. Your functions do not extend beyond advising Ministers as set out above.