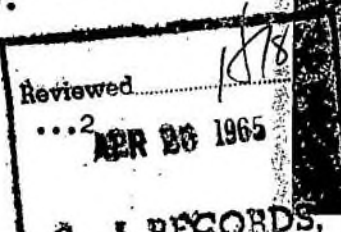


M E M O R A N D U MS E C R E TTO: Supt. W.L. HIGGITTRe: ROCKBOTTOM

The following is a brief resume in chronological order of developments as they occurred on Monday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 13, 1964 in our dealings with the subject of this file:

October 12, 1964

- 9:15 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Subject was again interviewed. During the latter part of the interview we managed to extract new information indicating that subject had had further homosexual relations during his visit to Central Asia in the fall of 1954. This information was extracted with some difficulty as ROCKBOTTOM was extremely hesitant in providing details of his involvement with an Uzbek poet named AKHUNDI. Whatever slight pressures were applied in the form of persuasion, personal appeal for full truth, etc., ROCKBOTTOM did not appear unduly concerned or upset.
- 1:30 P.M. to 2:15 P.M. We had a light lunch in the Coffee Shop of the motel, which is a short distance from the adjoining rooms which we occupied. Mr. HENNETT and myself in Room 136 and subject in Room 134.
- 2:15 P.M. to 3:45 P.M. Following the lunch, ROCKBOTTOM complained of slight pains in his arms. This was not an unusual complaint as he had been frequently experiencing these pains after meals. In view of his discomfort, it was recommended that he return to his room and rest for a period. This he did and later advised that he had, in fact, slept for a short time.
- 3:45 P.M. to 5:45 P.M. The interview was continued. This interview was conducted very informally, covered a variety of periphery areas of our investigation and took the form of a friendly discussion rather than an interview, there were no pressures subtly or otherwise applied. ROCKBOTTOM claimed no discomfort but in view of his condition it was decided to terminate the discussion at this point and he sat back and quietly watched the remaining portion of a televised football game.
- 7:00 P.M. to 8:15 P.M. We had dinner together in the dining room of the motel where ROCKBOTTOM ordered a filet mignon. Although he ate lightly he appeared to enjoy the meal, which was rather prolonged in view of the pleasant atmosphere of the surroundings. Near the end of the meal he again stated that he was experiencing slight pains in his arms and it was therefore suggested to him that he should return to his room and rest. Although he agreed he stated it was not really necessary.



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8:15 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. ROCKBOTTOM was resting in his room.

9:00 P.M. ROCKBOTTOM joined us in our room and our very informal discussion continued. At this point we were discussing the various personalities in the diplomatic community whom he had been in contact with in the past few years, e.g. he reiterated his high regard for the FRAGELLES, presently attached to the Swedish Embassy in London and the successful part he thought they had played in the diplomatic service of Sweden.

10:05 P.M. In the middle of a sentence, while reaching for a cigarette, ROCKBOTTOM suddenly appeared to take a very deep breath, threw his head back in the chair and remained motionless. Instantaneously Mr. BENNETT and I went to his assistance. When pressure was applied to his chest there appeared to be a couple of feeble gasps but no real response. Mr. BENNETT put an emergency call through the motel switchboard for a doctor and an ambulance. We applied artificial respiration, heart massage and attempted to return the circulation by massaging his arms. Another call was made for a doctor.

10:12 P.M. Two detectives, Claude VIDAL and Marcel RACETTE, from the St. Laurent Police Force arrived. They advised that an ambulance would be here momentarily.

10:15 P.M. The St. Laurent Police ambulance arrived with Cst. A. BORDELEAU and P. LEMIRE. All agreed that no further form of first aid would help. ROCKBOTTOM was moved from the chair, where he had had the attack, to the bed.

10:45 P.M. Mr. BENNETT contacted Supt. HIGGITT in Ottawa and informed him of developments.

10:40 P.M. Dr. [REDACTED] Montreal, arrived and examined the body. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that it appeared to have been a massive cardiac and nothing further could have been done by ourselves. He added that even if he had been present at the time he doubts whether he could have been of any assistance. He pronounced him dead at 10:50 P.M.

11:15 P.M. Supt. MILLER, "C" Division, was advised.

11:30 P.M. Received a call from C/Supt. KELLY.

11:45 P.M. The van from the Montreal Morgue arrived and the body was removed.

1:30 A.M. In further discussion with the St. Laurent Police Force it was decided that they would contact the next-of-kin later that morning. ROCKBOTTOM's closest relative, i.e. cousin, is listed as: Hugh J. CLARK, [REDACTED], telephone # [REDACTED] ROCKBOTTOM's personal effects, luggage, etc., were at that time in their custody.

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10:00 A.M. Mr. BENNETT and I proceeded to the Montreal City Morgue where we were interviewed by the Assistant Coroner, Mr. [REDACTED]. We provided him with as many details as we were able, i.e., name, age, next-of-kin, address, citizenship, etc. He then took a short statement describing the circumstances of the death. Only the writer's name was mentioned in this statement and no profession, etc., was asked for. Mr. [REDACTED] was asked whether he did not wish a similar statement from Mr. BENNETT, who was also present. He replied it was not necessary. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that in view of the circumstances of this death that there would be no need for an autopsy or an inquest and that as far as he was concerned the formalities of this inquiry are now concluded. He added that this was a perfectly routine procedure in a case of this sort. We later learned that the short statement taken by the Coroner would accompany the body to Norval, Ont.

11:30 A.M. We met C/Supt. KELLY at the Airport and proceeded to our motel unit. C/Supt. KELLY was apprised of full details of the last few hours. We suggested to C/Supt. KELLY that in view of the fact that John W. HOLMES had been in touch with ROCKBOTTOM in London and in Montreal during the past few weeks and was the only outsider who was aware of the true purpose of this operation by virtue of ROCKBOTTOM's disclosures to him, it was suggested that it would be in order to contact HOLMES personally and advise him of the death. This line of action was further supported when consideration was given the personal relationship that had been developed between the writer and Mr. HOLMES. C/Supt. KELLY agreed that this phone call should be made. He added that we should attempt to have HOLMES act as a go-between between ourselves and ROCKBOTTOM's relatives.

1:30 P.M. We were advised by the St. Laurent Police that Mrs. Hugh J. CLARK had been notified of the death and that arrangements were being made to have the body and personal effects transferred from Montreal to Norval, Ont.

3:00 P.M. Mr. John W. HOLMES was contacted in Toronto. He stated that he had already been in contact with Marcel CADIEUX of the Department of External Affairs who had advised him of ROCKBOTTOM's demise. HOLMES was provided with full details of the actual death and asked to relate these to the relatives with whom he has had prior association. HOLMES was keenly interested in co-operating and appeared most appreciative that this call had been made. He related that ROCKBOTTOM had previously mentioned to him how well he had been treated by ourselves and the high personal regard that ROCKBOTTOM had for both Mr. BENNETT and myself. Mr. HOLMES was provided with my home phone number should he find it necessary to re-contact us.

C/Supt. KELLY advised that he was satisfied with the action that had been taken to date and that he saw no necessity for either Mr. BENNETT or myself to remain in Montreal.

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5:00 P.M. The writer returned to Ottawa with C/Supt. KELLY via R.C.M. Police plane. Mr. BENNETT returned via private automobile.

2. During the A.M. of October 14, 1964 I received a message that Mr. John W. HOLMES wished me to contact him in Toronto. The call was made at 11:30 A.M. and he advised that the reason for the call was that the Montreal operator had been in touch with him with a request for my telephone number. Not knowing what the circumstances were he gave her a negative reply, but said that he would attempt to pass the message on. (This later turned out to be an enquiry by the Bell Telephone Company regarding payment of one of the long distance calls made from Montreal.) While talking with HOLMES he advised that he had been in touch with ROCKBOTTOM's cousin yesterday afternoon and again early this morning talked with Mrs. H. CLARK. He related to her the details of ROCKBOTTOM's death as we had reported and he stated that she appeared well satisfied with the explanation and was grateful that someone was with him at the time. HOLMES went on to state that he would take it upon himself to mention to Marcel CADIEUX the very favourable comments that ROCKBOTTOM had made to him concerning the treatment he had received while in the hands of the interviewing team. HOLMES concluded by stating that the funeral would take place at Norval, Ontario on Friday, October 16, 1964 at 2:00 P.M.

H.W. Brandes.
(H.W. BRANDES), Cpl.

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*I enclose with this summary of
events of this day.*

H.W. Brandes
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Noted
W.H. [Signature]
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