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[REDACTED] joined the Department of External Affairs in [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED]. Routine security enquiries conducted at that time, including a field investigation, failed to reveal any information of an adverse nature.

Between [REDACTED] served for varying lengths of time at the following points: Moscow, Ottawa, New Delhi, Indochina and Paris. In [REDACTED] who were personally acquainted with [REDACTED] advised that they suspected [REDACTED] was a homosexual; however, they had no evidence to substantiate their suspicions.

The Department of External Affairs was advised of this information but, in view of the circumstances under which the information was received, [REDACTED] could not be questioned and in [REDACTED] he was posted for a second time to Moscow.<sup>1</sup>

It was during this posting as a foreign service clerk that [REDACTED] was homosexually compromised and an attempt made by the RIS to recruit him. The particulars of this case are especially noteworthy as they illustrate the methods used by the RIS to recruit homosexuals as agents.

Following his arrival in Moscow [REDACTED] fell into the habit of attending concerts and on one such occasion in [REDACTED] seated in a Moscow theatre, he became acquainted with two Russian nationals<sup>2</sup> who were seated next to him. [REDACTED] subsequently had

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<sup>1</sup>Although it was not known at the time, it was established in 1957 that [REDACTED] had engaged in homosexual activities on Canadian premises with two Canadian diplomats, Jack THURROT and John HOLMES, during his first Moscow posting [REDACTED] RCMP investigation revealed that in many instances the quarters in which these homosexual acts took place were located directly above those of the locally-engaged embassy staff. It would therefore be prudent to assume that the quarters involved had been subjected to technical penetration by the RIS thereby providing them with knowledge of homosexual activity on [REDACTED]s part which they were quick to exploit on his second posting to Moscow.

<sup>2</sup>It is not known whether this first meeting with Russian nationals, one of whom [REDACTED] subsequently had homosexual relations with, was a planned operation by the RIS; however, the circumstances of this meeting seem to indicate that this may have been the case.

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homosexual relations with one of these persons, named Yura, and through him became involved with a group of Russians who shared his interest in music and the theatre. In November 1957 [redacted] commenced a homosexual relationship with a member of this group, named "Volodya". Through Volodya, [redacted] met another Russian, GHERMANN, in December 1957. GHERMANN made homosexual advances towards [redacted] and attempted to arrange a meeting with him. [redacted] rejected this advance; however, in April 1958 GHERMANN contacted [redacted] stating that he had been to Kiev on a trip but now that he was in Moscow for a few days he would like to meet him the next evening.

The following is a description, in [redacted]'s own words, of his compromise by the Russians:

On Monday evening, April 12 [1958] ..., I met GHERMANN by appointment in front of the Bolshoi and we walked to his hotel. He seemed very friendly. When I enquired about having dinner he said he had already had something, but that we could get a snack on his floor. The hotel was quite nearby - a bit better than the one he had been in the previous December ... His room was well lit by an overhead chandelier and a lamp or two. Halfway during the meal he expressed interest in a waistcoat I was wearing, and, as a jest, I told him to try it on - although it was obvious it would not fit him as he was six feet tall. As I was taking it off he leaned over and embraced me and then sat down and began peeling. I then followed him. He was an extremely passionate type, and it appeared obvious to me that he had done a lot of this. The overhead light was still on, and I suggested this be turned off, but he brushed aside the idea, and said it didn't matter anyway. At 11:30 I went home - he suggested I give him a call next morning at 11, as we might take in a play the following evening ... Next morning I called at 11, but got no reply ... When I called in the afternoon a different voice answered. Two days later, Volodya phoned to say that GHERMANN ... had to return to Leningrad on business ...

The room was an ordinary single room with a bed and table next to one wall. The walls were papered in a large floral design. I did not notice anything unusual about it, except that the lights seemed brighter than normal.

Following this homosexual act with GHERMANN, [redacted], together with his regular homosexual partner, Volodya, was invited for a visit to the dacha of a Russian named "Maxim" who worked for the Ministry of Culture. It was during this visit that the attempted recruitment of [redacted] occurred.

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The details of this recruitment attempt are once again provided in [REDACTED]'s own words:

[Maxim] then said he had a friend, a neighbour, who would be interested in meeting me.... The friend, called Sergei, was a solidly built person, rather hard looking like so many of them, although he was friendly and interested at the beginning. We talked generally of Canada and life in Moscow, etc. ... When we were alone finally, Sergei asked me casually about my life in Moscow and how I liked it, etc. ... He then asked if I had many Russian friends, and I said no, just Maxim here, and Volodya. He pressed this point a bit, and I said I couldn't remember any other friends. He then said how about your friend from Leningrad, GHERMANN, whom he named. I said I had met him only once or twice, as he comes from Leningrad I didn't expect to see him again, ... He then said how close is this friendship with GHERMANN, and what does his friendship mean to you. I repeated my statement, and, not knowing how much they knew, I asked Maxim to ask him in Russian just what it was he wanted to know. They said be sure of what you are saying, for they knew everything. When they said "everything" I admitted that I had gone to his room on a certain evening and had gone to bed with him. They were very glad, they said, that I had told them this, as they had definite proof, and was glad the statement had come from me. Sergei then produced an envelope from his pocket and invited me to open it. This I did, and saw about 20 pictures of what had transpired. Sergei said that GHERMANN was in jail and that this was a serious offence. You, also, are in trouble, they said. We will help you, and be your friends if you will continue being friends with us. I asked them what all this meant. Tell us about the movements of certain British and American personnel. I said this I could not do - I didn't travel around with many of them, and knew only a few from a business point of view. They then painted a black picture of what would happen if I didn't play ball. It wouldn't be very nice they said, if Mrs. CROWE<sup>1</sup> was to receive all these pictures one day. Did I realize that as a result of my consorting with their authorities ... [Maxim] had a little notebook in his hand, and he would study this - evidently a "line", or a series of questions was written in longhand in it, and he referred to them constantly.

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<sup>1</sup>Mrs. CROWE was the wife of M.A. CROWE, a member of the diplomatic staff at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow.

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I said that I realized my trouble - and to stall for time - said that I would need time to think it over. Sergei said he was going out to report to his authorities, and hoped I would have a favourable answer. He did disappear for a while, and hung around the place, waiting in another room, while Maxim told me that "they would look after me" if I would be their friend, and would tell them of the movements of U.S. and U.K. personnel ... I said all this was pure blackmail. They appeared greatly surprised, and said they were only trying to help me out of a lot of trouble.

██████ managed to stall for time and arrangements were made for Maxim to contact him at 10:00 p.m. the following evening. Maxim called promptly at 10:00 and ██████ put him off for a few more days. Maxim reminded ██████ "not to try and escape as there were such things as holding up visas, etc."

The following morning ██████ reported the recruitment attempt to his Ambassador and was subsequently returned to Ottawa where, in May 1958, he resigned from the Department of External Affairs.

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On 14 July 1965 information was received [REDACTED]

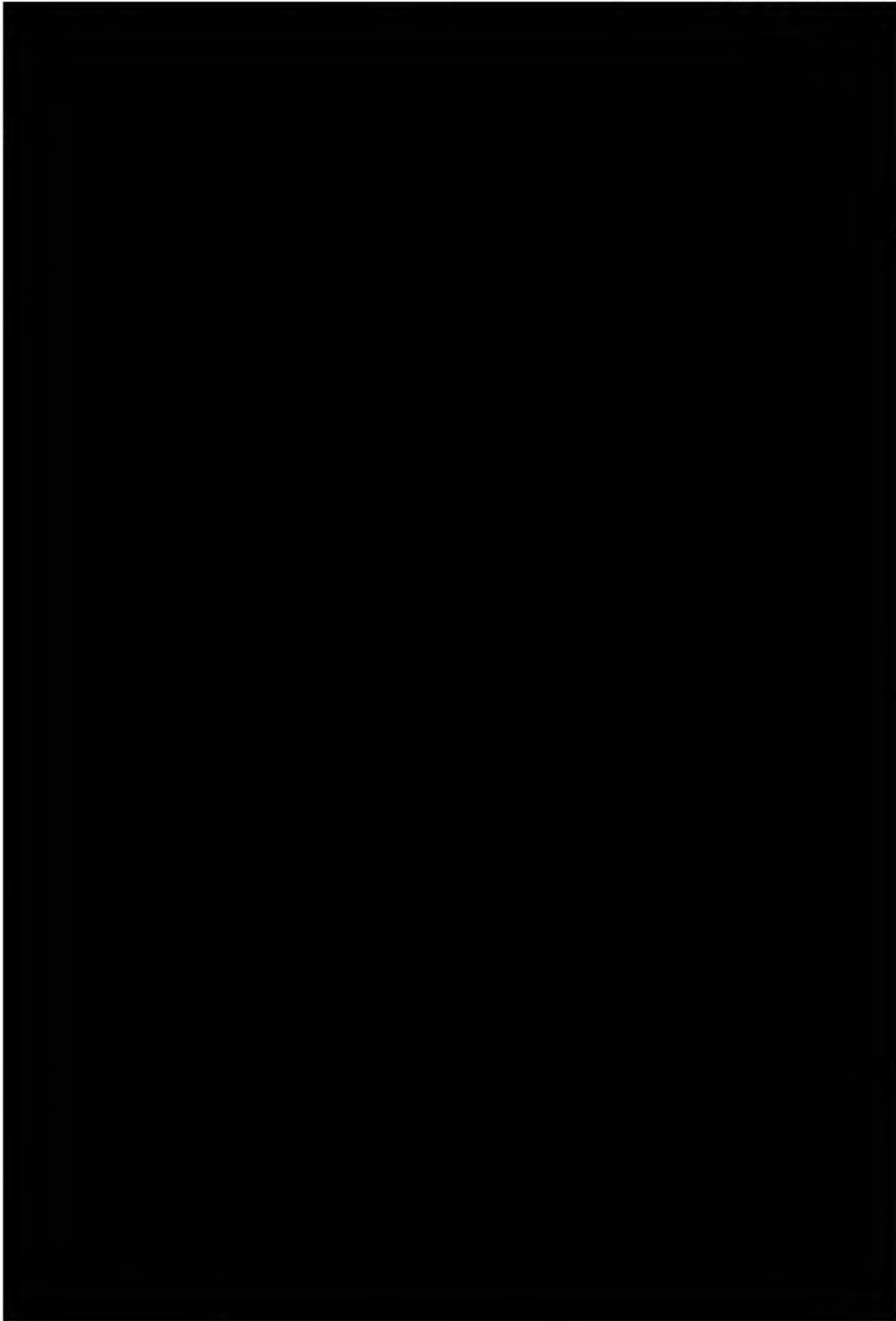
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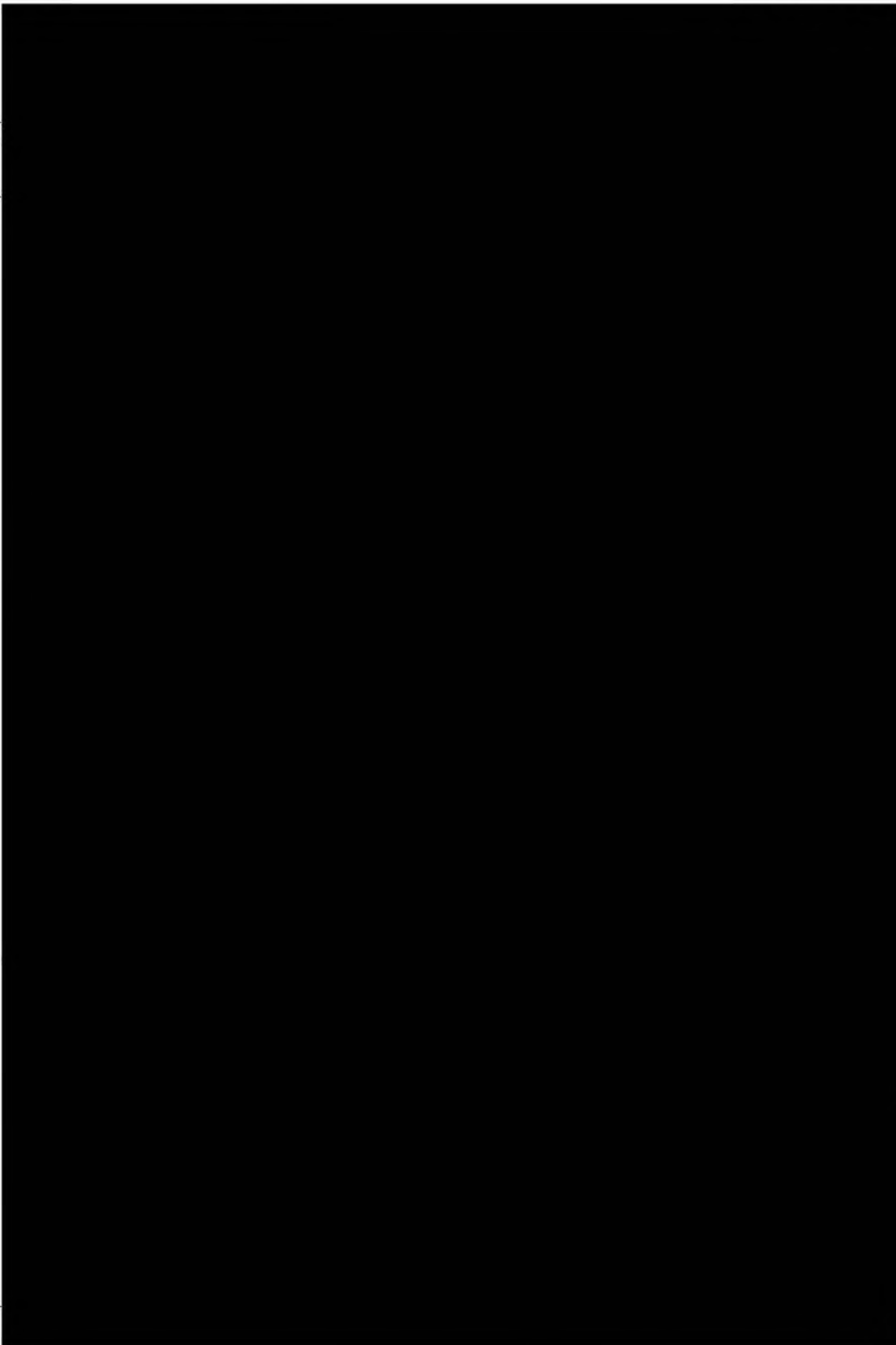
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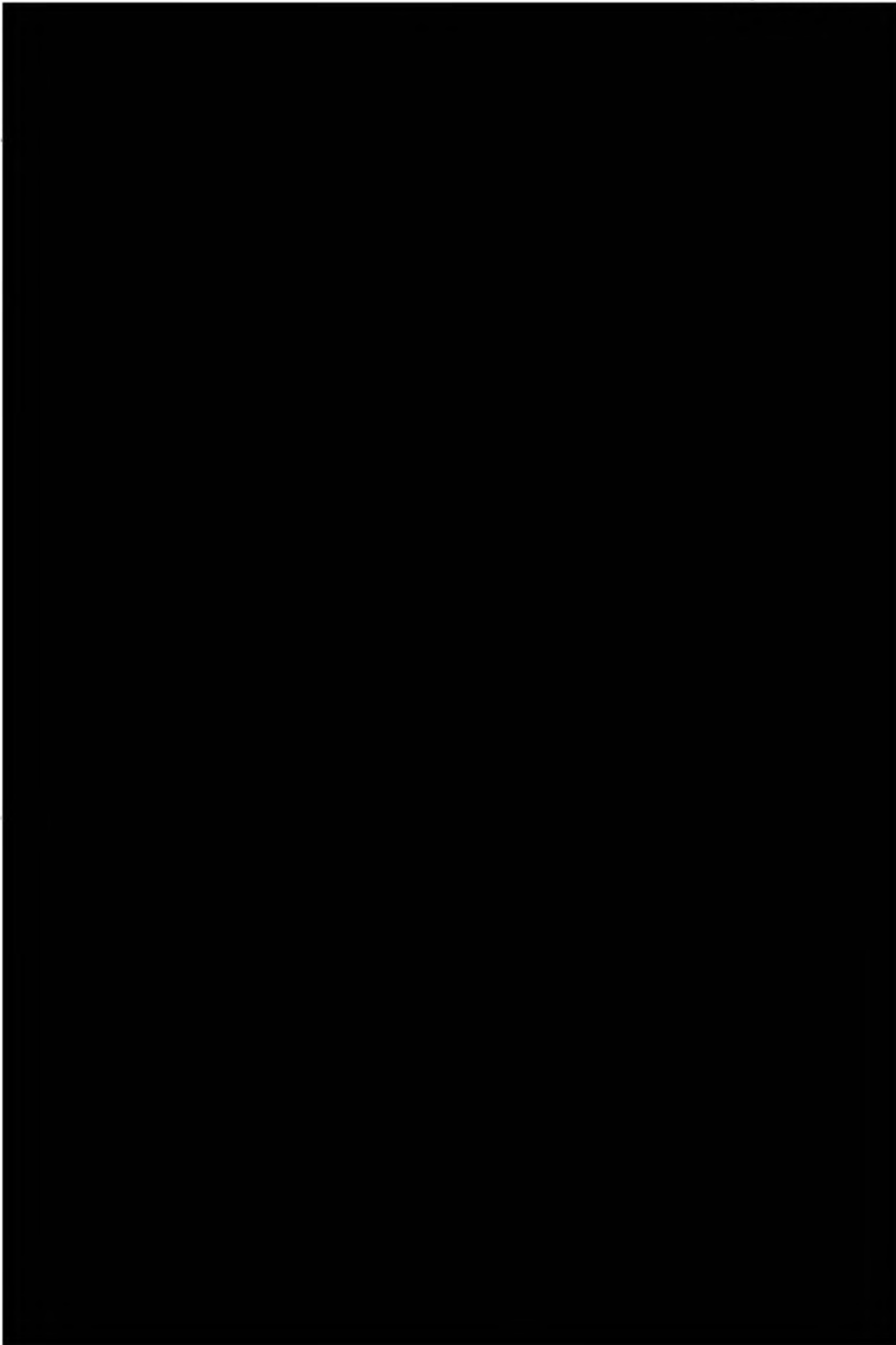
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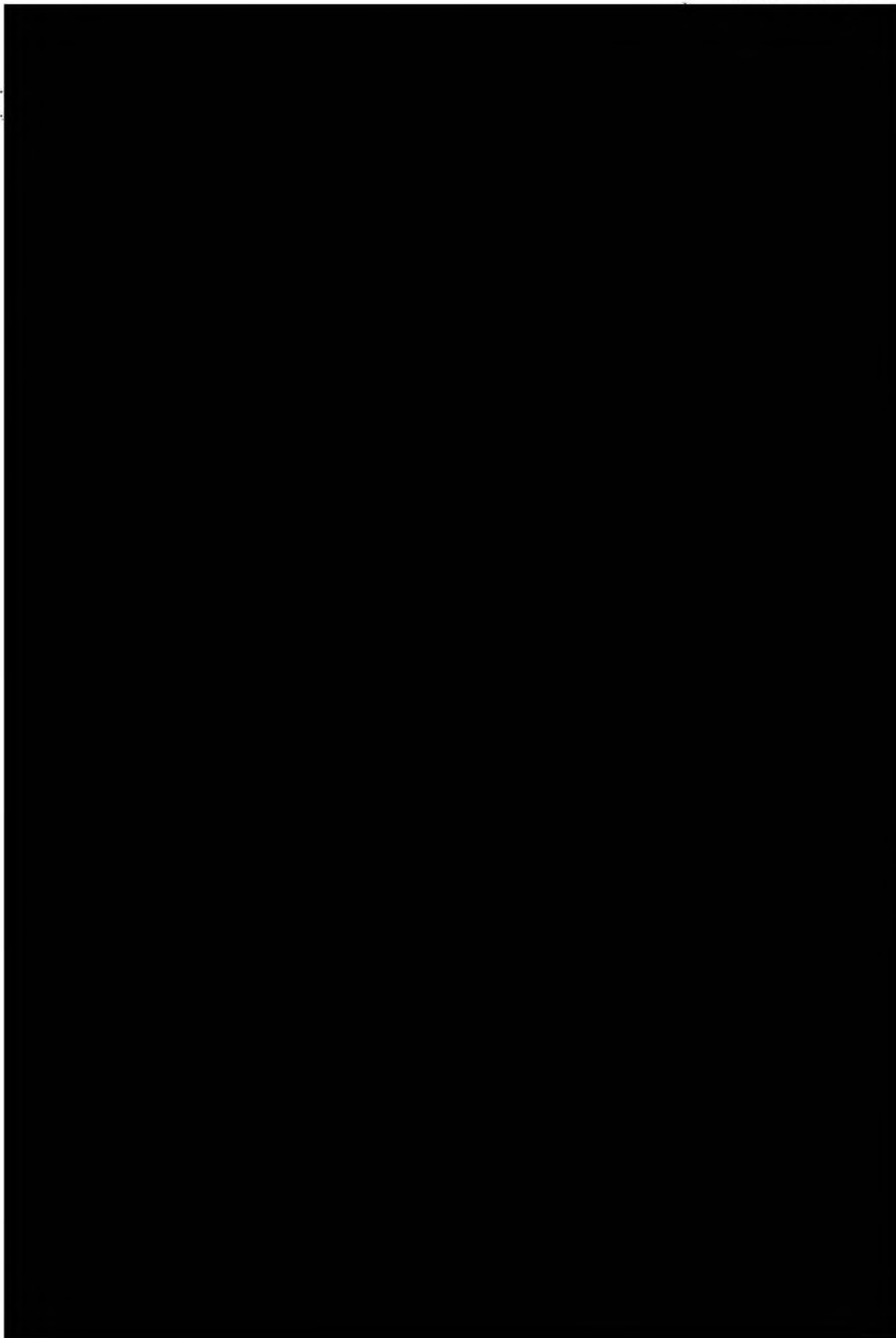
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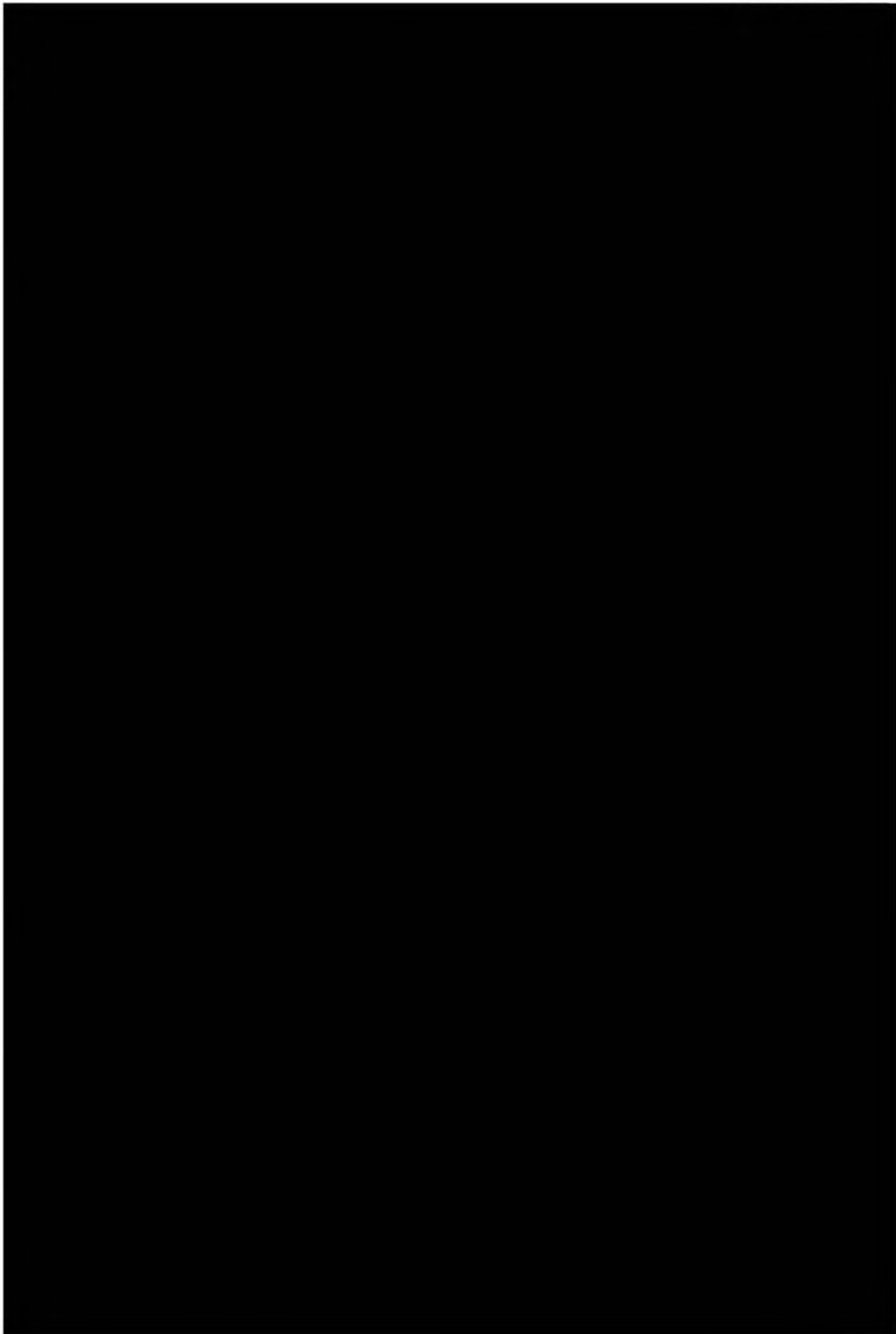
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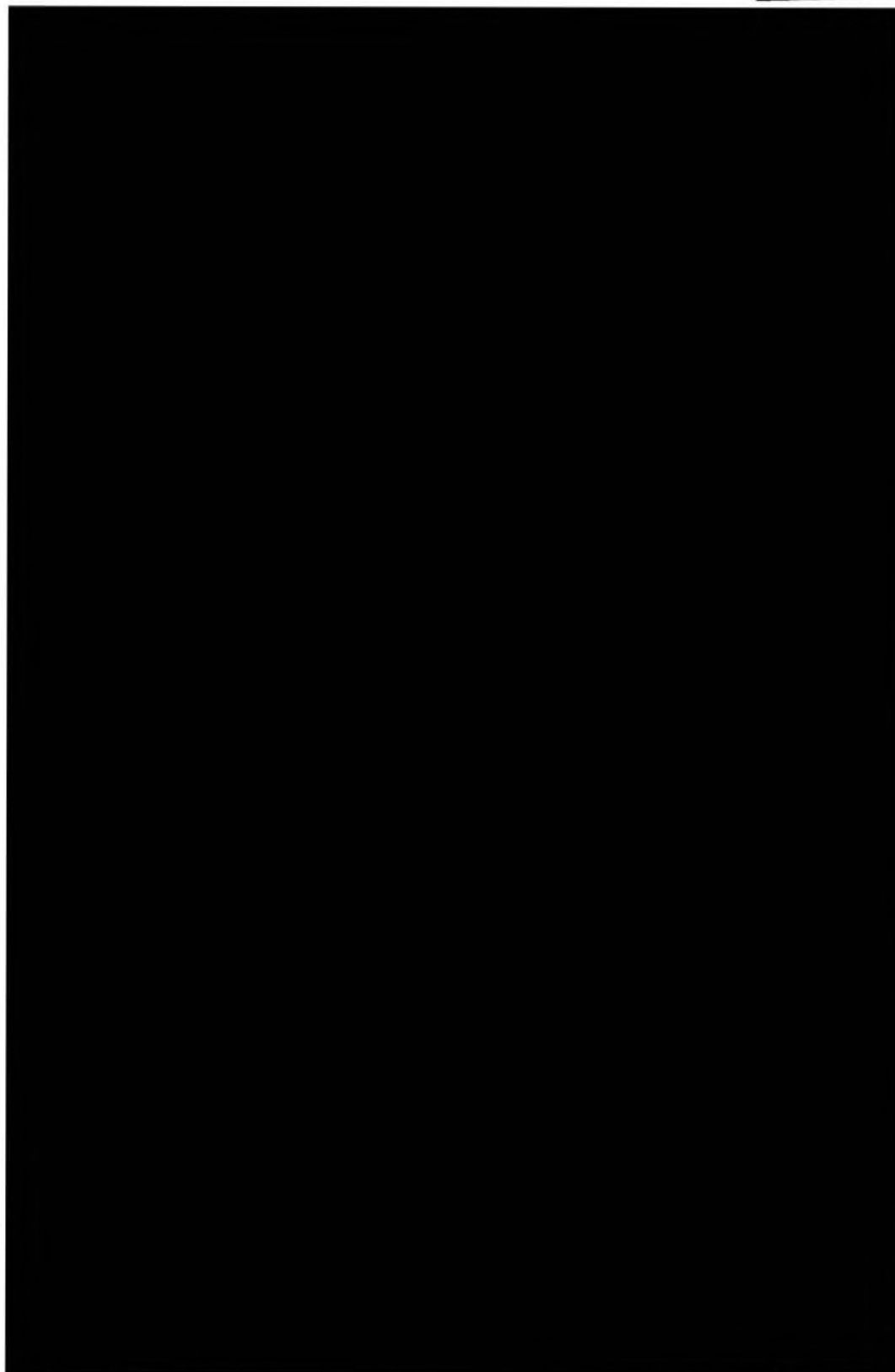
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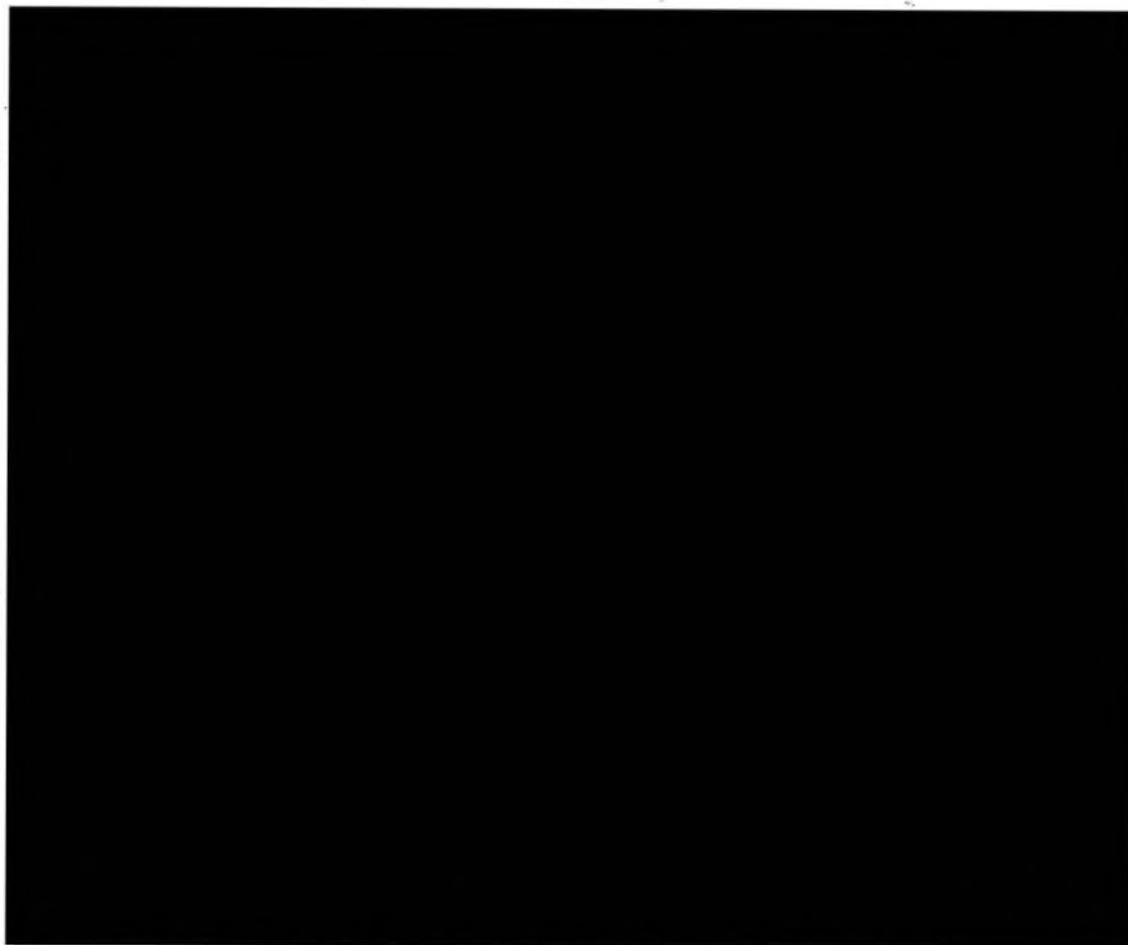
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From the name and other identifying features  
was identified as [REDACTED]

in Prague from [REDACTED]

to [REDACTED]

All suspicions were confirmed [REDACTED]

On 5 August 1965 the Air Force was informed of the case and arrangements were made to have [REDACTED], then stationed at [REDACTED] interviewed by members of this Force after we had, of course, satisfied ourselves concerning the information on [REDACTED]

Initially [REDACTED] denied having been involved in homosexual activity in Prague and denied knowing [REDACTED]. However, he began to relent on his original denials and admitted having engaged in homosexual relations with [REDACTED] on two occasions. On further questioning he admitted having been approached by an unidentified individual who represented himself as a member of a West German intelligence organization and who asked him to obtain information concerning Czech military and air installations. [REDACTED] eventually admitted to four such approaches, three of which took place in the same pub in Prague. On

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the fourth approach, a newspaper containing a reference to police investigations of incidents at certain steam baths in Prague involving foreigners was deposited in [REDACTED]'s car, obviously as a subtle threat.

[REDACTED] was returned to Ottawa on [REDACTED] and interrogation continued here. Eventually [REDACTED] admitted to having homosexual relations with [REDACTED] in the flat in Vitkova Street where the compromising photographs were alleged to have been taken. He claimed, however, only a vague recollection of this incident stating that he was intoxicated when it took place. Through all interrogations, [REDACTED] stoutly denied ever having passed any official or useful information to the CIS, either verbally or otherwise. He claims to have repulsed the above approaches by simply departing in each case without saying a word.

[REDACTED] admitted to a homosexual history going back to 1949. He was married in [REDACTED]. He admitted to very few homosexual experiences since his first relationship and on close questioning denied that any of the individuals involved had any affiliation with the Canadian Government or any other government. He claims he was not involved in any other homosexual activity in Prague in addition to his relations with [REDACTED]. He claimed to know no other homosexuals in Prague either in or outside the diplomatic community.

The facts of this case were referred to officials of the Department of Justice for consideration as to a possible prosecution under the Official Secrets Act. They advised that in their view there were no grounds for any prosecution.

[REDACTED] was released from the Air Force and travelled to [REDACTED] where he has had great difficulty holding steady employment.