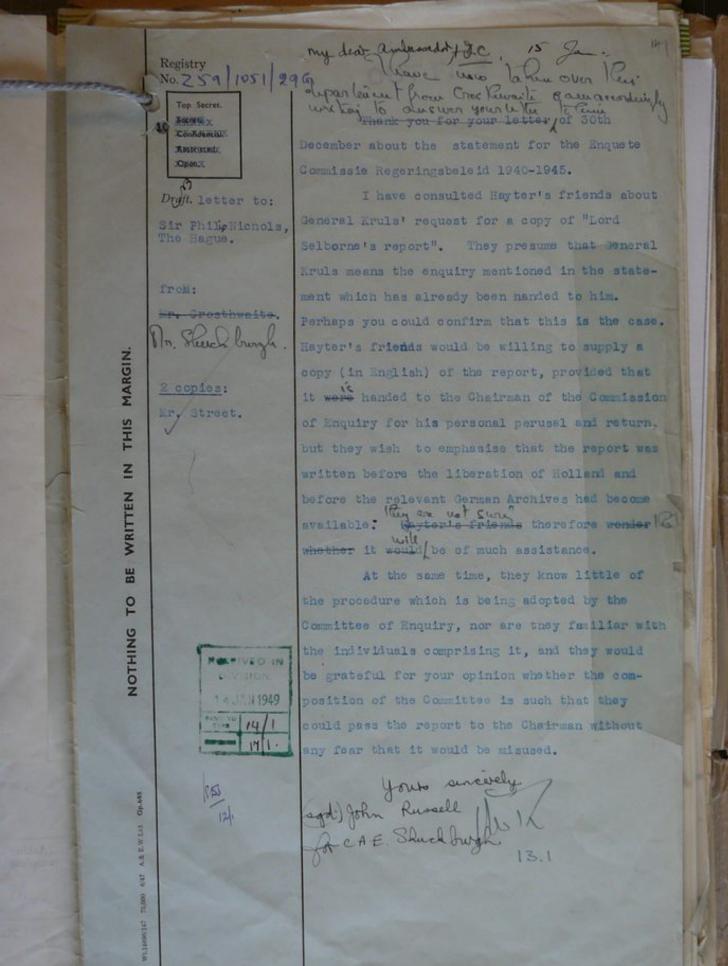
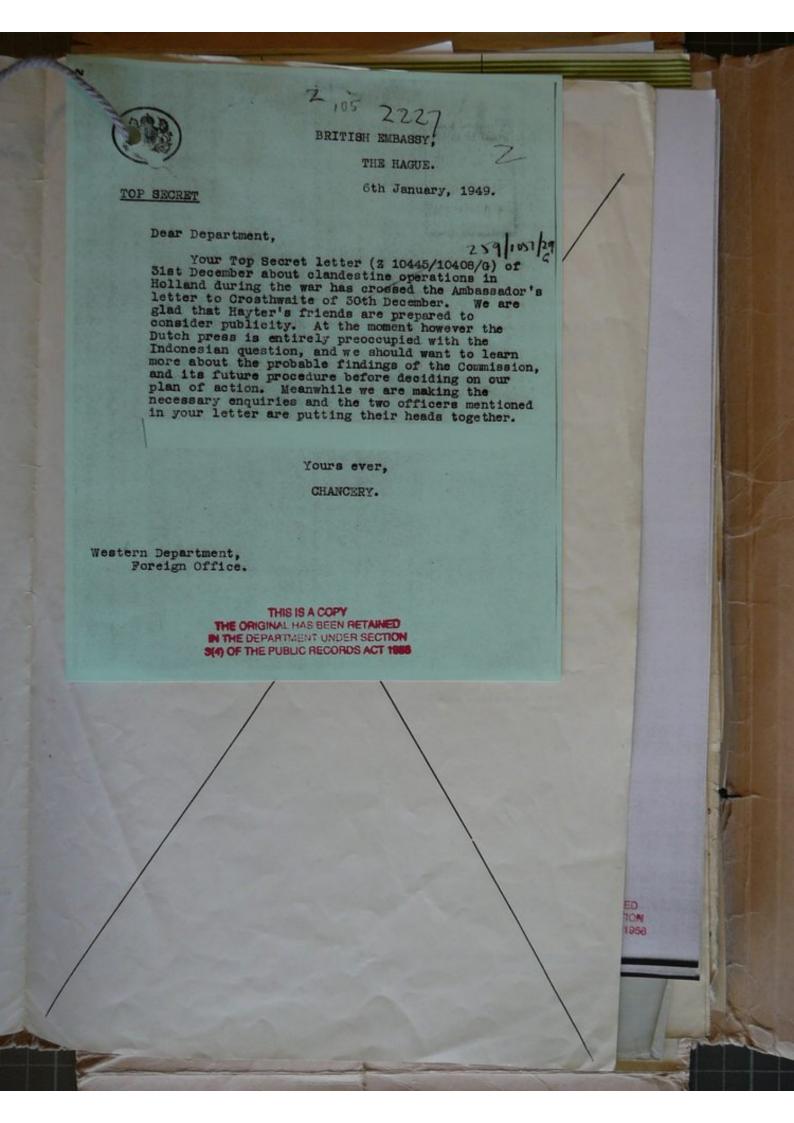


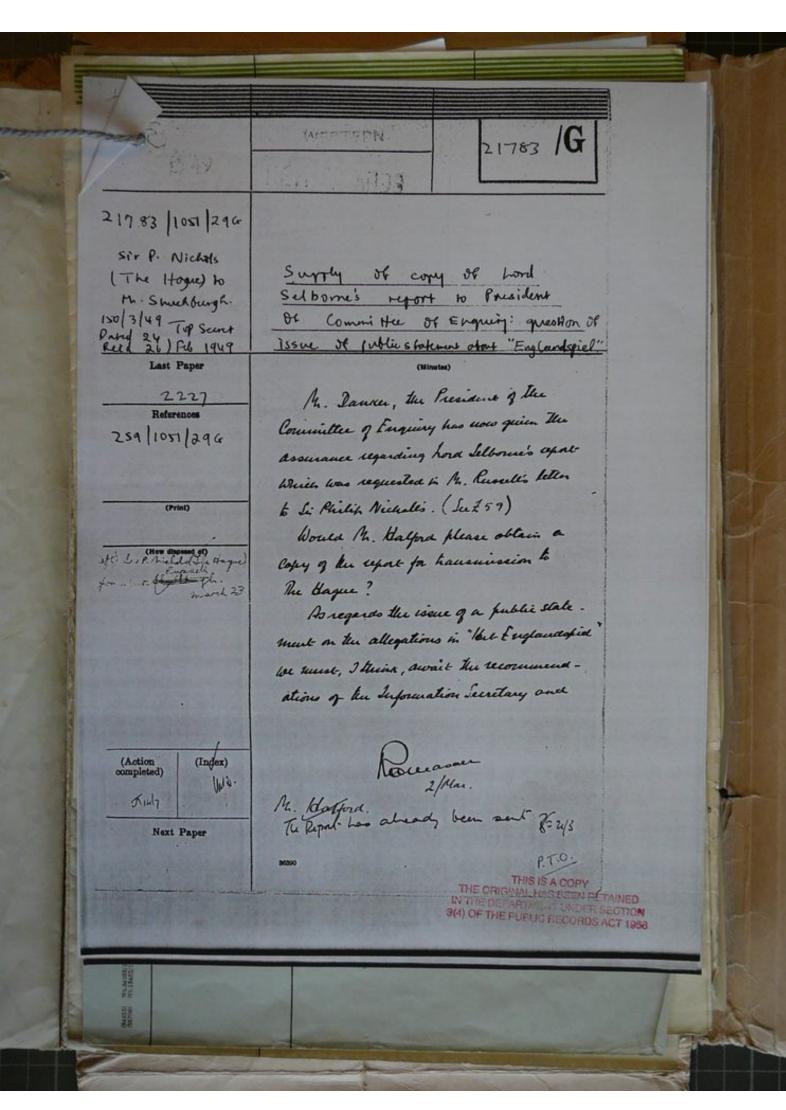
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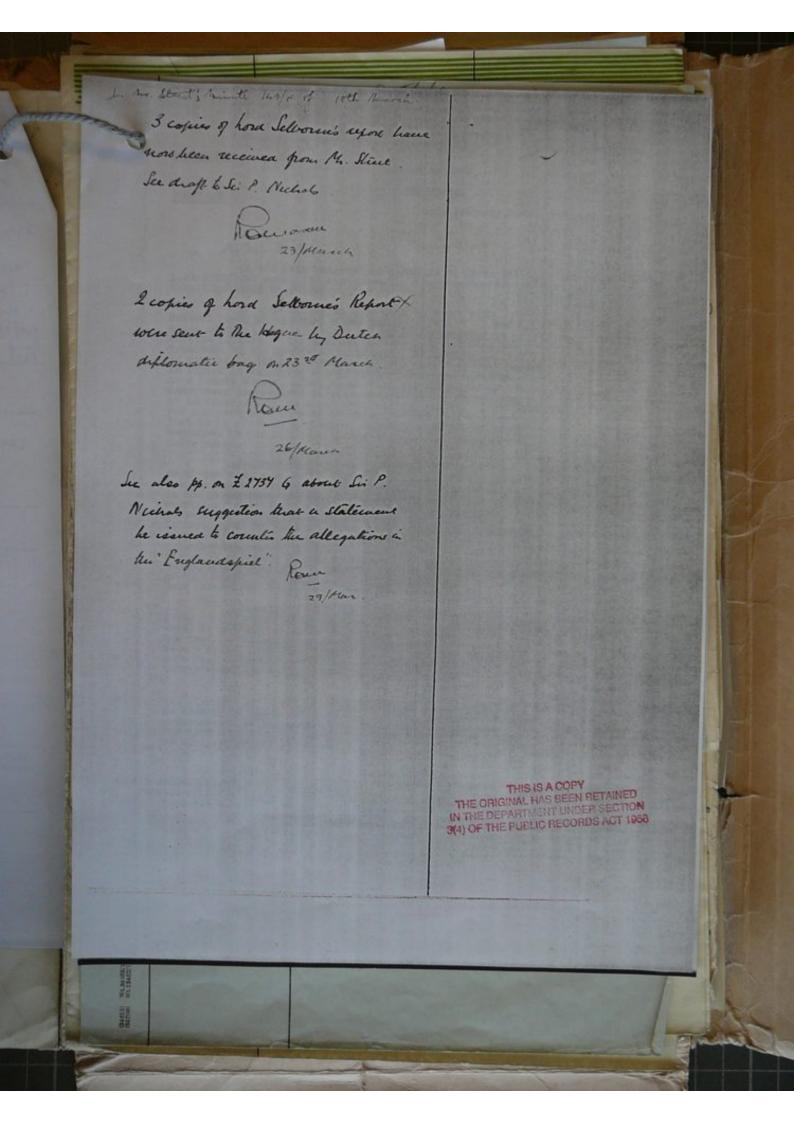


FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1. (Z 59/1051/29 G) Top Secret 15th January, 1949. my dear ambassador I have now taken over this Department from Crosthwaite and am accordingly writing to answer your letter to him of 30th December about the statement for the Enquete Commissie Regeringsbeleid 1940-1945. I have consulted Hayter's friends about
General Kruls' request for a copy of "Lord Selborne's
report". They presume that General Kruls means
the enquiry mentioned in the statement which has
already been handed to him. Perhaps you could
confirm that this is the case. Hayter's friends
would be willing to supply a copy (in English) of
the report, provided that it is handed to the
Chairman of Commission of Enquiry for his personal
perusal and return, but they wish to emphasise that
the report was written before the liberation of
Holland and before the relevant German Archives had I have consulted Hayter's friends about Holland and before the relevant German Archives had become available: they are not sure therefore that it will be of much assistance. At the same time, they know little of the procedure which is being adopted by the Committee of Enquiry, nor are they familiar with the individual comprising it, and they would be grateful for your opinion whether the composition of the Committee is such that they could pass the report to the Chairman without any fear that it would be misused. yours sincerely (sgol.) John Russell (C.A.E. Shuckburgh) Sir Philip Nichols, K.O.M.G., M.C., The Hague.

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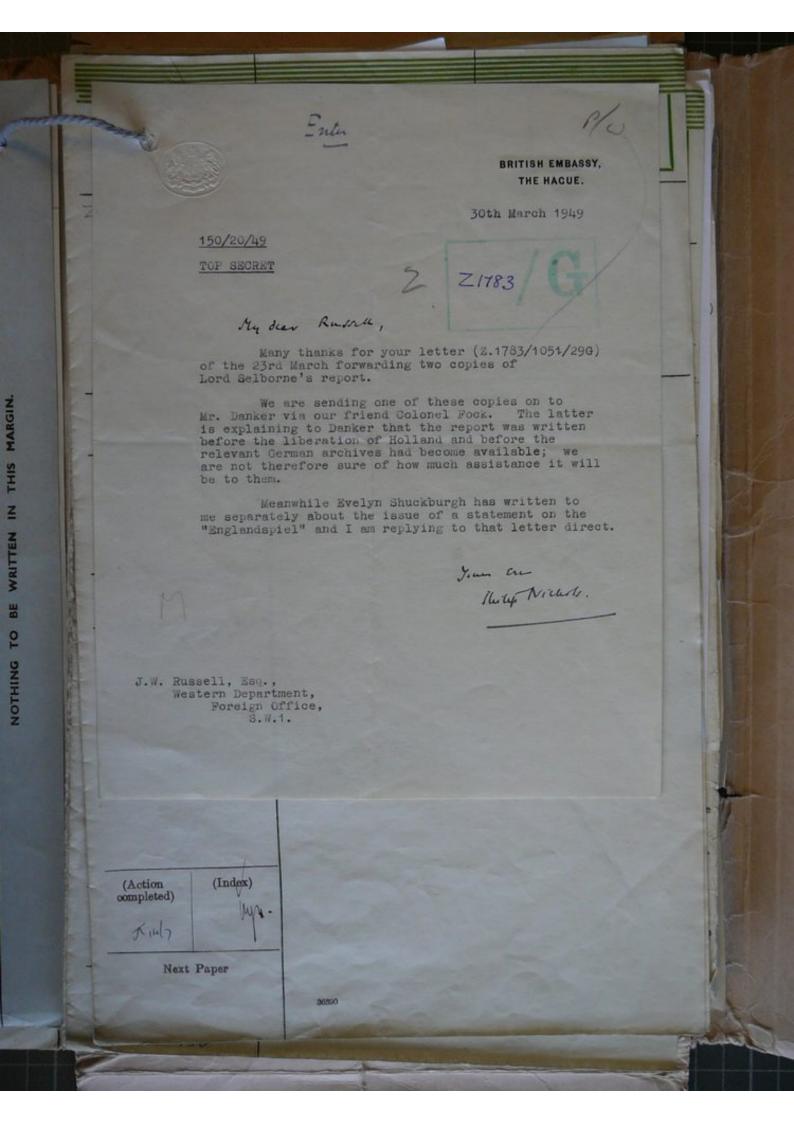


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Colonel Fock, who is well known to end
whose official job is adviser to the Prime Minister on
Foreign Affairs. Through him we have been sounding the
President of the Committee of Enquiry, Mr.Danker, and put
to him the conditions Hayter's friends feel they must impose
in regard to supplying a copy of Lord Selborne's report.
As a result Danker, after consulting his colleague on the
Committee, is prepared to give an undertaking in writing,
if necessary, that he alone will see the report. If, therefore,
you now send me a copy of the Selborne Report I will see
that it is given to Mr.Danker, together with the comments
contained in the final sentences of para. 2 of your letter
under reply. Meanwhile as regards issuing a statement here about the "Englandspiel" - which I still personally have much at heart - there have been certain developments. In the first place Major Bingham, who you will find mentioned in the statement we handed to the Committee, is reported in the Fress to have come here himself and to have given oral evidence before the Committee. My staff have been trying to ascertain whether this report is well-founded, and if it is why on earth Bingham did not report to us before giving evidence; or why we were not warned from your end, if, indeed, your people knew enything of this visit. Unfortunately I shall not be able to obtain this information before the bag shuts this evening. Secondly, a book has been published here by a young Dutch lawyer named van der Staap on the "Englandspiel", which we are told reproduces, in a rather extreme form, the familiar allegations against British officers. We are having this book translated at once, and it looks as though we shall have to take it into consideration in any statement we may eventually put out. A little delay is unlikely to concentrated on Indonesia; but the "Englandspiel" has not been forgotten and sooner or later a public statement on our part should be useful. Jour com C.A.E.Shuckburgh, Esq., Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1. This Wiches THIS IS A COPY THE ORIGINAL HAS BEEN RETAINED IN THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 3(4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT 1958

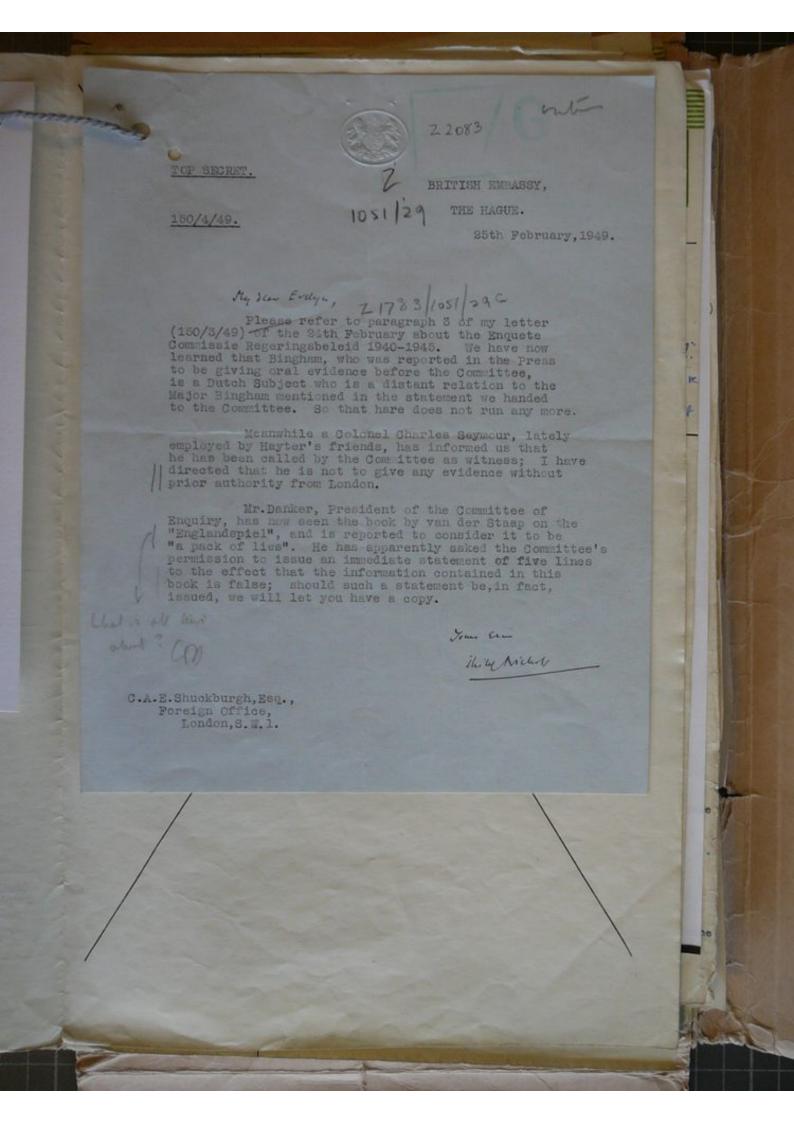
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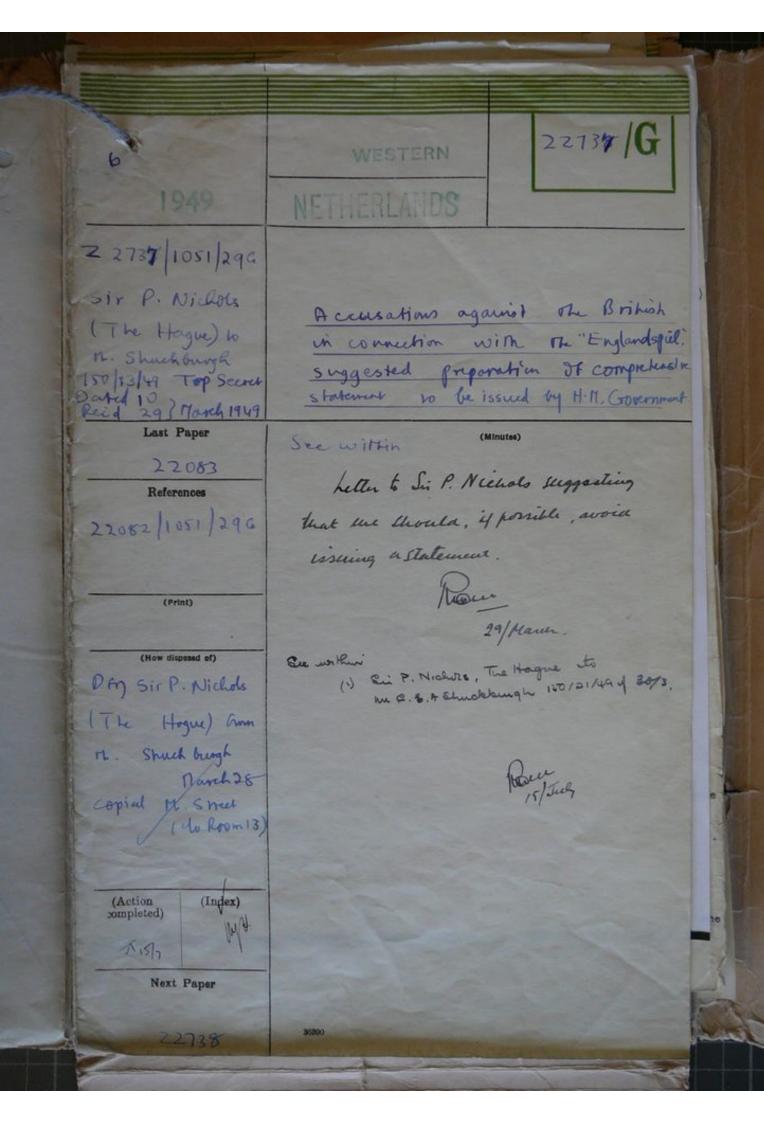
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BRITISH EMBASSY, THE HACUE.

10th March, 1949.

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My dear Endyn,

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When your top secret letter Z 1763/1051/29G of the 4th March reached me I was on the point of writing to you to let you know that there have been several developments here about the Englandspiel. In the first place the Manchester Guardian article which you enclosed stirred up considerable interest in the Dutch press which had already had its interest in the subject revived by the publication of a book called "The Englandspiel" written by Mr. J.E. van der Starp, the former defence counsel of the traitor, van der Waals, who has recently been tried and condemned to death. There is now considerable public interest in the matter which has moved the liberal newspaper "Algemeen Handelsblad" to say that the Manchester Guardian's opinion is personal and that they would now like to hear the explanation from an official British source.

..... A summary is attached showing the three main
.... occasions on which we have been accused. I also attach
a copy of a precis of the operative parts of van der Starp's
book prepared by the Press and Information Service of this
Embassy. This precis contains the three criticisms most
generally levelled against the United Kingdom in conversation
and in press references, namely:-

(a) When two of the captured S.O.E. operators escaped via Lisbon in 1943 and came to England to report that the Organisation had been betrayed they were immediately clapped in prison by the British Government.

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- (b) The first operator to be dropped in Holland when he was caught, deliberately failed to send the security check; and although he repeatedly used the word "caught" in his messages, so far from the London end of the Organisation realising what had happened they merely wirelessed back saying he did not know his morse code properly.
- (c) The Dutch members of the Organisation in London were not allowed to see all the relevant telegrams.

I now think it essential that a comprehensive statement should be prepared, dealing with these points in non-technical language readily comprehensible by the general public. It should be issued as an official statement by the British Government, and provided that we can obtain the assent of the Dutch to its terms, I think it would be most effective if put out from this Embassy. Otherwise, it should be issued first in London. It is particularly important that all dates referred to should be very carefully checked as the Dutch are likely to be very quick in picking up any small inaccuracies. The precise enclosed in your letter is, I am sure you will agree, hardly suitable for our purpose. What is required is something more comprehensive which also answers the points (a), (b) and (c) above.

I should perhaps add that I personally have not yet had time to read the precis of Starp's book, as it only reached me today and I have spent all day on Indonesia.

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THE ENGLANDSPIEL

Accusations Against the British

Britain has been accused on three separate eccasions, in connection with the war-time Englandspiel.

(a) Van der Starp's Theory

The Council for the defence of a notorious Dutch collaborator (van der Wasls)

J.A. van der Starp, has accused Britain of devising the Englandspiel, together

with Schreider, for the purpose of wiping out resistance workers. Britain,

van der Stapr argued, was afraid that the solidarity and the renewed national

feelings in Western Europe would threaten post-war British influence on the

Continent. By supplying arms to the resistance movement during the latter

stages of the war, when large numbers of criminals and demoralised elements

had infiltrated into the resistance movement in Holland, Britain found a

means of breaking down the reputation of the movement as a whole. In this

manner, wan der Starp argued, Britain succeeded in breaking the feelings of

solidarity.

(b) Noel de Gaulle's Accusation

Major K. de Graaf, Acting Head of the Bureau for Special Assignments in London during the war, has written a brochure under the pen name of Noel de Gaulle on the same subject. The brochure appeared in the shape of a nowel, and centres around a plot in which Major Bingham of the British Intelligence Service collaborated with a cousin working for Schreider in The Hague.

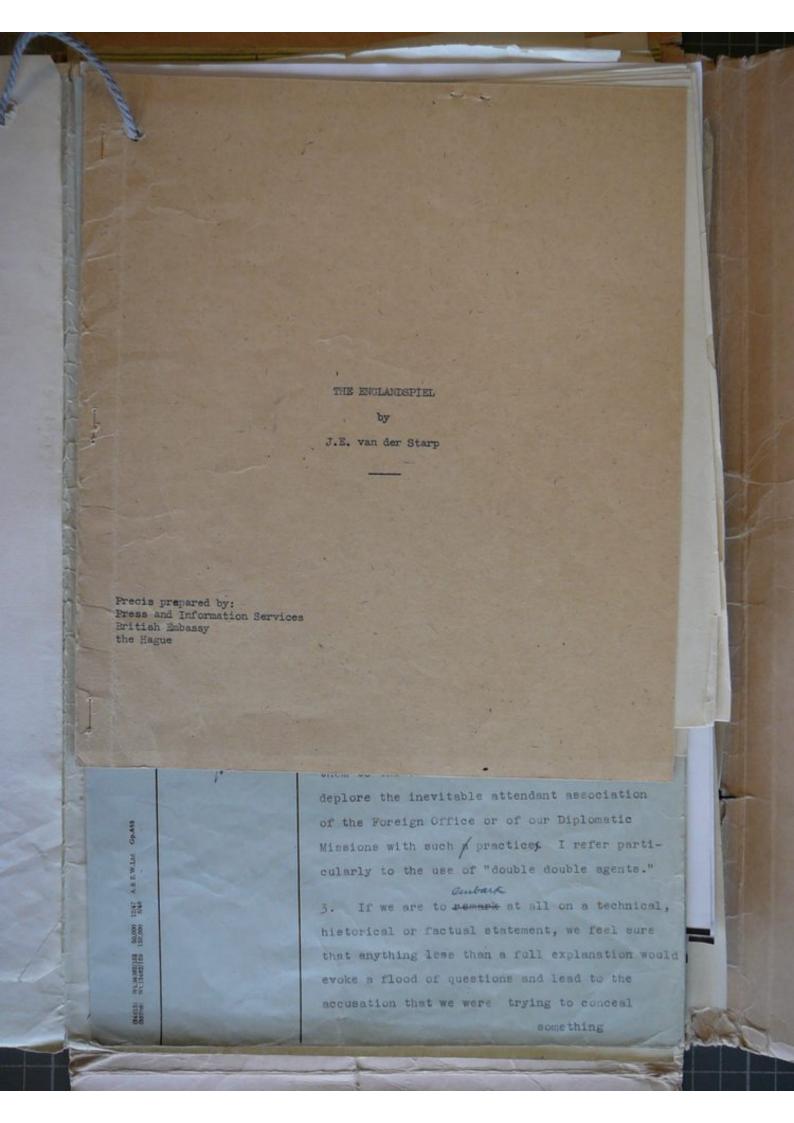
De Graaf has said since that both Binghams have disappeared, and cannot be found. He has described van der Starp's theory as wilful nonsense.

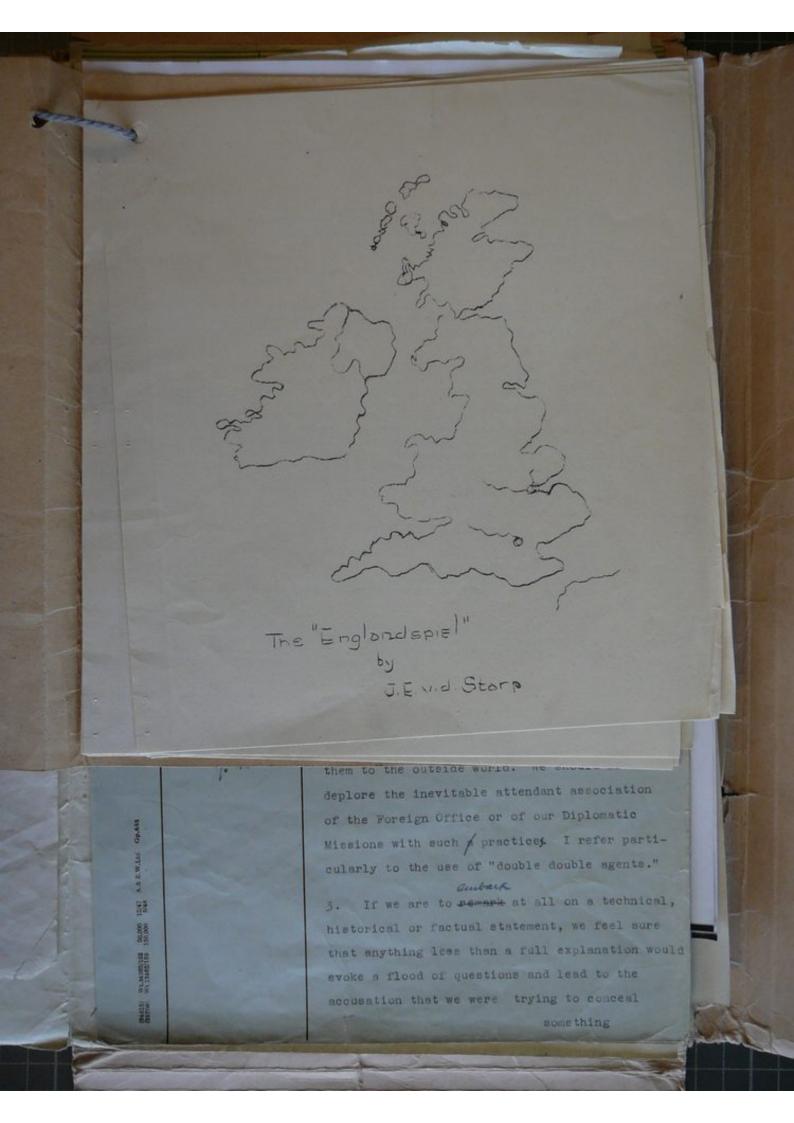
(c) The Alkmaarsche Courant Theory

An entirely new theory was explained in a recent edition of the Alkmaarsche Courant, which broke down the story contained in the Manchester Guardian.

The fault for the death of hundreds of Dutch underground workers, this paper announced, lay with certain British authorities, who disregarded messages sent to London by the resistance movement, via Switzerland. If due notice had been taken of these messages, many lives could have been saved. Alkmaarsche Courant rejected the theories put out by Manchester Guardian and van der Starp, but made no mention of the novel written by Noel de Gaulle.

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INTRODUCTION

This is not a novel, although the title - 'The Unmasking of the Vau-men' - is rather suggestive. This sub-title, however, is a deviation from Noel de Gaulle's story: "The Desperado's Carmival". The reason why my story is not a novel, is because its purpose is to give an account of what sctually happened. I chose the title for the following reasons:

Noel de Gaulle deceives his readers, and plainly tries to lay a smoke-screen around the so-called Englandspiel. The time has come to publish the truth about this Englandspiel and the story of Anthony van der Waals.

The solution to the mysterious E-spiel lies in the unmasking of the Vau-men. These Vau-men, the executors of the British betrayal are responsible for a highly intricate situation. The notorious Johnny Ligton was sent to the Argentine by the Bureau of National Security. Antonious van der Waals received his papers from Ceptain Pittock of the Intelligence Service, in co-operation with the Bureau of National Security, and was sent to Germany as a Captain of the Intelligence Service. Colonel van Binthoven, the head of the Bureau of National Security, organised a wild-goose chase all over Europe but carefully avoided looking for him in the spot where he was then safely hidden: the villa in Bonn, which had been arranged for him by the Intelligence Service.

The notorious Vau-men, Sweerts, the Belgian opposite of van der Wanls, was twice sentenced to death by default; it now appears that during all that time he was in Holland. There does not appear to be a single legal expert in Belgium who remembered that there existed a treaty of extradition between Belgium and Holland, and.....a few months ago Sweerts left for safer regions on a Greek ship, equipped with British papers.

Equally notorious was Van-man Mans and far more guilty than Antonious van der Waals. Without much further ado, he was released by Public Prosecutor Zaayer, - the same man who so mercilessly prosecuted minor Dutch National Socialists.

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