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Further to your signal 091118/09 on the MCP letter, notwithstanding
your assistance, [redacted] have not been able to read
the coded message.

2. SIO, [redacted] has sent me the following extract from a letter
written by [redacted]

2. 1 "Converting the letters into figures, we find that the
first two figures of each four-figure group represent
the page number of the yet unestablished codebook, and
that the codebook is presumably one which has 64-66 pages.

With the exception of the ordinary [redacted]
Code Book, there are no code-books currently held at
[redacted] which have as many as 64-66 pages. The
average number of pages of the code-books held on record
is between 40 and 50. We have tried the
[redacted] Code Book, but it did not help.

Apparently each letter-group represents one
character, or possibly even one Communist term. There
are some 350 letter-groups in the whole document, of which
a small number are identical and repeated several times in
the document.

It has not proved possible too to deduce from the
context what the words in code are. as most of them
which precede the sparingly-used [redacted] characters
written in plain language, are either names of personalities
or organisations.

We are afraid there is nothing we can do until more
letters are intercepted using the same code. "

B. Hutchinson

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