

"the safe is kept. I thoroughly examined this door and also the lock on it. From my examination I found that this door could not possibly be opened by use of a "cheater", which is a piece of celluloid used to push behind a lock; this type of lock being two round rings with a bolt going through it and had only been opened by the proper use of a key. I examined the safe outwardly and the only mark on this safe that could be found was a small dint on the knob of the dial. I did not examine the safe at this time but it was later examined by other members of our Force from Toronto for fingerprints, etc. There was no evidence whatsoever of this safe having been broken into. After this safe had been examined for fingerprints I tried the knob of the safe which turned stiffly. On the evening of 8 Jan 45 Lieut. MacAllister opened this safe in my presence and the cash box was taken out. It was also examined by other members of the R.C.M.P. for fingerprints. After the cash box had been examined for fingerprints on the morning of 9 Jan I examined this cash box closely. I found that the cash box opened easily with the use of the key and it would spring up approximately half an inch when the key was inserted and turned. There were slight marks on the portion of the cash box beside the lock which had possibly been made by the use of a screwdriver, which might give the impression that the cash box had been opened in this manner. The marks on this cash box appeared to be fairly fresh. The outside edge of the lid of the cash box near the lock where the marks had been made was not bent, this definitely showing that the cash box had not been forced or opened in this or any other manner other than by the use of the regular key for that cash box. On finding this evidence it was decided to question Lieut. MacAllister and during the course of this investigation Lieut. MacAllister was not under arrest or had he been charged. He told me that the combination of the safe had been changed by him on 3 Jan 45. The method used was that he changed the combination himself, memorized it, wrote it on a slip of paper in ink, which was enclosed in a heavier piece of paper, put in an envelope and sealed with sealing-wax and, I believe, an Orderly Room stamp was used on the sealing-wax. He said that he sealed it himself. The covering letter was typed by one of the staff in the Pay Office and he put the letter and the sealed envelope containing the combination in a second envelope, sealed it and gave it to one of his staff for mailing. I made a thorough examination of all blotters on Lieut. MacAllister's desk to see if possibly he had blotted this combination before it was dry and which might have been obtained by some other person by use of a mirror. There was no such blotter or mark in his office that could be found. He stated that he seldom used a blotter until