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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS  
TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

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Anglo-Soviet relations. Following is the statement to be made in Parliament tomorrow. Begins:-

For many months the police in collaboration with military authorities have been investigating the activities of a group of secret agents engaged in endeavouring to obtain highly confidential documents relating to the armed forces of Great Britain. From information received and evidence obtained in the course of these investigations, it became increasingly difficult to resist the conclusion that the agents were working on behalf of the Soviet Government and that they obtained their instructions from the Russian Trade Delegation working at 49 Moorgate, who arranged for the conveyance of photographs or copies of documents obtained to Moscow.

These suspicions were confirmed when early this year a British subject employed in the Air Force was convicted of stealing two such documents as have been described. The documents were recovered and the individual is now undergoing imprisonment.

The secret organization, on behalf of which he had obtained the documents, is known and its connection with a similar Russian organization has been established.

A further document of an official and highly confidential character, so marked, was recently found to be missing and from information secured and supported by documentary evidence it became clear that the document had been conveyed to 49 Moorgate and there reproduced by means of a photostatic apparatus, the character and location of

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