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

LONDON

May 16th, 1927.

Following for Prime Minister. Begins:-

Following is substance of statement made in the House of Commons to-day by the Secretary of State for Home Affairs on the subject of the search of the premises occupied by the trade organization known as Arcos. Begins:-

Information brought to me on Wednesday evening last satisfied me that a certain official document was or had been improperly in the possession of a person employed in the premises controlled by Arcos Limited at 49 Moorgate. That document bore on its face a statement that it was the property of H.M. Government and was not to be circulated either directly or indirectly to the press or to any person not holding an official position in H.M. service; it was in fact a document of which unauthorized persons were known to be attempting to obtain copies. In view of that information I at once consulted the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary and with their knowledge and assent I authorized the police to apply to a magistrate for a warrant, under the Official Secrets Act, to search the premises occupied by Arcos Limited at 49 Moorgate. The building bearing that address is shared by Arcos Limited and the Russian Trade Delegation, and there is free intercommunication throughout the building. The warrant accordingly authorized the search of the premises occupied by Arcos Limited and the Trade Delegation, and search was carried

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