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Section I.

No. I.

Sir Austen Chamberlain to M. Rosengolz.

Sir,

Foreign Office, May 26, 1927.

The recent examination by the police of the premises of "Arcos" Limited and of the Russian Trade Delegation has conclusively proved that both military espionage and subversive activities throughout the British Empire were directed and carried out from 49, Moorgate. No ostensible differentiation of rooms or duties was observed as between the members of the Trade Delegation and the employees of "Arcos," and it has been shown that both these organisations have been involved in anti-British espionage and propaganda.

2. But the matter does not end there. Your Government and you will recognise the messages which were read by the Prime Minister to the House of Commons last Tuesday. I would remind you that your own telegram, in which you request material to enable you to support a political campaign in this country against His Majesty's Government, was despatched within a few weeks of the warning conveyed to your Government in my note to you of the 23rd February last, adducing specific instances of anti-British propaganda and requesting its cessation.

3. His Majesty's Government had hoped that the Soviet Government would take that opportunity, given them in accordance with the provisions of article 13 of the Trade Agreement, of "furnishing an explanation or remedying the default." They did neither; on the contrary, the hostility of the Soviet Government, together with the subversive

propaganda

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