

disposal, and that the United Kingdom Government is astonished that they do not find it adequate and conclusive.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. HOLMES

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures
au deuxième secrétaire, le haut commissariat en Grande-Bretagne*

*Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Second Secretary, High Commission in Great Britain*

TOP SECRET

Ottawa, June 5, 1945

Dear Mr. Holmes,

I have your letter of 16th May addressed to Mr. Robertson concerning the Kobbe case. It is, as you say, apparent that the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs have no desire to make any real investigation. I note also that the Foreign Office apparently do not regard it as useful to expedite the correspondence since the *note verbale* addressed to the United Kingdom Embassy[†] is dated 14th February.

The particular question asked concerning the secret ink has been carefully investigated and we have received a report on the process by which the secret writing was developed. As a result of this report, we are in a position to say explicitly that the invisible writing was restored to invisibility by chemical process before being forwarded.

Yours sincerely,

J. E. READ

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*Le deuxième secrétaire, le haut commissariat en Grande-Bretagne,
au sous-secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures*

*Second Secretary, High Commission in Great Britain,
to Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TOP SECRET

London, June 22, 1945

Dear Mr. Read,

With reference to your letter of 5th June concerning the Kobbe case, I am enclosing a copy of a letter of 19th June from Mr. Bromley, Secretary to Sir Alexander Cadogan, to Mr. Bowker of the United Kingdom Embassy in Madrid, conveying the report by the Canadian Government that the invisible writing on the letter in question was restored to invisibility by chemical process before being forwarded. In this communication it is stated that neither the