

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

SPECIAL BRANCH.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT,

NEW SCOTLAND YARD,

18th day of July, 1916.

I beg to report that at the request of Mr. Guy Stephenson, Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, I went to the Treasury this afternoon and saw him, where he had in his possession Casement's diary and ledger for 1911, which the Director of Public Prosecutions had asked for on Saturday last, 15th. instant, for information of the Attorney General and for use at the Court of Appeal if necessary. Whilst I was there Sir Ernley Blackwell, C.B. Legal Advisor to the Home Office, asked Mr. Guy Stephenson to send him the diaries of Casement.

Mr. Stephenson asked me to take the diary and ledger together with typewritten copies of the entries which he had to Sir. E. Blackwell, which I did. Sir Ernley stated that he wanted the diaries to show to a native of the Congo who was calling upon him tomorrow, 19th. instant, and who has declared to Sir Ernley that Casement is morally clean, and he (Sir Ernley) wished to convince him that this was not the case. Sir Ernley's object in doing this was that his caller, who had some influence over the natives in the Congo, might attempt to create a rising amongst the natives in the event of Casement paying the extreme penalty of the law.

The diary and ledger of Casement are now in the possession of Sir E. Blackwell.

Edward Barker
INSPECTOR.
John Doe
ACTING SUPERINTENDENT.