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NAME OF COLLECTION:	PREST, Wilfred {Professor}
ACCESSION NO:	102/39
CATEGORY:	University, individuals
ACTIVITY:	Academics – Economics
DATE RANGE:	1936 – 1985
SIZE OF COLLECTION:	0.12m
DATE OF TRANSFER:	2002
ACCESS CONDITIONS:	<p>Restricted.</p> <p>Restricted for 15 years from date of receipt. Permission to be sought from Prof. Wilfrid Prest (Adelaide University).</p>

<p>HISTORICAL NOTE:</p>	<p>Alan Richmond Prest was born Yorkshire, England 1 Mar 1919 and educated at Archbishop Holgate’s School in York. He studied economics at Clare College Cambridge from 1937 to 1940. After completing his first degree studies with distinction and before being called up to the army in 1941, he worked with the war-time Ministry of Supply in London.</p> <p>His elder brother, Wilfred Prest, to whom virtually all of this correspondence is addressed, had also studied economics in the UK and took up an appointment with University of Melbourne, early 1938. He was appointed Professor of Economics at Melbourne in May 1946 and remained in Australia for the rest of his life</p> <p>Alan was commissioned in the army and trained in secret “radio” technology, (no doubt the newly developed radar defence systems) and was stationed in southern England for the remainder of the war, traveling widely on duties which appear to be supervision of radar stations. His descriptions of air raids over London and elsewhere and their effects, are of considerable interest.</p> <p>After the war Alan returned to Cambridge University to work in the Department of Applied Economics 1945 -1948, became a Rockefeller Fellow 1948 –1949, and Lecturer 1949 – 1964. He was elected a Fellow of Christ’s College 1950, Tutor 1954 and Bursar 1955. He then became professor of Economics and Public Finance at Manchester University 1964 – 1968 and Stanley Jeavons Professor of Political Economy 1968 – 1970.</p> <p>Numerous references are made to notable figures in the economics profession, both academics and in the civil servants.</p> <p>In 1970 Alan moved to London School of Economics as Professor of Economics 1970 – 1984. Major administrative and policy changes occurred in this period.</p> <p>The letters indicate the interest he developed in the economics of developing countries and the traveling that this interest entailed. His work was prominent in public finance but the letters make little reference to his numerous publications on this and other subjects.</p> <p>Events over three generations of the extended family of parents and aunts, children and grand children are recorded in the letters in brief but descriptive terms. He married Pauline Noble 30 May 1945. They had three children, Michael, Nick and Harriet, whose lives are lightly monitored in the letters. Alan’s travels with Pauline or alone are of interest, reflecting conditions of the day. The onset of his final illness is recorded in some detail to his brother Wilfred. He died in London 22 Dec 1985</p> <p>At the time of writing this, sons of both Alan and Wilfred are living in Australia.</p>
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p>	<p>Letters, hand written by Alan Prest</p>

FORM:	Note paper, Air Letters, telegrams and a few of what appear to be a particular type of 'form-letter' for service personnel during WWII
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS:	<p>This is a collection of some 350 letters written from 1936, by Alan Prest, domiciled in the UK, to his brother Wilfred in Australia. There are a few addressed to his family in Yorkshire, and occasional post scripts by other family members. In the following series notes Alan is usually identified by "A" and Wilfred by "W". Other family members whose identity is not always clear from the letters are "Winnie", resident in Yorkshire and twin sister of Wilfred and three other sisters, Alice and twins, Mildred and Dorothy.</p> <p>Spelling of some proper names may be incorrect due to difficulty of reading A's hand writing.</p> <p>A considerable number of letters are undated or have no sender address; some of the latter are evident from context, missing dates have been estimated or approximated.</p> <p>There is a gap in the series from October 1957 to January 1973</p> <p>NS&N refers to journal New Statesman and Nation. Some other conventional abbreviations are used.</p>
NOTE ON LISTINGS:	The series numbers 1/81 to 1/89 inc inadvertently were not used. Where a series number was missed a suffix (2) or (A) is added to the prior number of the series; eg 1/153A and 1/197A. Series numbers are inscribed in pencil near the top of the first page of each letter.
RELATED COLLECTIONS:	Wilfred Prest 1973.0002; 1986.0024; 1986.0036.
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Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
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		Letters from Alan Prest mainly to Wilfred Prest	
	1/1	Post card from Keswick	3 Aug 1936
	1/254	From Cambridge, looks like College stationery A is studying, probably first year, talks of lecturer's questions. Discusses imperfect competition theory of Robinson and his wife..	[c. 1937]
	1/255	As 1/254. Thanks to W and Marjorie for money and cake. Writing lots of essays. Hodgson getting into trouble – people writing to papers criticising him. Detail on Pigou's(?) third paper. A got into Uni chess team. Convinced he didn't learn much in last few terms at school.	[c. 1937]
	1/256	Notepaper, from York. Immersed in Marshall. East riding ice-bound. A asks when W resigned (from St Andrews?) and when is he sailing. At home they quote W as saying A has learned as much in a term at Cambridge as he would learn in 3 years at St Andrews. Erich Roll not considered sound at Cambridge	[c. 1937]
	1/257	As 1/256. Glad W has taken Melbourne. The Dean gave A a Pamphlet 'The University and National Life' by Priestley, Melbourne U Press, commends W to read it. First term over, glad doing economics. Asks if he can keep some books. Thinks W has done right in taking Melbourne. Lost chess match, but might get in team regularly in 3 rd year	[c. 1937]
	1/240	To Wilfred from 15 Burnholme Dve Heworth York. W apparently is or has been in Europe but A expresses regret that nothing came of the Melbourne application. A to attend Varsities and Public Schools (VPS) camp at Withernsea. He had a good finish up to school last week with prizes	5 Aug 1937
	1/252	Sorry W has not got Durban. Lunch with Dean of Clare, discussion about Priestly in Melbourne. Luncheon a formal affair - 4 freshmen at a time, said had appointment to get out at 3.30. Attended Marshall Society lecture. Joined chess club.	[c. Sep 1937]

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	1/246	This and 1/249 & 250,1,2 are undated, but in order received - all on Clare College 8vo. L/head. More on books. Pigou started lectures. Has asked five questions on Ec. Fundamentals. Can go also to J Hicks lectures on Econ Princ. and J Rowe on Industry. J Robinson trying to explain Keynes latest theories of employment yesterday. Robinson 'running down the cranks, Major Douglas'. A not rowing but playing chess and swimming. Joined the Marshall Soc. To Ely next week to see sugar beet factory.	[c 25 Sep 1937]
	1/241	p/c from Cambridge to W in St Andrew's, discussion on books for economics	10 Oct 1937
	1/249	Cambridge 4pp 8vo card. A thinks he knows Joan Robinson by sight, red hair - 'hits you in the eye'. More questions from Fay, seeks help. Marshall society visited beet factory at Ely last week interesting but the smell! Reddaway had been unhappy in Melbourne?	[c. 7 Oct 1937]
	1/250	Cambridge, no date or year. 4pp 8vo card. 5 more Fay questions (to be done by Oct 25). Dobb a good lecturer. 'Robinson tries to show off his cleverness too much but does suggest we try to get work experience in a big factory. Marshall is revered here, thinks it is his widow who sits in the library. Thinks W wise in declining Melbourne! Durban attractive. More discussion on books.	[c 16 Oct 1937]
	1/243	Cambridge, post card - about text books	24 Oct 1937
	1/244	Post card -questions on value and price. A says J Robinsons "imperfect Competition" beyond him - needs help, has to write essays.	[c 1 Nov 1937]
	1/251	Cambridge, 4pp 8vo card. Around second hand bookshops in Cambridge. First interview with Reddaway (returned from Australia?), he left ship and traveled across France, businesslike, remembers W. Doesn't envy W having to pack.	[c Dec 1937]
	1/248	Cambridge 4pp 8vo card. Reddaway elected Fellow. Suprised to hear W sailing on 28 th . Discussion on books	19 Jan 1938
	1/245	Cambridge Post card to Mrs F Prest York, Ref to cake and books	24 Jan 1938

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	1/258	Cambridge, College stationery. Imagines W will have rough time 'round the Bay' (of Biscay?). Sending Times cuttings, who is Prof Giblin? It seems A has been seeing W off to Aus. (28 Jan). Robinson talking about Winnipeg wheat market. Got card from Marshall Soc. Having a lecture from Burn on 1 st of Faye's papers. Will advise who gets Clapham's chair. An English ship torpedoed in the Med Mon 31 Jan	1 Feb 1938
	1/259	Cambridge. 2pp 8vo card. Thanks for card from Gibraltar. What is eastern Med. like? Had lunch with Woodward who had idea W was taking Reddaway's job. I told him it was Colin Clarke's job, he raised his eyebrows. Reddaway is bad as ever; trouble is his brain is so quick compared with normal person's. Rather flummoxed about quantity theory of money, Guillebaud(?) a poor lecturer and things complicated by Keynes' criticisms of it. Burn gave lecture; better than Faye. Portan(?) has got the Chair, perhaps too 'historical'. Mills and Walker seems a good book.	8 Feb 1938
	1/260	Cambridge, 2pp. Thanks for letter from Port Said. Sending Times cuttings. 'Are you taking Fascist migrants to Abyssinia? Why the blazes don't you throw them all overboard?' Reddaway got a first in Maths Pt I. Told Cambridge lacks a trained statistician to prove things mathematically for economists, apparently Colin Clark had difficulty on that score at LSE. Pigou has started lecturing again. Guillebaud(?) gets worse. Nothing ever right for Reddaway. Marschek is coming from Oxford to Marshall Soc to speak on 'Probabilities and the Economist'. Playing for Clare 1 st team at chess.	16 Feb 1938
	1/261	No address or date. Glad W settling in Melbourne. Asks for copy of Ec Rec with W's article. Sending cuttings inc advertised jobs, New Statesman etc. Tell Priestley I agree with him about Clare.	[c. 1938]
	1/264	Cambridge, Thursday on College stationery to Marjorie. Thanks for cake. Has 6 essays to do in the week. Tell W I waon my chess match against Queens on Monday	[c. 1938]

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	1/302	<p>Cambridge 2pp, letter on torn half page. Year un-certain*, probably 1938 before the 'trip' to Europe. Thanks for cheque, gone towards a Clare blazer. (mentioned elsewhere ?)</p> <p>Reddaway wants me to go on with Economics next year*. Guillebaud 'worst lecturer in Cambridge, if he wasn't Marshall's nephew he would never have been taken on'! Reddaway a confirmed Keynesian. Further discussion of texts and journals. Good luck for your speech on post war Britain. What are your political opinions? I am fast becoming a socialist.</p>	26 Apr 1938
	1/272	<p>Cambridge, no year. Sending details of job at UC London, you may not be interested, certainly seems unwise to return to England. Haven't heard when I will have to do conscription training. 'Getting steam up' for exams. Shore leading discussion class on Competition this term, has chosen me to lead off with a Selwyn man, we both got firsts. Discusses the content of this exercise. 'I thoroughly agree with you on social revolution in Germany as the only hope', but can it be achieved before war breaks out ? The President of the College is not the same as the Master.</p>	8 May 1938
	1/273	<p>Cambridge, 1.5pp. Glad you are getting on alright. Knight giving two lectures here next week. Different atmosphere this term, people are working, I am revising my reading. Have stopped going to Guillebaud's lectures, Pigou now on foreign trade and Joan Robinson on Monopoly. Faye talking about co-operation, Dobb on Conciliation and Arbitration. Reddaway seems best on monetary and similar areas. What are you lecturing on these days? From the New Statesman "Hitler a comic little Aryan dressing up his tin soldiers" Your 10/- has gone towards a Clare blazer.</p>	11 May 1938

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	1/262	<p>Cambridge, 4pp 8vo. Sending Economist unopened. Asks if W would like Times or Manchester Guardian Weeklies sent, talks about postage costs. Technical discussion about Robinson's 'curves' with diagram. Giblin is lecturing at Marshall Soc on 'If you were the Financial Dictator of Australia'. More discussion on population change theory. Australia seems disinterested in European politics. A doesn't think Anglo-Italian agreement will come into force for some time. Spanish Govt is not beaten yet. UK feeling for intervention growing. 'If the Chamberlain (or to use the French and New Statesman spelling "j'aime Berlin") Government continues the present policy much longer, it will find itself up against a united front of all left wing elements in the country'. A attended meeting in support of united front in Arts Theatre (paid for by Keynes) which took up collection for Spanish Govt (90 Pds) and all sang the Internationale. What does W think of the Australian students, compared with StAndrews?</p>	19 May 1938
	1/263	<p>Cambridge. Reports on exam papers. Will continue economics for 2nd year, has big list for vac reading. What did they think of Reddaway in Melbourne? He seems to be making progress here in supervising and publishing critiques. Still thinking of Robinson's cost curves. In his lecture on Aus. Giblin thought there was a depression coming in a year or two. Great news about a Russian/Chinese alliance and a rebellion by his own men against Franco. A going to Geneva in August.</p>	[c. 6 Jun 1938]

Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
	1/286	No address, no date, probably 1938 from context. A is in second year and is apparently at home. Glad W had a good time in New Zealand. Pigou to retire, Keynes expected to get job if health OK. Ref to Ramsey family, Melbourne and Magdalene Coll. Most lecturers boring. Portan(?) the exception especially on Philosophical basis of capitalism, the Marxian law of industrial concentration and C19 development of Russia. He can read every European language, no English books on these subjects. Studied in Russia, Germany, France and at the LSE. Shortage of supervision at Cambridge at present. Reading programme, 9 weeks from exams. How long before the powder barrel of Europe blows up ? Can we trust Neville C? Cripps spoke convincingly to 200 and dealt with the (conservative?) 'toughs'.	1938
	1/279	York. 2pp. W has offered by cable, 80 Pd for A to go to Aus. Not possible, only 3 months of vacation left and has arranged to go to France and S Wales in Aug. Prefers to remain here. If war comes in Sept as I think it will I could be on way back then and may get torpedoed! If offer stands, would like to come in long vac next year or after military training. We should get Anglo-Soviet pact concluded to convince Hitler we mean business, doubtful if we can do this under Chamberlain. Working for York Left Book Club, nucleus of Progressive Movement here. Benton, Sec of Trades Hall Council and wife there last night (to hear Pollitt) believes Marjorie (W's wife) knows them.	3 Jul 1938

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	1/267	<p>York. 2pp. Thanks for congratulations. Further discussion on Robinson's cost curves at some length. Asks opinion on chapter in Structure of Competition on internal location of industry. Expects same money from Clare next year. Has received as prize, 2-volume history of Clare. Has decided to take mathematics course during summer with Metro. Correspondence, useful, especially calculus. Had letter from Woodward about Tripos result, asked to be remembered to W. Reading Public Enterprise by Robson and a new Fabian production- very informative about LPBT, BBC, CLB etc. Coal Bill as amended by the Commons to be in the Lords this week. PS by Winnie commenting on Ruth Draper's show. Winnie is going to Switzerland 9 Jul for fortnight.</p>	5 Jul 1938
	1/266	<p>From York. Secured both books of Clark's s/hand also sending M of Labour Gazette and 1937 Cambridge Economics Exam papers also cuttings. A moving into New Court at Clare for Pds13-12s per term (usually Pds17-12s) a concession for poorer students. Last year cost about Pds200. Youth Groups' Expedition to Geneva August. Thanks for offer of Hogben's Mathematics for the Million. Ref to Joan Robinson's appointment as lecturer at Cambridge, got Hick's job. Has to take Economics Pt II next year, only 40 to 50 people tackle it. Glad to hear of posh new Commerce Building at Melbourne. Has read Fisher's Clash of Progress thoroughly, a damned good book. Disappointed in Pigou's Economics of Welfare.</p>	19 Jul 1938

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	1/268	York. 2pp. Sending 1937 Tripos Ec Papers also a Weekly Times with Ebbw Vale (steelworks ?) supplement. Have been reading J Rob's 'Imperfect Competition' lately. She seems unclear on what she is talking about (start the discussion on her cost curves when you like) in some places. Busy on Maths at present and not done a lot of economics reading. Rev of Ec Studies (April) on M/c (Manchester) School was good, and Robertson on 'Modern Economic Controversies' the <i>piece de resistance</i> . Also obit. on Daniels, will write to them. Sent cutting on Leverhulme Fellowships, Oeser of St Andrews and Gudges of LSE have got them. Ogilvie formerly Prof of Ec at Belfast appointed DG of the BBC and Reith has gone to Imperial Airways. Discussion in Economist on public works and coming (or already here) depression, with letters from Keynes et al. Thanks for Austro Asiatic Bul. Does it represent general public opinion in Aus? Notes Spanish Govt still holding Sagunto(?). Japs seem to be getting deeper into the mire mainly due to Chinese red army.	29 Jul 1938
	1/265	Telegram to Prest University Melbourne :- First class honours hope civil service all well – Prest (end of first year?)	[c. Aug 1938]
	1/280	York. 1 pp. To London today, a week in Geneva, 6 days at Champéry(?) other end of the Lake and 1 day in Paris – will bust all my money. Reading Robinson's Imperfect Competition and working on Maths. Harrod in Times on how to avoid depression – public works and strong open market policy. Hope Hitler doesn't prevent me getting back! Letter in Manchester Guardian smuggled out of Germany by Social Democrats about German massing on Czech border.	13 Aug 1938
	1/281	PC from Geneva. Has heard speakers here	18 Aug 1938

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	1/282	<p>Memorial Court, Clare Col. 4 pp. 1938 from context. College rooms on 'Backs' road but near library. Shares a gas ring but not allowed to "fry". Reddaway has married and no longer in college. He has been in Germany and did not get out until 1st week in Sept. Discusses lectures, lecturers and books. A is college Rep for Marshall Soc. Good political meetings, Wickham Steed, Vyvyan Adams, Angell and Cripps have been, Seton-Watson, Noel-Baker and Atlee next week. Cripps said Chamberlain sent for opposition leader before House debate 28th saying he was going to have Hitler's message delivered in middle of debate. A comment on outcome and the "peace" of Munich. Much gloom. Dean informed A that he had got a 1st in Exam and that a Scholarship will come. PS- Reddaway writing book 'Econ of Declining Population', and is also revising theory of freight rates for LMS, and paid 250 Gn.</p>	15 Oct 1938
	1/283	<p>Clare Coll. 4pp. DH Roberson appointed Sir Ernest Cassel Prof at London and FW Paish as ditto Reader. Colin Clarke, Clapham and Hicks already gone and Mrs Robinson indefinitely ill. Crowther appointed Editor Economist to replace Layton (ret). Crowther, PA Sloan (founder of Marshall Soc) HD Henderson and Reddaway are giving Clare an econ reputation. Comment on Shore's new theory of value. Further comment on lecturers and books. Opinion in Cambridge is that England is becoming disillusioned about Munich agreement, its just an armed truce. Refusal of Hungary to allow anyone but Germany, Italy and Poland to arbitrate on Czech claims and desire of Chamberlain to conclude treaty with Italy. C would rather see Hitler in power in Germany than any left group because that would mean socialization of all W Europe. One hope is United front in UK. Atlee coming tonight and there will be a torchlight procession behind him in support of a United Front and make a collection for Spanish Govt. Van Zeeland's lecture on Economics or Politics was colourless. A is on Clare Peace group.</p>	28 Oct 1938

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	1/284	<p>Clare stationery, 6pp. Two weeks to go this term. Think I will go to Toynbee Hall end of term - attractive programme, Leggett formerly ILO Chair to speak, and all-night tour of Post Office, telephone exchange and Covent Garden. Discussion of lecturers. Master of Clare is retiring. Told many of Dons anxious to get Priestley back, but he has been at B'ham for only short period. Said that Thirkell(?) will only take job if he can control admissions – getting the right people in, now difficult for a non-public school man to enter Clare. Discussion of Reddaway's book on declining population. Thanks for advise not to spend too much time on CUSC and Marshall Soc, of which offered job of secretary. Ginzy(?) came to Marshall Soc, very left wing who said if Britain abandoned appeasement, she could save SE Europe from German Econ domination. Atlee came but conservatives sabotage by making so much noise that I 'never heard a single word of the speech, nor did he seem to be the right man to deal with the situation'.</p>	20 Nov 1938
	1/285	<p>Clare. 4pp. No mention of impending war in this letter. Lost in poll for Secretary's job with Marshall Soc. Trying to get visits from Stamp, Soviet Ambassador, Bevin, Tom Maine, and Stephenson (head of Woolworths) next term. Stamp's son has been at Clare (1st in Ec Part II), also a son of Gen Manager of GWR – too many pukka PS men at Clare, only 26 in Socialist Club, Trinity has 100 and Kings' 60. Raising money for Spain, (Paul?) Robeson sang. WH Auden here last week, Bishop of Chelmsford this afternoon and the Dean of Canterbury tonight. Horner of S Wales Miners speaking Sunday. Going to Toynbee Hall. More critical comment on some lecturers and discussion of Reddaway's theory of value. No regrets on Hicks Departure to M/c (Manchester?).</p>	1 Dec 1938

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	1/274	<p>Memorial Court, Clare. With envelope and press clip. W has been out of Melbourne during bad bush fires, how was Newcastle, coal and steel? Back here a fortnight. Starting term on modern Euro Ec History, DI Burn supervising as Reddaway knows nothing about it. To read Heaton, Clapham, Jenks and Feise, and have also got Ogg and Sharp, any more suggestions? Faye has had nervous breakdown. Shore lecturing us on development of Ec theory since Adam Smith, but boring compared with last term's on value. Rumoured Pigou will retire soon. Perlman of Wisconsin at Marshall Soc. He is a Russian who took part in revolution of 1905(?) At dinner a really 'red' evening. Belief in the class struggle and spoke on labour situation in USA. Spoke 2 hours without a note. A is in charge of factory visits (for Marshall Soc?) Hilton retiring presidency. Poor replacement candidates. This week's New Statesman has article by Keynes on democracy and efficiency with some choice things to say about Govt and 'those silly fools' at Transport House. (Labour Party HQ?). CUSC had meeting about Cripp's expulsion, voted for him 96 to 3 and sent down a delegation to Transport House. There Middleton suggested consideration of a 'Popular Front' "if an emergency arose". Rumored a PF Party being formed in Oxford to put up MP candidates in surrounding constituencies. News bad with fall of Barcelona, New Statesman taken up with how long before the showdown. Reports of German mobilization by 15 Feb. Franco all along Pyrenees. Italy will push French claims – and Transport House says there in no emergency! Chamberlain expected to be re-elected.</p>	29 Jan 1939

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	1/287	Clare Coll. With envelope. 2pp. Chair at Swansea vacant, details enc for W. Saw W's contribution in last Ec Record. Hick's 'Value of Capital' published. Cole has published on Trade Unionism. Guillebaud(?) is writing on Nazi Economics. He spoke at Marshall Soc. Clare went Head of the River for first time – free beer from the College. Went on Youth Pilgrimage to Trafalgar Square and Spanish Embassy and demonstrated for National Unity against Chamberlain – impressive and inspiring.	24 Feb 1939
	1/269	Clare Col Cambridge, 3.5pp. Envelope found of this date attached to another letter in this file. News of 300,000 to be conscripted, may let us finish courses? Effects 2000 here. A questions the purpose,- defend East European countries, defend France, attack Axis Powers ? Policy on supporting Spanish Govt closely related and if different, position could be better. No immediate danger of war, equipment and instructors to train a large army do not exist nor will they until industry is put under national control. Issue will split the country. Labour will not give in without a fight especially without conscription of wealth. Debate in the Union won by anti-conscription side, Liddell Hart d Amery (a nasty piece of work and holds more directorships than any other MP). Joan Robinson lecturing on Money and General Theory. She is good but looks old; separated from husband – she is cleverer but has 'crush' on book by Polish Jew Kalecki on Trade Cycle. Also course on elementary Statistics, but not much new. Prof Elliot Dunlap Smith of Yale giving lectures on Technology and Labour. Gilbert Walker of B'ham to speak on the railways 'Square Deal', Hubbard on the Russian peasant. Invited to lunch with the Master next week.	27 Apr 1939
	1/271	York Beam message – 'Birthday greetings Alan to stay at Cambridge'. unsigned	4 May 1939
	1/270	Beam Wireless from Cambridge – ' Birthday greetings – think stay in Cambridge, Alan'.	5 May 1939

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	1/276	<p>4 pp. Very hot 100 F reported, during exams. Shore's paper on Principles nasty, others not so bad, but don't think I did as well as last year. Discussion of papers. Comment on W's efforts on Depreciation. Thinks lectures will be good next year, Keynes is reorganizing the faculty. He will lecture on General Theory. Allowed to stay on till end of studies. Don't think the left really opposed to conscription, just distrust Govt. Churchill came to speak on subject but 'we gave him such a putting up' that he's unlikely to come again. Your Labour Gazette will be by late as I have kept it to look at the figures.</p>	6 Jun 1939
	1/277	<p>No address, one page only. Possibly mid 1939. Not practicable to come to Aus, can't afford to be a fortnight late at Cambridge, may make taking out degree difficult. Can't order Hitler to declare war while I am in Aus. Might be on way back when it happened. Mightn't let me stay in Aus if it happened. Know risk of war this summer. Going to France for Conf and some youth hostelling.</p>	[c. 20 Jun 1939]
	1/278	<p>York. 6pp. Got a 1st in the Mays (2nd year ? exams) Marks tabulated and discussed. Clare advised of 60Pd Foundation Scholarship for next year plus grant of 20. Rest of family going to Bournemouth tomorrow by car. I will probably go to France July and have given my name to help at unemployed camp in Wales. Wondering about a job after Cambridge. Have to do military training but could get research Schol. to stay for a 4th year. Would Melbourne hold out any prospects for Dec 1940? Discusses W's criticism of Keynes, arguing that increased armament investment should increase consumer spending. Nat income will expand and increased armament investment need not cause large price rise so long as there is less than full employment. Continues discussion in ref to Nazi Germany. A has joined Left Book Club, Harry Pollitt speaking in York.</p>	23 Jun 1939

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	1/288	<p>York 3pp, (written in S Wales, near Ferryside, 20 miles west of Swansea). With envelope, 6 enclosed photos and clip of car advertisements. At unemployed Camp, 20 other students, most of the men miners, a lot from the Rhondde. A to compile index for Colin Clarke's new book on National Income Statistics for different Countries, and for a monetary reward! Reddaway suggests 5 Pds suitable. He has been writing for the Economist. Don't know what's going to happen in Europe. C will find it hard to get away with another Munich. Recommends Arthur Salter's 'Security, can we retrieve it?'</p>	19 Aug 1939
	1/275	<p>No address, scrappy paper 8vo. (After declaration of WW II?) "We've really been and gone an done it now" War was really inevitable "if only to justify precautionary measures in case of an emergency". Reddaway working with evacuees. Lot of resentment. 'The revolution will come in England before Germany if the authorities aren't careful'. Liable to be called up. Has applied to Tech C'tee of Uni. Recruitment Board for job as statistician, not much chance. Don't feel like volunteering to fight in the ranks. Impossible to gauge how long it will last, probably many years unless revolution in Germany. Only hope National Govt will come at the end. Peace of Europe cannot be safeguarded without some federation and a United States of Europe. Had a good finish to 'peace time' in South Wales helping at Unemployed Camp. Met there Australian Rohan Rivett who had had some of W's lectures. Shouldn't imagine he is bursting with brains but a very nice bloke. Tell Marjorie to start knitting.</p>	[c. 5 Sep 1939]

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	1/289	<p>Clare Coll. 5pp. Going before University Recruiting Board Friday. Expects commission in some part of army same day. They recommending engineers and scientists to complete courses, but not economists. Brilliant linguists being put into infantry. Medical exam for officers seems stiffer than for privates. 'Eyesight important but not sufficiently to keep me out.' Number of students in Cambridge larger than ever, men waiting to be called up and LSE, about 440 of them – less than half usual number of day students; Bedford Col, Queen Mary's London Hospital, St Marys and Barts. Hospital students together with other smaller London colleges have come to Cambridge. All Cambridge Colleges have had to give up some buildings to evacuated students and RAF Cadets. LSE and Cambridge combine to produce the finest Economics School in the world. Can go to any lectures of both. 'Therefore run off my feet.' 28 lectures or supervisions per week. Crowds turned away from Laski's first lecture last week. Finest lecturer ever heard - political Philosophy without a note – flow of wit and sarcasm. Keynes spoke on war finance to Marshall Soc, first he had given for 4 years, looks very ill but old brilliance came out, 350 attended inc all dons. Advocated forced savings. Weekly 28-lecture schedule given. (Includes notable names eg Robinsons, Kaldor, Hayek). Ref to 'the form of blocked deposits in the PO Savings Bank at 2.5%' apparently refundable after the war with adjustment for changes in prices (unclear?). Keynes' wife was a prima ballerina. Reading second proofs of Colin Clarke's 'The Conditions of Progress'. Interested to hear W knew Rivett.</p>	22 Oct 1939?

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	1/290	Clare. To family. 6pp. 8vo stationery. 'Wed' Off-chance of staying here till next June. Great concern about University Recruitment Board outcome when A goes before it, recommended to seek continuation of course, exemptions unclear, not sure whether eyesight will be a factor. Heavy lecture load, chaos due to evacuated students and RAF officer cadets in residence. Some material similar to 1/289	[c. 10 Nov 1939]
	1/292	Clare. 4pp. 'Do I bless bad eyesight?' Heard nothing from military authorities but 'may have trouble with them yet'. Comments on lectures and lecturers, many of them very good. Not sure whether I will take Public Finance or Statistics for the tripos. Cambridge is surprisingly like it use to be, a lot more students inc evacuees.	20 Nov 1939?
	1/291	Clare. To family. 6pp. 8vo. 'Friday 3pm'. Just completed Board. OIC thinks I shall complete course. Given medical grade III due to eyesight. At first asked for commission in RASC and U Recruitment Board decided to recommend that. Then had medical, very thorough. Then the OC on the military side said 'I must regard myself as in a reserved occupation medically' ie could be called up for clerking job. He was definite that I should be able to complete course. Thirkill(?) had endorsed my papers: 'outstanding intellectual gifts'.	[c. 30 Nov 1939]

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	1/293	<p>York. 6pp. Spending time in Library making up for lost reading time during last term. Army not offering commissions to grade III people. Won't be able to stay at Cambridge after degree as all research will be stopped. Has been a hectic term but unable to keep up 28 lectures a week, only 16 or 17 lately. Kahn best lecturer, Hicks and Kaldor also good. Discusses monetary theory, Joan Robinson lectured well on it, inc modern Swedes (A has been reading Ohlin / Keynes controversy) and gave devastating critique of Hayek. Cambridge research seems concentrated on Investment Opportunities and Economic Development, an extension of Keynes' and Kalecki's work. Schumpeter has commented and misunderstood? W has criticised Keynes' forced loans – as outright taxes. Increased tax may sap initiative – there are social advantages in making every worker a capitalist! Keynes' scheme will redistribute in favour of workers. Hopes to finish Colin Clarke soon.</p>	10 Dec 1939?
	1/294	<p>No address. 2pp. Late 1939 from context? W has sent a letter for posting on to Hillman. He is to speak at Marshall Soc next term, will try to make his acquaintance. Reddaway gets 350 Pds as Fellow of Clare (inc rooms and dining) and 200Pd for supervising Clare men and another 150 for being Asst lecturer. Also gets outside work.</p>	[c. 15 Dec 1939]
	1/296	<p>Clare. 6pp. Back for another term! May get 9 month exemption from call up (from 21 Oct 1939?). Staff leaving, Keynes too ill to lecture. Lecture list given. Shore seems the best, Marshallian in outlook and skeptical of mathematical economists, amusing on 'Risk, Uncertainty and Profit'. Discussion of lectures and reading. Hillman spoke well on Blockade Effects at the Marshall Soc. Had dinner with him, 'damn nice bloke'. Discussed other economists, he applying for jobs in Australia. His German nationality may be problem. PS to 'Wilf' from 'Dad'.</p>	28 Jan 1940?
	1/295	<p>Pamphlet- St Michael's Church, Spurriergate York Thursday Lunch Hour Addresses, Lent 1940</p>	8 Feb 1940

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	1/297	<p>Clare. 4pp. Glad to hear Colin Clark came to dinner. Did he know who was indexing his book? Economists rapidly leaving Cambridge, Reddaway to Min of Information after turning down job with Min of Ec Warfare. Rowe has gone there. Kalecki has returned to Camb. Kaldor more incomprehensible than ever on the concept of a moving equilibrium. A is shocked to find LSE students can get so far in 3rd year without doing General Theory. Mrs Robinson regrets having wasted several years of her life on the Economics of Imperfect Competition, as most of it is now useless. Discussion of the book 'Value of Capital' on which Seminars are being run each week. A going to Michael Oakeshott for Political Science supervision, he is good, despite wearing coloured waistcoats. Old Mrs Marshall has been very ill, even Keynes has been to see her. Discussion on text books. A has seen Appointments Board, may not get called up this summer. Slight chance of civil service job, by selection only, limited demand for economists.</p>	18 Feb 1940?
	1/298	<p>Clare. 6pp. Thanks for 5Pds birthday present. Hopes 1940 will see disappearance of Hitler. Lectures haven't been too bad this term but only Joan Robinson and Kaldor will be left to lecture next term! Oakeshott has been good, has written book on Politics and another called 'A guide to Form' - will Cams dons win on the turf? He is critical of Laski, says he is not a thinker but knows a lot about administration. Joan R had duel with Hayek, very funny. A had another medical, still Grade III for eyes and Grade II for feet. Consensus is that I could probably leave England if job came up in Melbourne (but passport authorities have last say). Other concern is how I will do in Tripas. Reference to publications subscriptions for W. 'Do you know anything good on Australian wool production which is one of the set for industry papers. Do you remember Henderson, (St Andrews degree) - is at Kings doing research on theory of risk.</p>	14 Mar 1940

Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
	1/300	No address. 2pp. Passport office says applications considered on merits, won't comment in advance, but sent forms. Spent 3 days in Leeds at NUS Conf. New Union Building very good. At Economics and Industry part of Conf A was asked to speak on War Finance; gave Keynes' line but there were a lot of suspicious communists there – Daily Worker had said it was a bad thing. Therefore had a barrage of criticism, some arguments amazing, giving an impression that Economics teaching in some British universities isn't of a very high standard – particularly Oxford. . . 'Do you remember the case of a communist called Phillips of Leeds who went to "jug" for seducing an RAF man. Well he was released after a lot of agitation, went back to Leeds and got a 1 st in Economics last June!' . . He then went to LSE, then joined up and was chucked out of the Army. Now back at LSE. 'I crossed swords with him at the Conference'. Using part of 5Pds birthday gift to buy new glasses.	[c. 20 Mar 1940]
	1/299	No address. 2pp. Master of Clare, Thirkill(?) has been in touch with Cambridge Labour Exchange who have asked me to write to Chief Passport Officer to find out if I could get a passport if the job in Melbourne materialized. Faint chance of Research at Cambridge next year. Discussion on Brown who took (tutored?) A early in his course.	26 Mar 1940?

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	1/301	<p>Clare 4pp. College Commemoration Dinner last night, very exclusive, only Fellows, 3rd year scholars and exhibitors and 2nd year scholars. Terrific affair with sherry, hock or burgundy, port or madeira and whisky and soda afterwards, started at 6.30 with a service and until one o'clock in the morning. I survived with no hang over. Govt. has started to call up Grade III (eyesight) people, might get exempted if could get some important job. Tempted to apply for Indian Civil Service which is being advertised. Intends to apply for the two research positions being offered. Have you any idea what impresses selection committees? Had thought of (subject of) growth of combination and monopolies and possible methods of control but that's a premature idea. Maybe should do something connected with the war. Outlines coming lecture programme. Exams not far off. Could you give more information on Richardson, political opinions, favourite subjects, type of answers he likes, views on General Theory? Sorry I bought books new but not available second hand in Cambridge. New Statesman will be 19/- to end of year. Can't buy Economist at undergrad. rates any more. Anything on wool industry?</p>	18 Apr 1940
	1/306	<p>No address., 2pp. (seems out of sequence, probably before Dunkirk and A probably still in College). Uncertain about army or civil job 'If not allowed to go back to Cambridge, shall probably not be called up until December (1939 or 1940?) and have to hang about in York. Hitler has fought for Poland without winning it. NS&N suggests he can move to alliance with Russia and a war of aggressive dictatorship socialism v democratic imperialism (and a drive to the left in Germany). Extreme left will probably withdraw support for war and the Right will have the sense to realize that a long war against Germany and Russia will end in Imperial Revolution, and therefore pretty short. This theory looks fantastic, position so complicated anything could happen.</p>	[c. 1 May 1940]

Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
	1/303	<p>Cambridge. 6pp. Richardson spoke at Marshall Soc. on Wages Policy in Wartime, I spoke in discussion and after made his acquaintance and exchanged your greetings. He will know who I am when he marks my paper! Only going to Joan Robinson's and Keynes' lectures at present, he is in brilliant form and gets 300 every week. Tripos 27 to 30 May, 7 papers. It will be in 'damned Corn Exchange again'. 'I know 0 (Yorkshire nowt ?) further about my military position'. Have been advised against Indian Civil Service. Reddaway's line is that it is not a good idea to start doing research or economics of any sort straight after taking one's degree; good thing to have a rest from it for a time - go into the army? Some technical discussion of the Keynes plan for savings and post war conditions. Interested to hear about the U of Melbourne Labor Club's fight with the communists. Same seems to have happened at most Uni Soc Clubs. Have been splits at LSE, Cambridge and Oxford - I haven't understood the CP line yet. Chamberlain has gone from PM-ship.</p> <p>Long PS to 'Wilf' from 'Dad'.</p>	12 May 1940

Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
	1/304	<p>From York. 6pp. part deleted by censor. ‘Cambridge career has come to a sudden and somewhat inglorious end’. On Friday, exams having finished, it was announced that all undergrads and BAs were to leave residence immediately, -go home and join parachute corps do farm work or something. Suspects real reason is imminent invasion of eastern countries. (Here the letter has been censored with a quarter of the page blacked out and pasted over). Thought that Uni will close except for vital research. ‘Tons and tons of drinks on Friday night’. Degree day cancelled. Discusses Tripos exam questions – didn’t do very well – hardest exams so far. Weather was bad and Corn Exchange building leaked during exams and had to change seats. ‘Home Civil’ (?) has announced willing to recruit Grade III men by interview, so has sent in forms, - “0” else except the army. They are wanting students for farm and forestry work in summer. Very little possibility of research for next year. Haven’t been taking in war progress, seems we have made a mess and they have made a mess of us. A friend told of officer who was sole survivor of his regiment from Dunkirk.(more censorship here) Some think the decisive battle of the war will be fought in the East Anglia and SE region within next three weeks. ‘We shan’t necessarily win it’. ‘Beside things like this, Tripos worries and the thought of leaving Cambridge for good do seem rather purile but I still haven’t quite recovered.’ Feel rather like a fish out of water & one that has been taken out pretty damn quick’</p>	3 Jun 1940?

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	1/305	Still in York. 3pp. No call up. Expects to get job in forestry at 48/- per week. Shall have to write to Christ's to say unable to take up studentship given by Sir Oswald Stoll who wrote congratulating me. JR Bellesby(?) has been awarded Leverhulme Reseach Grant on post war ecomonic reconstruction. Reading Barbara Wooton's ' Lament for Economics', goes a bit too far but should be on list for LSE students. Also Hermann Rauschning's(?) Revolution of Destruction, best book seen on Nazi Germany. Invasion imminent, air raids every day for last week or so, tho none actually at York. Coast from Berwick to Dorset prohibited to visitors and tank traps being erected on roads and fields made unfit for landing grounds. Seems to be amazing confidence in our ability to beat the Germans off, a lot of it ill-founded in my opinion. Will have to raise vast army to invade continent. You owe me Pds6/8/6d.	9 Jul 1940
	1/358	{York} 1pp. Working at Assistance Board. Netted Pds5/4s for week's work with 21 hours overtime. 5 bombs have dropped on York, one person killed, so odds about 500,000:1.	[c. Aug 1940]
	1/307	In York from context. 2pp. This may follow 1/305. Has job (started July) at Assistance Board, assessing people's needs and resources. Getting to know likely wages for almost very type of work in York district. Working 8.30 to 6.30, earning Pds3/15s pw inc 14 hrs overtime. Budget being criticized, comments on price movements, cost of living index not accurate and purchase tax effect.	[c. 4 Aug 1940]

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	1/357	No address but no doubt York. 2pp. Working at Assistance Board. Last letter gave details of this job. Uncertain about future and possible call up. But this is better than the army. Surprised so much of my previous letter censored. Believe main reason term finished early was to put BEF evacuated from Dunkirk into Colleges. Ec faculty has suffered thro. internment of foreigners. Graffa interned, Keynes running library. Bungling over refugees. Don't see how we can build expeditionary force (for Europe). Only possible foundation for victory is organized revolution throughout Europe. Got prize books, received degree certificate the other day. York City has sacked all conscientious objectors.	[c. 30 Aug 1940]
	1/308	No address but probably York. 2pp. Out of sequence. As a Grade III man call-up suspended. Most of letter continues uncertain about what sort of job or exemption will come up. Expects war of attrition. Letter from Reddaway in London with testimonial. JJ Thomson of Trinity died. (30 Aug 1940 – Google) You're a/c stands at about Pds5, do you want anything out of it?	[c. 12 Sep 1940]

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	1/311	<p>London, 7 Clareville Gve, SW7. (First from London). On 7 Sep had letter from central register saying I was offered job as temp assistant in stats with Min of Supply at about Pd400/a. Interview 11 Sep, but told not enough experience and offered lower paid job at Pd 4 to 5 /w and was appointed. Left Assistance Board (York?) and reported in London Saturday 21 Sep. Man who gives me work is Windett, Asst to Crowther. Job generally breaking down production programmes into labour and material requirements, the labour side for the Beveridge c'tee on man power. (Some of news similar to 1/309). Living at Reddaway's house for time being. He has evacuated family. Comment on air raids and damage. No gas, power also off. 12-hour shifts foreshadowed for PS and sleeping in the building. Won't go back to Cambridge, won't be anyone there, LSE returning to London. News of economists/academics in ministry jobs. Send replies home as don't know how long I will be here.</p>	25 Sep 1940
	1/310	<p>Quote from London Punch 4 Sep 1940– Disagreement in Australia. The C'wealth Parliament will rise two weeks from today, Mr Menzies announced. Prof Copeland announced that the retail price of sugar would not rise – Melb Argus.</p>	27 Sep 1940

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	1/309	<p>From 7 Clareville Gve, London SW7. 4pp 8vo no year. A is working in Govt , 2000 employees in organization. Boss of his section, Dept of Programmes is Geoffrey Crowther, former editor, Economist, an old Clare man. Address temporary, it is R's (Reddaway's?) house. When R was away stayed in basement of the Adelphi, converted into huge dormitory with 100 beds for men only safe spot (during air raids?). In coming months to work 4 days/week 9 till 9 , sleeping in basement and rest of week off. Expect raids will last all day and night through winter. Looked up digs in Hampstead at 35/- pw. Reading reports of various committees concerning economic war effort. Starting to estimate size and capacity of wood-making industry in different regions of country. Generally has job, with others, of estimating labour requirements in munitions production for next few months. London much the same tho more damaged. Lost count number of times sirens have sounded. People don't seem to take much notice, sleep in underground at night.</p> <p>PS added by Winnie in letter to W and Marjorie. She had a week in Grassing, delightful weather walked up dale to Kettlewell and back. Called at Leeds, not much damaged, German plane that had been brought down in square. Brighton and Birmingham heavily bombed and Dobbie(?) says 300 families homeless in Rotherham, so all our relatives seem to be in it. Alan had rough time at Chiswick.. Dark nights and no street lighting. At Centenary Canteen 3 nights this week feeding forces, 200 soldiers there last night. People in London and Hull haven't had night's rest for over a month.</p>	[c. 30 Sep 1940]

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	1/312	<p>SW7. 6pp. In London 5 weeks. Raids still frequent all night and appreciable part of the day. Had narrow escape at 9.30 recently when out for walk and bomb landed 100 yd away demolishing paymaster-general's office. Others hit Royal Empire Soc building, and Charing Cross underground. Casualty services efficient. Nothing nearer the house than 200 yds. London showing signs of battering, east end worst, Aldgate a mess. Also Oxford St and Holborn have caught it and House of Lords without its windows. Bomb fell on Trafalgar Sq Sat night. Land mines which come by parachute are the worst, devastate houses for quarter mile radius. Aunt Alice has been bombed out. 'Bloody but unbowed' most appropriate description on London at present. Amazing to see shopkeepers sweeping up glass after Charing Cross bomb as if it was normal. Terrific row at night of guns and bombs. I am going to be a firewatcher – will at least be exciting. The job is interesting, sort of research work. At present on engineering trades. Gives some history of his supervisor, Windett. Some details on the jobs that various economists and academics are doing for government. Moving into digs next week, probably at Hampstead, as Reddaway's lease runs out. Disadvantage has been lack of gas -cold milk or water to drink, boiling eggs in electric kettle. Tell me the baby's name, I will open a PO A/c for him but can't afford much. London expensive these days. PS Wednesday 16 Oct Completed first night as fire-watcher. Eerie experience. Heaviest raid to date. Patrolling top floor and roof of large building with dozens of planes overhead - not for weak nerves. Terrific explosion from time-bomb in Leicester Sq, dozens of bombs came whistling down. Saw a flare extinguished by 'flaming onions' from 40mm AA guns. A ring of large fires put out in a couple of hours by fire brigades who were brilliant. But must have been a lot of damage and people killed. Large number of underground stations are out of action and central London is without gas today. Lyons Strand Corner House cooking breakfast on primus stoves.</p>	14 Oct 1940

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	1/313	<p>Hampstead. (New digs NW3?) 4pp. Job still interesting, at present dealing with machine tool utilization. Problem of collecting parcels from Euston and St Pancras stations for Min of Supply. More about academics in public service jobs. Bombing intensity a little less. Has had two more nights as fire-watcher but both quiet. "They" are trying lightning raids at rush hour, bomb on Old Kent Rd at 9am one morning and Baker St at lunch time. Damage very bad Holborn and Chancery. Proposing to move out of digs, company not great, expensive. Will take a room and self cater except for breakfast at 7 Lancaster Gve NW3. Had a weekend in Cambridge, great to get out of London, dinner at Clare high table. Of Dons, one an AB, one an infantryman in Egypt and another to join RAF. Q, Are all the Australians and new Zealanders as tough as the ones over here in expeditionary forces? 'If they are, well all I'll say is, thank God I'm not a German! I'm willing to be godfather to the baby.</p>	7 Nov 1940
	1/359	<p>No address. [London] 2pp. First rest since started with Assistance Board in July. Have now been with Min of Supply for 3 months. (Started here 21 Sep 1940 – see 1/311). Hard work, finishing off machine tool census, then will move to another section. Cass, a nice bloke from Oxford and I will move to be Windett's personal assistants and dealing in manpower matters. Getting Pds 225 pa plus 5/- a week bonus and overtime., but had a shock that I have to pay Pds25 pa tax. Don't see analogy with the 'dispersion' of Jews – it seems to me more like Zionism. Our Dept expanding rapidly. Bombs come and go. You won't find many programmes of records played on BBC, lost most of them due to a land mine. Glad you are applying for Perth. Is Kaldor coming to Melb? Convinced Crowther is finest intellect I have come across. Note articles in EJ inc Guillebaud(?) on New German Order for Europe. I am rapidly becoming a statistician rather than an economist.</p>	[c 20.Dec 1940]

Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
	1/314	<p>7 Lancaster Gve NW3. 5pp. Writing from Adelphi as on fire duty tonight. No raid so far. Now Asst. to Cass(?) the Oxford man on manpower problems. More in my line than machine tools. Dept has expanded from 25 to 100 since I have been here. Brit Govt changes (Production Executive) Greenwood has gone, considered hopeless. Manpower demands will be tremendous in next few months. Don't know how this call-up will effect me, may have to go into Pioneer Corps or something 'hellish' like that. But have right of appeal. No night raids for a long time but day raids have started again. Heard sirens were sounded so Wendell-Wilkie could hear them! The night of the big fire-bomb raid I had returned from a weekend at home and had to go though it to get to Hampstead. Could read newspaper by light of the fires. Big fire near Adephi, gas main burning underground, firefighters ran out of water, AA crews so hot they stripped to the waist. In city soon after was an historic sight, something to tell your son about. Masses of charred buildings and around St Pauls, fire blackened ruins. Streets covered with hoses. Signs of coming invasion, Hitler must attack before flow of US aid becomes great, maybe March to May. Razor blades short. Sending you Economist and NS&N weekly. Saw film 'The Great Dictator' marvelous flick. Keeping an open mind on what to do after the war but it seems a long way off.</p>	28 Jan 1941

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	1/315	NW3. 5pp. Life in more settled mould, like typical London office worker, but may be dragged into army. Much statistical work, discusses its deficiencies and criticizes 'Oxford statisticians'. Academic 'big academic noises' in civil service are Noel Hall, Under-sec in Min of Econ Welfare and Beveridge, running Min of Labour. Bevin spending lot of time in Production Executive. 'Did I tell you figures on labour requirements by Cass and me were incorporated in report going to Churchill?' Too tired to keep up economic study. Will pre-war Ec. Theory based on capitalist organisation be relevant after the war? Economic mobilization still slow. Key to victory is transport. For Germany it is internal, for us, the sea. Dock labour at Liverpool now government employees. Cutting enc. With now better pay, they can earn enough in 3 or 4 days and go home for rest of the week. Pleased to be godfather to 'the infant'. 'Little in the way of raids recently'.	28 Feb 1941
	1/316	NW3 but written at Adelphi when fire-watching. Addressed 'Dear All, (York family(?), not Wilfred). 2pp, incomplete, no sign-off. Shock! The Dept of programmes is being dissolved this week. Windett got himself a good job in Raw Materials, leaving rest of Dept to sink. We to become a Stats. Section dealing with factory requirements for labour. Cass to be PA to Sir Walter Layton. Disgusted with sordid way thing has been done.	11 Mar 1941
	1/317	NW3 2pp. Also addressed Dear All, 2pp, again from Adelphi. Now expects to be called up any day. Hasn't moved into new branch yet but working for them. The 'big boss' is Oxford Prof of Philosophy, Franks and next Douglas Jay a well known socialist and former city editor of Daily Herald. With Cass calculated that with current shipping losses and rebuilding rate we shall have lost the war by the end of next year, so food shortage will be pretty bad soon, but in the army fairly assured of food.	18 Mar 1941

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	1/318	<p>York. To Wilfred, 4pp. Ref to (post war) 'reconstruction'. Retails story of Dept changes as mentioned in 1/316 and 1/317. Mentions contact with acquaintances of W's, Eastham from Dundee, McCallum of Newcastle and Jack. Nearly all academic economists now in govt jobs; recent visit of three, Makower (?) and HW Robinson of War Cabinet office and Dr Grace Keybourne(?) of the Admiralty, a pretty tough trio. Have Pds2/15 left in your funds, renewing sub to Manchester School but not the Labour Gazette (as there is never anything in the damn thing now). No more cuttings from the Times as it is going up to 3d. Thanks for birthday cable, hope parcel of edibles doesn't get sunk, food becoming definitely a problem but Ma could tell you more. Now have to catch the Flying Scotsman back to London.</p>	2 Apr 1941
	1/319	<p>NW3. 4pp. Being called up 24 Apr. Am to report at race course Leicester. Account of how call up came and due to Dept's incompetence I was not on list of special applications for exemption, and there was nothing could be done to appeal. 'To make matters worse, last week London had heaviest blitz so far, 1200 killed, 2200 injured, Adelphi partly bombed, therefore no work could be done. I was on fire-watch, one fire-watcher killed. Three land mines dropped near Adelphi and every building near it was bombed or burned out. Terrible mess around Adelphi now. Used to be block of buildings 50 yds deep, now can see through to the Strand. Charing Cross Station burned all next day, others bombed were Selfridges, The Temple, StPauls. Another raid last Saturday night. So will be glad to get out of London. Any spare knitting capacity, anything would be appreciated. I should like your Rolls razor if you can spare it and risk sending it!</p>	22 Apr 1941

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	1/320	Leicester. To family. (10550211 Pte Prest AR 'B' Coy No 3 Training Battn). 6pp 8vo. Records initiation to army, received eating irons and towel first day, then soldier's service book in exchange for ID and ration book, had tea in Methodist hall, slept with squad of 20 in empty house, next day got uniform, fits well boots not too bad. Told about War Savings, had pay parade (3/3d/day). Next day had intelligence and mechanical tests. Then inoculated in both arms and given day off to recover. Will be here 6 weeks training, rifle, M/c gun and clerical, then posted somewhere. Very different from London but could be worse. Food not bad. Amazing mix of men. Please send : 1 Tablet soap, thin pyjamas, 2 good pairs socks, nail brush, slab of chocolate if you can get it. Don't send any more, can't store it	26 Apr 1941
	1/321	Leicester. To W. 7pp 8vo. Describes initiation into army and details a day's programme. 'I was a wreck every night, every bone and muscle aching'. My group quite matey, but haven't found anyone with similar interests to my own. Don't know about possibilities of promotion. Can't say I like being in the army but it hasn't been too unpleasant yet. Nervous about tomorrow, we are firing on the range. Healthy, but trouble keeping up intellectual standards, Cambridge friend in Leicester has lent library cards and another gives gramophone recitals Saturday nights.	4 May 1941

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	1/322	Leicester. To W. 6.5pp 8vo. Have been soldier 4 weeks, seems longer. Repeats a/c of early time here. Infantry training now half day with half on DT lectures, rather boring on organisation of ROAC depots. Future not clear, no immediate chance of promotion. Some chance of War Office stats job, but expects clerking work in an ordnance depot eventually. Army involves some back-breaking work, but there is satisfaction in mutual grumbling. There are a few here with university backgrounds. I'm poor at shooting and not NCO material. Being a Pte has advantages, people give you lifts. One of the worst things is compulsory church on Sundays and having to get spruced up. Get our own back by putting pennies or half pennies in the plate. I have to march in front rank because I am tall, but for no other reason. Have had no leave expect family may come at Whitsun.	20 May 1941
	1/324	Leicester. To W. 8pp.8vo. Still don't know where I am being sent. Waiting on war Off job. Activity and discipline slackened off. Comments on army life and how fit one is. Get used to tough conditions. No leave yet. Family here a fortnight ago. They brought some of the christening cake (from Aus?) very good. But food good here.	14 th June 1941
	1/325	Telegram to W. Letters, parcels received thanks all well	14 Jul 1941

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	1/326	<p>RAOC Mobilisation Centre Carlton Nottingham. With envelope and Aus press clip dated 19-9-41 on mails lost at sea. 9pp. 8vo. Arrived here from Leicester 1 Jul, having been held there 3 weeks after others had gone, then War Office scheme collapsed. Did 24 mile route march and had 48 hrs leave in London. This place has reputation for giving you the 'long jump' ie visit to pyramids! But am in RAOC unit labelled 'Home Service' at any rate for time being. Actually attached to an armoured Div spare part supply unit. We live in lorries and completely mobile. Expect to move south. Have applied for commission and Recommended by OC here, 'a one-armed, head-dented survivor of the Mesop. campaign of the last war'. Next step is vetted by the Colonel. If passed may be taken out of this group and kept here. Lot of 'toughs' here, food not so good, no leave because it's a mob. Centre. But will be entitled to 7 days having been in army 3 months. Pouring wet day on rifle range. Learning to drive lorries, on 60 HP Detroit -built Ford, marvelous things but take some driving, double de-clutching on each gear change. Pleasant surprise, awarded the Greene Cup by Clare for General Learning - Pds 6. Discussion of Russian resistance, war may end year after next. May get back to Cambridge 1943! Nottingham a nice place with more facilities than Leicester. Better not send Rolls razor as I might go away.</p>	20 Jul 1941
	1/327	<p>Telegram to Master Wilfrid Prest. Thanks for letter, loving greetings from all.</p>	5 Aug 1941

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	1/328	<p>Nottingham. From L/cpl Prest AR. 6pp 8vo. With probable envelope. About 5 miles from previous place. Interviewed by Colonel; although qualifications of the highest order, too young and not enough service, but gave me a stripe. Next stage is to go before Northern Command Interview Board, probably Derby. My 7-days leave 4 weeks overdue. Putting down RASC as first choice, then Army Education, then Artillery. Variety of jobs here after getting a stripe, taking squads 'on the square', now NCO i/c post ie collection and distribution of mail. Hard work keeping nominal roll, better job than others I have had. (Wilfred has sent the razor). What do you think of Joe Stalin? Puts the Brit. Generalship and WO in the shade. They have strongest 5th column in Europe and know how to use it.</p>	27 Aug 1941
	1/329	<p>No address or date but from context early Sept 1941 having left Nottingham area. 4pp quarto. Was recommended for commission in RASC. Three weeks ago letter from WO saying I had expressed a wish to be an Ordnance Mechanical Engineer (Wireless)! Told officer it was mistake and to send back forms. Then ordered to interview 2 Sept. Didn't refuse free trip to London! Matter had arisen when Master of Clare said there were good jobs in wireless and I wrote to Snow (an old Christ's man) but ended corres. when asked about radio experience. Managed to get 7 days leave added to interview, so don't return until 10 Sep. Treated 'like a gentleman' by interviewers, one a Christ's man. Having said yes to a 1st in economics and an interest in radio they decided to send me to school from 25 Oct, and be commissioned at end of it. Have moved but still at Arnold Notts. Glad to hear parcel on the way, can already taste the cake! Is your son going to grow to my height, now 6'3''.</p>	Sep 1941

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	1/330	From Petersham Hall, Richmond Surrey. 3.5pp 8vo. After returning to Notts., was sent to Burscough 15 miles north of Liverpool. Languished for 5 weeks. Came here a fortnight ago, can't say anything except I'm doing radio work. Course about 3 months. Seems very interesting but will be difficult in later stages, but starting on fundamentals. But some with science PhDs have failed. In civilian digs, well fed, no guards or parades. Will be very busy and may not write for a while. Would you like NS & N to be renewed for next year as a Xmas present ?	2 Nov 1941
	1/331	From 57 Lock Rd Ham(?) Richmond Surrey. 3pp. Thanks for the Rolls razor and cake. Half way through 12 week radio course. Had first exam, did quite well but more difficult stuff to come. If I get through final will be commissioned but uncertain of outcome. Being well looked after by land lady. Working harder than ever in my life. Your(W's) last letter dated 30-10-41. Have forgotten economics. Germans retreating from Rostov, may be turning point. Things aren't going as well as they should in 'the Bulge'.	5 Dec 1941
	1/332	Telegram, date is received. Parcels received, best wishes for Xmas, New Year.	12 Jan 1942

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	1/333	<p>Ham Surrey. 5.5 pp 8vo. Took final exam 3 weeks ago. Been home on leave for second time in 9 months. Damned cold at home. Received telegram to say I had passed, 6th of about 30. Came back here to be commissioned followed by many forms and a week's regimental course under a Capt. Who had done 15 years with Coldstream guards who chased us around 'all right'. Civilians who passed have been commissioned and posted but 14 of us 'soldiers' still here with nothing to do, except report to the sergeant major every morning. Uniform costs a hell of a lot, 'a tailor's ramp' - wonder how they manage these things in Russia? How is everyone facing the far eastern situation. Newspapers say agitation in Aus re Britain's responsibility for present state of affairs. Beginning to doubt if East Indies can be defended. Japs will meet their end (in China) if Yanks can deliver the goods and some punches come from Vladivostok. How is situation effecting you personally? Thank God for Joe Stalin! Public opinion here has undergone change as Russians advance and we are retreating everywhere else.</p>	2 Feb 1942

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	1/334	<p>RAOC OTC Rushton Hall Kettering. 10pp 8vo with envelope. Opened and passed by censor. Hope you will be safe and well when you get this letter, though impossible to say what will have happened by then. Repeats story of radio course and commission. "Dumped" in SW England 7 Feb on lonely hilltop in Glos, overlooking Severn Valley. Small community of 60, 4 of us officers, living, eating, sleeping washing etc in 20 x 20 hut. After a few days I was sent here for 5-week course. Sorry to leave unit, hope to go back to it. Course here is not as intense as previous one. – about army organization., with exams. Don't know whether 'I like' being an officer, easier and more congenial but there is a certain freedom and lack of responsibility in life in the ranks. But we do get weekends off. Going to Cambridge this weekend, first time for 18 months. This place is near site of battle of Naseby. When Japs will be stopped a hell of a problem. Pleased Cripps now in Cabinet, heard him in Cambridge 3 years ago, tip him as next PM. This year Hitler's last chance, USA production will build up and must be decisive factor. A Cambridge pal, Bob Schilt in RAF may be going south, have given your address.</p>	3 Mar 1942
	1/335	<p>York. 6pp. 8vo. Very glad to hear from home that they had cable from you. Congratulations (on birth of son). Glad you have seen Bob Schilt, with whom I shared rooms in Clare, good bloke even if engineering capabilities not so very great. Treat him well! Left Kettering 27 Mar and finished up in HQ at Bristol who sent me to Devon reporting to OIC Plymouth. Great place but badly blitzed. Then to north Devon where I'm looking after a lot of equipment, have 10 hp van and do 700-800 miles a week, looking after 25 ordnance men, very interesting work, big area from Exmoor to Bude in Cornwall. Beautiful scenery. Hope Japs get nowhere near you in Aus.</p>	13 Apr 1942

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	1/336	<p>York 4 pp. Thanks for letter and chocolate. Sorry to hear about Rohan Rivett, anything more heard of him? Several friends of mine were in Singapore – pretty grim. Where has Bob Schilt gone? Now home on leave, posted 3 miles from Bude, spend most days traveling around repairing apparatus. Politically things in the melting pot. If Russians hold fast may be able to break Germany next year and Japan after that. But 2nd front needed – our shipping too rocky at present. Feel even now this country not fully mobilized, could be tighter, eg coal rationing. Rise of Cripps encouraging (Churchill’s successor) and growing admiration for USSR. Hope you are getting NS&N and Economist. No time for reading, except technical literature. Congenial companion from Sheffield, also a red hot socialist so we get on well together.</p>	19 May 1942
	1/337	<p>York. 7pp 8vo. Still in same place and doing same work. Traveling a lot and know the country almost blind-fold. Have done some 15,000 miles in 6 months. Just returned from 4th leave home. All well at home but Pa slung out of his job. There for his 75th birthday. Had letter from Bob Schilt, now in Lahore, said you entertained him excellently. Comment on Stalingrad. Don’t see end of war for 2-3 years now. Talk of Germany cracking up is poppy-cock. Needs two fronts in Europe, we are far from ready for that. WO has sent message to all units that ‘during period of court mourning (for Duke of Kent), officers will not go to dances or balls in uniform’. You owe me for the Economist from 1 May.</p>	3 Sep 1942

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	1/338	<p>York. 9.5pp, 8vo. Living in hopes of getting letter from you, suppose they have been sunk. Have a good Xmas, hope you can get more Xmas things than we can here. Adding to kids' savings certificates. In same place and same job, its been 8.5 months. Just about oldest resident in unit. May go on advanced course nr Manchester. Have learned tricks of the trade, but often working after dark to 11 or 12 at night. Now have two pips, purely automatic. No longer on RAOC but now REME (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) no material difference except buying new buttons etc. Have applied for job in my old line, expect interview soon. What do you think of the Beveridge Report? Seems admirable so far as it goes, but depends on assumption of full employment. Has involved more discussion than any other blueprint since the Poor Law Report. Despite success in north Africa war has another 3 years to go. Home on leave end November, traveling there difficult. Comments on friends serving overseas, some of them casualties.</p>	14 Dec 1942
	1/339	<p>York. 5pp. with envelope. Interviewed 1 Jan by AA Command for a statistics job and accepted. Posted away from Holsworthy where had been for nearly a year, and posted to Bristol. Job disappointing, most people are senior, all billeted out so don't get to know anyone. Destined to move to London in 2 months probably same conditions so am thinking of asking to be released back into radio work. Sending NS and Ec hope they are reaching you. They are my sole reading these days. What do you think of war situation? Russian brilliance is really incredible. Starting to strike at Rostov and Kharkov If we can launch attack on western Europe, will be well on the way to winning.</p>	3 Feb 1943

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	1/340	York. 5pp. Thanks for birthday cable. Have been in Bristol 2 months. Hope to go back to radio work at end of month. Couldn't stand stats job. Home on leave 20 Feb to 1 Mar some of which was for the first time, in advance. Been on 3-day conference in London, stayed at Hotel for commissioned officers of all nationalities, discussion with Polish Admiral and Ukranian. Dined at Greek restaurant with red wine and at Simpson's in the Strand, a magnificent meal. People at home well, Uncle Eddie with premature senile decay. Possibility of war workers being billeted with Ma. After war it is going to be tremendous job educating the army for civil life. Hardly anyone younger than me has been trained for anything but to fight. Nazi line of attack is to exploit bogey of bolshevism and whip up economic resources of Europe, now defending fortress Europe rather than expanding. Disappointed with Govt reaction to Beveridge Report. Article on it in NS&N by Michael Straight(?)	17 Mar 1943

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	1/341	<p>York 6pp. 8vo. Gather casualty rate on letters pretty high, apparently only one received at home this year. (Cont 13 May.) Your No9 now received but not Nos 4-8. From Bristol went back to old job in Dorset, Hants and Somerset. Not permanently attached to one battery as in Devon, work 4 – 5 days in one area and move to another. Peak was 6 places in 7 days. Viz Castle Cary (Somerset), Dorchester, Swindon, Devizes, Dorchester, Malvern (5 days) Today in Salisbury. Laundry and mails a problem. Went on exceedingly interesting short course on new equipment, and saw some of research work of Min of Supply – marvelous. Met man named Edington who used to be physics teacher at St John’s training Coll. York. Have you read Keynes and White plans for currency regulation? Sceptical about piecemeal plans, need for coordinated plans both national and international with more socialistic outlook than British Govt, at any rate, seems to possess. With N Africa in our hands can look forward to termination in Europe in 1944. but won’t be easy. People in occupied countries will be too broken and disorganized to help much. Great tribute to Beatrice Webb in NS&N this week.</p>	7 May 1943
	1/342	<p>Telegram, received date. Letter, telegram, parcels received many thanks.</p>	31 May 1943
	1/323	<p>Leicester, to family. 8pp 8vo. ‘Wednesday’. No news of where I’m going. War office candidates held back, 80 went to Donnington Shropshire, about 70 to Didcot, other lots to Leatherhead, Nottingham, Woolwich etc. Applied for leave but uncertain whether I will get it. Had outing to local beauty spot Sunday with marvelous tea of boiled eggs, fresh salad, bread and butter, scones and cakes all for 1/9d. If Pa does happen to come thro Leicester, tell him to come to Coy. office as I may be moved. None of the intelligent ones have been promoted.</p>	[c. 11 Jun 1943]

Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
	1/343	<p>York. 7pp. 8vo. Thanks letter last week with cuttings and most important, the duplicate of cheque. Original must have been lost. Interested in your news inc idea of 'Keynes Club'. In touch with Clare about taking my MA, earliest date is 21 Jan 1944. After much moving about have been at HQ, S Dorset since mid-June. Hard but interesting work, 10 to 12 hours per day. Have had short trips to Weymouth and Portland. Had leave mid-June inc night in London and two shows, a play and Saddlers Wells ballet. Looked up old work mates in Min of Supply. – all seem to have got themselves better jobs as war progressed. Prof Franks now U-Secretary M of S, Austin Robinson and G(?) are Directors-General of this and that at the Min of Production. I quite honestly think war effort would suffer little if they were all called up! Saw Reddaway in London, conclusion he is the greediest man I have ever met. He offered criticisms of the Bev. Report and said a lot of people are wasting time on reconstruction as it is impossible to plan with insufficient information, I tend to agree with him there. How soon do you think the war will be over?:</p>	7 Jul 1943
	1/346	<p>York. 6pp with envelope, addressed to W and Marjorie. Written on a Thursday. One of worst times in my life, -recalled from unit as Pa is very very ill. Mother and Winnie both very upset. Pa went for long walk Monday last week. Bilious attack Tuesday, stayed in bed. Acute pain in ankle Tuesday night. Saw Dr Ball. Saturday ankle became swollen, Ball asked he call in Dr Visick who put Pa in hospital. Operation to remove puss Sat night and Pa came through well on Sunday. He became ill Monday and Dr Ball told Ma there was little chance of recovery and she should send for me. Visick said kidney trouble was the cause. He is deteriorating but Visick said there is still a chance that treatment may work. Pa is not suffering. Am writing to Schilt asking he relay news to you. PS 15 Jul 12 o'clock Visick says only slender chance of recovery.</p>	15 Jul 1943

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	1/345	York, airletter addressed to Bob Schilt in India. Asks if he can get some detailed news of Father's illness to W quicker than normal means. (details follow-) Father taken ill 6 July, to hospital 10 Jul for operation on foot. Recovered but relapsed 12 Jul so serious that mother sent for me. Since getting steadily weaker difficulty even swallowing liquid food. 'Poison has spread and kidney troubles complicating things, fears he will not pull through'.	15 Jul 1943
	1/350	Form as 1/349. From F/O RA Shchilt RAF India Command to W. Details as forwarded by Alan for transmission to W regarding Pa's ill health	15 Jul 1943
	1/347	Telegram Father seriously ill operation little chance of recovery Prest.	16 Jul 1943
	1/344	Telegram and envelope, received date. Father died peacefully 3pm July 16 th , Alan Prest.	20 Jul 1943
	1/348	York. 12pp. Writing again to give details of 'our tragedy at home'. Have sent two cables, one acknowledged. Repeats history of Pa's illness as in 1/346, his deterioration and his death on Friday afternoon. I have reason to suspect that they put him out of his pain. Mother was very brave and you would have been proud of her. Winnie was very upset but stood up to the strain very well. Funeral was Tuesday 20 Jul at 1.45 pm., Very small, in cemetery chapel. Mourners were Mother, Winnie, Aunts Georgie (85 yrs), Alice (Prest), Clara and Edith and Mrs Robertson. There were a number of acquaintances. Canon Ley(?) of Fulford took the service, and very well too. Pa had not lived to see his grandchildren. Will you write to comfort Ma by commending Pa's full life with no long bed-ridden period. Ma is well off materially. Have taken shares and papers to Harrowell and Browns and they are sorting them out.. We have had large number of letters.. Please write to Ma as often as possible, I am worried about her health.	23 Jul 1943

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	1/349	Reduced photocopy. (Facsimile transmission?) to W. one page form letter. Short resume of Pa's illness and death. Would like Mother to come south for a holiday but I am moving so much it is not practicable.	9 Aug 1943
	1/351	York. Form as 1/349. From A to W. Back on duty. Ma very worried with aftermath of Pa's death but Winnie says she is improving. Asks W to write often. Will write to W's friend Hocking. Very busy with interesting work in SW England but traveling a lot. While in this job will not be sent overseas.	18 Aug 1943
	1/352	York. 7pp 8vo. Your letter posted just after receiving my cable about Pa. Cheered me up after pa's death. Have been home for a weekend. Memorial plaque in St Michael's a good idea but problem that vicar has not been to see Ma and she understandably isn't disposed to see him about it. Good to see snaps of young Prests, 'they obviously take after me for good looks!' Now based in Bristol again, but much traveling. Working for the Colonel and go round all the workshops as his 'envoy'. Interesting experiences and meeting huge numbers of people. Still think war will go to 1945 or 1946. Economist centenary number had interesting articles on post-war political and economic organisation and planning. Story about Churchill's 1940 speech ("We will fight them on the beaches" etc) is that sotto voce, he added -"and we will beat the b. . . .s over the head with bottles if we have nothing else" but that didn't get into Hansard. Thinking of taking my MA next January if still in England.	16 Sep 1943
	1/353	Telegram. Have been promoted, letters and parcels sent, greetings from us all, Prest.	17 Nov 1943

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	1/354	From Capt Prest, REME, DDME's Office at Bristol. 6pp 8vo. New rank is 'acting' and at risk of losing it if away from my unit for too long. Spending spare time repairing wireless set bought from Reddaway. Still traveling but more office work to do. Will take up economics again when armistice comes. Feel pessimistic about postwar and see emergence of all the old vested interests to wreck the 'carefully laid plans and logical economic and social reforms of the planners'. 'I despair of any end to the anarchy of international trade and tariffs, prohibitions etc'. "I will make some additions to your offsprings' shares in British capital – it is strictly against my principles as you know to support shareholders but there we are." PS Ma sounds more cheerful in her letters.	21 Nov 1943
	1/355	Form as 1/349.-from Horfield barracks, Bristol. Notes W has been to Canberra. Due for leave in 5 weeks, will go to Cambridge 21 Jan to take MA, 'God and the army being willing'. Floods of wartime population there and many very young irresponsible undergrads. Not so much traveling, going to Cornwall and finding Bristol a bit better for living. War may be over in Europe next year – 'Good old Joe!'. In London last week, crowded and fantastically expensive.	6 Dec 1943
	1/356	Christmas Greetings form as 1/349. From Horfield barracks. Xmas greetings. What did Schilt have to say? Haven't heard from him. Wrote to Hocking but no reply. Home on 7 days leave 3 weeks ago. Ma picking up. Won't be at home for Xmas.	[c 15 Dec 1943]
	1/2	To mother from Horefield Barracks, Bristol, Ref to enc letter from Wilfred. Attended degree ceremony at Cambridge (presumably receiving MA), dined at Clare high table, met Geoffrey Crowther. Assured scholarship will be kept, economics to expand after war	24 Jan 1944
	1/3	Bristol (to Wilfred) Alan records visit to Cambridge and taking his degree, repeats some news as in 1/2	5 Feb 1944

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	1/4	Bristol 2 letters, one marked 1/4(2) 14 Apr 1944. Comment on radio work (with army) in Bristol. Arguing with an MP in same mess. Doesn't want to go "east" for rest of the war but this is apparently possible. 1/4(2) expresses fatalistic attitude towards army life. Surprised Keynes didn't get Montague Norman's job. Has met Pauline Noble	25 Feb 1944
	1/5	Bristol. Ref to army life and course on guns and predictors. Foreshadows engagement soon. Comments on Wilfred's impending promotion (to actg Prof) at Melbourne.	2 Jun 1944
	1/6	York 10pp. Refers to experience with "fly-bombs" SE of London, seeing them brought down and narrow encounter with shrapnel. Has become engaged (to Pauline). Praises London people. Ref to "Make this the last War" by Michael Straight, an American who was senior at Cambridge. Comment on White Paper on Employment. Ref to theatre life in London. Dined with Reddaway who thinks he will stay in the Board of Trade after the war and opines that Keynes has solved the employment problem and that economists will find work on the applied side in government service. Seeks W's view on this.	8 Jul 1944
	1/7	Bristol. Fairly routine news of work and moving around Britain. War expected to end this year	8 Aug 1944
	1/8	Bristol. Possibility of going to Burma still current. Ref to AA Guns bringing down 75% of fly-bombs. Wants Wilfred to come back to UK. Reading Robinson's Monopoly, also Leopold Schwarzschild's (?) "World in Trance" on Germany's inter-war years.	17 Sept 1944
	1/9	York. Advising Wilfred of advert. for new Professorship of Economics at Liverpool	30 Sept 1944
	1/10	York. Advises of leaving Bristol in 10 days. Hopes to meet Copeland. Glad W intends to come over Aug 1945, A hopes he will not be in Germany or Burma then. Ref to W's comments on employment white paper and Tory criticism. Doubt whether he will be back in Cambridge before 1946 or 47. Offers photo of Pauline	2 Nov 1944

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	1/11	York. Copeland didn't have time to see Alan who was unable to accept dinner invitation from C L Hewitt, Copeland's 'stooge'. Discusses Professorial job at Belfast and Wilfred's interest in employment back in the UK. Notes Wilfred now has Actg Prof's job'.	26 Dec 1944
	1/12	Laindon Essex. Air letter. Follow up to 1/11 regarding Wilfred's interest in UK jobs. Assumes academic only, salary 500 to 600 (pounds). Alan has been put in charge of REME workshop, hence change of address. Enjoying being his own boss. Has read Beveridge on full employment – "brilliant and passionately written but will go down as "mathematics for the Million" rather than "Theory of Relativity". "He will still not face up to socialism"	1 Jan 1945
	1/13	York. Apologies for not being able to meet Copeland	1 Feb 1945
	1/14	York. Alan at Richmond on a course. Prefers camp to civilian billets, better food. Not keen on Burma. Americans superior at sea and in air but war dragging on, - foresees guerilla war continuing. Reading 'Studies on Full Employment' by Oxford Inst of Statistics. They refer to Keynes' theories. Comment on postwar outcomes. Enquiry about Copeland and comment on Wilfred's Actg Professorship	23 Feb 1945
	1/15	York. Will send ad. for Swansea Prof of Economics appointment. Sees Europe war ending soon Alan uncertain whether to apply for control Commission in Germany or (possible) Burma posting	13 Mar 1945
	1/16	York. ref to Professorship appointment at Swansea	19 Mar 1945

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	1/17	York. Air letter. Hope you apply for Swansea. Job of Prof also available at Aberdeen, but you are probably too late. Back in Essex from leave. Ma in good health but I think you should return. But don't be alarmed she doesn't have one foot in the grave. She is lonely. Have offered to pay for laundry but it is like talking to a brick wall. Pauline and I contemplating getting married on my next leave. No point in delay. With war about over AA is dead, expect to be sent overseas. Thinking of Allied Control Commission. Have been to Cambridge to see Reddaway, he is going to USA to study consumption, well dug in at Bd of Trade. Keynes and Pigou both sick men. Champernowne (?) to Oxford Inst of Stats. Dennison has lectureship at Cambridge. Rothbatt(?) a bright student, killed in Holland. Reddaway suggested I might get job with Nat Inst Ec Research but want to take up Research Studentship at Christs. Don't say anything to Ma or Winnie about above.	28 Mar 1945
	1/18	York 2 letters on form-sheet one marked 1/18(2) 14 Apr 1945, both from York. Somewhat similar content to 1/17. Discussion on full employment. Mention of Prof's job in Aberdeen.	8 Apr 1945
	1/19	York. Airletter. After VE day (Victory in Europe). Burma still looming for me! Have moved out of London to Ipswich workshops with about 100 men. Interesting and getting on well with people inc my former Bristol colonel. No one knows how many they will take for the Control Commission or for far east, not likely to get out for another 12 to 18 months. Met one Ripman (a Leeds Jew) who says he studied with you. Pauline and I are thinking of getting married 26 Jun. Keynes has resigned editorship of Ec J.	9 May 1945
	1/20	York. Air letter. ref to impending posting to near London 12 Jun for "Wireless Course" and marriage to Pauline 31 May at Bristol. Having some 'sticky' exams. Pa's will about Pds4000	23 May 1945
	1/21	Telegram Hadeleigh Suffolk re wedding 31 May at Bristol	26 May 1945

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	1/22	Williton Somerset. Air Letter. On honeymoon ? Comment on wedding. 28 May traveled Ipswich to York. 30 May with Ma and Winnie to Bristol. Wedding at 11.15, reception at hotel. Three of Clare men there. Incidentally had letter from Shilt, having rotten time in Burma. Will go up to Richmond for course. Strongly thinking of sitting for Admin exams for Home Civil Service – will give me something to fall back on. Think Tories will win election on Churchill’s prestige. I will vote labour.	3 Jun 1945
	1/23	Richmond Surrey. Air letter. Lists recent job advertisements. In middle of 12 week course – deeply into maths. Marjorie’s silk has arrived. Tried unsuccessfully to be de-mobbed class B thro Christ’s. Comment on election campaign.	23 Jun 1945
	1/24	Richmond Surrey. Air Letter. Ref to Wilfred’s interest in Nuffield Fellowships and “sellers market” for economists	11 Jul 1945
	1/25	Richmond. Single sheet form-letter. Aks if Wilfred interested in Nuffield Fellowship, if not A “will have a go” himself.	17 Jul 1945
	1/26	York A/L. Ref to Japan’s surrender offer. Seems war in Asia over. May still have to go to India after course finishes in 3 weeks. A’s application for job as economist at Forestry Inst. Oxford but uncertain when he will be de-mobbed. Combination of Atom bomb and USSR finished the war. Lot of talk about inhumanity of bomb, but it has saved thousands of lives and may remove motive for future wars. Wedding photos on the way.	11 Aug 1945
	1/27	York A/L. A surprise, to be de-mobbed this day, and directed to return to Christs’ at Cambridge. Therefore uncertain about accepting interview for Oxford Inst of Statistics. Comment on election results , hopes Wilfred will come over but shipping difficult.	31 Aug 1945
	1/28	York A/L. On de-mob leave , seeking advice from W on research topics and whether PhD is worthwhile attempting, also seeking financial assistance for study in UK	7 Sept 1945

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	1/29	York A/L. Going to Cambridge 28 Sept, expects admission as research student, topic – contrasts between Free, Semi-regulated and Regulated economies in wartime. Appl. For Govt grant. Pauline getting transfer to Min of Works in Cambridge. Got furnished rooms at 85 Milton Rd. PS from Winnie to Marjorie. Wilfred has secured visiting lectureship at Leeds.	27 Sep 1945
	1/30	Cambridge A/L. Ref to Wilfred’s full professorship appointment at Melbourne. Ref to articles and lectures in UK , cuttings about Keynes (death 12 Apr). Ref to Pigou’s (?) book on Income and Robinson on Profit Margins. . Much demand for economists.	2 Jun 1946
	1/31	Cambridge. Ref to exam results. “Robertson slung in 1 or 2 nasty questions on black market prices and the use of cigarettes as a form of money in Europe”. Met newly appointed Prof of economics Adelaide, Brian Tew. Cambridge Dept of Appl Economics having stormy passage getting established. Row in senate about building, with EAGR telling master of Gaius “it was the economists who won the bloody war”	2 Jul 1946
	1/32	Alan moving into new address in Cambridge. Gossip about colleagues, Dutchman called Sturel, American Orcutt and Irish statistician Geary coming. When are Karmel and Cochrane coming to Cambridge?. Have been in touch with LNB Thomas of Queens Col Melbourne. Henderson tells me you have been in touch with him.	4 Oct 1946
	1/33	From new address. A/L. Ref to Royal Commission on equal pay and Dobb “Studies in the Development of Capitalism”(18/-). Applied unsuccessfully for Research Fellowship at Trinity Hall. Says Keynes left 490,000 Pds to his family but books coming to the Library (Cambridge). Hasn’t seen much of Stone.	24 Nov 1946

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	1/34	From Cambridge address. A/L. Xmas greetings. Ref to Wilfred's 'protégés' coming to Cambridge and shortage of housing there. Gossip about contacts at dinner and info on Fellowships stipends. Procurement of books in UK for Wilfred.	24 Dec 1946
	1/35	Camb. A/L. Procurement of the books. Alan received Adam Smith prize for 1946 (Robertson and Shore(?) adjudicators) M Dobb elected to Trinity Fellowship. Wilfred's 'two men' have not shown up. Their names - Cochrane and Karmel Demonstration by Guy H Orcutt from MA USA of an Electronic Regression Analyser with punched card input, engineers impressed. Robbins has broken 8-year silence with article on exports etc in Lloyds Bank Review. Ref to lecture by Austen Robinson on trade projects "but 90% about how I won the war" and "what I told FDR" – "most conceited man in Cambridge"	26 Jan 1947
	1/48	Camb. One pp only 8vo. Short comment on forms and applications. Post dislocated, weather extremely cold (ref 1/36)	18 Feb 1947
	1/36	Camb. A/L. "Worst winter since 1880"* - train lost in snow for 24 hours. Fuel short. CU Press to publish expanded version of Alan's Adam Smith Prize 'stuff', under title 'War Economics of Primary Producing Countries' - he will receive 10% of receipts. Has had Cochrane and Karmel (separately) around socially with wives. Discussion of jobs available and book procurement. *ref also 1/48	9 Mar 1947
	1/37	More on books. Expansion of Alan's department. Prof Robbins lecturing on Henderson; Robertson also 'having his annual go at monetary theory' and still managing to sit on the fence with considerable dexterity. Ref to strikes in Aust and 'minute meat rations here'. Alan in Archbishop Holgate Society	20 Apr 1947

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	1/38	Chance of going to USA for Alan and Pauline on Rockefeller Foundation fellowship -met Prof Buchanan ex California on this who also spoke to Stone. Another named Berrill of Trinity in the running. Visiting lecturers inc. Robbins delivering the 3 Marshall lectures, introduced 'delightfully' by Robertson who was good, better than HD Henderson whose lecture was poor. Geary lectured on Time Series- 'just comprehensible'. Also visit by Friedman of Chicago – 'extraordinarily bright' put Alan onto theory of games. Shore seriously ill in London	24 May 1947
	1/39	Visited Bowes and Bowes (for a book) but 'they were all gone'. Clapham caused resentment by selling his books before he died, as some were really 'borrowed' from the Marshall Library. Reddaway apparently has decided to return to Camb from Bd of Trade – he is to lecture next year on Ec Stats. Austin R (Robertson?) has returned to HMS to be one of Plowden's planners. Ref to Stats Conference in Washington in September, Stone, Geary, ?, Wold, Kendall going. Hicks has published in Lloyds Bank Review on 'The State of the Nation'. Diagnoses internal inflation due to dissaving (spending of war savings). Alan says this not whole story. Planning holiday in Eire, Dublin and Killarney	31 Jul 1947
	1/40	Pictorial letter card from Killarney	6 Sep 1947
	1/41	Notice to quit residence received – legal position uncertain. Department now 7 research workers and 7 staff. Alan and Stone supposed to be giving joint talk on National Income to Portan's (?) Econ History Club. Stone tells of 'staggering' level of consumption in the US. Colin Clarke due in Camb. at end of month. Ref to row about trading banks in Australia at present. Does Wilfred believe in the American depression theory, Alan sceptical. People forget exports such a small proportion of National Income. Measles in Australian family	18 Oct 1947

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	1/42	<p>From new address. Doctrinal/political split in faculty wider. Nicky Kaldor has not turned up; has been in Geneva - 'taste of power too much for him'! New professorship coming up; Robertson prefers Marshall (as Prof of Sociology in effect), others favour Meade. Pipose(?) has given two lectures on 'Keynes General Theory-15 years on' -repetitive. Hansen giving special lecture next week. Hancock has some new job in London and Habakkuk is getting his chair. Alan recently onto editorial board of the London and Cambridge Econ Service therefore has to write an article on 'The American Tariff'. Job of examining Pt 1 next year will pay 65 Pds. Big turnover in department 'hardly know anyone'. Ad in Times 19 Nov said all applications for professorships at Stoke UC had been lost and asked for repeat applications.</p>	20 Nov 1947
	1/43	<p>Working on 'magnum opus' and also a paper to be read at Research Students Seminar. Also recently on an article on the National Income of the UK 1870 – 1946 but doesn't know if and when it will be finished. Also appointed Director of Studies in Economics at Christ's Col with 'slight accession in income but also more work'. Colin Clarke turned up and gave talk – 'didn't realize he was quite so mad'; 'brilliant but slipshod'. Meade has been here for a week, very impressed by him. Met 'your chap Isaacs', not too keen on London. Cochrane's wife with BBC, Karmel's part time in Department. Seeing Brunner of Petroleum Board, Unilevers and Min of Supply in London this week.</p> <p>Everybody in Camb. has a different story why Dalton went, but none really seem true. Cripps said to be shaking the civil service, gets up at 5, at the office at 7 and calls conferences for 8 am. Housing stalemate, supposed to move 21 Dec but solicitor says stay put</p>	1 Dec 1947

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	1/44	Both Pauline (with thanks for parcel, family news of Xmas) and Alan writing. Alan has applied for Rockefeller for next September. Completed article on Nat Income, may try to get it in Ec J. Having 'another crack' at theory of Games. Stone has sent in enthusiastic review to the Ec J. Copeland 'certainly gets around', hasn't stayed the diplomatic course very long. Glad to hear Wilfred is thinking of coming to England again. Commends CP Snow's 'The Light in the Dark' on inner workings of a college (Christ's)	24 Dec 1947
	1/45	Pauline writing in appreciation of cot blankets and wool (would like Viyella), worried about tenure at residence, has collected most things for 'bottom drawer' but rationing still severe but had a pleasant Xmas. Secured material for baby gowns – at last. Hoping the winter will be kind. Alan writes about the battle to stay in their house, phone cut off but not gas and water.	31 Dec 1947
	1/46	Secured Agricultural Marketing Report for Wilfred. Reports attending Statistical Society in London, discusses proceedings. Met GLS Shackle in Camb. Ex-Oxford now cabinet Office 'interesting bird'. Had (very strict) medical exam. for Rockefeller. A's article on Nat Income will be in March EcJ. Austin Rob is said to have considered it 'too mathematical'. Pauline also writes on domestic scene, parcels and enjoying the wool.	25 Jan 1948
	1/47	From Pauline to Marjorie re cot blankets, wool and knitting	14 Feb 1948
	1/49	Alan describes birth of son Michael Richard. Proposes to go to USA September 16 th on Queen Elizabeth. P and M to follow Jan or Feb	16 Mar 1948
	1/50	Prospect of buying a house. Has sent publications inc 1948 Nat Income white paper. MacDonald visited, seems able had tough time under Nazis in Norway. P adds note on baby	23 May 1948

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	1/51	From new address 15 Hinton Ave -cost 1800 Pds, Bldg Soc provided 75%. Proposed arrangements for Wilfred's Journals when in USA. Staff movements at Cambridge. Interested that Wilfred had entertained Beveridge. 500 th anniversary of College, a Garden Party and Hon degrees to Churchill, Cripps, Tedder - also new Chancellor (Smuts?) installed. Expects PhD oral in August	25 June 1948
	1/52	If 'Your chap' wants to take the Tripos he should go to Kings , if not 'it makes no difference' which college (from intellectual point of view). Discusses alternatives. Will be glad to meet Gibson. Discussed books for W. Produced data on condensed milk production for Nestles, received six tins of Nescafe. Photos of M at 6 weeks.	3 July 1948
	1/53	Hears W expects to sail for UK from Aus mid December. Still trying for Reddaway's and Morgan's books. In corres. with Samuelson (?) who is coming to Dept during winter. Have let house , will leave 23 Aug for York then Bristol before A sails to NY. Has visa, having undertaken not to overthrow US Govt by force. W's subscription to M/c school overdue !	2 Aug 1948
	1/54	From York. Arranged Airmail edition of Economist for 3 months for W. Has sent Reddaway's and Morgan's books. Has sailing instructions for QE to NY. Klein has spent a month in Dept, impressive.	26 Aug 1948
	1/55	From Chicago. (Letter partly damaged.) Landed NY 21 Sept stayed 3 days thence Chicago. Met Marschak, Koopman, Modigliani of the (?) Commission and faculty members Schultz, Friedman and Metzlo(?). F v bright and ablest. Guesses teaching of stats and mathematical economics is better than general. Plans to stay till Xmas with visits to Northwest, Wisconsin and Michigan, then go to Cleveland for Am (Econ) Assn meeting then NY for Nat. (Econ(?)). Expects to go to Washington Jan with visits to Princeton (and ?) and to Harvard from Feb for 4 months and then may return to Chicago. Living in grad. Hostel. P has passage on QM 2 Feb	8 Oct 1948

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	1/56	Post card from Brookline MA to Wilfred in New York where he visits 'UNO' . Invites him to Boston	20 Feb 1949
	1/57	From York address but mailed in Bristol. Missed W's last letter. In Boston, A suffered with a boil and blood poisoning, had to be opened before he was fit to travel on QE to return to UK with P having to change dressings in train from Boston to NY. But voyage and recovery were good. Passed QM in full daylight. Landed 8 Aug. At Bristol till 19 th , then York to 28 th . At Boston Seminar discussion on how much rather than whether the Stg Pd should be devalued.	14 Sept 1949
	1/58	From Cambridge. Re Perkins, seems OK. Saw Bray, said he had seen W. Cochrane in running for Adelaide. Will Karmel get it? Understand RF Henderson was approached. He is coming out to Melb to be married. Austin Robinson elected 2 nd Professor at Cambridge, has applied Economics bias to complement theory chair. "Have you seen Hicks on The Trade Cycle?" Didn't meet Higgins. Went to AUTE meeting in Liverpool, interesting. 'Aunt Clara has asked me to take on your executorship. M doing well. "What's the chances of the Tories getting in here?"	11 Feb 1950
	1/59	2 nd baby due Sept. Went to York Easter. Perkins didn't want studentship. Haven't seen visitors mentioned but we live some way out and haven't a phone. Had letter from Karmels. Leontief is going to be in Cambridge and Stone is said to be hiring 10 more computers. Raven, retiring Master of Christ's is going to Universities Conference in Aus this year. A has been elected a fellow (of Christ's?)	14 Apr 1950

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	1/60	On holiday in Bristol. Glad to see Burton and his wife. Colin Clarke was in Camb. Came to see us but we were out. Can't afford to come to Australia, may go to Nigeria next year but not yet approved. Asked by Colonial Office to organise investigation of its national income. Seems fashionable to go there now. "Are you interested in Little's book on Welfare Economics?" Brown, an Aberdeen man has taken Habakkuk's job 'This time the Gentiles won'	14 Jul 1950
	1/61	Daughter Harriet Frances born, 8lb 10oz 'she will qualify as a Stakhanovite when Pollitt forms his ministry'. Hospital got P up the day after birth to exercise. P likes it and baby is in cot alongside, not in nursery. Ref to Perkins and glad W met Raven who has given pacifist lectures in Chicago 'good for yanks but not for him'. Ian Stewart has been appointed 'to do the donkey work' in Nigeria	9 Sept 1950
	1/62	'Did you apply for the Liverpool job?' Little's book seems to be 'little by little' - has sent it out. Henderson seems to be betting on Aus Pd appreciation. Baby's name not universally popular. Going to Nigeria in a fortnight, will be there till Jan 9, expect to travel around a lot by air. Trying to ingratiate ourselves with firms that operate there. Haven't seen Wood or Condliffe. Research student Cameron came to visit, said he knew you.	26 Nov 1950
	1/63	Had interesting 4 weeks in Nigeria. Incredible country, nothing ever works but that is an attraction. Expects to go back in 2 months time for 6-7 weeks. Impressed by BOAC 'Hermes' aircraft for trip. Chamberlain lectured here this week on monopoly and imperfect competition, A obviously not all that impressed. Myrdal last term was terrible. Dickenson and (Tress?) have got 2 jobs in Bristol. Tips for new chair here are Kalin (?) and Kaldor but Stone is said to be interested too. Reddaway has gone to OEEC at 4500 Pd pa tax free. Have seen Cameron from Canberra who seems pretty able. Tells me Don Cochrane is going to IMF. A seems up for the Proctor's job as Christ's nomination, 'a waste of time' but remunerative.	28 Apr 1951

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	1/65	Dealing with Tucker's application for research studentship. Ref to Cochrane, Orcutt and Condliffe. (?) Now an additional professor, RF Kalim. Ref to Tress and Dickinson. Friend Carter has accepted Belfast, sorry he is going, but may get his house. A expects to go again to Nigeria June.	12 May 1951
	1/64	Senior Tutor Pratt has agreed to accept Tucker. York family has visited. Departing for Nigeria 22 nd , getting off plane at Kano then by road to Sokoto in north west then 'down country' to Lagos. Be away 6 weeks. Will move out of this house December and move in to Carter's who is going to Belfast. Sec of Fabian Soc said 'there was no real dirt about Harold Wilson . . quite simply he was a fish out of water in a "right wing" cabinet'.	6 Jun 1951
	1/66	From Lagos, Dept of Statistics. Aircraft trouble on outward journey to Nigeria. Sokoto near Sahara, 'end of the Empire' for 2 ½ weeks inc travel down to Lagos. They are trying to apply tractor farming in virgin bush. Last 3 weeks spent talking to official and delving into reports and files. Met RFA Grey, bright type by Nigerian standards but trying to make sense of statistical and admin. errors of the Hicks report on revenue allocation between 3 political regions. Sights and experiences here are unbelievable - eg a man walking along with a real crocodile balanced on his head. On the economy - 'if the average Nigerian put 1/10 th as much energy and resourcefulness into gainful activity as he does into twisting and robbing other people, there wouldn't be any need for development plans' - major industry not agriculture, it's bribery. Note re Tucker's progress.	31 Jul 1951

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	1/67	Tucker, and wife arrived. Will try to see Hocking(?) but busy with start of Proctorial duties. Tyszynski is not known. Comment on experience supervising Poles 1945 –48. Attracted to trip to Aus but has to write up Nigerian stuff, can't complete until August. Following year possible. Expect to move into CF Carter's house 14 Dec. He is going to Belfast. Had a week in York. Harriet had Whooping cough. Harrod has been offered conservative seat. Ref to Goodwin and Tinbergen	30 Sep 1951
	1/68	From new address 1 StAndrews Rd, Cambridge Sorry to hear from York Mrs Robertson died. Research Studentships are open to women Margaret Hall wife of RL, author of 'Distributive Trading' is at one of the Oxford colleges. Hasn't seen much of Tucker but will invite them around. Possible trip to Aus 1953. Ref to British Council. Received food parcel. Colin Clark called. MacDougall joining Cherwell's(?) outfit. Visited Oxford. Gave talk at Hancock's seminar. He is nice chap.	19 Dec 1951
	1/69	Interested in low-down on Colin Clark; Stone was interested. Fruit received. Has heard nothing of NIESR but Reddaway might be interested but probably not seriously. A is skeptical of Institute's work, so is Carter. Tucker and his wife came to dinner. They have moved into Haddon Cave's flat who has gone as some sort of Economist to an E African colony. Suggested Oxford for W's woman student because M Hall more specialized on distribution than anyone here. Women's colleges at Oxford less monstrosities than Newnham(?) or Girton, but if she wants she can apply here. Hicks has got the Oxford Chair. M/c (Manchester?) still vacant, offered to Goodwin of Harvard but turned down. Visit from Lange(?) who gave lectures – 'said absolutely nothing . . . but went down well with loyal group' he recruiting people to go to some Conf in Moscow – 'not the best of things to do if one ever wanted to visit US again'. A very busy –inc editing the LCES.	20 Feb 1952

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	1/70	Holidaying on Norfolk coast. Glad of news of W's colleagues and protégés passing through Cambridge, will look out for Cochrane and wife but Miss B(?) may be unlucky as we dep. for Scandinavia Aug 19. Had Hocking for a meal, lot of common ground with him. Afraid Coghill was already rejected. Christ's offers an external research studentship each year, so W may remember this if he has good students. 1954 sounds good (for Aus visit) will be free of proctorial work. Interested in possible work with Hancock, impressed with him. RM Goodwin of Harvard appointed to Mastership here. Carter's lectureship in Math Stats advertised. On inflation, Goodwin, Turvey, Benk(?) and Hansen fashionable – but are they making simple things difficult ? "I" (?) is recovering from ordeal of examining in Part II with DH Robertson.	15 July 1952
	1/71	Enjoyed Scandinavian holiday. Comment on Sweden and Finland. Would like to come to Aus June- Dec 1954. Need finance for passage. Glad W has chance of leave next year. Had a call from M Brunt. News of S(?)'s accident when climbing in Norway, badly injured	5 Oct 1952
	1/72	One page. Announcing birth of Nicholas Martin, 3 Apr.	8 Apr 1953
	1/73	Have had holiday Isle of Wight. Back for Commonwealth Conference, gave lunch at Christ's for some delegates , saw Gibson and Burton. A going to Rome Aug 28 to Sep 7. IARIW coughed up 40 Pds to act as discussant in Rome. After my comments on rubbish masquerading as serious papers on developing countries, 'I don't suppose I'll be asked again'. Note added by Pauline to Marjorie about children.	16 Aug 1953

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	1/74	(Rome). Conference usual sort –‘dominated by crushing bores’. But some congenial spirits. “Wine factory” expedition with Colin Clark and Roy Geary(?) ‘we got on well’. New Viscount wonderful plane, only 3 hours to Rome. Had 4 days in Rome itself. ‘Will treasure to my dying day spectacle of Feodora Stone of all people frantically waving and shouting “Viva” to the pope’. Unlikely to get sabbatical leave for Aus trip and worried about 4 weeks through tropics with 3 small children. A has declined an IMF job and will probably turn down offer in Mid East with UNRWA, despite ‘enormous salary’. May have opportunity in W Indies during long vac next year. Heard Higgins has gone to MIT. Acquired a new Finnish girl who is good with the kids. Moving into new office at college.	15 Sep 1953
	1/75	Ref to Hicks report on the Commission on Revenue Allocation 1951 and its successors and related publications. He has been to Belfast. Going to West Indies in two days for 10 weeks. Discussing Freason(?) coming to Cambridge. Comment on children.	3 Jul 1954
	1/76	From Brit Guiana. Jamaica bustling, Chinese control growing trade, Syrians the dry goods. Most of letter illegible- poor paper.	2 Sep 1954
	1/77	Comment on W’s visit to Japan. A had to turn down a job in Ceylon but had visit from High Commissioner and Finance Minister. Michael has had asthma but improved. Stone has been made a Prof. Expects Reddaway will become Director of Dept. Kalim departing for ECE. Staffa(?) in China and JVR about to go to India. Had visit from ”an odd bird” called Kingsley Laffer who says he knows W well. Henderson enjoyed Australia.	12 Dec 1954
	1/78	Fight about Hagenbush’s(?) re-appointment. Hicks says Manchester looking at L Klein for vacant chair. ‘Odd fish’ Ojala of South Pacific High Comm. called. Adjudicating for Res ST Scholarship awarded to WEG Salter(?) an Australian. Going to York at term end. Made Bursar of College, very busy.	20 Feb 1955
	1/79	Ref to candidate Prouse for Research Studentship	30 Apr 1955

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	1/80	Prouse didn't get the studentship this year	8 May 1955
	1/90	More discussion on Prouse and other means of entry into academia. Also about the "Smuts(?) readership	21 May 1955
	1/91	Prouse's failure to get scholarship in a 'strong' year. Comment on Gallagher and Checkland(?) Glad W is planning to come 1957. Reddaway has now taken over the DAE from Stone. A intends for first time to attend Brit Assn Meeting in Bristol this year.	24 Jul 1955
	1/92	Discusses W's visit to UK and his boys schooling. Hasn't seen W's Melbourne chaps yet. British Assn Meeting in Bristol wasn't very good but had good holiday after. Xmas to be with Pauline's parents. Michael and Harriet have started school. Ref to current reading. (A's writing less clear in this letter)	11 Dec 1955
	1/93	No application has come from Ironmonger. Neither Barton(?) nor Hudson (presumably W's chaps) were successful. Discussion of their shortcomings and processes. Tucker left a good impression.	3 May 1956
	1/94	About Barton's lack of success but urging the matter be pursued. Going to N Ireland for holiday. Turned down offers to go to E Africa and Honduras. Feodora Stone has cancer.	14 Jun 1956
	1/95	Looks forward to having Barton's thesis. He may have trouble getting into college for first year. Hasn't heard of Henderson's article on Australian Accounts. Australian with Shell Schol. coming to Christ's. Going on holiday to 'Pemb's' (Pembrokeshire) in a week. Peacock of LSE has got Edinburgh chair.	3 Aug 1956
	1/96	W has apparently 'nabbed' the Dominion's Fellowship at St John's. Discussion of schooling for W's boys in UK and accom. at St John's	25 Aug 1956
	1/97	Possibility of tutoring for W's boys in UK and more on accom at St John's.	30 Aug 1956
	1/98	About accom. For W and family St John's. Has received Barton's thesis	13 Sep 1956
	1/99	W asked to provide info on housing requirement in Cambridge. Barton will be let off papers (in Tripos) and is very relieved.	16 Oct 1956

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		There is a major break in the collection here from October 1957 to January 1973 Alan moved from Cambridge to London School of Economics in 1970 and took up residence for the rest of his life at 21 Leeward Gardens, Wimbledon Hill, London SW 19.	
	1/100	Alan in Wimbledon Hill to Wilfred at ANU Canberra. Interested in Wilfred's Canberra job which is apparently new. Wilfrid, (Wilfred's son) has visited Alan in Cambridge. He is at Ramsay Hall, (presumably as a student). Saw Alan Boxer(?) a couple of times he is working on tax commission research. Relatives visited over Xmas and A acquired a Japanese colour TV.	16 Jan 1973
	1/101	New baby to Margaret (as yet unidentified). A enquired whether Wilfred is still commuting to Melbourne at weekends. Michael has a Research fellowship in Commonwealth Studies. Harriet is "writing cheerfully" from Swaziland, A and P going out there July and A arranging lectures in South Africa. Nick has been offered graduate trainee-ship with a firm of brokers. A has been to Brussels, and a Rockefeller conference at Lake Como and has possibility of visit to Japan to advise on tax reform. Disagreement with Austin Robinson over funding the 'Keynes volumes white elephant'. Rail strikes, bombs and student protests hamper travel and access to RES Council meeting.	22 Apr 1973
	1/102	Going to Swaziland in two weeks. Lectures to be given at Durban, Cape Town, Wits etc. Harriet to have baby Nov. Peter Karmel has visited. A may go to USA Sept 1974 and possibly NZ and Australia 1975 for Royal Commission on Civil Liability.	8 Jul 1973
	1/161	Written in Japan. Describes flight to Japan and fatigue. Accom in Interational Centre U of Kobe. A gave lectures here then will go on to Hiroshima and Fukuoka to deliver two more. Impressed with Jap economy. Thinks attention to detail is a factor. Saw Emma (grand daughter) before leaving, Nick departing for the Americas. Communication difficulties with Japanese.	27 August 1973

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	1/103	Comment on new Government and Healey. Nick had final interview for FO (Foreign Office?) but just missed but given 'grade A' acceptance for Home civil service. Leaving for 'Gib' (Gibraltar?) 17 th .	11 Mar 1974
	1/105	Wilfred has contributed to Jonathan's christening (presumably he is Harriet's child). They are going back to Swaziland for 12-15 months. M finishing thesis and to take job as journalist. Nick had exam results - got 'a II' but marks good. Working on a building site before taking up job with Min of Defence as Admin Trainee. A going to USA on RC work covering big area. Possibly Bangkok in Nov, Australia end Sep 1975. Robin Matthews leaving Oxford.	22 Jul 1974
	1/104	H (Harriet?) has apparently visited before returning to Swaziland. Glad to help Hocking and wife but not optimistic about serviced apartments.- suggested SW3 address. Michael finishing thesis. Saw Lowell Harris and wife. He is on way to Budapest. Berrill moving out of Treasury, replaced by Bryan Hopkins	11 Aug 1974
	1/106	A off to Bangkok next week to give 7 lectures and 7 workshops. US trip was good but exhausting. North Fla attractive. Miami 'a dump'. At a 'particularly depressing' dinner heard how W Benn was pushing(?) Dept of Industry and Kaldor had moved into Treasury 'although there is a rumour that Somerset House is having bonfires to celebrate his departure'. M has submitted his thesis a bit late; now a journalist. Pauline adds note to Marjorie.	29 Oct 1974

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	1/107	Wilfrid to arrive shortly. RC (Royal Commission?) expected to go to NZ and Aus Oct, but subject to Treasury funding. Meantime some visits to Continent. P and A will go to visit H at Easter, A hopes to give 1 or 2 lectures in S Africa. News of M's PhD result. Nick didn't find it easy to adapt to Civil Service but settling in. Corres. with Boehm(?) about review of Aus Tax Commission report for Ec Record. A 'great row' in the "RES(?) about future policy matters. Both Carter and A submitted resignations - on disagreements with Kaldor but asked to carry on whilst C'tee of 'Senior Statesmen(?)' investigates. Comment on wages control and EEC referendum in UK	15 Dec 1974
	1/108	Clifford Barclay, a lay Governor of LSE to contact W in Canberra in Feb. (Mid text difficult to read) Saw Ursula Hicks who said she would ask John to look out for W at All Souls.	30 Dec 1974
	1/109	Wilfred missed Barclay in Canberra. Ref. to coming RES conferences and accom. in UK for W. Family tea. Away (to Swazi) next month.. Baby Johnathan wandering off. Tories now led by a woman. 'I know her a bit - very able, tough. Will give Harold W as good as she receives, caught popular imagination. "She had twins to save time!" A has given several presentations at weekend conferences. Reports on Nick and Michael.	23 Feb 1975
	1/110	From Swaziland. Note new grandson for W. Student demonstration here put down by Govt. Going to Durban, J'burg and Cape Town to give lectures, Harriet and family coming too. Anticipation of W's arrival in UK.	7 Apr 1975
	1/111	Back in Wimbledon. Expecting W on 10 th May, will meet at airport. A will be in Germany 12th to 14 th .	26 Apr 1975
	1/112	Letter addressed to Brighton Vic, re-addressed to Forrest ACT. W back in Aus. Harriet and family arr. in UK - have interviews for poss. new jobs here or Africa. A to arr Melb 14 th Sep. Comment on Vice Chancellor of Monash. House at Wimbledon burgled.	16 Aug 1975

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	1/113	L/h Embassy Hotel Deakin ACT. Flight from UK smooth. Jim Cairns disappeared into economy section. Ref to dinners and meetings in Australia.	17 Sep 1975
	1/114	W addressed in Bright, Vic. A back in UK - 'no longer upside down'. Called at Chicago en route met Samuels, gave 'sermon(?)' and on to NY. NZ is a curious country, they choose the complicated way to do things. Liked Christchurch. Saw Niuenhasen(?) 'but no other Economists to speak of'. Speaking to Russell M about '1977'. 'Nairobi and probably Accra come up before that'. Following the battles in Canberra. Met Whitlam on last day in Canberra. Comment on Nobel prizes, Hayek and Myrdal.	21 Oct 1975
	1/115	LSE L/h. Requests Sullivan's CV etc be sent and A will send it to right c'tee. Comment on Vaizey's(?) change of mind.	3 Nov 1975
	1/116	Soon off to Nairobi - International tax conference, game parks and coast. Letter from Russell re 1977 visit. Sullivan called and seems settled. Sorry we did not see W and C before they left.	19 Jan 1976
	1/117	Enjoyed East Africa trip, conference not bad. Had lunch with Sullivan, Inst C'wealth Studies. Eric Russell another Australian there. Winnie to go to Aus. Discusses air fares. A going to Geneva for discussion on US Corp tax and to Glasgow for Adam Smith conference and Ghana in May. Royal Commission needs to come to grips with its report. Glad Wilfrid got back.	7 Mar 1976
	1/118	Report of an (unspecified) incident involving Wilfred, seemingly tongue-in-cheek. A shortly off to Ghana and later Geneva. The Adam Smith bi-centenary was enjoyable - good speakers inc Black from Belfast and Buchanan from VPI. Reference to 1979 celebration with Gladstone presiding. An after dinner speaker said "I bring you greetings from A Smith flourishing in Chicago". Michael is buying a flat.	5 May 1976

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	1/119	W may have had a health problem. Eric Russell in UK. A treated very hospitably in Ghana but economy 'a textbook example of how to make a mess of things – even worse than UK' Official currency rate 2 to the franc, unofficial, 7. Price controls, licensing and state ventures not working. Dictatorship with people 'detained'. Notes Aus Govt indexing(?) the tax system, Russell involved(?). Michael completed purchase of flat.	26 May 1976
	1/120	Pleased to hear of W's health improving. Michael's job with 'City Press' discontinued and he joined Mid East Economic Digest. Has not seen Dec Ec Record yet. No sign of Peter Drake but have seen Mark Perlman – his encyclopedia project with Macmillan collapsed. He says new Cambridge J of Economics is to be launched 'dedicated to such right minded people at Doble(?), Kalecki(?) <i>et hoc omni!</i> Had the Matthews for dinner before leaving for Ireland – he is pleased with Aus Tax indexation. UK Govt boxed in with a pact with unions. 'Best hope they will have to go to IMF who would then be in a position to lay down conditions on public expenditure'. Wilson has made Vaizey a Lord. Jonathan has visited.	19 Jun 1976
	1/121	Pleased W's blood pressure and weight are now acceptable. Winnie has arranged Aus trip inc Hong Kong and visited Harriet and Jonathan with Pauline. Saw Colin Clark who came to 'pick A's brains' and is working with Keith Joseph as adviser on tax at Centre for Social Policy Studies. M on holiday in Peru, has settled in to new job. N off to France in a week.	24 July 1976

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	1/122	Staying with Harriet who has had miscarriage. A has been to Geneva with GATT, report will be out soon but Royal Commission report still not complete. M had good visit to Peru and has written article for the Times - he was stranded in the Andes for 5 days. Nick back from France – starts a (new?) job next week. Saw Russell M- fed up with Bruxelles work but going with him to IIPF Conf in Edinburgh. Flow of academics to USA inc Lyall(?), Streeter(?) and Harris, one reason deplorable state of Ec faculty at Cambridge. Latest proposal to abolish politics paper in Pt I and combine it with the economics papers, resulting in 3 papers entitled 'Selected Aspects of Political Economy' (it needs no imagination to know what that means, given the set-up there)	24 Aug 1976
	1/123	W may be in Adelaide at present. A buying a small flat in Brighton. Had lunch with Sullivan (& Lynn Tenant(?)) They and Ursula Hicks enquiring about W. Fun going to IIPF Conf in Edinburgh but 'every nine years is about right'. Russell M was there and dined with A before going to Japan. Michael settles with Mid East matters and going to the Gulf in Dec. Nick had a week visiting forces in Germany. Remark of the week by a left wing MP now that the IMF is coming to check things at the Treasury 'the barbarians are at the gates'. Good news about Friedman (?)	16 Oct 1976
	1/124	Written in Ma USA. (<i>clearly dated '76 but reference to letter received dated 20 Nov suggests this letter may be 26 Nov 1978?</i>). Ref to Winnie's health problem. Mark P(?) treated us hospitably in Pittsburg, he is giving up SEC at end of year. Last week Montreal for CTF Conference, saw the Seaway, then to NYC. Query why Nick went to Bradford. Youngson(?) has made some progress with SS Report with the Faculty 'though not without some kicking and screaming'. Last sentence of letter difficult to read but Ref to Janet Chapman(?).	[c. 26 Nov 76]

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	1/125	Wimbledon. Winnie's Flt to Hong Kong OK. Some(unreadable) function or conference was a good "jolly". The Hicks and John Head were there and some from Europe. The Americans a fairly dreary lot. Asking about Olympic Airways schedules to Aus, planning visit ? In Cambridge Robin Matthews convened small meeting to agree on statements to be made about the UK economy – the 'extreme (political?) centre'. We now have to wait to see what the final agreement is with the IMF. Battle inside cabinet said to be ferocious. Michael away for Xmas in ME, Nick will come, Harriet & family with Malcolm's people. Ursula Hicks looks fit at 80, saw Colin Clark	6 Dec 1976
	1/126	Setting up Brighton flat and decorating at Wimbledon. Winnie has reported W in good shape. Mark Perlman is in Cambridge for a few months. Brian Reddaway will be in Melbourne more or less the time A and P will be in Canberra. Saw Jim Perkins. Harriet expecting baby July – may effect travel plans. Michael attended OPEC Conf in ME. Nick skiing in Italy. UK 'excitements' are constitutional.	6 Feb 1977
	1/127	In Brighton after trying term 'with endless discussions about how not to take action about sit-ins'. Travel plans for Aus. A has been to Leeds and on to York, Winnie fit. Colin Clark talked at seminar. Run-in with Wheatcroft(?). 'He is totally incorrigible' His thoughts on negative income tax to be published. Has seen M Perlman in London but missed Naomi. Ref to the Lib-Lab agreement (in UK?)	24 Mar 1977
	1/138	Ref to travel to Aus and Harriet expecting to give birth about departure time in July. Discussion of cars.	1 May 1977
	1/128	Plans to dep UK 23 July for Aus. Going to Canberra. Returning via HK. Tell Jim Perkins I can give 2 seminars in Melb. Economist asked A to write note on death of Harry Johnson. LSE losing people to UK and USA. Nick promoted in MoD. A has ordered a Fiat.	29 May 1977
	1/129	Arrangement for travel to Aus subject to Harriet's baby. UK Govt with 'backs to the wall' on several bills.	15 Jun 1977

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	1/130	Harriet's baby arrived today. More discussion on travel plans. The Fiat was delivered. Arranged to meet Jim Perkins in Sydney. LSE has been quieter.	13 Jul 1977
	1/139	From ANU Canberra. To visit Monash U 15 th . Asking W to enquire about references at U of M Library	2 Aug 1977
	1/140	Also from ANU. Arrangements for continuing travel etc in Aus	17 Aug 1977
	1/131	Back in Wimbledon from Aus trip. Annotations (by W ?) in red on movements in Australia. Good flight home. Shopping etc in HK. Harriet and young B1 and B2 met A and P at airport on arrival. Note added by P	13 Oct 1977
	1/132	From Brighton. Winnie called on way to Southampton apparently going on a cruise. A accepted invitation to Canberra for reviewing c'tee of RSSS in (UK?) summer with offer to pay P's fare as well. A proposing to take off the Autumn term to go to USA. Jaunt to Milan in three weeks. Michael moving to The Times December. Ursula Hicks and Arthur Brown enquiring after W while A in Oxford to hear oral exams. Nice to see James Meade getting a Nobel Prize	17 Oct 1977
	1/133	A provides info. to W on exchange controls, interest on deposits and alternative investments. Ref to possible visit to Cambridge MA in autumn. Michael in Greece- holiday before starting with the Times. Ref to Aust Govt dismissal.	22 Nov 1977
	1/134	Ref to Wilfrid and Catharine coming to UK and availability of Brighton flat. Had dinner with Audrey D (illegible) and David Bult. Audrey rang to say Whitlam resigning. Planning for next trip to Aus. Family have had 48-hour flu. Michael started at the Times.	11 Dec 1977
	1/135	A has suspected ulcer problem after being sick in Dec 27 th . In bed. At the Times, Michael now in a big pond. No word from Wilfrid. Charles Carter and Dick Shore(?) in new year honours lists	2 Jan 1978
	1/136	Account of examinations and diagnosis of a duodenal ulcer. Saw Wilfrid briefly. M has not been well since he came back from Crete.	13 Jan 1978

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	1/141	From Wimbledon. Treatment of ulcer. Talk of holiday tour when next in Aus. Meade has just published big report on UK tax system. A thinks it uneven in quality but has to write a review for the Ec J, says he has to be careful what he says about Nobel Prize winners.	4 Feb 1978
	1/142	Pleased Marjorie is recovering. Consultant thinks A's ulcer has healed. Micheal better but the Times has not appeared for two days due to labour troubles. Planning for Aus trip but going to Italy before that. Wilfrid has new job.	25 Feb 1978
	1/143	Italy trip good. More on plans for travel to and in Aus. Has sent Meade report to W and briefed the Times leader writer about it.	4 Apr 1978
	1/144	Michael going to South Africa to report on mining. Mark Perlman has visited. Suntory is supporting LSE financially. Arnold Plant died	1 May 1978
	1/145	Travel plans. Spate of Australian visitors in London. Papers received from Youngson(?). Ref to Bruce Pope visiting Aus.	21 May 1978
	1/146	Joanna christened. Russell M visiting UK. Suntory and Toyota have provided 2m Pds to LSE to set up Morishima's Centre. (raw fish and Suntory). Travel plans continued. Poynton of Melbourne expected to call. Joe P(?) is coming to do a rehash of the Brookings Vol on the UK. Michael has been flown by RTZ in S Africa (Transvaal) and SW Africa	4 Jun 1978
	1/147	Extremely difficult to read this letter. P Karmel mentioned also more about travel plans.	25 Jun 1978
	1/148	From University House Canberra apparently at a conference. Thanks for Melb hospitality, also have been to Tasmania, visited Pauline's cousin. A to give seminar for John N in Melb 9 th Sept(?)	18 Jul 1978
	1/137	Reporting return journey to London. Just missed \$10 depart. tax. Michael, who met them at airport still has affliction which may be liver trouble. Nick has a varicose vein to be treated. A sorting out US visa - needs sponsor. Leaving for US 4 Sept approx will be C/o Lincoln Inst Cambridge MA.	16 Aug 1978

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	1/153'A'	Aerogramme from New York. New Yorkers friendly, 'How is Mrs Thatcher etc?' Rent control, lack of maintenance on apartments on Riverside Drive. Pleasant weekend in N Vermont with Lyle Fitch, met on Venezeulan work. Will visit Deusenburgs (?) in New Hampshire and Boston and later the Orcutts in Newhaven. Expect to go to Washington and Mark P(?) has invited A to Pittsburg to give a seminar. Had letter before leaving UK from Adelaide U. Michael likely to visit Aus next month, will visit mine in WA and then take holiday there. US a ratty country, saw TV programme on 'creationism', "thought T H Huxley had dealt with it once and for all at the BA meeting 1960, but not a bit of it'.	[c. 30 Aug 1978]
	1/149	Back in Wimbledon. About to leave for Boston MA, tenants moving into house. M in USA. Build-up for UK election in Oct.	4 Sep 1978
	1/150	From Cambridge MA. Doesn't know many in the Harvard Ec faculty but settling in. Staying here until Jan. Saw Michael in USA, working for the Times.	1 Oct 1978
	1/151	Winnie has cararacts. Nick to take a year off for an MBA at Bradford. He can go back to the MoD. A in Washington for Brookings Conf on expenditure tax. Pauline down for weekend. Saw Arthur Smithies but no word from Karmel or RM. Heard from Youngson that T Ewan(?) has been replaced by F Gruen. Another Aus contact is Helen Hughes. Went to Toronto last week.	22 Oct 1978
	1/152	Mainly about Winnie's health, mild heart trouble. A phoned her from Boston.	4 Nov 1978
	1/153	Family in touch with Winnie. Michael to Boston for Xmas. More or less finished trips out of Boston. Concerned with the apparently deteriorating status of economics teaching in USA	14 Dec 1978
	1/154	Returning to UK 12 th Jan. Michael being paid by the Times for doing nothing whilst publication apparently suspended. Severe winter in UK and bad in US. Alan expects to return to US Feb	6 Jan 1979

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	1/155	Written in Amsterdam – worst winter, airports closed. Strikes in UK. Going to Sheffield (rail strikes permitting) to give talk next week and will visit Winnie. Strike at the Economist's Bookshop for 3 months	23 Jan 1979
	1/156	Jim Perkins has made contact but no sign of John N. Warren Hogan has visited. Had good visit to Vancouver, flying over Greenland from Amsterdam. Times still closed, M going back to US	22 Feb 1979
	1/157	Winnie has decided to fly Singapore Airlines to Aus. H has sold house in Sussex, looking for place in Essex. Nick looking at alternatives to PS after Bradford course. Michael on west coast US. Times due to resume 17 April. Tories expected to win next election. Warren Hogan visited.	4 Apr 1979
	1/158	Thatcher elected PM, can she cope with the problems? Q. on visas to Aus for a recently widowed friend. Dined at David Bult's, Heinz Arndt also there. Mark Perlman phoned en route to Vienna. Heard both Freidman and Hayek speak in London, both rather disappointing	8 May 1979
	1/159	Worry in UK about 'labour troubles' unions reaction to Labour's defeat. Mrs T proving a very effective PM. French already call her "dame de fer". Perlmans, B Williams, Karmels and Youngsons(?) visited. Harriet has got a house in Essex pending contract. Nick finishing at Bradford. Michael in USA again. Petrol Pds 1.10 to 1.20 / Gal in UK.	17 Jun 1979
	1/160	No year in date of letter - assumed 1979. Story about chief of Ford Co taken to see 'her'. "Gee, we wanna run you for President". Obstacles to re-publication of the Times being overcome so M may stay. Nick job-hunting. On return from a day trip to Dieppe, A had motor accident, new car purchased and old one to be sold after repairs. Going to the Rockefeller Villa at Lake Como in Sept.	29 July 1979

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	1/162	Audrey Downthorne(?) at LSE. Had B and John N (Niewenhesen?) to dinner. David Bult speaking at conference. Had call from 'Wilf's pal', Hurford. Threat to sack all 54 union sections has made possible re-publication of the Times - expected next month. Nick's new job with Ministry (of defence?) bringing travel to Algeria and Iraq. Harriet has moved house. Winnie going to Singapore (and Australia?). More foreign students expected at LSE. Terry Burns good appointment as new Economic Adviser to Govt – monetarist.	22 Oct 1979
	1/163	Winnie back. Two hour drive to Harriet's new home - SW to NE London. Nick's trip to Algeria not too successful. Govt in post-honeymoon stage. Life will be hard (for universities?) by 1981/82. Michael hopes for a trip to Aus with the Times.	4 Dec 1979
	1/164	"Hard work with Winnie around". Heard Youngson is getting chair in Hong Kong. A has signed one 'LSE letter' (presumably to Govt) but that was 'more than enough for me'. Generally agrees with Govt in ceasing to subsidise 'wealthy Malaysians' and the like but operation of policy leaves a lot to be desired. LSE hard hit but could find ways to earn extra money. Some economies applied. Nick has been again to Iraq and expects to go to Japan.	31 Dec 1979
	1/165	Wilfrid in California. Nick chased burglars out of his bedroom. Carl Sh (?) will be in Melbourne, may contact W. A's next visit to Japan Mar 11 to 27, then holiday near Carthage from 31 Mar. Expects to go to Vancouver July/August. Bruce Williams or David B (?) expected to succeed Youngson at Canberra.	2 Feb 1980
	1/167	A goes to Manhattan (first time for 10 years) tomorrow to give 5 lectures. Bruce Williams visited expect he will continue for some time as VC, U of Sydney. He predicts clear win for Fraser in next (Aus) election. Family gathering at Wimbledon. TV series by Freidman, possibly response to Galbraith. Freidman is persona grata with govt. Been to Brighton, stranded Greek cargo ship has been floated.	2 Mar 1980

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	1/166	From New Otani Hotel Tokyo. Fantastic 2 weeks in Japan, especially hospitality. Academic programme relatively light but not planned ahead in detail. Japanese thought Pauline resembled Mrs Thatcher. Comments on Railways, roads housing. Impressed again by industry and automation.	26 Mar 1980
	1/168	Ref to Tunisian holiday. Bruce (W) turned down the Canberra job and staying on as VC. A and four others asked to No 11 Downing St to discuss the govt recent budget with Treasury Ministers. Politicians did most of the talking! Friedman seems to be the de facto economic adviser! Book on Friedman TV series is out but 'appallingly bad in its disregard for inconvenient facts'. Phyllis Deane to be next Pres of RES. Michael back from 3 weeks in S Africa, Nick showing Jordanians around Scottish armament factories	1 May 1980
	1/169	Winnie has broken her wrist, in hospital briefly. May put paid to Canada trip. Anne Bohan(?) to visit Aus Sept. Helen Hughes asked if A would referee her for Heinz Arndt's chair.	29 May 1980
	1/170	Thanks for UKH (Ursula Hicks ?) enclosure. 'Suspect her age (84?) beginning to tell'. Trying to get her(?) to focus on a date for a PhD oral relating to a thesis on Jamaica. Winnie recovering, intends to go to Canada. A and P may see her there. Bruce Williams has KBE. Henderson has been in London. Carl S(?) appreciated W's hospitality in Aus. A in Rome last weekend on industrial subsidies. Nick in Egypt, M now Commodities Correspondent with the Times. A expects to be in US in Autumn for Brookings conf on VAT	14 Jun 1980
	1/171	From Vancouver. Have seen Winnie here. Little other news	8 July 1980
	1/172	Vancouver. Nick going to Baghdad. UBC pleasant. Some Ottawa Treasury people visited. Douglas Clarke asked to be remembered. James Cutt is at U of Victoria on Vancouver Island. Proposing weekend tour, inc Rockies.	28 Jul 1980

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	1/173	Back at Wimbledon. Note on driving in Canada and quality of American vs Jap and European cars. Saw Wilfrid - busy at the PRO. Did PhD oral at Oxford with Ursula Hicks who bears no malice to W for his 'review'. Brit Rail engine broke down both going to and returning from Oxford. Deep division between west and east Canada – quarrel about rights to tax resources and energy supplies.	31 Aug 1980
	1/174	Writing at Villa Serbelloni (Lake Como). Marvelous month here. Rockefeller Foundation accommodates about 10 'scholars in residence' for a month at a time with a 3 / 4-day conference in the middle. Others, both from Oxford inc John Fennel(?) Prof of Russian and Owen(?) Chadwick Master of Selwyn(?). 'It was sometimes a bore to have to make conversation at meal times with some of the short-stay conference people'. Did some 'scribbling' on land tax. Came across the Australian 'resource rental' system of minerals taxation, an article by D Scott. Interested in full details.	30 Sep 1980
	1/175	From Wimbledon. A is back from USA this morning. Brookings conference on value added tax was good. Stayed with the Strongs(?) in New Hampshire. 747s flying the Atlantic are full both ways. Despite their increased fees, LSE is attracting more foreign students. UK local authorities have united in criticism of Govt. Had Peter Karmel and D Bult to dinner. Ref to Canberra publication of Bult's 'miscellaneous essays'. Note Alan Walters to be Mrs T's personal economic adviser.	19 Oct 1980
	1/176	Dined at Bult's with Ross Parsons(?) from Sydney – tripping around looking at wealth tax legislation. Had a visit from Warwick Smith(?) from Aus – unimpressed. Uncertain future for the Times, according to Michael. Other family news. Doubts whether Foot will be able to lead Labour. Reagan proposing constitutional amendment that earth is flat ! Going to Mexico in March.	17 Nov 1980

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	1/177	Copy of 'Prest- ?' arrived. Dined at Atheneum with Mark Perlman and Phyllis D(?). He had lectured in Glasgow and was on way to Vienna to give another. Was more optimistic about USA under Reagan than other academics. PD said Austin still going strong but Joan (Robinson ?) seriously ill. Winnie using Brit rail's cheap fares for pensioners, has visited Harriet specifically to see Jonathan in school play. Serious bidders for the Times inc Murdoch.. Nick away on mysterious ME jaunt. Possible trip to Venezuela for A. Anne Bohn has returned to UK. Youngsons' obviously enjoying Hong Kong.	13 Dec 1980
	1/178	A is in Amsterdam to give a lecture on EEC tax harmonization. Xmas was quiet. Only Nick was home, but is already away again. Illnesses and deaths of acquaintances reported. Murdoch is front runner for the Times. Mexico trip will be from 15 Mar. Sir Bruce W is to be head of new UK Technical Change Centre when he finishes at Sydney in July. Queries cost of this body.	29 Jan 1981
	1/179	Jim Perkins called after tour inc UK, returning to Melb. Bruce and Roma to dinner before they left. He apparently has 2.3 M (Pds) to finance the Centre. A is mystified that it has not been publicised and driving force is unclear. Queries priorities when U of London is being forced to consider closure and LSE is strapped. Murdoch has the Times. Nick back from Cairo but has been burgled. Arrangements for Mexico. Venezuela trip is off. Tokyo and Kobe in Sept. Sorry to hear about Hocking Jnr.	21 Feb 1981

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	1/180	<p>From Mexico, 3pp. Pauline returning to London tomorrow. A staying another week. A has been lecturing university people. Well looked after. Went to dog racing and visited El Paso Texas. Have been in Mexico City and U of Monterey for 5 days 'to do my stuff'. Mexico City 16 million, traffic, dirt, smog. 7500 ft elevation.. Water supply pumped in 400 miles. Population growth high. U of Mexico has 300,000 students but only a few turned up to hear me! Saw the museum of archeology, spectacular. Mexicans can produce great buildings but seem 'absorbed in animated discussion over very lengthy meals and dodging laws of every sort whether driving tests, vehicle inspection, tax-paying etc . . .'</p> <p>'A rip-roaring city full of vitality but the last place in the world for a rest cure'. Prices rising 30 to 35% pa. V rich get richer and poor squatters downtrodden. Reagan shooting reported on US TV. PS - suffered the indignity of being warmly welcomed when landing by Brit Ambassador in mistake for a UK MP!</p>	2 Apr 1981
	1/181	<p>Wimbledon. Thanks for enc re C Hill. Ref to Prince Charles in Aus. Did Friedman say anything new? No longer a scholar but 'showbiz'. About the '364 economists' – A did not and would not have signed, has reservations re policy, domination by 'card-carrying monetarists', but it seems useless to criticize without saying what should be done. Whole thing organized by Neild and Hahn. With underlying political intentions. Had a week in Lima after leaving Mexico which was 'fun' with some hiccups, inc unscheduled request to lecture. Then gave lecture but no questions came but then invited to Min of Finance for Q and A session. Lima a curious place of 6m people of 17m total in Peru. Did not get to Andes , but heard about Machu Picchu. Next trip is Tokyo / Kobe. Financial scene for Universities in UK gets worse – talk of redundancies! VC's got Foreign Off to argue with Mrs T regarding reducing foreign student numbers and the Pres. of Nigeria was brought in also. Winnie 'raring to go to the North Pole!'</p>	4 May 1981

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	1/182	Bruce W has been in intensive care in Hong Kong hospital. A Scottish barrister said to be making a fortune providing advice to cash strapped UK universities. The economy curious – despite 2.5m unemployed, Express Dairies say they can't deliver Sundays due to labour shortage. 'Bankruptcy of macro economics' Reagan's voodoo economics! Winnie had good weather in Arctic. Nick has had another burglary.	6 Jun 1981
	1/183	Winnie still keen on foreign travel. Probable trip to Argentina late Sept after Tokyo. Have seen Lois Tucker and D Bult. Geoff Harcourt to arr in Cambridge Oct, to Jesus not Kings. Dined at Lincolns Inn, they do themselves well. Comment on Geoffrey Maynard. There are lots of Keynes nephews and great Ns about but only Milo is in the economics 'trade'. Told in Camb. plan to have last of 30 vols out by 1983, centenary of his birth. Financial fate of LSE still unknown. Fearing the worst. Threat of underground strike and a rash of street mobs all over the country. Marxists now running London County council. Nick robbed a third time, will move. Quiet at the Times, Michael may move from mining to banking.	11 July 1981
	1/184	Off soon to Venezuela for 5 weeks. Programme not clear. Only back for two weeks' lectures before going to Japan. Hopes W will come to UK, can use Brighton flat. Report of royal wedding, very festive. Riots and youth unemployment problem.	20 July 1981
	1/185	Writing in Caracas but will mail from UK hopefully with long requested family photo. After 2 weeks in Venezuela still not clear what 'they' want me to do. Discussion of intent to repeat 1959 Venezuelan Fiscal System report, with foreign advisers' assistance. Govt admin. very inefficient. Caracas has inc. from 0.5 to 3m population in 20 years. Cars more than proportionally. Petrol is 20p per gal (1/8 th UK). Traffic chaos. Hotel described. Difficult to move around Caracas.	16 Aug 1981

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	1/186	Back from Japan 15 th , away to Argentina tomorrow. Japan now has a 'manless' factory, robots making robots! But there is an affluent services sector too. 'Artists in the Gardens sketching, wearing berets and smoking Gauloises!' Standard of papers at Tokyo conference is improving. Comment on travel and meeting people. Mrs T has made cabinet changes. Reddaway attacked govt strongly but not altogether convincingly. Advocates lower exchange and interest rates. LSE still suffering freeze of funding.	18 Sep 1981
	1/187	Sorry to hear Barbara Burton's death. Met Peter Karmel and went to see "Cate" with him using v scarce tickets. Glad W saw Russell and got 'lowdown' on Japan. Argentina 'a new experience'. Buenos Aires a surprise, 9m people, inflation 105% per month. Deteriorating living standards. One day travel over the immense pampas. Back at LSE it seems 67 yr retirement will be abandoned. Gave lecture in York and saw Winnie. Michael has been to California, Nick to Mid East again, and has seen Harriet and family.	6 Oct 1981
	1/188	Nick is engaged to Caroline Oakes, history grad of Liverpool who is working in advertising in London. Brought up RC. Haven't mentioned it to Winnie whose views 'would do credit to Rev I Paisley' ! Nick also changing job going to a Co but still traveling in Mid East. Michael complains of overwork with Murdoch press which is still in brinkmanship situations with unions. M traveling on oil matters to US, Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi, for OPEC meeting. A going to New York for tax reform gathering. Comment about Joe Burton (?), the Williams and Peter Karmel. Despite fee increase, LSE has 84 more foreign students this year, but more teaching and administration needed	21 Oct 1981

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	1/189	<p>Will look after Mr Stock if contact can be made. Michael may go onto banking/finance with Times. Notes Campbell Report due out and A has been asked to comment on Co tax aspects. New York weekend went well. City in 'chronic state' but still has air of excitement – shops open Sunday so was able to buy jeans for Jonathan. Harriet has part time job. Nick's wedding expected July/ August, W asked to consider coming over for it. A going to Edinburgh and visiting York. Winnie off to Malta. A and Pauline booked to Palermo March. Bruce seemed in good form but 'the way Roma and his daughter threat him as something on a level with Keynes/Einstein/ Bertrand Russell gets one down a bit'. Rumours about concerning future funding of universities. LSE OK this year but 'we are all to get the chop at 65'. But a good week – court of appeal discharging (?) London Transport, the Foot/Benn row, the Heseltine row and the Stockman(?) row in Washington.</p>	17 Nov 1981
	1/190	<p>Heavy snow in London, train halted for an hour short of Waterloo, had to walk along the tracks. Leaving for Holland tomorrow, Winnie in London en route to Malta if she can get away. Sorry to hear about Alice (relation of Marjorie's ?) Had the Stocks for dinner. A has 'sweated through' the tax chapters of the Campbell Report. Critical of proposed fully integrated corporate tax proposal. A has sent his "Taxation of Urban Land" to W. Michael in Abu Dhabi, Nick in Baghdad on last job for MoD before he takes up new job. His wedding now to be 31 July. Harriet has started new part time job – Social skills for 16 year olds. Asked to write what they would like to visit in London, one replied "2 swords" (phonetic !)</p>	13 Dec 1981

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	1/191	Stocks' entertained A Prests to dinner at the Connaught – 'an experience'. Weather v cold most snow for ten years but fuel and food supply better than 1946/47 ! Nick's house had burglar again on Xmas day while they were at Harriet's. Winnie caught up with weather problems on return from Malta. Michael had Xmas in Loire valley. Nick starts new job tomorrow, as does new term with lectures by Klein and Galbraith this week. Contact with SPD (Social Democratic Party ?)- illegible	10 Jan 1982
	1/192	After cold weather it is now rail strikes, and also a bomb scare at LSE. Nick in Cairo and Amman with new job. Michael becoming frustrated with the Times organisation. Saw Bruce and also Bult(?) earlier this month, also P(?) the librarian from Melb. SDP 'making the running and people jumping on the band wagon as advisers'. Meade is chair of economics c'tee and has launched new book on wage fixing with much publicity. The practicable parts were in his 1958 'inaugural' at Cambridge, the new parts 'M' at his worst. 1958 = pre-civilisation ! Winnie has seen Dorothy who is bearing up after Alice's death. Going to Sicily late March but A may have to go to NY for a weekend before then. Most immediate is invitation to occasion at No 10 Feb 8 th – will report.	30 Jan 1982
	1/193	Another meeting to attend on Venezuelan fiscal reform tho in Washington rather than NYC 19 to 22 Feb. Nick's wedding 17 July firm with reception at Chelsea, a large affair (thanks to a great uncle of bride leaving some money?). Hopes W will come. A may have to go to Venezuela end July and not going to NYC Sept, swapping accom. with old Columbia friend. Pauline was not too impressed with PM's dress at the No10 function but it was fun and a lot of people met whom A and P had not seen for long time. Murdoch threatening closure of Times. Intermittent rail strike continues but no public sympathy. Nick in Mid East – hope he comes home for his wedding!!	14 Feb 1982

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	1/194	Nick's wedding arrangements progressing for which W and M are coming over. Weekend in (W(?), presumably New York) very busy, flew back overnight and lectured next day. Carl Strong(?) sprightly at 80, saw a bit of McLure. Michael still unhappy with the Times job, may leave. According to Bruce Williams, Peter Karmel was not willing to go to ANU because Fraser was gunning for him. Mark Perlman passing through London early June. Piece A did on Campbell report is out but not yet seen. LSE retirement age now formally reduced to 65 year, so A retires in 1984. Part time for two years possible thereafter.	16 Mar 1982
	1/195	Holiday in Sicily 6 days rain and a cold, also security problems but saw a lot – cross-roads of the Med. Winnie back from California. Nick has moved house to W11(?). Comment on H's and M's jobs. A has letters from Jim Perkins and Peter Groenewegen(sp?) who read his piece on Campbell report. Letter from Peter Karmel, he and Lena expect to be un UK Nov. Falklands war dominating news, Govt may regret its actions.	7 Apr 1982
	1/196	Jim Perkins arrived and reported on W. Winnie saw a lot in western USA, now off to Grassmere. A may go to India about Xmas. Argentina was a possibility but derferred due to war which has 'paid off handsomely' for Govt and will be a factor in this week's local elections. Nick has had long visit to Cairo and goes to Zimbabwe next. Harriet and family have been to stay. Her Joanna works too hard at school. Pope is visiting despite the Falklands war and staying with the Nuncio in Wimbledon. Caroline's father, in the optical business hopes to do well by marketing 'Popescopes'. Winnie's views (again) agree with Ian Paisley's. 'Thanks for the report of McLure which looks quite interesting' Vaguely expects another meeting in Washington on Venezuela in June.	4 May 1982

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	1/197	W unable to attend the wedding. Expects to be in Hong Kong June 1983. Possibility of including Australia, any ideas on paid lecturing opportunities? Mark Perlman came to dinner. Abby had a miscarriage, now divorced. Harriet and children came – mainly to get bridesmaid dress for Joanna. Nick now back for a time after 6 weeks in Africa. Seems to be a lull at the Times. Hon Fellows dinner at LSE, had brief word with Joe (?). Queen Mum was there – sprightlier than John and Ursula Hicks! Another w/e in NYC in two weeks. News dominated by Falklands. Election likely later this year while polls are favourable. Fall of Port Stanley will cause a ‘Mafeking night’.	13 Jun 1982
	1/197’A’	Caroline called off wedding with Nick, not clear why, possibly catholic conscience but ‘we are really guessing’. Nick has recovered and talks of partitioning his home and selling half. Absorbed in his job and back in Cairo. Discussion on Hong Kong/ Australia visit, A will write to Groenewegen for ideas, (on lectures?) also John Head. Visit to NY interesting but tiring. NY Bus strike and then back in London 3 mile queue of cars at LHR due to tube and rail strikes there. Strong in NY looking forward to Australia. A and P to visit NYC 1 st to 28 th Sept. Also likely to go to India December, with lectures in Calcutta, Delhi and Bombay. Nick trying to persuade them to have Xmas in Cairo. Winnie wants to visit W in Australia, thinks she can travel as well as Marjorie’s sisters who have been to UK.	30 Jul 1982

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	1/198	Winnie has arranged Australia visit. Took H's children from their home to York for Viking exhibition, all in a day – in the new Fiat Strada. Got health insurance policy for Winnie's trip. Annual IIPF conference is in Copenhagen, although part author, A will not attend due to imminence of NY trip. Deaths of GC Allen and Gilbert Walker noted. Sydney Caine and Duncan Burn remarkably chipper on respective 80 th birthdays. David Bult has been ill but recovered. Saw Nick in London but he was off to Cairo again. Now talking of dividing his house into three parts. Immersed in job, visited Damascus. Harriet has been camping in Cornwell – Michael still plugging away	17 Aug 1982
	1/199	Have seen Michael and have his itinerary for Australia via Johannesburg and possibly interviewing Malcolm Fraser for the Times. No real progress on lecturing opportunities for A in Australia. Rest of US trip was pleasant, M Perlman hospitable. Abby received handsome divorce settlement and now in nursing course again. All steelworks in Pittsburgh closed and university the largest employer ! Impressions- the dottiness of the USA (moral majority, balance budget rule) and – the squalor of NYC	5 Oct 1982
	1/200	Wilfrid phoned, he is perfectly all right (?) and off to US after visit to Sussex. Winnie will be mortified he is not visiting York. Michael left for Australia 10 th . India arrangements being made. Hope for side trips to Agra and Jaipur. Harriet up-graded to 'permanent part-time' status in her job.	16 Oct 1982
	1/201	Delighted to hear of D Com (presumably for W), but can't be in Aust then. Adelaide has advised no funding for anything of substance. Could come on from, or en route to Hong Kong before or after mid June, but what is most convenient for (a) W and (b) to give odd lectures in Melbourne or Adelaide. Needs to know due to possible trip to Caracas.	23 Oct 1982

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	1/202	<p>Michael back after a month of travel. He enjoyed Melbourne, had a day in Canberra but saw no politicians – that day cabinet meeting was at Fraser’s bedside. Had a day in Singapore on the way home. Promoted at the Times to be in charge of one of 3 sections of business news – economics and financial. ‘What you can do with an Oxford degree in History !’ Travel plans complicated by Caracas trip early July, and Kuala Lumpur (KL) next spring. Peter Groenewegen has indicated interest in A being in Sydney June and July, with HK possibly between, but have not discussed this. Peter Karmel coming to dinner will seek his advice. David Bult unable to join us, he is having brain scans. Winnie wants Pauline to help buying underwear for W (to take to Aus?). A will be in Amsterdam that day ‘thank goodness’. A and P leave for India 12 Dec, back 22 Dec expect family for Xmas (if Nick not in Cairo, Timbuktu or wherever at that time). Went to Cambridge for PhD oral, many retiring early and Christ’s still without a Master as candidates cannot muster a %age vote. May ‘fall into the hands of Prince Philip’.</p>	16 Nov 1982
	1/203	<p>‘Please thank Winnie for her letter saying she arrived safely’. Leaving for India in 4 days. Able to shift HK to 1st week June, then 4 to 5 weeks in Aus and Caracas late July. Nothing from KL. Peter Karmel sounded as if he knew what is wrong at ANU. Trevor S nearing retirement age. He says Russell is the man with money to spare, so have written. Michael met and impressed with P Karmel. India plans slow but now OK, some letters have examples of - “Raj-prose, eg I am to give lunch time talk in Delhi to MPs, senior journalists and sundry Gentries’ and a call on the Minister for Finance of 10 minutes. Have been inoculated for every conceivable disease but resigned to dysentery. Ask Wilfrid to contact us in UK. Pleasant couple of days in Amsterdam, nice city tho. liberal policies have led to problems of squatters, lay-abouts etc. D Bult’s health improved.</p>	8 Dec 1982

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	1/204	<p>Russell has made reasonable offer which accepted. Booking at University House (ANU?) 5 weeks from 5 Jun. R has suggested visiting different interest groups. HK definitely before Aus. Heard from Warren Hogan, will visit him. India a vivid experience. Calcutta turned out to be fascinating, Grand Hotel, Bengal Club, Birla business empire (acumen, vegetarianism and the family astrologer). Delhi not so interesting, gave lectures, lunch at Brit. High Commission in old home of CinC of army. Trips to Agra and Jaipur off due to 'Delhi belly'. Very hospitable but some crazy features. Special treatment of zip fastener production, higher marginal tax rates for individuals vs corporations - result people didn't pay them. Delhi airport chaos but Air India good. Country keeps going with sticks and carrots (army and police, food, transport subsidies, cheap cinema). Xmas here good with family. Tell Winnie we <u>do</u> know when she arrives at LHR</p>	28 Dec 1982
	1/205	<p>Pauline has been ill, now OK. Wilfrid visited. Waiting to hear from Russell, and also KL. Another letter from W Hogan suggesting Sydney June/July but told him of Canberra with Russell. Going to NYC late Jan for Venezuelan meeting, and Caracas end July. May be something in Boston April. Fahrendorf (?) has announced he does not wish to extend his ten year tenure at LSE. No matter to A. D(?) has just completed a TV series 'On Britain'. 'Unspeakably awful – economic howlers overlain with the worst type of sociological jargon'. Family well. Went to Harriet and brood Saturday, Joanna developing, Michael and Nick to lunch Sunday. Stewart Wilson send greetings to W.</p>	19 Jan 1983

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	1/206	<p>Back from NYC. Ruth Strong there, still talks about her visit to Melb Club when not inveighing against Reagan. Depression there worse than London with soup kitchens and food parcels being handed out. No system of redundancy pay there. Can W obtain confirmation of U House booking ? Jim Perkins in UK a week ago said he would try to arrange a seminar at the University and talk to Ec Soc. A was able to provide introductions for him in Holland. Wilfrid rang from LHR but cut short due to Bomb alarm at LSE, a regular occurrence. Nick back from 2 weeks in Cairo. Jonathan's composition selected for national comp. A sceptical. Speculation on Australian elections in March and report of dust cloud over Melbourne – media exaggeration ?</p>	8 Feb 1983
	1/208	<p>Hope the bush fires are out, new bush fire with Bob Hawke! Leave for HK May 25 on Cathay Pacific. Freda died and left Winnie 250 Pds. A has agreed to become part-time member of the Monopolies Commission, also LSE offers part-time and part pay from end Sept 1984 probably for 2 years. Visited Robbins in nursing home he is very bad.</p>	3 Mar 1983

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	1/207	<p>Hope Hon degree ceremony went well. A went to 'curious ceremony' of introducing new peers to the House of Lords - Peter B's(?) day of glory. Due in Melbourne 4th June. Asked if a visit to Wellington New Zealand could also be made to talk about VAT. Also keeping Brisbane and Townsville in mind. Due to go to Cambridge MA for a few days to conf. on rent control and property taxation. Winnie visited but cross to discover plot by M and Nick to buy her 'Travels with my Aunt'. Grandson Jonathan challenged scripture teacher on origin of the world and sent out of the class room. He will go to a private school in Chelmsford in Sept. Harriet's 16-year-old charges think it is 'infra-dig' <u>not</u> to live in a council house with an electric cooker. Sorry to hear about Joan R (Robinson?). Tobin visited, very scathing of US economic policies. A is cross about a review on his book on land taxation but gathers that author is not trained in economics and is a Liberal party candidate, 'so I suppose one couldn't expect much'. London Transport enquiry to start. Good luck with Bob Hawke!</p>	23 Mar 1983
	1/209	<p>Arrangements for arrival in Melbourne and on to Canberra and associated lecturing etc. Pauline wants to go to Tasmania. Visit to Boston was pleasant, but conf. not the most stimulating. Dined with Duesenbury's (?) First assignment with Monopolies and Mergers Comm. was on London Transport bus operations visiting garages and workshops – a different world to mathematical colleagues at LSE. Youngson has retired to England side of the Tweed, busy as chair of Scotland Fine Arts Commission. Expecting to see Lois Tucker(?) soon. Asked to visit Bruce in Rome but couldn't manage. Michael off to Rhodes for holiday. Nick about to go back to Cairo and Baghdad, has hilarious stories. M now Editorial Correspondent, a friend is grand daughter of H D Henderson.</p>	24 Apr 1983

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	1/210	Discussion of academic arrangements in Australia. Theatre party 4 th June. Dinner with the Stocks 15 th . Lois Tucker said P Karmel unpopular at ANU enforcing cuts. H has come with Joanna. Nick still traveling, can't keep up with him. Michael with story of the Times and the Hitler diaries, Murdoch got the bit between his teeth. UK election 9 June, a dirty one, glad we are away. Met the new DS of the Treasury at dinner, a tough character from Sheffield, different to the polished ones, said to be direct appointee of Mrs T. On Monops Comm have a job on enquiry into Sotherby's.	15 May 1983
	1/211	From ANU Canberra. About changes in flights in Australia.	4 Jul 1983
	1/212	Back in Wimbledon. Hot in London – 90 F. Trip back was good with overnight in HK. Went to the Financial(?) Board dinner at Cambridge. 'Gathering of the clans from the past' Ian McPherson, Keynes' stockbroker spoke, starting, "Looking round I would judge that I am the only person in this room who saw Queen Victoria!". Boys(?) Smith had a slight stroke the previous week and couldn't come, the present Bursar of John's (Johnson) said he was making a good recovery. Joanna given a HK watch for her 6 th birthday. Michael advises circulation of the Times has risen considerably. Murdoch achieving Roy Thomson's dream 'of a newspaper where the editorial fills up the spaces between the advertisements'. Nick back from Bahgdad - fit despite 130 F temp. He might be in Australia Xmas 1983. A going to Caracas 26 - 31 July after all, Venezuelans having made last minute arrangements. Thanks to W for looking after us in Aus.	15 Jul 1983
	1/213	Sorry to hear of death of Joe Burston(?), who seemed so lively in Australia. Caracas meeting better than feared, papers came 2/3rds of way thro meeting, not bad by Venezuelan standards! They depend on oil price holding up. Met old US friends and some Europeans too. On return held at Gatwick until a medico had seen a sick passenger, first time of this precaution. Winnie visited, standing up to hottest UK July day for a century.	1 Aug 1983

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	1/214	<p>Thanks for Burston obituary. Times' obit. for Joan Robinson not very good, did not bring out the character, but next day there was some further info which was better. She slept in the garden in a hat and birds came and picked it for nesting material. Was a strict vegetarian. Peter Karmel has been in London with family. Had call from Roy Webb and also Black, Chancellor of Sydney seeking guidance on the new Tax Institute in Syd. 'Won't get off the ground until they sack B(?) the man running it'. A and P have been to Yorkshire and S. Scotland. Winnie had trouble with her new 'Mini'. H came and took away the old one. Called on the Youngson's south of the Tweed, on the field of the battle of Flodden. Elspeth Y has had radiation treatment for 7 weeks. M going to France, N back to Cairo. A and P to Malta 8 to 14 Sept, where A is to advise University on an appointment. The Dahrendorf (LSE?) succession to be settled by the end of the month. He has retreated to a sanitarium on the continent. No more info on possible March ('84) visit to NZ but visit to Japan next year is on the cards.</p>	30 Aug 1983
	1/215	<p>Written in Brighton - redecorating a room. Reports on Malta holiday with a little work for the University. Letter from Colin Clark asking views on a short paper on UK income tax and social security arrangements. His proposals rather 'madcap'. Reference to Souffa's(?) death, and P Ford died this week, formerly Prof of economics at Southampton, from 1976. A's successor as Bursar at Christ's has also died of a massive heart attack. Speculation on who might be the next Director (?) at LSE. Expecting W(Winnie) who is to have a day trip to Somerset from London, will take her to see Harriet but hope the old mini has not been 'pranged' by then. Jonathan has long distance to travel to school. N back from o/seas, M holidaying in Brittany. 'Biggest diversion the Liberal Party annual conference - seems to attack nut-cases. Surpassed themselves yesterday by adopting "Strategy for the Knowable Future".'</p>	23 Sep 1983

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	1/216	<p>Sending W copy of review A has just sent off for the Aus Tax Research Foundation newsletter. Winnie has been to Somerset, visited Gwen and Violet. Has since had angina and a cold. New Director is IG Patel, 'Indian product of King's just after WWII'. 'No doubt very able'- but no experience in universities, related to another Indian already here and unlikely to relieve LSE's left wing image. But little newspaper attention, swept away by Parkinson scandal. Roy Allen died a few days ago, had taught 'here' for 55 years (apart from WWII). Nick promoted to General Export Manager. David Morgan and Ros Kelly will descend on London next week from Canberra.</p>	18 Oct 1983
	1/217	<p>Notes Prof Samuel's death. The McLure book not yet to hand, can W engineer a copy? First Volume of Skidelsky's(?) biography of Keynes is out. Ante-Keynesians are attacking it inc Rees-Mogg(?) former editor of the Times, saying Keynes had done more harm than any other economist. 'There is certainly no lack of garbage(?) when that sort of thing can get into print'. Not sure it was McMahon that turned down the Directorship (of LSE?) or whether it was the Prof of Econ History at Cambridge (E?) but does not matter now. Had along talk with David Morgan of Aus Treasury in UK with wife Ros Kelly. He rising fast under Stone's umbrella. In Cambridge last week, spoke to the ? Society and dined at St John's during which two undergrads asked A if he liked writing for the Times! Confused with Michael (?). He, having had a computer terminal installed at his desk, had it black-banned by three unions; electricians because they should maintain it, one print union because they have a monopoly on anything with a printout and another because they have a monopoly on keyboards. So it is unplugged and idle! Nick probably will be in Australia at Xmas but his plans not clear. Sorry W has had break-in in Adelaide. Called on Harriet. Jonathan doing very well at new school. PS NZ trip postponed, but Nick definitely going to Aus but on Yugoslav airlines.</p>	15 Nov 1983

Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
	1/218	<p>Reference to Sykes. Nick still due to leave UK 19 Dec has all telephone numbers. Break with Caroline has been 'unbroken' and she is traveling with him to Aus. A is skeptical on outcome. Were in Cambridge for Memorial service to A's predecessor, and tea at Christ's afterwards. The new Bursar is from Brooke Bond(?), Kenya - spoke to and confused him about five predecessors and Keynes' comment on one of them as 'a man with a policy of having reserves behind reserves behind reserves'. The new biography on Keynes does seem very good. Had a field trip with Monopolies Commission flying to Leeds, car to Bradford, Nottingham and Rugby visiting factories and train back to London, 13 hours. Letter from Nieuwenhasen optimistic about NZ trip. Asked to speak at American Management Society meeting in New Orleans. 'Probably a ropey outfit but temptation of 3 days in N O too much to resist'. Met Jan Graaff(?) he said Ursula Hicks can no longer drive and is pushed around in a wheelchair. Going to Amsterdam tomorrow. Expecting to go to Harriet's for night or two at Xmas.</p>	11 Dec 1983
	1/219	<p>The A Prests' to become grandparents in a different way. Michael's friend and Times editorial colleague, Lucy(?) Hodges (earlier mentioned) is to have a baby after undergoing a new specialist operation to correct a non-fertile condition that existed during her previous marriage which ended in divorce. She does not want to marry Michael, but they seem pleased. Haven't yet met her parents. She is very nice, too good for Michael, says Nick, who has arrived in Aus and seen W. Amsterdam was good but cold.</p>	23 Dec 1983

Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
	1/220	<p>Glad Nick got to Melbourne. Winnie is very upset about Michael's affairs and 'any kind of rationality seems to have deserted her', with talk of altering her will etc and family concern that it may be effecting her health. At Xmas Joanna was very upset because in her Xmas present diary, her 1984 birthday had moved from Wednesday (1983) to Thursday, and the concept of leap year had to be explained at 6.00 am. Met Lucy's parents who are very nice and also relaxed about 'it all'. Probably there will be a Caesarian birth in April, but please, not on Winnie's birthday! A has bought the Keynes Volumes in expectation of a capital appreciation. Finished Skidelsky on Keynes, really is very good. TV series The Jewel in the Crown on India very good, as is Stronger as Brothers. Saw Julian le Grand who had enjoyed meeting W. Will be glad to see Jim Perkin if he surfaces at the LSE.</p>	15 Jan 1984
	1/221	<p>Apparently there has been a family death in the north. Winnie didn't get to the funeral because of bad weather. Roof damage sustained. Seems to be softening of Winnie's attitude towards Michael and Lucy. Times on strike again. Pauline's 60th Birthday, family to attend, and free London Transport off-peak travel for her. She beat A to it by five weeks! Nick in good form about his trip - Manilla, Jakarta, Singapore, Bangkok, Delhi and reported on W. Saw Carl Sharp(?) and Jim Perkins. LSE staff being decimated with many departures to other appointments and retirements. A has been asked to open the traditional discussion on budget night at the ??? Club. Has to listen to the (budget) speech without making notes, and then immediately address the Club !</p>	1 Feb 1984

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	1/222	A was too optimistic about Winnie's mood, rang her and now understands how troops felt advancing into a German barrage on the Somme. She is upset concerning cost of storm damage repairs, tradesmen and insurance issues, but no mention made of Michael. He is going to NY to visit Wall St, Nick back to the mid east and we are planning short holiday in Lisbon before Easter and possible visit to Barcelona in May. Also A has been awarded fellowship by Japan Soc for Science to go there Aug /Sept. P complains she is too old to sit on the floor. P Karmel visited for Ditchley Park conference with Crawford. Was informative on Melbourne with appointment at the Institute. Perkins had been more discreet. Jonathan has good report from Headmaster of his new school. Will be pleased to see (W's) piece on Grants Commission and has received copies of (A's) written for Russell on Aus land taxation. Joan M in hands of medicos. Youngson gave some lectures in Melbourne	20 Feb 1984

Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
	1/223	<p>Glad to hear you met the Shoups(?). Notes W's travail about moving rooms, A is not sure he will have exclusive use of his for next two years and possibly none after that ! Therefore lining walls here with bookcases and giving stuff away. Winnie has calmed down about the building work and is more relaxed on the prospective great niece/nephew, even prepared for Lucy to have the Caesarean at the Hammersmith hospital on 4 May, her birthday. Attended a Memorial Meeting (not service) for Roy Allen – a good turnout inc Phelps-Brown but horrified 'that I was the only member of economics dept from LSE , they are scandalously bad on such things'. Brian Downs, former Master of Christ's has died. Article by HM Robertson noted in J of Econ, on his time as a research student at Cambridge in the 1920s, thought it fascinating. Going to Chelmsford to hear Jonathan in school choir in Cathedral. Due to age we now travel free on u'ground and ½ price on B Rail. Went to a dinner arranged by Whitman, ex Pittsburg, now V-Pres of General Motors – UK economists attended, to offer views on local and world economy. Jolly good dinner, hope they got their moneysworth. No chance of going on to Aus from Japan. Great difficulty getting apex fares to Japan 6 months ahead – 'all those damned tourists doing Europe'. Talking on budget tomorrow night, Michael coming as guest</p>	13 Mar 1984

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	1/224	<p>Lisbon still attractive after 23 years. Margaret Thatcher doing a walkabout. P told, to her annoyance that she looked like her. N back from Rio, Sao Paulo and Santiago, Chile. Entranced by Rio. N and Mary to dinner, she expects to go to hospital next week. Harriet and Nick trying to complete building projects before 1 June when VAT starts. Nigel Lawson (awful man) the new Chancellor trying to cut a dash with such changes. 'So I didn't have real problems at the Political Economy Club dinner despite having to speak in front of Middleton the Perm Sec to the Treasury'. A British journal has asked to print a shortened version of A's paper on Aus Land Taxation, enquired whether and Aus Js have commented yet. Notes death of Donald Missen(?), for years assistant to Graffa(?) at the Marshall library, Cambridge, aged 80. Graffa's will published, 1.5 mill Pds all left to Trinity. Told it came from wealthy Italian family, not publications. A's secretary enticed away by Japanese embassy at same salary but a brown envelope also every month. So it's not only the Libyans that break the law here. Looks like fight to the finish in the coal industry.</p>	23 Apr 1984
	1/225	<p>New grand child Emma, delivered today (Winnie's birthday) to Lucy, by caesarean. Michael watched and taken with wise-cracking of two Jewish doctors. Winnie torn between pleasure of new baby but concerned it is not 'proper'. Arranging for her to see Lucy and child on condition marriage issue not raised. Lucy to be in Hammersmith Hosp. (next to Wormwood Scrubs) for a week or so, doctor of the view now that she could have another child. A has to have prostate surgery, meaning scrapping the Barcelona trip and also visit to New Orleans at the end of May. Will go to private Parkside Clinic near Wimbledon Common. Had letter from Fred Gruen seeking view on future of Russell's centre after he retires. Suggested it be retained with slightly wider spread in fiscal field and above all not form it into a place for a permanent research staff, and adding they already have too many at ANU – which may not add to my popularity.</p>	5 May 1984

Box No	Series Number	Description	Dates
	1/226	Had bleeding 6 th May. Being holiday weekend had trouble getting attention but got deputizing service and told that action necessary. Went to St Georges S London, where catheter fixed and because a consultant (Shearer) had already seen the problem was transferred to his hospital (St James' Balham), where operation performed 9 th May and a tumor found on the prostate. After recovery there is to be a series of tests on possible consequences. Tumor said to be amenable to treatment. Family rallied around magnificently. Harriet helping Pauline and brought Winnie and Mollie around to hospital. Michael and Lucy bringing baby Emma Florence to visit tomorrow.	12 May 1984
	1/227	W has telephoned. Had tests inc bone marrow scan, left hospital 15 th , health improving. Specialist says test satisfactory and problem confined to prostate – 6 weeks radiotherapy likely. Intrigued to hear Wilfrid being re-married. Winnie relieved that Emma Florence is recorded as Prest. Following budget, A wrote to PS of the Treasury 'whom I know a bit' suggesting some internal inconsistency. Received a bland reply. In fact N knows the young civil servant who was given the letter for reply and he confessed it had caught him out, but his honest reply was doctored by his political masters to make sure they didn't admit it.	21 May 1984
	1/228	Hope Marjorie is fully recovered and that David's work sorts itself out. Shouldn't worry about Wilfrid being able to cope with step children. Has started radiotherapy no side effects yet. Recovered from operation and been to LSE for several half days. Have asked radio therapy consultant if I could go to Japan 22 Aug and answer was yes. Family visited Harriet inc M and Lucy and baby. Jonathan soaking up a lot of D-day stuff but 'found it difficult to understand that there was only standing room in S England just before it took place'. His nick-name at school is "car-wash". H and N have solved VAT problems. Winnie coming 16 th to get medical bulletin in person!	6 Jun 1984

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	1/229	<p>Things went better than feared on Winnie's visit. She is taking to the baby and tells everyone it was born on her birthday. Only sign of displeasure was talk of a nanny so L and M could both go back to work. No tiredness or nausea from radio therapy but another 4 weeks to go. Must take a lot of fluid. Going to LSE fairly regularly. Dined with Tobin who is scathing on US economic policy, also went to a Dept retirement party. May get to Singapore in April in 1985 or 86 to take external exams. Japan this August may still be possible. Haven't heard of M P (Perlman?) since Pittsburg '82. Intrigued with Wilfrid's domestic arrangements. Govt has had bad by-election loss, is it pro-Kinnock or anti Govt? Pauline adds notes to Marjorie and Wilfred on family, the baby and what a good patient is Alan.</p>	17 Jun 1984
	1/230	<p>Marjorie has suffered an accident (unspecified) 'sounds like a nasty break'. A has started phase 2 of treatment on prostate itself, side effect 'extra visits for water disposal purposes'. Progress good and Japan trip abandonment unlikely. Using British United Provident Assn. BUPA, for private medical insurance, advantage against public system is choice of consultant. Glad "Adelaide arrangements working out and it seems David has a mess to clean up, good luck to him. Jonathan top of his form in history. H is being messed about in her job but at least it is to continue. "Emma Flo" doing well. Nick in bike ride London to Brighton to raise money for heart patients. Letter received from Bentick(?) about an article he has written and my medical problems. End of Wimbledon tennis London being invaded by tourists taking advantage of strong \$. At LSE end of term, and many retirements. Has kept out of arguments about replacements: 'I suspect the result will be a number of high flying theorists with no students to teach but no one available to give the courses which are in demand'.</p>	6 Jul 1984

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	1/231	<p>Glad Marjorie's wrist on the mend and that same applies to the shingles(?). A's treatment finished 18th, but with side effects which cleared up about 5 days ago. Have been to Ballet, Monops. Comiss., lectured today and done work on US (?). Radiotherapist pleased with results; to see him August. Japan is 'on'. Singapore likely 1985. No news on NZ. Will miss M Perlman when he is here for Shackle Conference Sept. HM Robertson has died, also Vaizey(?). Winnie in "retreat" at some church establishment in Yorkshire this week and reconciled to Emma Flo. Nick's former bride-to-be Caroline has married a medico finally breaking the relationship. H and family camping in Cornwall, hope drought doesn't prevent them washing! US tourists-in-London stories: - is the Regents Park open air theatre air-conditioned? - and - Does anyone around here speak English?</p>	27 Jul 1984
	1/232	<p>Sorry Marjorie's shingles so trying. Saw R-T 10 days ago, 'does want to see me again'. Side effects expected for another two weeks. Seeing surgeon October. For Japan, problem preparing presents to take, via Anchorage - 20 hours. Letter from Russell; will be in London Sept. What is the gossip on John Stone? News of his resignation headlines in FT especially about producing champagne to celebrate. Still remember how he took Klein apart at lunch in Canberra last year. A, too, has been approached about the New P(?) from Newman (Johns Hopkins) to write about Henry George land taxation etc. Winnie talks about W making donation to the York Minster appeal, suggest it in any case be a joint effort. Family news on Harriet, Emma, Nick and his travels</p>	27 Aug 1984
	1/233	<p>Post Card of School of Economics Kwansei, Japan. Sorry Marjorie has been in hospital. A as been well in Japan. Gave lecture here. 90 years old, able economics staff, many have traveled in UK and USA.</p>	12 Sep 1984

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	1/234	<p>From International House of Japan, Tokyo. Good wishes for Marjorie's recovery. Ref to Joan M's medical problems. "under wing" of Yonehara for a day or two, he has been to Russell's centre and is going again about now. After effects of R-T decreasing, surviving pretty well. Have had two trips out of Kobe, one to Kyushu, less developed than Honshu, and one to Nara. Difficult to get clear answers from guides, is it language or not wanting to tell ? Tokyo still bewildering and expensive. Treated extremely well, everyone most considerate, almost too much at times. Anti-third world attitude detected. Inscrutable features of the country, eg labour expensive but services more generous than UK, USA or Australia. 'But I think I may be a step nearer understanding their incredible technical and commercial success, - they don't waste any money at all on business schools!'. Discusses York Minster appeal. In Kyushu stayed in Japanese style hotel with notice in the room about earthquakes 'watch the ceiling to see if it is coming down'. Felt a tremor. Other points, little planning in industrial areas, and demand for rail travel so high that private railroads are profitable !</p>	18 Sep 1984

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	1/235	(no postmark) Back in Wimbledon. Seeks W's quick advice on an offer received from RC Clift of Melbourne of a Downing(?) Fellowship later this decade. Thinking in terms of late 1986 or early '87 for 6 to 9 months. Enquiring scope of 'social economics'. Hoping M's (Marjorie) treatment is improving her condition. A needed no medical attention in Japan. Tokyo very hectic, lectures, taxis, sitting on floor for meals. Glad to get on Bullet train for Kobe and quiet location for 2 days. Elevated to executive class on return flt. Winnie driving us mad re donation. If you have told her firmly 100 Pds, happy to settle for that. A enquires availability of Vol I, No2, June 1984 of Jnl of Aust Tax Forum devoted to capital gains taxation. Have seen Harriet & Co, all well, also others not yet seen. LSE- 'is a very difficult place as from today with new Director and a vast number of changes in the administration and academic staff.'	1 Oct 1984
	1/236	A has proposed to Clift 6 months from July 1987 to take up Downing Fellowship. But future 'has been thrown into confusion and doubt'. Checkup shows signs that prostate tumor has spread - related to a chest and throat condition that had not cleared up. Chemo-therapy being arranged. Treatment and effects discussed. Asks W not to tell anyone about the condition. Hopes to continue work during treatment. Winnie has arrived for weekend, taking her to Brighton and to Harriet's. Nick comes and goes across the Atlantic. Michael, Lucy and Emma on holiday in Spain. PS from Pauline 'Nick turned up last night and gave Alan a much needed boost. He's a great help'.	19 Oct 1984
	1/237	(no postmark) Writing from Brighton. Has had consultations with Chemo-therapy specialist - impressed by him. On hormone tablets and chemo for 3 weeks or so. X-rays show little change. No immediate 'heavy hospital' treatment yet proposed. Problems of shortness of breath and conserving the voice for the one lecture per week. Family rallying round. Winnie's frequent phone calls a problem 'is he any better today?' and 'did you know X who died of this in 1914?'. Enquires after Marjorie.	4 Nov 1984

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	1/238	<p>Thanks for W's sympathetic letter and will reply to Wilfrid's. On 13th, consultant said things were 'encouraging' on basis of tappings on my chest and blood count compared with a couple of weeks earlier. He will decide next week on whether to step up the treatment. Glad Marjorie is improving. Call from John Head about a conference but declined. Asked again whether paper on Capital Gains Tax available. Nick broke his nose playing rugger but he was soon off to Israel and then Jordan. How did he 'get from one to the other'? Michael 'off on a jolly to Kenya and Tanzania for 4 days this week' Has a system of a shared nanny. Harriet has been 'enormous help to me in preparing the index of the third edition of PF(?) in LDCs(?). 'I found it was as much as I could cope with to deal with the proofs'. Winnie rings every 48 hours and is coming down to 'cheer me up'. The Monops Commission offered me 'a day's field trip to York. 'I said no thanks very fast!'</p>	20 Nov 1984
	1/239	<p>Liked W's remark about the relative lack of progress of medicine and economics over the last 50 years; suggests the last 200 may be more relevant. Saw consultant who due to lack of progress changed treatment to an intra-venous platinum based drug JM8, with overnight in hospital 30 Nov. Discusses likely effectiveness and opinions received. Felt 'grim' after treatment but improving. But will take week off. Injections to be monthly. Nick has presented a new Sony machine and Harriet supplying tapes. Tired and taking longer to do things</p>	3 Dec 1984
	1/360	<p>The Times. Obituary Professor Alan Prest. Died 22 Dec 1984, aged 65. (b 1 Mar 1919).</p>	2 Jan 1985