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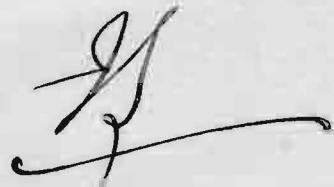
MEMO. RE ARREST OF TELEGRAM TO MRS. HOFMEYR.

The particulars of this incident are that Mr. T.G. STEWART, Second Grade Post and Telegraph Assistant, Pretoria, who was in charge of the telegraph office on the night in question, was not satisfied of the authenticity of the news in the telegram offered for transmission, and communicated by telephone with the residence of the Controller of Telegraphs, Mr. F. Collins.

The latter immediately got through by telephone to the Minister's private secretary in order to ascertain the real position. On the information received from Cape Town Mr. Collins gave instructions for the transmission of the telegram to be arrested.

Incidentally, the Post Office informs me that in the course of the present marking of staff report forms for the next Promotion Committee Mr. STEWART has been accorded full marks for initiative as the result of this incident.

PRETORIA,
9th April, 1936.



Dear Mr Hofmeyr
You asked me to find out the name of the postal official responsible for this incident. This memo gives the facts.
Yours sincerely
Cuthbert Ross

Pretoria
9/4/36.

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