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4th June, 1940.

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Sir,

Home Security Circular No.118/1940.
F.B.Circular No.71/1940.
Scottish Home Department Fire Brigades Division Circular No.L89/40.
Reliability of Personnel in Civil Defence Services.

I am directed by the Minister of Home Security, after consultation with the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Health, to transmit to you herewith, for the information and guidance of your authority, copy of a Question addressed to him in Parliament on the 30th May, and of his reply.

Mr. Silkin asked the Home Secretary whether he will take steps to ensure that members of Fascist and Communist organisations are not admitted to the Auxiliary Police Force or to air raid precautions organisations?

Sir J. Anderson: The primary responsibility for satisfying themselves as to the complete reliability of individual members of Auxiliary Police and Civil Defence Services rests with chief officers of police and local authorities respectively. I have no reason to doubt that the responsible authorities are fully aware of the importance, more particularly at the present juncture, of satisfying themselves in this matter, but I am arranging to circulate to them a copy of this Question and Answer.

The Minister relies upon all authorities who are concerned, and their officers, to satisfy themselves as to the reliability of individual members of their Civil Defence services in an emergency, and to take steps to remove from the services any person in whose reliability they have not complete confidence.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

H. E. Emmerson

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The Town Clerk,
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