

AC.1998.12.

(from telephone conversation between Frank Brame and Tim McShane, July 5, 1999)

Frank Brame removed the reports that comprise AC.1998.12 from Avro premises as he himself was preparing to leave Avro to work for Curtis-Wright in the U.S.A. Mr. Brame said that the order to destroy all Arrow material was not carried out with a thoroughness that would ensure all material was destroyed; some of the reports in AC.1998.12 were not found by the destruction crews, others were in Mr. Brame's personal files, and that these were not searched. Mr. Brame stated these reports were declassified at the time he removed them from Avro premises (whether they were always unclassified, or declassified by the time he left Avro some nine months after the cancellation of the Arrow project, Mr. Brame could not recall). Mr. Brame said he was not about to leave Avro for the United States within a year of having worked on a secret government project and take the chance of being caught with classified material on that project. Consequently, Mr. Brame never lived in fear of a "government knock on the door" regarding his holding illicit material on the Arrow as other people with Arrow material reportedly have.