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John P. KEMPTON's Visit to []

1. When John P. KEMPTON arrived at [] on 6 May 1954, he was met by a representative [] at 0030 hours. The latter took KEMPTON's flight bag, containing twelve tapes, and accompanied him to the waiting room. From there the [] representative carried the bag [] out to his automobile.
2. When KEMPTON's suitcase was brought in and he approached the [] customs official, the latter asked, "where is the bag you were carrying when you got off the plane?" Knowing that the customs official must have seen the bag, KEMPTON replied that a friend had it. The "friend" was then questioned. He stated that he had merely carried the bag to the car to assist his friend. The customs official asked him to bring the bag in from the car.
3. Before bringing the bag to the customs official, the [] representative dumped the tapes on the floor of the front seat of the car. The customs official, upon seeing the bag, stated that the contents must have been removed since he had observed that the bag was well filled out when it was taken from the plane and now had only a few items of lingerie and magazines in it.
4. The customs official then stated that he wished to search the car. The [] representative refused to permit that. The customs official said that, in that case, he would have to call in the police.
5. Three policemen who were on duty at the airport then entered. They agreed with the [] man that they had no right to search his car, stating that it was a matter that would have to be settled by the customs officials.
6. After a long discussion among the police, the customs officials, and the [] representative, it was decided to drop the matter. The chief

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of customs warned the [] representative that he should never again take anything from the airport before it had been examined by the customs officials.

7. The customs official then proceeded to examine KEMPTON's suitcase thoroughly, and he departed from the airport around 0200 hours.

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