



This is the Exhibit marked "A" referred to in the Affidavit sworn by Otto von ARX at the British Embassy, Consular Section, Vienna, this 4th day of February, 1957 before me

"A"

P. Sauer
British Pro-Consul

I, HARRY STOTESBURY WOOD a Colonel (Retired) in the Indian Medical Service care of Messrs. Charles Hoare & Company Bankers of Number 37 Fleet Street in the City of London HEREBY REVOKE all former Wills and testamentary dispositions and DECLARE this to be my last Will which I make this Twentieth day of March. One thousand nine hundred and forty eight

1 (a) I DIRECT my EXECUTORS to take all necessary steps and for this purpose to employ such Surgeons Doctors or other skilled persons as they in their sole discretion may think proper for the purpose of severing the arteries of my wrists so as to ensure that I am in fact dead and not in a state having the semblance of death

(b) I DESIRE that my body be cremated whether I may die abroad or in England and express the wish that there should be no religious ceremony at my funeral but that only my dear Wife Florence Emily Laura Wood and a few of my intimate friends be present I WISH for no flowers at my funeral except a bunch of violets to be placed by my wife in my coffin

(c) I DIRECT that my ashes and the ashes of my pet bird shall be scattered at the foot of the Drinking Fountain for Birds which I have erected in my lifetime in Selsdon Wood Sanderstead Surrey as a memorial to the memory of my Wife myself and my pet bird in the Sanctuary of The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (whose registered address is Number 32 Victoria Street in the County of London) AND I DESIRE that my wife's ashes be also deposited here

2 (a) I APPOINT the Company known as Messrs. Hoare Trustees (hereinafter called 'the Company') to be the EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES of this my Will

(b) The Company may as such Executor or Trustee act by its proper officer or officers and may employ a Solicitor Broker Banker or other Agent to transact all or any business of whatever nature required to be done in relation to the executorship or trust (including the receipt and payment of money) And in case a Solicitor is employed I DIRECT that the firm of Messrs. Frere Cholmeley & Co. shall if possible be employed but this shall not prevent the Company

Henrietta S. Hoare
Honorary Secretary for 60 years
Jan 2nd 1957
Executor

consulting or employing its own Solicitor in any case in which the Company shall think fit to do so AND in addition to all charges and expenses incurred in connection with the employment of any such agent or otherwise properly incurred in relation to the executorship or trust (all of which the Company shall be entitled to be allowed and paid) the Company shall be entitled to remuneration for its services in accordance with the Company's published scale of fees in force at the date of this my Will or such other scale (if any) as may be arranged in writing between the Company and me AND all such payments shall be made free of all duties and deductions and shall be considered as payments or outgoings properly made or payable in the administration of my estate or of the trust property _____

3. I BEQUEATH to my said wife absolutely all my personal chattels as defined by Section 55(II)(X) of the Administration of Estates Act 1925 free of duty expressing the wish though without the intention of creating a trust that she shall give all my wearing apparel to the Doctor Barnardo's Home for Poor Children _____

4. I GIVE DEVISE AND BEQUEATH unto my Trustees all my real and personal estate not hereby otherwise disposed of whatsoever and wheresoever situate UPON TRUST to sell call in and convert into money all such parts thereof as shall not consist of money and out of the clear moneys to arise from such sale calling in and conversion as aforesaid shall pay or provide for my debts funeral and testamentary expenses and the legacies bequeathed hereby or by any Codicil hereto and the Duties on such as are left Duty Free and subject thereto my Trustees shall invest the residue of the said money in their names in any of the investments authorised by law and shall stand possessed of such investments and of all parts of my said estate for the time being remaining unsold (hereinafter called 'my Residuary Estate to my said Wife during her life _____

(b) Subject as aforesaid I DECLARE that my Trustees as from the death of my said Wife shall stand possessed of my Residuary Estate Upon Trust to divide the same into two equal shares and to appropriate both the Capital and Income of one of such shares in TRUST for the said Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

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absolutely to be applied for the General purposes of the said Society but subject to the keeping of the said memorial in proper order and repair by the said Society And to appropriate both the Capital and Income of the remaining share thereof IN TRUST for the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals of the Poor whose Head Office is situate at 14 Clifford Street London W.1. absolutely to be applied for the General Purposes of the said Society and I DECLARE that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the above bodies respectively shall be an effectual discharge to my Trustees in respect of any moneys paid in respect of this gift _____

I DECLARE that if any person or persons shall dispute or otherwise question the validity of this my Will or any Codicil hereto such person or persons shall forfeit all benefits hereby or by any Codicil hereto given to him or her _____

I N W I T N E S S whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year first above written _____

SIGNED by the above-named HARRY STOTESBURY WOOD as and for her last WILL AND TESTAMENT in the presence of us both being present at the same time who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

H. J. Wood
Esq. Col. Linds

Marie Anne Coigny
Secretary at the
British Vice Consulate
Montreux.

Alfred W. Hiltner
British Vice Consul
British Vice Consulate
Chaux-de-Fonds
Switzerland.