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**W.J. Maloney in USA to Bulmer Hobson on Ben Allen’s description of seeing the diaries and Eamon Duggan; also 1923 sighting**

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Dear Bulmer,

Just a pearl of triumph from a rusty pen! I have at last found Allen after years of search. He writes: “The diary was in manuscript. The paper was not quite legal size and with sheets having ragged tops bore the appearance of having been torn from a lined composition book…It was a rolled manuscript which Hall took from a pigeon hole in his desk. As I recall the paper was buff in color with blue lines…

The rest of his fascinating account consists of a description of his weekly meetings interviews with Hall, of Hall repeatedly urging and he refusing to send the story to America unless he were allowed to confront Sir Roger with it.

Now did Duggan see ragged edged paper? Did he see buff paper with blue lines in the two volumes shown to him. Can you find out.

And more luck. I have traced another American correspondent who was shown “the diary found on Casement at his capture - found by Scotland Yard. He was shown it about 1923. It consisted solely of episodes in Germany.

So there now seems to be 3 forgeries: (a) the Allen loose sheets: (b) the Duggan Collins bound volume and (c) the diary ‘Casement had on him when he came from Germany. The last was a bound volume. In view of these facts perhaps Mr Duggan would be more communicative

I hope your eyes are better. There should be a 1/- edition of that beautiful volume you sent to me. I lent it to some of the elite in New York. They were much impressed. It was for some of them the first inkling Ireland was not merely an incubator of domestic servants.

Ever yours

W.J. Maloney