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ORIGINAL 1930S DOLPHIN SQUARE INDICATOR BOARD, LONDON – ESPIONAGE & POLITICAL HISTORY INTEREST

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1216986****Date of manufacture: 1930**

Description

Few residential buildings in London possess the aura of Dolphin Square. Long associated with espionage, political intrigue and wartime secrecy, the vast Pimlico complex became entwined over the decades with intelligence officers, diplomats, senior civil servants and the hidden machinery of the British establishment. Concealed behind a monumental neo-Georgian façade overlooking the Thames, it developed a reputation as one of London's most discreet and enigmatic addresses — a place where power, secrecy and influence quietly intersected. During the Second World War, Grenville House became headquarters of General de Gaulle's Free French administration, while MI5 operated Section B5(b) from 308 Hood House. The arrest of Soviet spy John Vassall at Flat 807, Hood House, in 1962 only deepened the mythology surrounding the complex and its long-standing association with Cold War intrigue. Constructed between 1935 and 1937, Dolphin Square was conceived as a self-contained modern city within a city, complete with restaurants, shops, laundries, garages and permanent concierge services. Its thirteen residential houses were each named after celebrated naval commanders and explorers ass...

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