

8 Dec 76 - Pitt Club last night sat next Ralph Cuthbert.
He was party Chairman at the end of the war & saw something of
Churchill. 1945 Downing St. 3 for dinner WSC Beaverbrook
R. Assheton (now Cuthbert). Secretary came in with a wire.
Hitler was dead.

WSC: that is ~~most~~ very important.

B'Brook: Let us drink to his damnation.

WSC brings his glass down with a crash and refuses.
"I have no quarrel with corpses"

Earlier, Chequers - Winston retires to bed after lunch. Long
white night shirt. Wake me at 4.30.

At 4. Telegram comes. Bernadotte's peace feeler - Secretary
wants to wake him at 4.00. Ralph refuses; at 4.30 enters
bedroom WSC still asleep. Ralph reads telegram to him at
window when he is roused. Both agree

WSC. "It looks like the beginning of the end"

R. agrees.

WSC. "I wonder what they will think of me"

R. They will think you have done a wonderful
job.

WSC. Do you think so? The only thing I did
in the war was to sack those generals in Cairo

Also at Chequers, in the dining room:

WSC. "Do you see that mark on the wall? That was a
pudding I threw at Clemmie last week"