WINSTON CHURCHILL AND CLEMENT ATTLEE SKETCH

This piece is an original 5 x 7 pencil sketch executed by Labour politician Hugh Dalton, who served as Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Attlee government. It features the two most prominent politicians in postwar Britain, Churchill and Attlee. Churchill is depicted smoking his trademark cigar and carrying a walking stick, while Attlee stands with his hands in his pockets. The sketch was made at an undated Attlee cabinet meeting and given by Dalton to Sir George Mallaby, who served as a cabinet undersecretary on British foreign and defence policy. The sketch was passed down through the Mallaby family as a keepsake of Sir George’s public service.

What discussion at that cabinet meeting prompted Dalton to sketch WSC and Attlee together? We’ll never know, but its fun to speculate!