

The following information was provided by Don Carr, the primary compiler of this set. It is important in clarifying exactly what these recordings are and are not. It also attempts to explain the dates and numbering assigned to each episode.

Top Secret consists of 17 episodes. Episode 5 is the only completely missing story. There are NO rehearsal shows. The shows' missing elements like openings, closings, music, etc. would eventually be edited into the final program for airing. The dates used for "Dramatic Portions Only" shows are approximate. The series scripts are known to exist but until they are available for review, complete accuracy of these dates is questionable.

Episodes 1 through 11 work out as far as air dates/episodes descriptions and assignment numbers. No assignments mention Number 12 or 13. The airdates for these assignments should have been: Friday 1950-09-01 & Friday 1950-09-08. However, no show aired on or near those dates that could be found in the newspapers.

The next show aired was on Monday 1950-09-18 – “Confession.” No assignment number was given. This episode was labeled Assignment 13 because the "Next week's show" description matches the “Poison Hand of Friendship” title which is announced as #14.

Using the "Next Week's Show" information you end up with TWO shows in the #15 position. One has an announced assignment number, the other doesn't. The latter is most likely the "missing" assignment #12 aired out of sequence at a later time.

Monday 1950-06-12 001 “Night Train To Berlin” - WMAQ 8:30 PM – Wisconsin State Journal blurb: “new series of war tales starring Ilona Massey as counter-espionage agent”

Monday 1950-06-19 002 “The Admirals Strange Identity” - WMAQ 8:30 PM - Wisconsin State Journal blurb: “baroness, played by Ilona Massey, in The Admirals Strange Identity”

Monday 1950-06-26 003 “A Package In Tangiers” - WMAQ 8:30 PM Wisconsin State Journal blurb: “Ilona Massey poses as Frau Goering's maid”

Monday 1950-07-03 004 “Escape” WMAQ 8:30 PM - WSJ Blurb -NONE

Monday 1950-07-10 005 “Saving the Mona Lisa” (PGM NOT AVAILABLE) WMAQ 8:30 PM WSJ Blurb - Allied spy tries to smuggle Mona Lisa out of Germany

Monday 1950-07-17 006 “Coming Disaster” (Dramatic Portion Only) WMAW 8:30 PM WSJ Blurb - baroness moves to Rome for Allies

Sunday 1950-07-23 007 Midnight For Danger - WMAQ, WIBA 8:30 PM WSJ blurb says its "on New Schedule"

Sunday 1950-07-30 008 The Unknown Mission - WMAQ, WIBA 8:30 PM WSJ - countess finds love and spying don't mix

Sunday 1950-08-06 009 Disaster In London - WMAQ, WIBA 8:30 PM WSJ - Baroness Gaza helps block bacteriological warfare

Sunday 1950-08-13 010 The Case Of The Tattooed Pigeon - WMAQ, WIBA 8:30 PM WSJ - confirms title

Sunday 1950-08-20 011 The Church Without A Cross - WMAQ, WIBA 8:30 PM WSJ - Baroness Gaza hunts secret V-2 launching site *****Announced that "Beginning Sept 1st Top Secret will be heard on Friday evenings" No Next Show Description provided

Friday 1950-09-01 NO LISTING Found (included NY, LA & Chicago, et al) Possibly pre-empted by Truman speech. Digi Deli Too shows some listings in small markets
There is a circulating show with this date: Top Secret 1950-09-01 0012 The Drug Of Death. This is actually the same as 1950-09-18 Confession

Friday 1950-09-08 NO LISTING Found (included NY, LA & Chicago)

It might be that NBC realized that they already has a spy show on Fridays - Cloak & Dagger, and decided to reschedule

Monday 1950-09-18 Confession (assignment # not provided) WMAQ - 8:30 PM - WSJ Blurb - Ilona Massey as spy probing American's Communist "Confession." "Next Week's Show Desc matches Poison Hand of Friendship

Monday 1950-09-25 (Announced as Assignment 14) The Poison Hand Of Friendship - WMAQ 9:30 PM - WSJ blurb - baroness recovers fantastic secret weapon, only to lose it. Announces next show will be on Monday but it isn't. Next Week's show matches Disaster storyline

Thursday 1950-10-05 015 Disaster (aka Lighter Than Metal) (Partial - Dramatic Portion only)

Friday - 1950-10-13 The Document (Announced as Assignment 15)- WMAQ, WIBA 7:00 PM WSJ blurb says it's "on New Schedule" "Next Week's show desc matches The Dream That Meant Death

Thursday 1950-10-19 The Dream That Meant Death (Announced as Assignment 16) WMAQ, WIBA - 9:00PM WSJ blurb - Baroness Gaza battles opium ring

Thursday 1950-10-26 017 The Plan For Sabotage - WMAQ, WIBA -9:00 PM - WSJ Blurb - Baroness Gaza breaks up spy ring