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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU
With report of SA JOHN B. VAN ETTEN
dated October 18, 1949 at Washington, D. C.

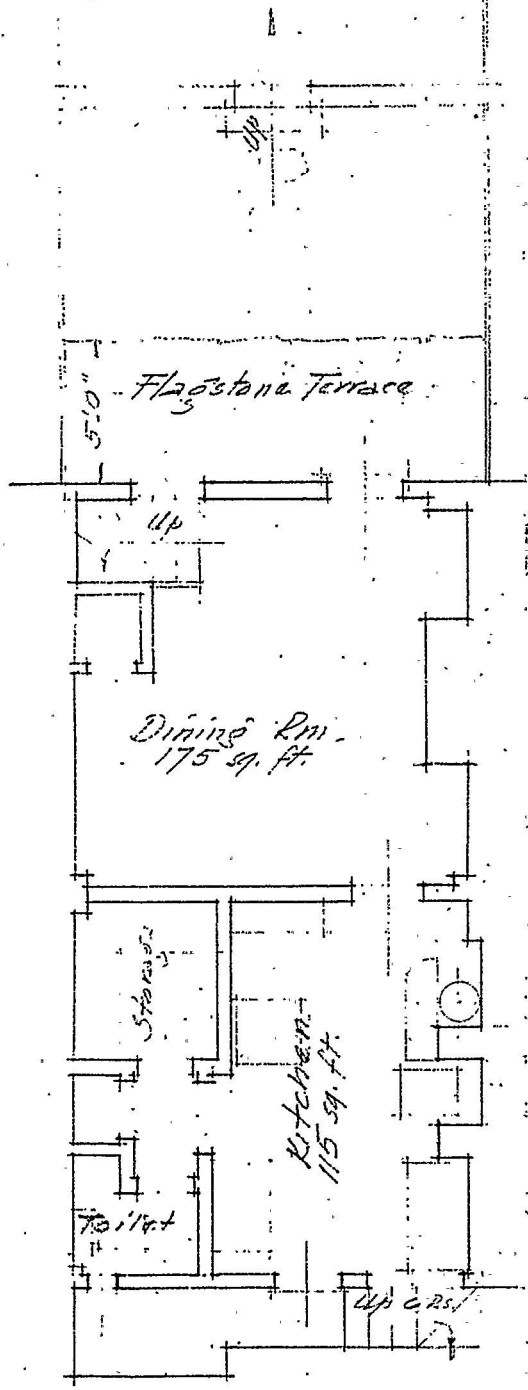
- 1 set of the floor plan of the house at 1245 30th St., N.W.
- 1 set of photographs of exterior of 3415 Volta Place taken in Fall of 1935
- 1 set of photographs of interior of 3415 Volta Place - October, 1937
- 1 set of photographs taken in or about September, 1935 - wall and house at 3415 Volta Place

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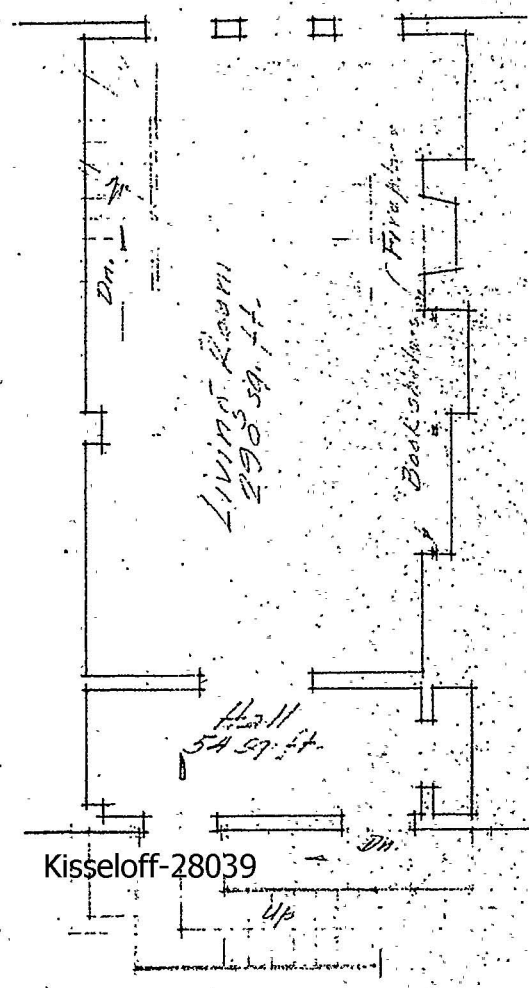
Floor Plans of
at 1245 - 30ths
Washington 7.

Scale $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'-0''$

Garden
Approx. 14'-0" x 30'-0"



Basement Floor

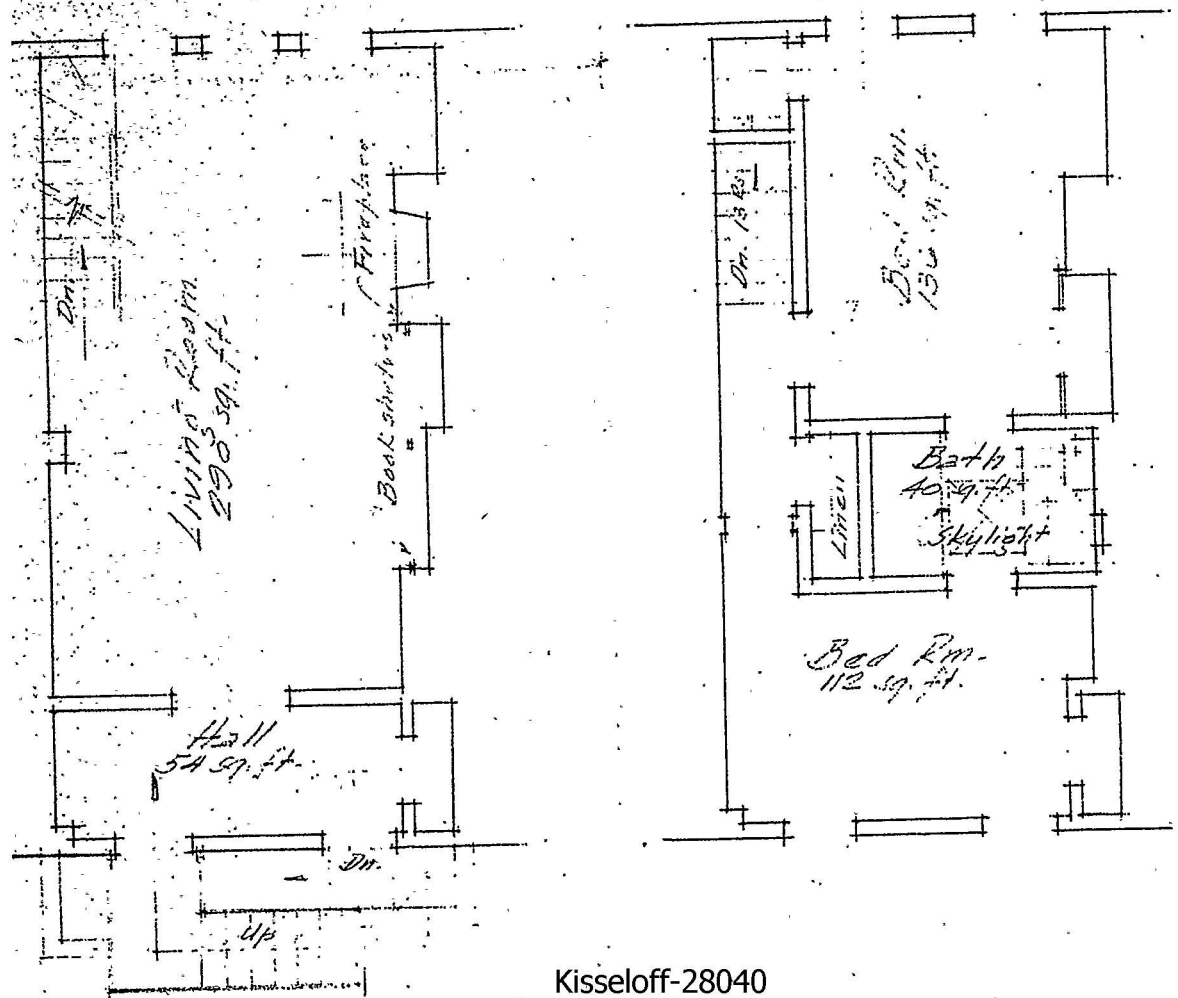


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Floor Plans of Dwelling
at 1245 - 30th Street N.W.
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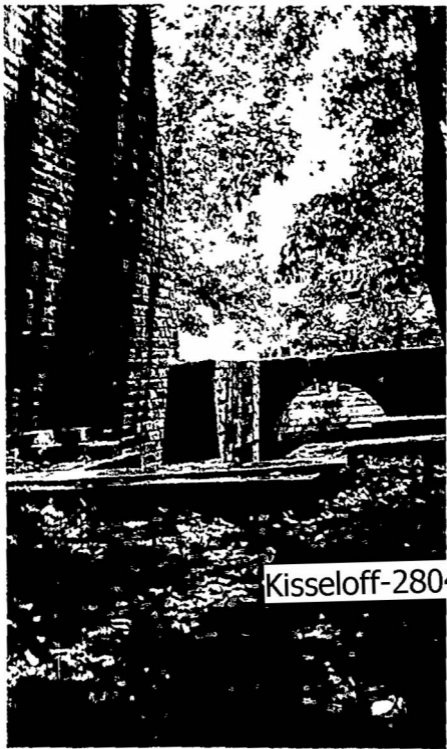
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First Floor

Second Floor

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Wall and house at 3415 Volta
place taken in or about
September, 1935

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A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a building facade. The image is heavily stylized, with deep blacks and bright whites, resulting in a loss of mid-tones. On the left, a large, dark arched doorway is visible. To the right, a window with a dark frame is partially seen. The foreground is dark and indistinct. A white rectangular box with black text is superimposed over the lower-middle part of the image.

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Wall and house at 3415 Volta
Place taken in or about
September, 1935

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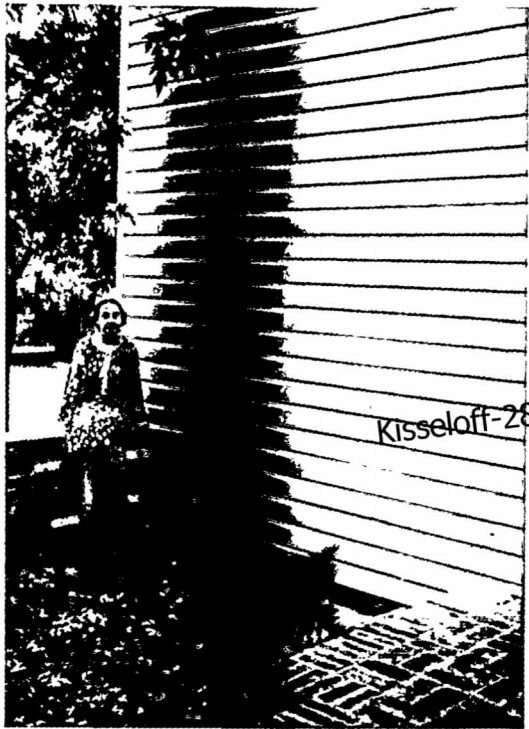


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Wall and house at 3415
Volta Place taken in or
about September, 1935

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MRS. TALLEY SITTING ON WALL AT
FRONT OF 3415 VOLTA PLACE HOUSE.
IT IS THIS AREA WHICH WAS EXCAVATED
AND THE ONE ROOM ADDITION MADE IN
1947

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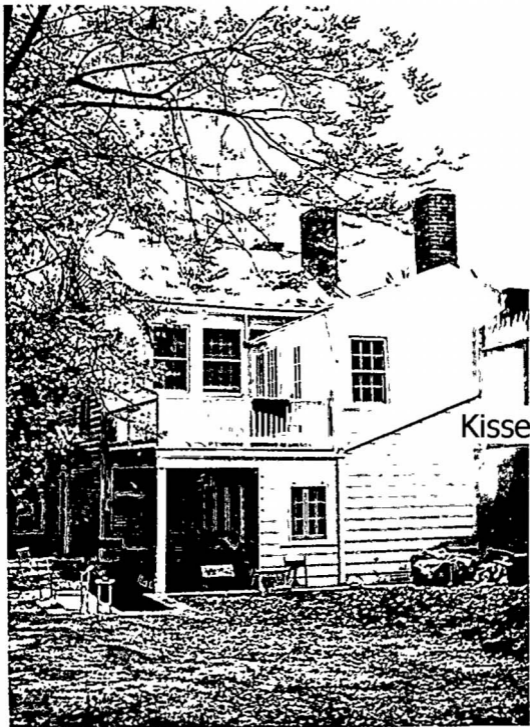
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FRONT DOOR AT 3415 VOLTA PLACE

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TAKEN AT REAR OF HOUSE WITH CAMERA
POINTING TOWARD VOLTA PLACE
3415 VOLTA PLACE

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CAMERA POINTING TOWARD VOLTA PLACE
SHOWING EAST SIDE OF HOUSE AND BRICK
TERRACE - 3415 VOLTA PLACE

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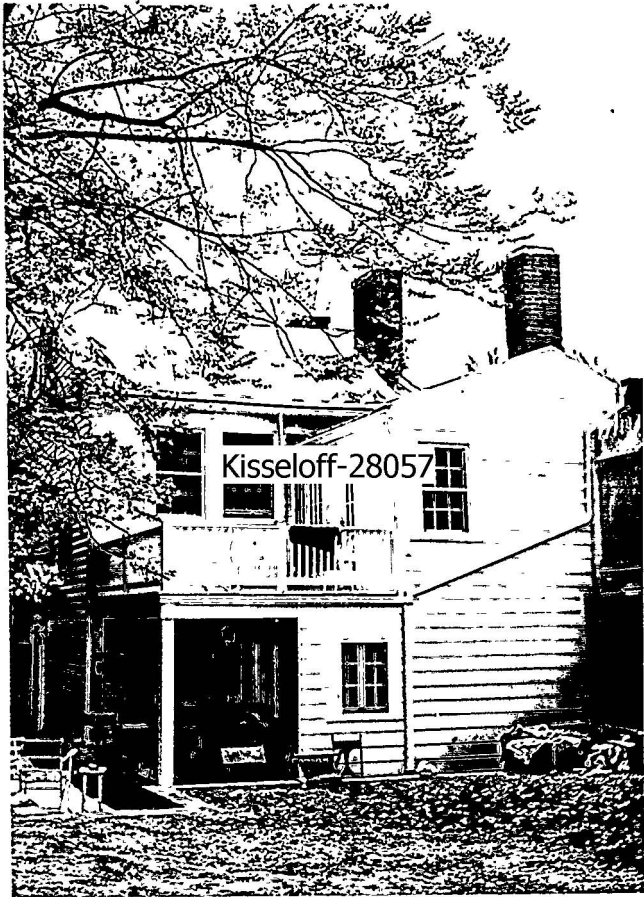
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TAKEN AT REAR OF HOUSE SHOWS DOOR
OFF TERRACE INTO HALLWAY AND DOOR
OFF TERRACE INTO LIVING ROOM
3415 VOLTA PLACE

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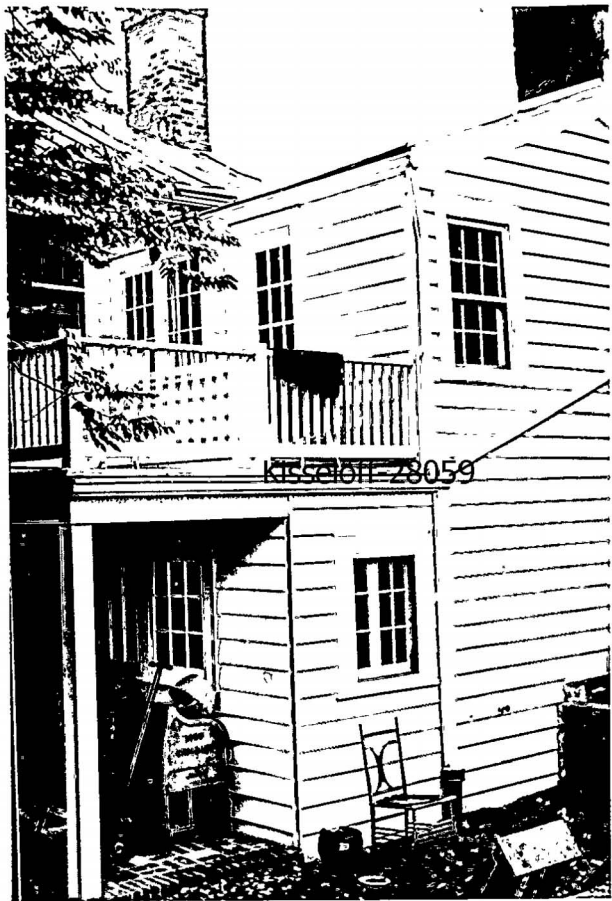


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CAMERA POINTING TOWARD VOLTA
PLACE SHOWING REAR OF HOUSE

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REAR OF HOUSE SHOWING EDGE OF
TERRACE OFF OF LIVING ROOM AT
3415 VOLTA PLACE

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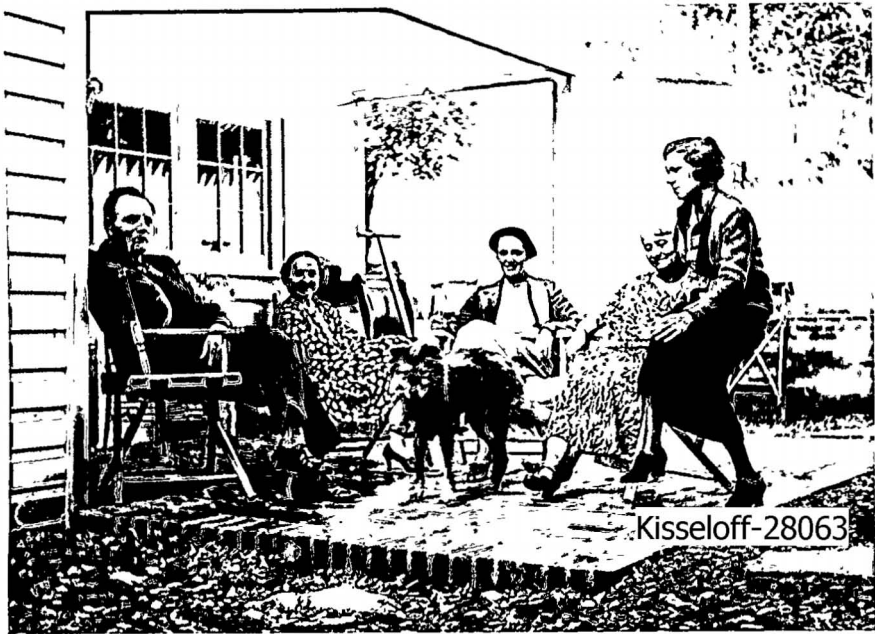
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KATHERINE FLANAGAN AND MRS. TALLEY AT
FRONT DOOR AT 3415 VOLTA PLACE

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CAMERA TOWARD BACK YARD SHOWING BRICK
TERRACE OFF OF LIVING ROOM AT 3415
VOLTA PLACE

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492 and 493

BATHROOM WALL AT ERNEST SHEPARD'S APARTMENT

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BEDROOM WITH FIREPLACE AT 3415 VOLTA PLACE



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LIVING ROOM NORTH WALL AT 3415 VOLTA PLACE

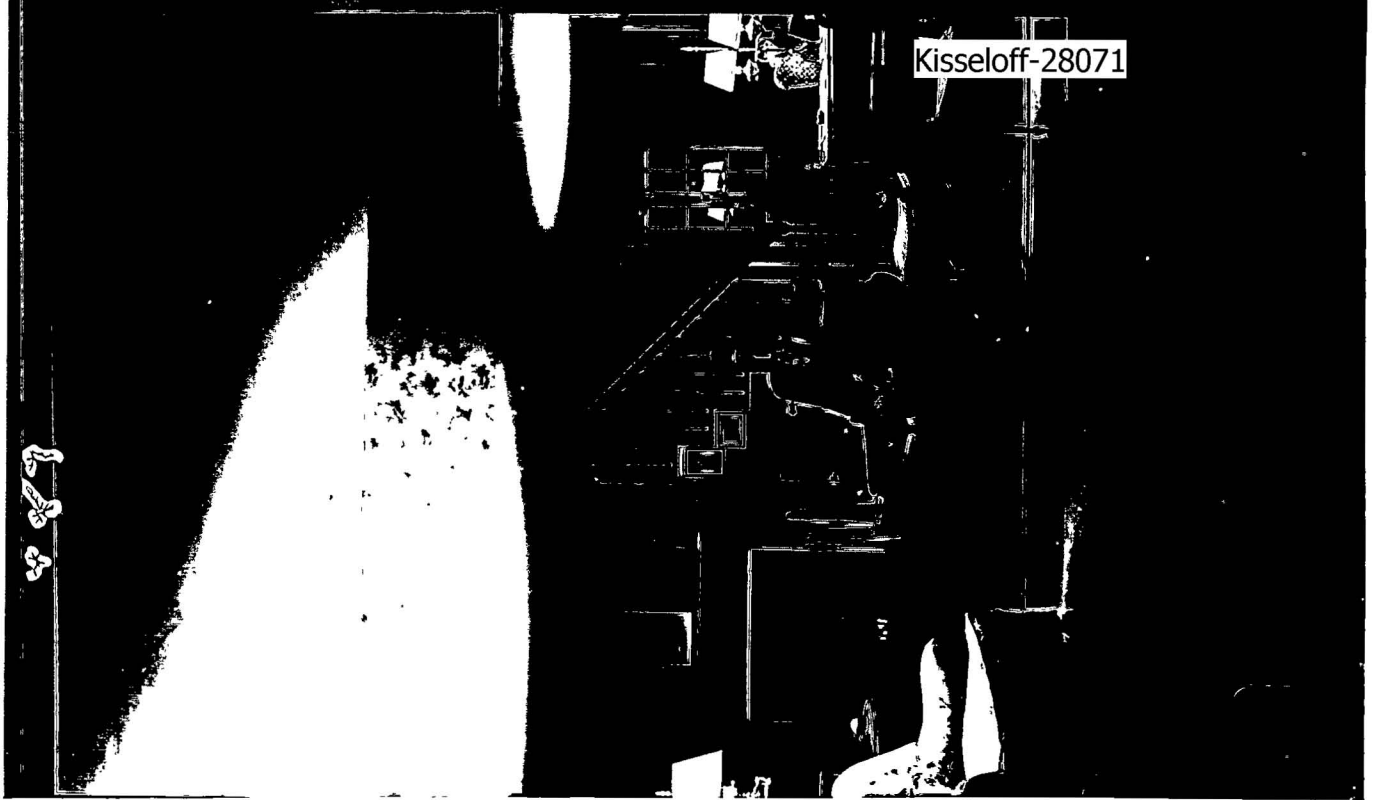
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BEDROOM WITH FIREPLACE AT 3415 VOLTA PLACE

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LIVING ROOM NORTH WALL FIREPLACE AND STAIRWAY AT 3415 VOLTA PLACE

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LIVING ROOM, WEST WALL FIREPLACE AT 3415 VOLTA PLACE



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DINING ROOM FIREPLACE ON WEST WALL AND DOOR TO LIVING ROOM ON NORTH
WALL AT 3415 VOLTA PLACE

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DINING ROOM FIREPLACE ON WEST WALL AND WINDOW ON SOUTH WALL
LOOKING OUT ONTO VOLTA PLACE AT 3415 VOLTA PLACE

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MRS. TALLEY IN FRONT OF THE LIVING ROOM NORTH WALL FIREPLACE AT
3415 VOLTA PLACE. THE STAIRWAY ON THE RIGHT LEADS UP TO THE REAR
BEDROOM

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MRS. FLANAGAN SITTING AGAINST THE EAST WALL OF THE LIVING ROOM
AT 3415 VOLTA PLACE

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE NO. 74-94

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/18/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/30, 7, 10, 11/49	REPORT MADE BY JOHN B. VAN ETTEN	MIW
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was. et al			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Floor plan 1245 30th Street, N.W. furnished. 3415 Volta Place, N. W. was three bedroom house at the time HISSes moved from 30th Street house. 30th Street house had two bedrooms. Comparisons as to room areas made. Volta Place living room larger than 30th Street living room and third bedroom Volta Place larger than either bedroom 30th Street. However, 30th Street dining room and kitchen larger than those at Volta Place and two bedrooms of 30th Street house larger than two bedrooms Volta Place house. If 30th Street house completely furnished, only additional furnishings required would be for third bedroom in order to furnish Volta Place house. Photographs of exterior and interior 3415 Volta Place furnished.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 74-1333
Report of Special Agent R. F. X. O'KEEFE, dated August 18, 1949 at New York City
Report of Special Agent FRANCIS J. DUANE, dated October 10, 1949 at Washington, D. C.
Report of Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN, dated September 30, 1949 at Washington, D. C.
New York letter dated August 29, 1949
New York letter dated July 26, 1949

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Referenced report of Special Agent R. F. X. O'KEEFE sets forth a review of the pertinent information and testimony prepared by Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY concerning the withdrawal of \$400 from the joint account of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS at the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C. on November 19, 1937.

TESTIMONY OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

At the trial WHITTAKER CHAMBERS testified that he borrowed \$400 from ALGER HISS in November, 1937 to purchase a car and that this loan practically eliminated the HISSes' joint savings account.

TESTIMONY OF PRISCILLA HISS

A transcript of this account reflects that the sum of \$400 was withdrawn November 19, ~~1949~~¹⁹³⁷ leaving a balance of \$40.46.

PRISCILLA HISS testified (page 2287 trial transcript) that purchases were made during the months of November and December, 1937 in contemplation of their move to Volta Place. The entire \$400 was expended in making various miscellaneous purchases for cash. She testified that the purchases were made to furnish the Volta Place house where they had more rooms and the rooms were larger requiring additional furniture.

STATEMENT OF MRS. TALLEY

Referenced report of Special Agent FRANCIS J. DUANE reflected the statement of Mrs. TALLEY to the effect that the HISSes were not considering rental of the Volta Place house until subsequent to the placement of the advertisement in the newspaper. The advertisement appeared December 5, 1937. Since the withdrawal of \$400 was on November 19, 1937 Mrs. TALLEY's statement controverts the HISSes' contention that the money was withdrawn to furnish the Volta Place house.

COMPARISON OF THE VOLTA PLACE AND 30TH STREET HOUSES

Despite the fact that Mrs. TALLEY's statement directly controverts the HISSes' testimony regarding the purchase of furniture for the Volta Place house on the basis of a commitment in November, 1937, consideration is given as to what additional furniture would have been required for the Volta Place house

PRISCILLA HISS testified that the Volta Place house had more rooms than the 30th Street house and the rooms were larger requiring additional furniture.

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Furnished as an enclosure to referenced report of Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN was the floor plan of the Volta Place house. Furnished as an enclosure with instant report is the floor plan of the 30th Street house, also prepared by the office of TEUNIS F. COLLIER.

Referring to these floor plans it is noted that the Volta Place house has three bedrooms whereas the 30th Street house has only two bedrooms. Other than this each house has the same number of rooms.

The enclosed prints of the 30th Street house are marked to show the square footage of individual rooms. The square footage was not provided with the Volta Place floor plan but is set out below. The scale used on both the plans of the 30th Street and Volta Place houses is one-quarter inch to one foot. Referring to the plans of the Volta Place and 30th Street houses the following comparisons are noted:

<u>Room</u>	<u>Square feet per room of Volta Place house</u>	<u>Square feet per room of 30th Street house</u>
Living room	342	290
Dining room	150	175
Bedroom	133	136
Bedroom	87	112
Kitchen	<u>67</u>	<u>115</u>
	779	828
Additional bedroom at Volta Place	<u>150</u> 929	

If the 30th Street house was completely furnished at the time the HISSes moved to Volta Place the only additional furniture which would have been required for the Volta Place house would be that necessary to furnish the third bedroom.

The statement by Mrs. HISS that the Volta Place house had more rooms than the 30th Street house is correct in that there was one additional bedroom. The second floor porch on the Volta Place house cannot be considered an extra room as it is completely outdoors. There would be no need to furnish this porch at least during the winter months.

Mrs. HISS's statement that the rooms in the Volta Place house were larger is open to question. The living room of the Volta Place house was 52 square feet larger than that of the 30th Street house. However, the dining room of the 30th Street house was 25 square feet larger than that of the Volta Place house. Eliminating the 150 square foot bedroom from the comparison, the 30th Street bedrooms total 248 square feet as against 220 square feet for the Volta Place bedrooms.

Comparison in bedroom sizes of the two houses may be considered in another way. The Volta Place house had three bedrooms with a total area of

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370 square feet or an average of 123 square feet per room. The 30th Street house had two bedrooms totaling 248 square feet or 124 square feet per room.

Although a kitchen requires little if any furnishings, it is noted that the 30th Street house kitchen was some 48 square feet larger than the kitchen of the Volta Place house.

MISCELLANEOUS HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Mrs. HISS testified that she had purchased furnishings and furniture for almost every room in the Volta Place house but that other than the bedroom for TIMMIE she did not furnish the other rooms entirely.

As reported in referenced report of Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN, Mrs. ARTHUR ALEXANDER advised Special Agent CARL F. MAISCH that when she inspected the Volta Place house in 1943 prior to purchasing said house she noticed that the living room as well as the rest of the house was very scantily furnished.

Mrs. HISS enumerated specific items which were purchased with the \$400. She testified, "Well I first furnished a room for TIMMIE which is my first interest. I bought a metal bed and mattress. We had been using an old antique 4-poster, which we still have, on 30th Street."

In referenced report of Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN it was pointed out that Mrs. EDWARD D. HOLLANDER recalled that there was a bed in the living room by the stairway of the HISSes' house on 30th Street at the time she, Mrs. HOLLANDER, inspected their house. Mrs. HOLLANDER was recontacted as to this bed and she described it as a studio couch or a day bed which had neither a back nor arms nor cushions. She said it also might be described as a box couch but that as it had an spread or cover completely covering it she is not certain as to exactly what kind of a bed it was. She stated the only reason she recalls it now is that she herself had nothing like it. As to the rest of the furniture in the 30th Street house Mrs. HOLLANDER was unable to recall just what it consisted of although she felt that the house was completely furnished.

Referenced New York letter dated July 26, 1949 sets forth testimony of PRISCILLA HISS to the effect that she purchased an unknown number of yards of pongee for curtains. She got a lot of them. On cross examination, according to referenced letter, she indicated that this material was purchased for a lot of cottage windows in the rear of the Volta Place house.

During the interview with Mrs. O. V. TALLEY, in referenced report of Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN, she advised that she had left her curtains in the living room for Mrs. HISS. Mrs. TALLEY it will be recalled described them as plum-colored curtains which matched the wall paper. Subsequent to the HISSes' moving into the Volta Place house, Mrs. TALLEY was in the house and noticed that the curtains were no longer plum colored. Mrs. HISS at

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this time told Mrs. TALLEY that the curtains were the same curtains but that she, Mrs. HISS, had merely removed the color and continued to use the material as curtains for the living room.

Since the living room of the Volta Place house is at the rear of the house, the cottage windows referred to by Mrs. HISS must pertain to the windows on the second floor since she did not require or use new curtains in the living room. Referring to page 1 of the Volta Place floor plan and of the enclosed exterior photographs of the Volta Place house, it would appear that the cottage windows at Volta Place house are five in number.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EXTERIOR OF 3415 VOLTA PLACE -
FALL OF 1935

Mr. ERNEST S. SHEPARD furnished a photograph album containing various photographs included among which were shots of the Volta Place house. These photographs were not individually dated but the photographs in the album which preceded those of the Volta Place house are dated August 25, 1935, September 1, 1935 and September 8, 1935. Since KATHERINE FLANAGAN purchased the Volta Place house in October, 1935 and the date these photographs were taken is subsequent to October, 1935, these photographs are being furnished as enclosures for information as it is not known whether or not they will serve any evidentiary purpose.

The photographs are numbered on the reverse side 1 through 9 and a description is placed thereon as follows:

<u>Photograph No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Camera pointing toward Volta Place showing rear of house
2	Rear of house showing edge of terrace off of living room
3	Camera toward back yard showing brick terrace off of living room
4	KATHERINE FLANAGAN and Mrs. TALLEY at the front door
5	Camera pointing toward Volta Place showing east side of house and brick terrace
6	Taken at rear of house - shows door off of terrace into hallway and door off of terrace into living room

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<u>Photograph No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
7	Taken at rear of house with camera pointing toward Volta Place
8	Front door of Volta Place
9	Mrs. TALLEY sitting on wall at front of Volta Place house. It is this area which was excavated and the one room addition made in 1947

The photograph album from which these photographs were taken is being enclosed with this report.

Referring to page 1 of the Volta Place house floor plan which was furnished with referenced report of Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN, it is noted that the area to the rear of the brick terrace off the living room is entirely flagstone. Photograph number 5 above shows only a flagstone walk in this area. Mrs. TALLEY has advised that this area was a drainage problem and that the flagstones were laid prior to the HISS occupancy of the Volta Place house. Photograph number 5 was taken prior to the laying of the flagstones. This is pointed out to prevent any confusion arising in the event that this brick terrace is shown to be the stoned-in porch referred to by Mrs. CHAMBERS.

Photographs numbered 1, 2, 6 and 7 show that the upstairs porch is completely out of door as is the terrace off the living room.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE INTERIOR OF
3415 VOLTA PLACE - OCTOBER, 1937

Referenced report of Special Agent FRANCIS J. DUANE sets out the manner in which ERNEST S. SHEPARD took, developed, printed, and indexed his photographs. On page 15 of Agent DUANE's report reference is made to photographs from negatives numbered 483 through 491 which were taken in October, 1937 of the interior of the Volta Place house. The house had just been redecorated and the wallpaper that appears in these photographs is the wallpaper that was there during the period of the HISS occupancy.

The photographs from SHEPARD's negatives 483 through 491 are enclosed and described on the reverse side as set out below:

<u>Negative No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
483	Mrs. TALLEY in front of the living room north wall fireplace. The stairway on the right leads up to the rear bedroom

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<u>Negative No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
484	Mrs. FLANAGAN sitting against the east wall of the living room
485	Dining room fireplace on west wall and door to living room on north wall
486	Dining room fireplace on west wall and window on south wall looking out onto Volta Place
487	Living room north wall fireplace and stairway
488	Living room - west wall fireplace
489	Living room - north wall
490	Bedroom with fireplace
491	Bedroom with fireplace
492 and 493	Bathroom wall - ERNEST SHEPARD's apartment

These photographs all appear in SHEPARD's September, 1937 - December, 1937 photograph album which will be forwarded under separate cover as indicated in referenced report of Special Agent FRANCIS J. DUANE.

The photographs of the living room and dining room show the pattern or design of the wall paper and was the same in both rooms. In this connection referenced New York letter dated August 29, 1949 referred to the collateral issue which arose concerning the description of this wall paper. Referenced letter indicates that CHAMBERS recalled that mulberries were predominant in the wall paper design. Referenced report of Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN set forth the interviews with Mrs. O. V. TALLEY and Mrs. ARTHUR ALEXANDER in which they described the color of the wall paper design or pattern as plum, mauve, or mulberry - all of which they said are practically the same.

Mrs. TALLEY described the pattern as a repeated colonial design. Mrs. ALEXANDER described the design as depicting a wishing well with a bending tree. Mrs. HISS according to referenced letter stated that the wall paper was of scenic design containing a landscape with repeated designs of trees and little houses.

Referring to the enclosed photographs it would appear that Mrs. ALEXANDER's description of the pattern more closely coincides than does either that of Mrs. TALLEY or Mrs. HISS. The design does not appear to be a landscape with repeated designs of trees and little houses as stated by Mrs. HISS.

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PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER, 1935

As set out in referenced report of Special Agent VAN ETTEN remodeling of 3415 Volta Place commenced in June, 1935 under building permit no. 181259, dated June 10, 1935. This permit was filed at the District Building, Washington, D. C. Filed with the permit are photographs of the Volta Place house which were taken to show the disputed location of the east brick wall which had just been completed and was located on the east property line. The specific dates that these photographs were taken is not indicated but they would have been taken in or about the month of September, 1935 as that is the time when the dispute over the location of the wall arose.

Copies of these photographs are being submitted as they do show the front wall and entrance of the Volta Place house as initially constructed and also show the tree which COLLIER removed in the year, 1947 at the time the one room addition was constructed. These photographs are numbered on the reverse side and described thereon.

ENCLOSURES: To Bureau - 1 set of the floor plan of the house at 1245 30th Street, N. W.

1 set of photographs of the exterior of 3415 Volta Place taken in the fall of 1935

1 set of photographs of the interior of 3415 Volta Place - October, 1937

1 set of photographs taken in or about September, 1935 - wall and house at 3415 Volta Place

To New York - 4 sets of house plan for 1245 30th Street, N. W.

2 sets of photographs of exterior 3415 Volta Place in fall 1935

2 sets of photographs of interior of 3415 Volta Place - October, 1937

2 sets of photographs taken in or about September, 1935 - wall and house at 3415 Volta Place

1 photograph album of ERNEST S. SHEPARD for year 1935

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At Washington, D. C.

Will continue investigation in this
matter as directed by the office of origin
and the Bureau.