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Reference is made to Baltimore letter dated September 19, 1949, in the Jahan case setting forth information related by Whittaker Chambers concerning the leftist group of "Lee" magazine September. (u)

Referral/Consult

You are instructed to interview Whittaker Chambers for all details in his possession concerning Kauterbach, the lairds, and Charles Kauterbach. The results of this interview should be submitted in report form in the individual case to which it relates. New York is the Office of Origin in both cases. (u)

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This interview should be conducted at the earliest practicable time and the results should be submitted promptly. (u)

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**JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al  
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You will recall that Joseph Fels Barnes, who was formerly connected with the New York "Herald Tribune" and is presently co-owner of the New York "Star" was mentioned by Whittaker Chambers in 1942, as part of an apparatus involving Frederick Vanderbilt Field and Field's wife. Chambers stated that his information concerning Barnes and Field came to him from J. Peters.

When Chambers was interviewed on December 31, 1948, by the Washington Field Office, he recalled that in about 1937, J. Peters told him that Frederick Vanderbilt Field was operating an apparatus in New York which included Joseph Barnes. This apparatus, he stated, may have included Barnes' brother, Howard Barnes, although Chambers was not certain of this. Chambers mentioned that Frederick Vanderbilt Field and Joseph Barnes had swapped wives. This was mentioned only as a matter of interest. He said that this group used an apartment donated for the purpose by the mother of Frederick Vanderbilt Field, which apartment was located on Central Park West in New York City.

Chambers advised that he became aware that Laurence Duggan and Frederick Field had been classmates, probably at Princeton University (Harvard, according to Duggan), and J. Peters introduced Chambers to Field for the purpose of recruiting Duggan. Chambers stated that Field proceeded to Washington, D. C., to see Duggan and the latter had brushed him off indicating that he was already active in an apparatus. Chambers was led to feel that Duggan was part of or associated with the apparatus of Hedi Massing.

In connection with Joseph Barnes, Paul Massing named him as a person whom he suspected of being possibly engaged in Soviet espionage, although he has no basis for this suspicion. Paul Massing stated that while Barnes was the New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent in Moscow, he had seen Barnes playing tennis on the NKVD tennis courts.

The Bureau files reflect that Barnes, a Harvard graduate, was born in COMMUNICATIONS SECTION on July 26, 1907. He is married to the former wife of Frederick Vanderbilt Field. Barnes went to Moscow during the 1930's as a foreign correspondent of the Herald Tribune and remained until 1939. He then became the foreign editor of the Herald Tribune. In September, 1941, he became the deputy director of the overseas branch of OWI. He accompanied Wendell

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Wilkie on his trip to Russia in 1942. Barnes has written for the magazine "New Masses." He has also been named as pro-Soviet by a number of persons. He testified on one occasion before the Civil Service Commission stating that he had never been a member of the Communist Party. At the same time he testified that he did not believe the Spanish Loyalist forces were controlled by Communists. Barnes has been associated with several persons whom we suspect of Soviet espionage, such as Haakon M. Chevalier, Ursula Wasserman, a subject in the Gregory Case, and Herman Habicht, a contact of Vassili M. Zubilin.

In view of the alleged implication of Joseph Fels Barnes in a Communist underground apparatus during the 1930's, it is suggested that you contact T. J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, to determine if he desires to subpoena Barnes before the Grand Jury in New York City. No interview with Barnes is contemplated at this time.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: January 7, 1949

FROM : L. Whittaker

SUBJECT: JOSEPH BARNES  
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- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Information was received from Arlington Hall officials on January 5, 1948, which is of current interest in connection with the Hiss-Chambers Case in view of the fact that it involves Joseph Barnes. You will recall that Barnes was named by Chambers in 1942 as part of an apparatus involving Frederick Vanderbilt Field and Field's wife. Chambers said his information concerning Barnes and Field came from J. Peters. (100-25824-22) (TS)(U) Per WH letter 2/13/81

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Whittaker Chambers was interviewed on December 31, 1948, by agents of the Washington Field Office, at which time in speaking of Laurence Duggan, Chambers recalled that about 1937 J. Peters had told him that Frederick V. Field was operating an apparatus in New York which included Joseph Barnes, formerly of the New York Herald Tribune, now co-owner of the New York Star. This apparatus, according to Chambers, may have included Barnes' brother, Howard Barnes, although Chambers was not certain of this. Chambers mentioned that Frederick Vanderbilt Field and Barnes had swapped wives. He mentioned this only as a matter of interest. Chambers stated that this group used an apartment donated for the purpose by the mother of Frederick Vanderbilt Field, which apartment was located on Central Park West in New York City. Chambers advised that he became aware that Duggan and Field had been classmates, probably at Princeton University (Harvard, according to Duggan) and J. Peters introduced Chambers to Field for the purpose of recruiting Duggan. Chambers stated that Field proceeded to Washington, D. C. to see Duggan and Duggan had brushed him off indicating to Field he was already active in an apparatus. This is what led Chambers to feel that Duggan was part of or associated with the apparatus of Hedi (Massing) Gomperz. (U)

In connection with Joseph Barnes, Paul Massing has been identified as a person whom he suspects of being possibly engaged in Soviet espionage. Paul Massing said that he has no basis for this suspicion other than a feeling. Paul Massing said that while Barnes was the Herald Tribune correspondent in Moscow he had seen Barnes play tennis on the NKVD tennis courts. (65-9940-30)(U)

The Bureau's files reflect Barnes, a Harvard graduate, was born in Montclair, New Jersey, on July 26, 1907. He is married to the former wife of Frederick Vanderbilt Field. Barnes went to Moscow during the 1930's as a foreign (U)

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