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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Georgetown University Hospital records forwarded to New York Office by special delivery registered letter dated June 23, 1949. Investigation at Landon School failed to indicate how long TIMOTHY HOBSON might have used crutches subsequent to February, 1937. LEWIN W. WICKES advised back injury occurred on May 9, 1936 and he recovered by 1937. PAUL A. SOLANDT former resident at Wickes' in Chestertown, Maryland, considers it highly improbable that the HISSES resided at WICKES' place in summer of 1937. HENRI P. HENRY, Randall H. Hagner Company, advised could testify of his own knowledge that no concern other than the Woodstock Company occupied space at 1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., during period 1936 - 1940. This knowledge based upon his company records. Investigation reveals that Woodstock Company prior to occupancy at Connecticut and K Street, had no business location in that immediate vicinity. Long-time residents contacted in vicinity of Connecticut and K were unable to recall any typewriter sales or service shop in that vicinity other than the Woodstock Typewriter Company, prior to 1940. School records of RAYMOND SYLVESTER GATLETT reflect addresses prior to that of 2728 P Street, and set out. Public Assistance records, D.C.,

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 74-1333.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL RECORDS

The records of Georgetown University Hospital were forwarded to the New York Office by special delivery registered letter on June 23, 1949, in accordance with instructions contained in New York letter dated June 20, 1949. The records were personally obtained from the Georgetown University Hospital by SA JOHN J. MASSE.

LONDON SCHOOL

Reference is made to New York teletype of June 21, 1949, wherein it was stated that J. KELLOGG SMITH testified at trial of instant case that TIMOTHY HOBSON was at his summer camp at Chestertown, Maryland, during July and August, 1937; that AIGER and PRISCILLA HISS rented a house from Mrs. L. W. WICKES at Chestertown, Maryland, near his summer camp from about June to September, 1937; that during the vacation of AIGER HISS in the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks in August, he came to the camp every day to help TIMOTHY exercise his broken leg. It was noted that SMITH also testified that TIMOTHY HOBSON was using crutches at the time he first came to the camp, but had discarded them by the time he left on September 1, 1937. It was further noted that available records reflect that TIMOTHY HOBSON broke his leg in an accident in Washington, D. C., on February 19, 1937, was treated by Dr. NICHOLSON and was a patient at the Georgetown University Hospital as a result of this accident.

The Washington Field Office was requested to check the records of the Landon School to determine the dates of TIMOTHY HOBSON's absence subsequent to February 19, 1937 and throughout the rest of the school year. Washington Field Office was further requested to ascertain the name of any

doctor who might have been retained by them and who might have treated TIMOTHY HOBSON from February to June, 1937, and to determine whether TIMOTHY's leg was in a cast, whether he was using crutches, and for what period. The Washington Field Office was also requested to ascertain the names of former teachers of TIMOTHY HOBSON and the bus driver for the Landon School so that they might be interviewed in this same connection.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents JOHN B. VAN ETEN and JOHN J. MASSE on June 22, 1949.

Mrs. P. LANDON BANFIELD made available the records of the Landon School in the absence of her husband, who is the headmaster of the Landon School. The records of the Landon School failed to reflect an attendance record for TIMOTHY HOBSON during the year 1937. The scholastic record, however, reflected that TIMOTHY HOBSON was enrolled in the year 1937 in eleven subjects. For the month of March, 1937 HOBSON received grades in only six of the eleven subjects in which he was enrolled. Mrs. BANFIELD advised that the probable reason no grades were given in five courses was due to HOBSON's absence from school, and that the grades given for the remaining six subjects could have been granted because of work HOBSON was able to complete at his own home. Mrs. BANFIELD could only recall that HOBSON during his attendance at Landon School received some sort of a leg injury, the exact nature of which she could not recall, nor could she recall the duration of time HOBSON was required to use crutches. Mrs. BANFIELD also examined the school records of HOBSON and advised that it could not be determined from the records just how long HOBSON may have been absent from school.

Mrs. BANFIELD was unable to furnish the name of any bus driver employed by this school in 1937 and stated that due to the rapid turnover of various bus drivers throughout the years, she thought it would be quite impossible to locate any specific one.

Mrs. BANFIELD also stated that the Landon School did not retain any doctor or nurse in 1937 or for a number of years thereafter; she said the school currently retains a nurse.

Although the Landon School records failed to reflect the specific teachers of HOBSON during the year 1937, Mrs. BANFIELD suggested that Mr. WILLIAM H. TRIPPLETT, currently headmaster's assistant at the Landon School; DWIGHT M. COLLINS, 6605 Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland; and ROBERT MACCARTEE, currently in care of THOMAS M. SLOANE, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, as possible former teachers of TIMOTHY HOBSON in 1937.

Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN interviewed DWIGHT M. COLLINS on June 23, 1949. Mr. COLLINS advised that it was his recollection he had been HOBSON's English teacher at the time of HOBSON's leg injury, but he could not recall any specific facts surrounding the nature of the injury and could make no statement as to the length of time HOBSON was required to use crutches, and was unable to remember whether or not HOBSON was still on crutches at the time school term ended.

WILLIAM H. TRIPPLETT, Assistant Headmaster of the Landon School, was interviewed by Special Agent JOHN J. MASSE on June 24, 1949. TRIPPLETT advised that he and three other instructors taught the entire lower division of the Landon School in 1937, when TIMOTHY HOBSON was attending in the lower division. TRIPPLETT advised that he could recall that TIMOTHY HOBSON had been in school after an injury and that he was using crutches; TRIPPLETT stated, however, that he was unable to recall any specific dates concerning the injury; or whether crutches were still being used by HOBSON at the end of the school term in June, 1937. TRIPPLETT stated that he operates a summer camp for boys called "Camp Wachusett" at Lake Asquam, Holderness, New Hampshire. He consulted his old camp catalogs and advised that they reflected that TIMOTHY HOBSON attended his summer camp in the summers of 1938 and 1939, but not in 1937. TRIPPLETT stated that the other three instructors who taught in the lower division of the Landon School in 1937 were DWIGHT M. COLLINS, mentioned above, WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, currently an instructor at the U. S. Naval Academy, residing in Annapolis, Maryland, and ROBERT MacCARTEE, also mentioned above.

INTERVIEWS WITH LEWIN W. WICKES and PAUL A. SOLANDT

By teletype dated June 21, 1949, the Philadelphia Office requested that LEWIN W. WICKES, Jr., who at that time was in Washington, D. C., be interviewed by the Washington Field Office concerning the date of his back injury and whether or not the HISSES were present in the WICKES' establishment at Chestertown, Maryland, at the time of his confinement from the back injury.

LEWIN W. WICKES, Jr., was interviewed by Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN at the Lafayette Hotel, Washington, D. C., on June 22, 1949. WICKES advised that he received his back injury on May 9, 1936 and that he was up and around by August of 1936. From 1937 to the year 1943, WICKES advised that he resided in eastern Pennsylvania. He does remember, however, visiting his mother at Chestertown, Maryland, in July and the first

part of August, 1937. WICKES advised that he has no recollection of the HISS family residing at his mother's establishment, either in the year 1936 or 1937, and stated that he has never met and does not know the ALGER HESSES. WICKES furnished the names of PAUL A. SOLANDT and KENNETH BUXTON, both of whom are former tenants of his mother's and might possibly have resided at Chestertown in his mother's apartments in the years 1936 and 1937. WICKES advised that his home address at the present time is 217 Cooper Street, Camden, New Jersey.

PAUL A. SOLANDT, presently employed at the Library of Congress, in the Photo Duplication Section, was interviewed by Special Agents JOHN B. VAN EYEN and DONALD D. CONNORS, relative to his residence in Chestertown. SOLANDT advised that he initially resided at Mrs. WICKES' place in Chestertown, Maryland in the fall of 1933 and that he resided there until the end of the school term in 1936, at which time he left Chestertown to attend summer session at the University of Columbia. SOLANDT returned to Chestertown in the fall of 1936 and had taken up residence in the home of LIDA Y. GRAHAM, Kent Circle, Chestertown, Maryland, as he was unable to obtain an apartment at Mrs. WICKES' at that time. In April, 1937, SOLANDT stated he moved back to Mrs. WICKES' and that he resided in an apartment at Mrs. WICKES' place from April, 1937 until the year, 1940, and according to SOLANDT, his residence there for this period was continuous and uninterrupted. SOLANDT advised that he is certain of the above dates since he referred to the dates contained on his check book stubs, which he presently has in his possession.

SOLANDT advised that his check book stubs reflected he commenced paying rent to Mrs. WICKES for the month of April, 1937 and that the rent payments for the balance of the year are all indicated on his check stubs. In addition to the rent payments appearing on the check stubs SOLANDT advised that the stubs reflect various miscellaneous payments in and around Chestertown which make him certain in his own mind that he was residing there during the periods indicated above. SOLANDT believes that the corresponding cancelled checks, that is, the checks which would match his stubs, are presently in a trunk in the basement of the WICKES home in Chestertown. SOLANDT advised that he was unwilling to permit Bureau agents to obtain the checks, and although he evidenced a reluctance to spend his own time and money in search of these cancelled checks, he advised he would make such a search if it was absolutely necessary. SOLANDT considers it extremely unlikely that ALGER HISS and/or his wife could have resided at the WICKES home without his being aware of it and advised that he had no knowledge of such residence by the HESSES until Mrs. WICKES so advised him a number of months ago.

SOLANDT advised the agents that he was amazed to hear Mrs. WICKES state that the HISESES had resided in her place in the summer of 1937 since he did not recall them. SOLANDT stated that Mrs. WICKES insisted that this was the correct year because it was her recollection that the HISESES lived there during the time her son's back was broken. Upon further conversation, Mrs. WICKES insisted that the HISESES lived at her place during the year that SOLANDT was away, which was the same year her son's back was broken. SOLANDT advised that this makes the year of the HISESES' residence at Mrs. WICKES' 1936, which is the year he attended summer school at the University of Columbia. SOLANDT advised that LEWIN WICKES sustained his back injury in 1936 as the result of a fall while WICKES was attending St. John's at Annapolis, Maryland. SOLANDT stated that his invalid mother resided with him at the WICKES' apartment house in 1937, as well as in the prior and following years, but that she died in September of 1947.

SOLANDT stated he commenced his employment in the Library of Congress in September, 1948. Prior to that he was an instructor in French and Latin in Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, from 1941 to 1948. SOLANDT was unable to place the exact time of his conversation with Mrs. WICKES set out above, and although he is of the impression that it occurred prior to his coming to Washington in September, 1948, it may have occurred on a visit subsequent to his removal. He is positive, however, that the conversation took place subsequent to the newspaper notoriety given in respect to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS' disclosures.

Photographs of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, taken in the year 1936, were exhibited to SOLANDT but SOLANDT advised he recognized them only because of the photographs of the HISESES which have appeared in newspapers of recent date. He is certain that he has never seen the HISESES at the WICKES' establishment in Chestertown, Maryland, at any time.

Concerning the description of the WICKES' home in Chestertown, Maryland, SOLANDT furnished the following information. The apartment is set on a corner lot bounded by a bridge over which runs Route #213, on one side, and Front or Water Street on the other side, in Chestertown, Maryland. The house and lot can only be entered from Front Street but the lawn faces the river and there is an entrance to the house from this river lawn. The house contained two small apartments in the basement and two large apartments on each of the apartment house's three stories. The bridge crosses the Chestertown River. The lawn of the house faces roughly southeast, according to SOLANDT.

SOLANDT advised that he recalls Dr. DOLE and it is his recollection that DOLE occupied the second floor apartment on the river side of the building, and he, SOLANDT, occupied the second floor apartment on the street

side of the building. If the HISSES were to have resided in the apartment of the DOLES during the summer of 1937, SOLANDT is of the opinion that it is inconceivable that he did not know of it. SOLANDT advised that he knows of no individual, with the exception of Mrs. WICKES, who can corroborate the fact that he lived at Mrs. WICKES' during the dates indicated, but there are undoubtedly numerous individuals in Chestertown who will recall his residence there. SOLANDT indicated a reluctant attitude toward being called as a witness, his reason being that he would be required to take annual leave to testify and that the expenses for the trip would be money out of his own pocket. It is believed, however, that he would make an excellent witness since he is very positive in his statements and is undoubtedly of good intelligence.

SOLANDT is single and presently resided at 215 C Street, S.E., Washington, D. C. He advised that he will testify if necessary, but requests that arrangements be made with the Library of Congress for "some sort of leave" which would not have any effect on his annual leave. SOLANDT's checking account was maintained at the First National Bank at Chestertown, Maryland.

STATEMENT BY HENRI P. HENRY RE OCCUPANTS OF BUILDING
AT 1000 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

* The following investigation was predicated on a telephone call received from the New York office at 5:20 P.M. on June 22, 1949, in which the Washington Field Office was requested to contact HENRI P. HENRY of Randall H. Hagner Real Estate Company, to determine whether or not the Woodstock Typewriter Company was the only tenant to occupy the building at 1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., during the period 1936 to 1940. This investigation was conducted by Special Agents EDWARD M. MULLIN and JOHN B. VAN ETTEN. Mr. HENRY advised that since 1936 he personally has handled the leases and rentals of the building at 1000 Connecticut Avenue with the exception of several years spent in the armed service during the last war. HENRY examined his office records and advised that he could testify that the Woodstock Typewriter Company had been the only tenant in the building at 1000 Connecticut Avenue, during the period 1936 to 1940 whose business involved the sale and repair of typewriters.

Reference is made to New York telephone call at 11:45 A.M. on June 23, 1949, in which the Washington Field Office was requested to determine the date that the drug store at 1000 Connecticut Avenue, was put in. Mr.

HENRY advised that the building at 1000 Connecticut Avenue was remodeled in 1927 and that the drug store was established on June 15, 1933. As to the date of the original construction, HENRY advised he had no knowledge.

The records of the District of Columbia Building Inspection and Permit Division reflect that Permits were issued in 1887, 1896, and 1900 for construction work at 1000 Connecticut Avenue. Mrs. MESSICK of the Building Inspection and Permit Division, advised that the records were not clear as to when the present building was originally constructed, but that it might have been any one of the three dates.

INVESTIGATION IN VICINITY OF CONNECTICUT AVENUE AND K STREET
RE LOCATION OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER COMPANY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

New York teletype of June 24, 1949 requested that the Washington Field Office determine whether the possibility existed that the Woodstock Typewriter Company might have been a tenant in adjacent building to 1000 Connecticut Avenue prior to going to that address in September, 1938.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents JOHN J. MASSE and JOHN B. VAN ETIEN on June 27, 1949. In order to establish the location of the Woodstock Typewriter Company prior to the 1000 Connecticut Avenue address, HENRI P. HENRY, Randall H. Hagner Real Estate Company, and Miss MARY PETHERBRIDGE, were contacted. Both HENRY and Miss PETHERBRIDGE advised that the previous address of the Woodstock Typewriter Company appears upon the rental application card formerly maintained by the Randall H. Hagner Real Estate Company. Other records of the company contain no indication of any prior locations of the Woodstock Company. The rental application card of the Woodstock Typewriter Company has been furnished to the New York office as reflected in Washington Field Office report dated May 31, 1949 by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES.

JAMES M. LANIER, formerly service manager for the Woodstock Typewriter Company from 1936 - 1940, was contacted at his present place of business, 811 17th Street, N.W. LANIER advised that in 1936 the Woodstock Typewriter Company was located at 738 - 13th Street, N.W. The next address of the Woodstock Company was 1528 K Street, N.W., from which the company moved directly to Connecticut and K Street. The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company street directory, corrected to April 21, 1938, reflects the address of the Woodstock Typewriter Company as being 1528 K Street, N.W. 1528 K Street, N.W., is located some two blocks east of Connecticut and K.

Additional investigation was conducted by Special Agents VAN ETEN and MASSE in an effort to eliminate the possibility that any typewriter concerns were located in the vicinity of Connecticut Avenue and K Street, other than the Woodstock Typewriter Company, during the pertinent period.

It is to be noted that the building at 1000 Connecticut Avenue actually embraces stores facing on Connecticut which range in store numbers up to 1014 Connecticut Avenue, on the first floor. Occupying this space are five separate stores not including the corner drug store.

Mr. HENRY has already advised that there are no typewriter concerns occupying any of these stores.

Adjacent to the building at 1000 Connecticut Avenue on K Street is a building, which, according to W. EVANS BUCHANAN of the Buchanan Real Estate Company, 1732 K Street, N.W., up until recently was operated as a women's rooming house called Wesley Annex, in which there were no shops of any kind.

At the present time, one CHARLES R. MCGAFFEY is the proprietor of a typewriter store at 1706 K Street, N.W. This store is located directly across the street from the building at 1000 Connecticut Avenue and is three doors from the corner of 17th and K Street. The rental agent for this building is Sandoz Realty Company. HARVEY JONES of Sandoz Realty Company advised that he is in charge of the rentals in this building and referring to his records, advised that MCGAFFEY has occupied this store since December 1, 1948. JONES advised he has no knowledge that this building previously had ever been occupied by a typewriter concern subsequent to 1936.

W. EVANS BUCHANAN, previously mentioned, on interview, advised he had a vague impression that at 1706 K Street a typewriter concern was formerly located some time prior to the occupancy of MCGAFFEY. BUCHANAN advised that he had given this information to JOHN F. DAVIS, local HISS attorney, several days ago. The city directories for the years 1936 - 1939 reflect that 1706 K Street, N.W., was occupied by the Guaranty Realty Company. STEPHEN, MICHAEL and RICHARD GATTI, all owners of the Guaranty Realty Company, were interviewed at their place of business at 1023 19th Street, N.W. The GATTIS advise that they had occupied 1706 K Street, N.W. from 1934 to 1940 and that they had no knowledge of any typewriter concern in their immediate vicinity. It is to be noted that the records of Sandoz Realty Company were not complete and the duration of occupancy by the Guaranty Realty Company could not be established therefrom.

City directories for the years 1936 to 1939 were examined and the following concerns were noted as being within several blocks of the vicinity of the address, Connecticut Avenue and K Street, N.W.: Typewriter Service and Sales, 811 17th Street, N.W.; Royal Typewriter at 839 17th Street, N.W.; RALPH C. COXHEAD, 815 17th Street, N.W.; and Electromatic Typewriter, 1111 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Those concerns on 17th Street were located on the east side of the street and are some two blocks from Connecticut Avenue and K.

Mr. CLARENCE D. BILLS, Proprietor of Typewriter Sales and Service, 811 17th Street, N.W., furnished the following information.

BILLS advised he has been located at this address since 1932. Through the years he has been active in the local Typewriter Dealers Association and some time prior to 1940 he served as president of this organization for several years. He thereby became well acquainted with persons in the typewriter trade. According to BILLS, the Woodstock Typewriter Company, which was formerly located at Connecticut and K, and MCGAFFEY's Typewriter Shop, which is a recent arrival, are the only two typewriter repair shops that have ever existed in the vicinity to his knowledge. BILLS advised that his shop, Typewriter Sales and Service, did repairs on all types of machines; Royal Typewriters, already referred to, only made repairs upon Royal machines; RALPH COXHEAD at 815 17th Street, was a manufacturer of the Verityper, and as such, did no repair on conventional machines, this fact being known to Mr. BILLS as at one time he had had this particular machine. Electromatic typewriter are an IBM product and here again, no repairs were made by IBM on the conventional machines. BILLS is quite certain that if a typewriter repair shop had been located in the vicinity of K and Connecticut other than the Woodstock Company, he would know of same.

JAMES IANIER, previously mentioned, is presently service man for CLARENCE BILLS at Typewriter Sales and Service. IANIER, who, it has been previously noted, was with the Woodstock Company, stated that no typewriter shop as described by the defense in the ALGER HISS trial was ever located in the vicinity of K and Connecticut, to his knowledge.

According to IANIER, the only typewriter concern located at Connecticut and K or in the immediate vicinity during the pertinent period was the Woodstock Typewriter Company. IANIER advised that HISS' attorney interviewed him last week relative to the possibility of there being a typewriter shop other than the Woodstock Company in the vicinity of Connecticut and K. DAVIS, who is the attorney for HISS, advised IANIER that the

carriage return lever on the typewriter in question was broken and that CATLETT was advised by the Typewriter repair shop that no parts were available. DAVIS tried to elicit from LANIER a statement to the effect that if a Woodstock typewriter were taken to a Woodstock company, would not the Woodstock Company have had the lever in stock. LANIER advised that he told DAVIS that that particular part would not necessarily have been available since the typewriter at that time was a rather old one.

DON McDONALD, proprietor of the D. C. Typewriter Company, 1427 I Street, N.W., advised that in November, 1937, he went into business for himself prior to which time he worked for the Woodstock Company and later for Typewriter Sales and Service with Mr. BILLS. McDONALD's first office as such was the use of a telephone in the real estate office of the Offet Company at 1520 K Street, N.W. He later had a shop at 1623 H Street, N.W. McDONALD advised that he was contacted by DAVIS, HISS' attorney, last Saturday. McDONALD expressed belief that the testimony furnished by the defense at the HISS trial concerning the location of a typewriter shop at Connecticut and K is false and that he advised DAVIS that no such shop existed in the vicinity as described, the only shop being there, to his knowledge, was that of the Woodstock Company. DAVIS, according to McDONALD, suggested that CATLETT could have brought the typewriter to his, McDONALD's, shop at 1520 K Street, to which McDONALD stated he replied that this was impossible, as all he had at 1520 K Street, was a telephone and there was no display and no sign to indicate that this was in fact a typewriter repair shop. McDONALD stated that at no time did he receive or look at any typewriter at 1520 K Street, which, but for his telephone space, was occupied by a real estate office.

Mr. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, proprietor of a men's clothing store at 17th and H Street, N.W., was formerly the proprietor of a liquor store at 17th and K Street, N.W., from 1934 to 1942. FRANKLIN advised that other than the Woodstock Typewriter Company store which was located over the drugstore at 1000 Connecticut Avenue, he could recall no typewriter repair shop in the immediate vicinity of Connecticut and K or 17th and K Street, N.W.

WALTER S. CHARRON, owner of the flower shop at 924 17th Street, N.W., advised that he has been at the same location for about fifteen years and had no recollection of any typewriter repair shop in the immediate vicinity other than the Woodstock Typewriter Company and McGAFFEY's Typewriter Shop, just around the corner from his store.

Mrs. CORA UTTERBACK, secretary to RYEL DUBIN, owner of the drug store at 1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., stated that she has worked in the same location since about 1934. She stated she had no recollection of any typewriter repair shop in the immediate vicinity other than the Woodstock Typewriter Company, which had been upstairs in the same building, about ten years ago, and the MCGAFFEY shop across the street, which has been there only about a year.

ABRAHAM ROSENBLOOM, proprietor of the Farragut Valet Service, a dry cleaning establishment, 17th and Connecticut, advised he has been located at that same spot since 1933. ROSENBLOOM advised that the Woodstock Typewriter Company, which was formerly located above the drug store at Connecticut and K, was the only typewriter repair shop in the vicinity other than the one belonging to MCGAFFEY, which has been located in the neighborhood only a short while.

INVESTIGATION RE CATLETT ADDRESSES, IN
WASHINGTON, D.C., PRIOR TO 2728 P STREET, N.W.

Reference is made to telephone call from the New York office on June 30, 1949 at 5:20 P.M., requesting the Washington Field Office to establish past residences of the CATLETT family previous to the P Street residence.

Records of the Magruder Public School, 17th and M Street, N.W., reflected the following addresses for RAYMOND SYLVESTER CATLETT:

1304 9th Street, N.W., as of May 10, 1937
1008 36th Street, N.W., as of May 31, 1937
1642 32nd Street, N.W., no date indicated by these
records denoting the time of residence
1270 25th Street, N.W., as of October 1, 1937

Regarding the establishment of the CATLETT residence, it should be noted that the report of Special Agent JOHN J. WALSH dated June 9, 1949 at Washington, D. C., reflected that the electricity at 2728 P Street, N.W., was turned on January 17, 1938 in the name of Mrs. MARY MEYERS, who is identical with CLAUDIA CATLETT.

Miss DORIS ANDREWS, Assistant Superintendent of the Public Assistance Division, District of Columbia, 462 Indiana Avenue, gave the following information from the files of her office regarding public assistance that was rendered to the CATLETT family by that division. This assistance

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was first made as a matter of record in their division June 8, 1938 upon a telephone call from Mrs. ALGER HISS, residing at 3415 Volta Place, N.W., who advised that the family of Mrs. CATLETT was in dire need of public assistance. Further, that Mrs. CATLETT had formerly been employed by Mrs. HISS as a house maid and due to an asthmatic condition, was unable to work as of the date of the call. Mrs. HISS recommended the family background very favorably. These records further reflect that CLAUDIA CATLETT filed her application for public assistance June 10, 1938 and at the time of the interview denoted her residence as 2728 P Street, from January, 1938 to the present date or the date of the interview.

A previous residence was denoted as 1008 26th Street, N.W. It should be noted that this residence bears a discrepancy from the residence as quoted by the Magruder School records, which showed 1008 36th Street, N.W.

The past employment of CLAUDIA CATLETT was denoted as - March, 1936 through May, 1938, as house work for the HISS family.

Upon recontact by welfare officials, Mrs. HISS also gave favorable recommendations regarding the CATLETT needs on dates of November 15, 1938, June 26, 1938 and August 14, 1940. There is nothing in the records to denote any personal correspondence between Mrs. HISS and the division. All conversations were carried on telephonically.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

By teletype dated June 24, 1949, the Baltimore office was requested to interview WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, instructor at the U. S. Naval Academy; and ROBERT MacCARTEE, in care of THOMAS M. SLOANE, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, relative to TIMOTHY HOBSON's leg injury while attending Landon School.

By teletype dated June 22, 1949, the Baltimore Office was requested to locate and interview KENNETH BUXTON relative to HISS residence at Chestertown, Maryland.

By teletype dated June 24, 1949, the Baltimore office was requested to interview LIDA Y. GRAHAM, ascertain names of other residents at WICKES establishment, during pertinent period, if believed necessary, establish date of LEWIN WICKES' accident at St. John's in Annapolis, and conduct suitable credit, criminal and neighborhood investigation re PAUL SOLANDT's residence at Chestertown, Maryland.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHARLES A. ~~WISS~~^{HISS}, father of ALGER ~~WISS~~^{HISS}, committed suicide at Baltimore, Md. 4/7/07. No witnesses found, except Mrs. L. W. ~~WICKES~~^{WICKES}, landlady, who remembered ALGER and PRISCILLA ~~WISS~~^{HISS} residing at Chestertown, Md. during summer of 1937. Investigation at Chestertown, Md. continuing. Confirmed that CHAMBERS family lived in home of FRANK ~~BUCK~~^{BUCK} on Old Court Road, near Pikesville, Md. for 3 to 5 months in 1937 or 1938. Dates of various residences of CHAMBERS family in Baltimore area obtained from public utility records. CHAMBERS reinterviewed for an additional detail regarding trip with HISSES to Peterboro, N.H. in August, 1937. Mrs. ESTHER ~~CHAMBERS~~^{CHAMBERS} reinterviewed regarding visit with PRISCILLA HISS to Dr. M. M. ~~NICHOLSON~~^{NICHOLSON}, Washington, D. C. in fall of 1937. ELEANOR NELSON ~~SOYRING~~^{SOYRING} presently confined to a sanatorium near Baltimore, Md. Personal belongings returned to FRANKLIN VICTOR ~~RENO~~^{RENO} by Railway Express. Former neighbor has no recollection of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

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DETAILS:

RE: ALGER HISS

HISS Family Suicides

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER.

By teletype dated June 6, 1949, the New York Office advised that available information indicated that two members of the immediate family of ALGER HISS died by suicide, namely his father, CHARLES A. HISS, in April, 1907, probably at Baltimore, and either a sister, MARY ANN (ELIOT) EMERSON, who died in 1928, or a brother, BOSLEY HISS, who died in 1926. The place of death of EMERSON and BOSLEY is unknown, but one of them is believed to have been a suicide and possibly both deaths occurred in Baltimore. The New York Office further advised that the prosecutors at New York desire photostatic copies of death certificates of both members of the HISS family who committed suicide and all obtainable information pertaining to circumstances surrounding these suicides.

SIDNEY M. NORTON, Director, Bureau of Vital Records, Baltimore City Health Department, Municipal Building, Baltimore, Maryland, advised on June 7, 1949, that the records of his office reflected a certificate of death on file concerning CHARLES A. HISS indicating that he died instantly on April 7, 1907, due to a hemorrhage, having committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. However, Bureau of Vital Records files fail to contain a record of the death of MARY ANN (ELIOT) EMERSON in 1928, or BOSLEY HISS in 1926, indicating that these deaths probably did not occur in Baltimore. However, investigation to ascertain the full facts concerning the deaths of these individuals will continue.

The above information was furnished to the Bureau and New York Office by letter and teletype dated June 7, 1949. With the letter of June 7, 1949, there was enclosed a certified copy of the death certificate concerning CHARLES A. HISS.

By letter dated June 8, 1949, the following information was furnished to the Bureau, New York and Boston Offices:

Re NY tel June 6, 1949.

NY requested the Baltimore Office to attempt to obtain photostatic copies of death certificates and circumstances surrounding the deaths of

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CHARLES A. HISS, father of ALGER HISS, and MARY ANN (ELIOT) EMERSON, and BOSLEY HISS, sister and brother respectively, of ALGER HISS.

Certified copy of the certificate of death concerning CHARLES A. HISS was forwarded to the NY Office by letter dated June 7, 1949.

Miss MARGARET T. BURKE, Library Clerk, The Sun newspaper, Baltimore, Md., advised on June 7, 1949 that the newspaper's files failed to reflect any information concerning the death of CHARLES A. HISS in 1907. However, a further search disclosed that an item appeared in The Sun of May 17, 1926, indicating that BOSLEY HISS married a MARGARET OWEN in a NY hospital at that time, and that an article dated November 4, 1926 indicated that BOSLEY HISS had died in NY following a long illness.

Mrs. ELEANORA LYNN, Librarian, Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, Md., produced on June 8, 1949, copies of The Sun for the periods April, 1907; May, 1926 and November, 1926.

An article which appeared in The Sun, Baltimore, Monday morning, April 8, 1907, page 1, under column headed "City and Suburban", is as follows:

"Mr. CHARLES A. HISS, formerly of the Daniel Miller Company, cut his throat with a razor and died instantly at his home, 1427 Linden Avenue".

On page 4 of The Sun for this date appeared the following under a column headed "Died":

"HISS, suddenly, on April 7, 1907; CHARLES ALGER HISS, in the 42nd year of age. Funeral will take place from his late residence, 1427 Linden Avenue, on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock."

In The Sun, Baltimore, Monday morning, May 17, 1926, appeared the following article on page 24:

"BOSLEY HISS MARRIED IN NEW YORK HOSPITAL

"BALTIMOREAN, RECOVERING FROM LONG ILLNESS, WEDS MISS MARGARET OWEN

"Miss MARGARET OWEN, daughter of Mrs. G. H. Owen and the late GEORGE HODGES OWEN of New York, and BOSLEY HISS, son of Mrs. C. A. HISS, and the late CHARLES A. HISS, of Baltimore, were married Saturday

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"at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, it was announced by Mrs. HISS.

"Mr. HISS has been a patient at the Hospital for several months. He is recovering from an illness from which he has been suffering for more than a year.

"When the bridegroom is able to leave the Hospital, Mr. and Mrs. HISS are expected to come to Baltimore."

A further article appearing in The Sun, Baltimore, Thursday morning, November 4, 1926, stated the following:

"BOSLEY HISS DIES IN NEW YORK FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

"GRADUATED FROM J.H.U. IN 1922, BODY TO BE BROUGHT TO BALTIMORE TODAY

"BOSLEY HISS, 26 years old, son of Mrs. CHARLES ALGER HISS, 1427 Linden Avenue, died yesterday in New York following a long illness. The body will be brought to Baltimore today.

"Mr. HISS graduated from the Johns Hopkins University in 1922, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following his graduation, he was a member of the staff of The Sun.

"Besides his mother, Mr. HISS is survived by his widow, Mrs. MARGARET HISS, two brothers, ALGER HISS and DONALD HISS, and two sisters, Miss ANNA HISS of Baltimore and Mrs. ELLIOTT EMERSON of Boston."

A copy of this letter was designated for the attention of the Boston Office inasmuch as Boston was listed as the address of Mrs. ELLIOTT EMERSON.

Unless advised to the contrary by the office of origin, the Baltimore Office will discontinue further investigation to ascertain circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. ELLIOTT EMERSON.

The above information was summarized in a teletype to the Bureau, New York and Boston Offices, dated June 8, 1949.

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PRISCILLA HISS at Chestertown, Md.
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HISS Made a Trip to Peterboro, New
Hampshire About August 10, 1937

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER and was reported to the Bureau, New York and Philadelphia Offices by letter dated June 22, 1949.

By telephonic conversation on 6/20/49 and teletype dated 6/21/49, the New York Office requested that further investigation be conducted at Chestertown, Md. to determine additional information concerning the former HISS residence there. New York also requested additional investigation concerning the stay of ALGER HISS' step-son, TIMOTHY HOBSON at a summer camp operated by a ~~J. KELLOGG-SMITH~~ near Chestertown, Md.

Mrs. L. W. WICKES, WICKES' Apartments, 117 Front St., Chestertown, Md., advised on 6/20/49 that, so far as she can remember, ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS sub-leased an apartment at her home from about June to September, 1937. Mrs. WICKES has no records concerning the exact period of the HISS tenancy at her home, but recalls that the apartment was sub-leased by them from a Dr. ESTHER DOLE, an instructor of history at Washington College, Chestertown, who died approximately six to eight years ago. Dr. DOLE's daughter, according to Mrs. WICKES, married a GEORGE KEESTER and presently resides in Annapolis, Md.

Mrs. WICKES was of the opinion that 1937 was the exact year that the HISSES stayed at her home, inasmuch as her son, LEWIN W. WICKES, JR., was ill with a broken back the year of the HISS visit and turned age 20 in July of that year. LEWIN WICKES, according to his mother, was born on 7/28/17 and is a resident of Riverton, New Jersey, but is currently in Philadelphia and may be reached through the Legal Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Philadelphia.

Mrs. WICKES was of the opinion that the HISSES did not leave Chestertown during the duration of their visit, but her reason for this belief is that Mrs. J. KELLOGG-SMITH, who formerly operated a summer camp for boys and girls in Chestertown, told her that ALGER HISS' step-son, TIMOTHY HOBSON, had a disease or injury in the summer of 1937 and Mrs. KELLOGG-SMITH would not have accepted the boy at the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp unless the HISSES agreed to remain nearby.

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Mrs. WICKES never saw the HISS boy, TIMOTHY HOBSON, at the WICKES Apartments and does not know if TIMOTHY HOBSON was ever treated by local Chestertown doctors. In her opinion, if he had been treated, a Dr. FRANK HINES of Chestertown would very likely have given this treatment. Mrs. WICKES added that the HISSES remained very much to themselves during the time of their visit, and the KELLOGG-SMITHS would have been the only persons in the vicinity who would have known them.

Mrs. KELLOGG-SMITH has told Mrs. WICKES that the HISSES stayed at her home on two occasions in the past, the other occasion being in 1938, but Mrs. WICKES stated that she only recalls the 1937 visit. She was of the belief, however, that she may have been away on vacation during the summer of 1938 and that a Mrs. OWEN SELBY of Chestertown ran the WICKES Apartments for her.

Mrs. WICKES went on to say that the only former tenant who she can recall as having been at the WICKES Apartments in 1937 or 1938 is a Dr. KENNETH BUXTON, whose present whereabouts are unknown to her.

S. SCOTT BECK, JR., 112 Front St.; Miss ELIZABETH C. BROWN, 113 Front St.; and Mrs. WHEELER B. PERKINS, 121 High St., all Chestertown, Md., neighbors who have resided in the vicinity of the WICKES Apartments for the past 29 years, 31 years and 45 years, respectively, advised in substance on 6/20/49 that they have heard through hearsay that the HISSES spent one summer at the WICKES Apartments a number of years ago, but do not recall ever having seen them in Chestertown. They have heard, however, that the HISSES were friendly with a KELLOGG-SMITH family who live about six miles from Chestertown.

Dr. FRANK B. HINES, Chestertown, Md., advised on 6/20/49 that he had heard that the HISS family visited Chestertown in the summer of 1937, and stayed at the WICKES Apartments. He has also heard that a son of the HISSES stayed at the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp at that time, but advised that he has never treated this boy and had not treated anyone at the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp for a number of years prior to 1937, although he formerly did treat children at the camp. Dr. HINES added, however, that the HISS child may have been treated by Dr. FRANK W. SMITH at Fairlee, Md., about five miles from Chestertown, or at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital at Chestertown. If treated at the hospital, HOBSON would very likely have been seen by Dr. A. C. DICK, according to Dr. HINES. Dr. HINES added that he has never seen the HISSES or TIMOTHY HOBSON.

On 6/21/49, Mrs. KATHERINE HATCHERSON, bookkeeper, Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, Chestertown, Md., checked the patients' register of the hospital for the period from June 1, 1937, to September 30, 1937, and could find no record

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of TIMOTHY HOBSON ever having been admitted to the hospital.

Dr. ALEXANDER C. DICK, Chief Surgeon, Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, advised that he has no records back as far as 1937, and does not recall having treated anyone named TIMOTHY HOBSON. Inasmuch as hospital records failed to reflect treatment of TIMOTHY HOBSON, Dr. DICK had no idea as to where HOBSON could have been treated.

On 6/21/49, Dr. FRANK W. SMITH, Fairlee, Md., checked his files and could find no record of ever having treated a TIMOTHY HOBSON and does not recall ever having treated this individual. Dr. SMITH does not know of any other physician in the vicinity who could have treated HOBSON other than Dr. FRANK HINES.

Mrs. OWEN SELBY, 224 Washington Ave., Chestertown, Md., advised on 6/21/49 that she rented an apartment from Mrs. L. W. WICKES at 117 Front St., Chestertown, from about April, 1939 to October, 1942, but was not there in 1937 or 1938. When Mrs. WICKES would leave Chestertown in the summer, Mrs. SELBY would act as manager of the WICKES Apartments, but does not recall ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS ever having lived there.

HARRY C. COLEMAN, Jr., Postmaster, Chestertown, Maryland, advised on 6/20/40 that he does not know anyone who worked at the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp, as the KELLOGG-SMITHS themselves acted as counsellors at this camp. COLEMAN added, however, that he would contact the rural carrier on the route which served the KELLOGG-SMITH residence and inquire from him as to whether or not he knew of any former employees of the camp. COLEMAN subsequently advised that he had ascertained from STEWART PRICE, Rural Carrier, Route #3, Chestertown, Maryland, that PRICE does not know any former employees of the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp, inasmuch as the camp was very small and the KELLOGG-SMITHS apparently ran it themselves. PRICE stated that he does not know the names of any children who attended the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp, as a list of all boys and girls of each summer was given to him by J. KELLOGG-SMITH and PRICE destroyed this list at the end of each summer.

Reinterview with Mr. J. KELLOGG-SMITH, or his relatives at Chestertown, Maryland, will not be conducted by the Baltimore Office unless advised to the contrary by the New York Office.

On 6/21/49, SPENCER S. SMITH, clerk, U. S. Post Office, Chestertown, Md., checked Post Office files and could find no record of a change of address from or to Chestertown, Maryland, for either ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS. Mr. SMITH

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stated, however, that the records may be incomplete, as change of address records are normally maintained for only two years. Mr. SMITH added that C. JULIAN COLEMAN; who in 1937 was the letter carrier on Chestertown City Route #2, which served the WICKES Apartments, 117 Front Street, died in 1948.

By teletype dated June 21, 1949, it was suggested that the Philadelphia Office attempt to contact ~~LEWIN W. WICKES, JR.~~ c/o the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., Philadelphia. By teletype dated 6/21/49, the Miami Office was requested to interview Mrs. ~~GEORGE B. KEESTER~~, daughter of Dr. ~~ALICE DOLE~~, who was determined to be living in St. Petersburg, Florida, through investigation conducted at Annapolis, Md.

A review of the Baltimore file indicates that the leads set out for the Philadelphia and Miami Offices have already been covered, and reported by teletype. Accordingly, no leads for these offices in this regard are being set out in this report.

By teletype dated June 22, 1949 to the Bureau, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore Offices, the Washington Field Office reported the results of their interview of ~~LEWIN W. WICKES~~. In this teletype, it was suggested that the Baltimore Office locate ~~PAUL SOLANDT~~ and ~~KENNETH BUXTON~~, both suggested for interview by ~~LEWIN W. WICKES~~, and interview them concerning their knowledge of the residence of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS in Chestertown, Maryland, during the summer of 1937.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER:

CHARLES B. FORD, Assistant Postmaster, Chestertown, Maryland, contacted telephonically on June 22, 1949, advised that PAUL SOLANDT and KENNETH BUXTON (named by LEWIN W. WICKES, JR., upon interview at Washington, D. C. on June 21, 1949, as former tenants at his mother's home, 117 Front Street, Chestertown), were both formerly Professors at Washington College, Chestertown. BUXTON, according to FORD, left Chestertown five to six years ago, and any change of address record which he may have left at the Chestertown Post Office may have since been destroyed. However, FORD advised that SOLANDT left Chestertown about two years ago, leaving a change of address to 215 C. Street, S. E., Washington, D. C.

By teletype dated June 22, 1949 to the Bureau, Washington Field Office and New York, the Washington Field Office was requested to locate and interview PAUL SOLANDT.

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By teletype dated 9:13 P.M., June 24, 1949, the Washington Field Office reported the results of their interview with PAUL SOLANDT. Accordingly, no lead for the conducting of this interview is being set out herein.

Dr. F. G. LIVINGOOD, Dean of Washington College, and FREDERICK W. DUMSCHOTT, Business Manager, Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, were contacted on June 23, 1949 in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of KENNETH BUXTON. Dean LIVINGOOD recollected that KENNETH BUXTON taught chemistry at Washington College from about 1932 to 1943. There was no actual record on file concerning the actual period of time BUXTON served at the College. Dean LIVINGOOD further advised that he received a letter from BUXTON in 1943 which reflected a return address of Altora Club or Altara Club, 616 West 116th St., New York City. While at Chestertown, according to LIVINGOOD, BUXTON's wife was committed to Spring Grove Mental Hospital, and the Dean has heard that she was subsequently released from this institution on condition that BUXTON take her out of the country.

FREDERICK W. DUMSCHOTT advised that he and Dean LIVINGOOD made a tour of a number of colleges last summer and heard that after leaving Chestertown, BUXTON worked for the American Chemical Company at New York City, and the Worth Steel Company at Claymont, Delaware. He seemed to recall that he had also heard that while working at Claymont, Delaware, BUXTON was living with his wife at Wilmington, Delaware.

During the course of the interview, Dr. LIVINGOOD telephoned a Dr. JOSEPH McLAIN and a Mrs. BLACK, and a Mrs. FORD, all of Chestertown, who advised him BUXTON presently owns a small chemical company at Montreal, Canada. Dean LIVINGOOD also advised that a Dr. JOHN A. WAGNER of the School of Medicine, University of Maryland, Baltimore, may know the present whereabouts of BUXTON.

The following background information on BUXTON was obtained from the personal file of Dean LIVINGOOD:

Name:	KENNETH BUXTON
Born:	1903 at Hartford, Connecticut
Father:	Employed as Episcopal Minister
Former Employment:	Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts - 1 year McGill University, Montreal, Canada - 3 years University of Vermont - 2 years. Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut - 2 years

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Dr. JOHN A. WAGNER, School of Medicine, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, contacted telephonically on June 23, 1949, advised that ~~KENNETH SMITH BUXTON~~, who formerly resided at Chestertown, Maryland, and taught chemistry at Washington College, is presently a chemist in a local manufacturing plant at Montreal, Canada. Correspondence in WAGNER's possession, listed BUXTON's latest address as 1545 McGregor Street, Montreal, or possibly 545 MacGreagor Street, Montreal. He also has in his possession a two-year-old address of BUXTON of 1540 Pine Street, West, Montreal, Canada.

By teletype dated June 23, 1949 directed to the Bureau, New York and Albany Offices, the Albany Office was requested to locate and interview BUXTON concerning his knowledge of the residence of the HISSSES in Chestertown, Maryland in 1937.

By teletype dated 8:19 P.M. June 24, 1949, the Albany Office reported the results of their interview with BUXTON, so no lead covering such interview is being set out herein.

Mrs. L. W. WICKES, 117 Front Street, Chestertown, Maryland, was recontacted by Special Agents VERNON J. JOHNSON and WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER on June 24, 1949, in order to secure her permission to photograph and make diagrams of the apartment formerly occupied by ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. At the time, Mrs. WICKES advised that her home contained 8 apartments during the period of the HISS tenancy, two each in the basement, first, second and third floors (there having been no material renovations in her home since ALGER HISS resided there), but she could recall only one individual other than KENNETH BUXTON and Dr. ALICE DOLE who may have resided in her home in the late 1930's. She identified this person as a Mr. KENLY of Quaker Neck Landing, near Chestertown. When asked as to whether or not a PAUL A. SOLANDT ever resided at her home, Mrs. WICKES advised that SOLANDT and his mother leased an apartment in her home in the late 1930's, but was not there in 1937 or 1938. Mrs. WICKES added that in recalling the dates of her son's back injury, it occurred to her he might have been age 19 instead of 20 during the HISS visit to Chestertown. It is noted that this would make the year of the HISS visit 1936 instead of 1937, inasmuch as LEVIN W. WICKES, JR., was born July 28, 1917. Mrs. WICKES was very cooperative, but when asked if she would sign a written statement concerning the facts submitted by her in this case, advised she would not unless compelled to do so.

Mrs. C. R. HUMPHREYS, Quaker Neck Landing, Chestertown, Maryland, advised Special Agent VERNON J. JOHNSON and Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER on June 24, 1949, that her father, ALBERT C. ~~KENLY~~, who resided at the WICKES' Apartments from approximately fall, 1934 to May, 1936, is presently visiting his

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son, W. H. KENLY, at 101 S. Main Street, Berlin, Maryland.

The results of the above investigation were brought to the attention of the Bureau and the New York Office by summary teletype, dated 12:15 A.M., June 25, 1949.

ALBERT C. KENLY, a resident of Quaker Neck Landing, near Chestertown, Maryland, who is presently visiting his son, WALTER M. KENLY, 101 S. Main Street, Berlin, Maryland, was contacted telephonically on June 25, 1949 at Berlin, Maryland by Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER, and advised that so far as he can recall, he rented an apartment at the home of Mrs. L. W. WICKES, 117 Front Street, Chestertown, Maryland, continuously from the spring of 1936 to the spring of 1937, when he moved to the home of a Mrs. URIE in Chestertown. He stated he occupied the second floor front apartment facing Front Street, at 117 Front Street, Chestertown, with his wife, LILLIAN M. KENLY, who died in September, 1937. Mr. KENLY recalled that the other residents of the WICKES Apartment during his stay there were a man who taught at Washington College, Chestertown, residing on the first floor, and Mrs. WICKES, who also maintained an apartment on the first floor. Another family resided on the second floor rear facing the Chester River, and another family resided on the third floor. He stated he could not recall the names of former tenants, or anything else about them. He stated he was of the opinion that the family who occupied the second floor rear apartment facing the Chester River, lived there continuously during the year he was there, and did not sub-lease this apartment, but added that he could not be certain of this.

The results of the interview with ALBERT C. KENLY were reported to the Bureau by teletype dated 3:45 P.M. on June 25, 1949.

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On June 20, 1949, ASAC ROBERT J. LALLY received a telephone communication from the New York Office requesting verification of the fact that RUTH FANSLER had been hospitalized in the Delaware Hospital at Wilmington, during the summer of 1937. It was pointed out that such investigation was desired by the New York Office in an effort to combat the defense of ALGER HISS that he continuously resided in Chestertown, Maryland, during the summer of 1937, and could not have made a trip with his wife, PRISCILLA, and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to Peterboro, New Hampshire, about August 10, 1937.

The following investigation was conducted by SA E. JACKSON SWAN:

Miss MARIAN FINNEY, Medical Records Librarian, Delaware Hospital, 14th and Washington Streets, Wilmington, Tel. 4-5211, Ext. 281, home address, 600 W. 12th Street, advised that she is the custodian of the hospital records and the proper person to produce them in court.

The Admission Card, Case #92,840 for RUTH FANSLER, shows she was admitted 7/15/37 and discharged 7/26/37. Her address at the time was listed as % J. KELLOGG SMITH, Chestertown, Md. The time of admission was shown as 11:15 p.m. Final diagnosis - Lobar pneumonia.

Other notations on the Admission Card are set out below.

Family Physician	Dr. ROBERT FARR
Sent by	Dr. HANDY
Notify	J. KELLOGG SMITH, friend, Chestertown, Md.
Father	THOMAS FANSLER, 130 Morningside Drive, NYC
Mother	ROBERTA MURRAY, " "
Discharged 7/26/37, condition improved, to return for follow up.	to return to Dr. HANDY

The Medical Chart contains a 3x5 slip of paper with the following notation in pencil. Miss FINNEY stated it might have been written by any one of a number of persons connected with the hospital in 1937.

"ALGER HISS

Telephone Chestertown 287 W
or Chestertown 287 N

Care of Mrs. WICKES, Chestertown, Md."

Miss FINNEY advised that approximately three or four months ago Dr. MARGERET HANDY, 1100 N. Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware, who was the attending physician, and who is presently practicing, came to the hospital

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and requested the above records for RUTH FANSLER. The records were made available to Dr. HANDY and Miss FINNEY recalls that Dr. HANDY remarked that the FANSLER girl was related to the HISS family. It was noted that the 3x5 slip of paper was stapled into the Medical Chart with a type of staple that has not been used by the hospital in several years.

The above information was furnished telephonically by ASAC LALLY on June 20, 1949 to SA THOMAS J. SPENCER of the New York Office.

By telephone on June 20, 1949, the New York office requested the Baltimore Office to conduct additional investigation at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, regarding the attendance of PRISCILLA HISS at that institution during the summer of 1937, particularly to determine whether PRISCILLA HISS might on that occasion have furnished the University with a Chestertown, Maryland, address.

The following investigation, conducted by SA JAMES I. REINHART, was reported to the Bureau and the New York Office by teletype dated 6:20 p.m., June 20, 1949, which was as follows:

MARYLAND
Dr. E. G. VANDEN BOSCHE, Professor of B10 Chemistry, University of Maryland, had class record book for 1936 and 1937 containing name "Mrs. HISS" which reflects no absences for her for the eight week course, beginning June 7, 1937. Entries in the book indicate she received a grade each week for a weekly examination and completed the course with grade of B. Classes were from nine a.m. to four p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, with one hour for lunch. VANDEN BOSCHE stated it was unusual for anyone to cut a class as they would fall too far behind. There was a record of only four cuts for the eight weeks for the twenty-two students in class and none recorded for Mrs. HISS. He personally recalls Mrs. HISS and is willing to appear in court and produce the class record book if necessary. The entries for Mrs. HISS' class are in the handwriting of VANDEN BOSCHE. There were two other women in the class who would be most likely to recall Mrs. HISS, both residing in Baltimore. No interview will be conducted unless advised to contrary. Mrs. FLORENCE T. STAFFORD, Assistant Registrar, University of Maryland, who has previously testified at current trial, exhibited record of Mrs. HISS' application for admission to the summer school dated May 25, 1937, for the summer course beginning June 7, 1937. This application listed both her permanent home and present temporary address as 1245 30th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. Her registration card dated June 7, 1937, contained same address and in space for "Baltimore address" was entered "None". A carbon copy of a grade report sent at completion of course which was undated contained the address "Mrs. PRISCILLA HISS, 117 Front Street, Chestertown, Maryland". Mrs. STAFFORD explained that the students' grades were received from the instructors on approximately

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July 31, 1937, and said that usual practice was to send out grades by mail to the students within one week after receipt of grades from the instructor. There was nothing in Mrs. HISS' file to show when or how the school was notified to send her grade to the Chestertown address. Mrs. STAFFORD said that the address was probably left at the office by Mrs. HISS and a note made of it and destroyed after the grade was sent out. The registration card contained the name and address "THOMAS FANSLER, 3450 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. as the parent or guardian of Mrs. HISS. There is a letter in the file, place of origin not indicated, in Mrs. HISS' handwriting, dated August 17, 1937, requesting that a transcript of her record be sent to George Washington University, Washington, D.C. and a letter from University of Maryland to George Washington University, dated August 25, 1937, advising she completed the course in Inorganic Chemistry. No addresses appear in her file other than those above,

The foregoing teletype was corrected in one regard by the following teletype dated June 21, 1949:

Remytel June 20 last concerning inquiry at University of Maryland next to last sentence in teletype states place of origin not indicated in letter written by Mrs. HISS dated August 17, 1937. This letter contained address 1245 30th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. at the beginning. Envelope in which letter was sent not available and was apparently thrown away upon its receipt.

For the information of the New York Office and the Government attorneys prosecuting the HISS case, the following information is set out, with reference to the possibility of PRISCILLA HISS commuting during June and July, 1937, between Chestertown, Maryland, and her classes at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. PRISCILLA HISS took an eight-week course at the University of Maryland beginning June 7, 1937. Classes were from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday of each week. The only possibility of commuting for PRISCILLA HISS between Chestertown, Maryland, and Baltimore, Maryland while attending the University of Maryland, would be by automobile, as no public transportation is available which would be in any respect adequate. The trip each way between Chestertown and Baltimore, Maryland, would consume approximately four hours, which would mean that PRISCILLA HISS would have to leave Chestertown, Maryland, about 5 a.m. to be on time for classes in Baltimore starting at 9 a.m. Further, with classes terminating at 4 p.m., she would not reach Chestertown, Maryland, until about 8 p.m. each day.

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If ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS lived continuously in Chestertown, Maryland, from June to September, 1937, and ALGER HISS was only on vacation from the State Department in Washington, D.C. during the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August 1937, then the HISS family would probably require two automobiles during this period, one for PRISCILLA HISS to commute to Baltimore and another for ALGER HISS to commute to his work at the State Department in Washington, D.C. Such commuting by ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS would evidently provide them with very little time each day to assist TIMOTHY HOBSON in exercising his broken leg at the camp of Mr. J. KELLOGG SMITH, located near Chestertown, Maryland.

By teletype to the Bureau, New York and the Baltimore Offices, dated June 24, 1949, the Philadelphia Office furnished the following information resulting from interview with LEWIN W. WICKES.

WICKES was first treated by Dr. MURPHY, physician for St. Johns College, Annapolis, Maryland. He was confined at the only civilian hospital in Annapolis for less than one week and was then moved to the University Hospital at Baltimore, Maryland, where he was under the care of a Dr. SHIPLEY. Baltimore was requested to obtain the hospital and doctor's record, if any, to verify the dates of WICKES' broken back.

The following investigation, conducted by the writer, was furnished to the Bureau and New York Office by teletype dated 3:45 p.m., June 25, 1949:

Records of University Hospital, Greene and Redwood Streets, Baltimore, -1, Maryland, reflect following: LEWIN WICKES, JR., also spelled WICKES in records, age 18, student, residence 117 Front Street, Chestertown, Maryland, admitted to Room 1024 at 12:05 p.m., May 12, 1936, with compression fracture of twelfth dorsal vertebra and lacerations of chin. Admitted from Emergency Hospital, Annapolis, Md., where his doctor was Dr. J. J. MURPHY, of St. Johns College, Annapolis. Treatment at University Hospital involved application of a body cast by Dr. ARTHUR M. SHIPLEY on May 13, 1936. WICKES discharged in an improved condition 12 noon, May 21, 1936. Readmitted 1 p.m. July 13, 1936, to Room 1027 for reapplication of another body cast which was applied July 15, 1936. Discharged in an improved condition 4 p.m. July 16, 1936. Mother listed as Mrs. ALEXINE or ALLPINE WICKES, above address in Chestertown. Records reflect WICKES injured his back by falling out of fourth story window while walking in his sleep on May 9, 1936. Dr. MURPHY now deceased. Dr. SHIPLEY retired and presently residing Baltimore. Since above would appear to establish definitely by documentary evidence that WICKES' broken back occurred in 1936, not 1937, no investigation will be conducted at Emergency Hospital, Annapolis, and Dr. SHIPLEY will not be interviewed unless Baltimore advised to contrary. Records of University Hospital will be produced in court under subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. JAMES L. DACK, Asst. Director.

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By telephone and teletype on June 24, 1949, the New York Office requested the Baltimore Office to make charts and obtain photographs of the WICKES' house at Chestertown, Maryland, and to deliver same to the New York Office as soon as possible by courier.

Such charts and photographs were made on June 24, 1949, by SAs VERNON J. JOHNSON and WILLIAM G. PFEIFFER and were delivered to the New York Office in person by SA JOHNSON on June 25, 1949.

By teletype to the Bureau, New York and Baltimore Offices dated June 24, 1949, the Washington Field Office set out the results of their interview with employees and members of the staff of the Landon School near Washington, D.C., which interviews had previously been requested by the New York Office for the primary purpose of ascertaining when TIMOTHY HOBSON discontinued using crutches and recovered from a broken leg, believed to have been suffered in February, 1937.

In referenced teletype, the Washington Field Office suggested further interviews in this regard with Mr. WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, instructor at the United States Naval Academy, and ROBERT MacCARTEE, currently located c/o THOMAS N. SLOANE at the Rehobeth Beach, Delaware, it being pointed out that both RUSSELL and MacCARTEE had been teachers of TIMOTHY HOBSON at the Landon School in 1937.

RUSSELL was interviewed by SA CHARLES J. FOSTER, and MacCARTEE was interviewed by SA CLARENCE J. JOHNSON. The results of these interviews were furnished to the Bureau and New York Office in the following teletypes dated 2:55 p.m., June 25, 1949:

ReWFOtel June 24 re interview with staff and employees of Landon School re TIMOTHY HOBSON and his recovery from broken leg in '37. WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, Associate Professor, U. S. Naval Academy, residence 3 Cumberland Court, Annapolis, Md., advised today that he was an instructor at the Landon School, High and Junior High Division, during two school terms, 1935 to 1937, and also taught third grade for school year 1937 - 38. Recalls TIMOTHY HOBSON vaguely as attending Landon School but did not teach him and was never otherwise in close contact or association with HOBSON. RUSSELL can furnish no information re broken leg suffered by HOBSON, the period of his recovery from same nor can he recall any others who might be in a position to recall the incident or assist in determining the time element involved. RUSSELL never knew ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. ROBERT MacCARTEE, presently visiting THOMAS N. SLOANE, Rehobeth Beach, Delaware, advised when interviewed today that he is presently employed by ONI in Washington, D.C. MacCARTEE formerly taught at Landon School during late 1930's to 1941. Recalls TIMOTHY HOBSON

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slightly but has no recollection of HOBSON suffering a broken leg and being on crutches in '37. HOBSON using crutches at sometime vaguely familiar to MacCARTEE but has no recollection connecting same with pertinent period. MacCARTEE suggested contacting WILLIAM TRIPPLETT, Assistant Headmaster of Landon School, for further info but ref WFO tel indicates TRIPPLETT has already been interviewed in this regard.

The following teletype was directed by Baltimore to the Bureau, New York and St. Paul Offices dated 1:35 p.m., June 27, 1949:

Re St. Paul tel to NYC June 24, last. Suggest Capt. CHARLES EDWARD DOLE be reinterviewed to ascertain the following facts in detail. Capt. DOLE states he lived at WICKES' apartment, Chestertown, Md., during entire year 1935, but in fall of '36 went to Philadelphia to school and was home only on vacations and weekends. That in 1937 he was in Baltimore at school and home (Chestertown) on vacations and weekends. St. Paul in reinterview with Capt. DOLE should determine from him where he spent the summer of '36, particularly whether he spent the entire summer of '36 or any part of it at his mother's apartment in WICKES' home. With respect to summer of '37, determine from DOLE the name of school he attended in Baltimore, dates his summer vacation began and ended in '37, did he spend entire summer vacation in '37 at his mother's apartment at Chestertown or did he spend only weekends there. DOLE should also be reinterviewed to determine any recollection or knowledge of his mother sub-letting apartment to HISS or anyone else during summers of '36 or '37 and whether he has any knowledge of any of her records that may still be in existence which would reflect payment or receipt of rental for sub-lease during that period. Also determine from Capt. DOLE the names and present locations of immediate members of family, if any, other than sister, Mrs. GEORGE KEESTER, who would have knowledge of tenancy at WICKES' apartment of tenants during 1936 and '37, including any sub-tenants of Dr. ALICE DOLE, his mother. Leads should be set out by St. Paul to immediately interview any such relatives and results of investigation furnished to NYC and Baltimore. NY requested to review Miami tel June 23, copy of which not received by Baltimore, to ascertain if foregoing suggested leads were also covered by Miami in interview of Mrs. GEORGE KEESTER, daughter of Dr. ALICE DOLE. For information St. Paul, period involved instant case is July and August, '37, when HISS alleges he lived in WICKES' apartment, Chestertown, Md., continually during that period as an alibi to CHAMBERS' testimony that in early part of August he and HISSSES took trip together to Peterboro, New Hampshire. St. Paul handle immediately and sutel NYC and Baltimore.

A review of the Baltimore file reflects that the St. Paul Office has already reported by teletype the results of their reinterview with Capt. CHARLES EDWARD DOLE. Accordingly, no lead is being set out herein requesting such interview by the St. Paul Office, but copies of this report are being furnished

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to the Miami Office for information, in view of the fact that it may subsequently be necessary for that office to reinterview Mrs. ~~GEORGE REESTER~~ at St. Petersburg, Florida.

At 12:34 p.m. on June 27, 1949, the following teletype was directed to the Bureau, New York and Washington Field Office:

In connection with investigation at Chestertown, Md., relative to stay of ALGER and FRISCILLA HISS at the WICKES' apartment in 1937, suggest WFO, if not already done, endeavor to determine through examination of HISS' bank accounts whether HISS made any checks in 1936 and 1937 payable to Mrs. ~~LEWIN W. WICKES~~, landlady and owner of apartment, Chestertown, Md., or Dr. ALICE DOLE, from whom he sub-leased apartment. Bureau also requested to obtain copies of income tax returns for years 1936 and 1937 of Mrs. LEWIN W. WICKES and Dr. ALICE DOLE, both Chestertown, Md., to determine if they show receipt of any income during those years from ALGER or FRISCILLA HISS.

The investigation of the Chestertown, Maryland, angle of this case by the Baltimore Office is continuing on an expeditious basis. Results of further investigation will be furnished immediately by teletype to the Bureau, New York and any other interested offices.

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

Residency at Frank Buck Place on
Old Court Road in Pikesville,
Maryland, in Spring of 1938

The following investigation, conducted by SA WILLIAM C. PREIFFER, was reported to the Bureau and New York Office by special delivery letter dated June 9, 1949:

By teletype dated June 8, 1949 the New York Office requested the Baltimore Office to endeavor to locate the residence of FRANK BUCK on Old Court Road, near Pikesville, Maryland and ascertain details concerning the CHAMBERS family residence there.

~~Mr. and Mrs. FRANK E. BUCK~~, Old Court Road, Baltimore 7, Maryland, advised on June 9, 1949 that for a period of approximately three to five months in the year 1937 or 1938 Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS and their two children, a boy and a girl, aged 3 to 4 years and 1½ to 2 years, respectively, rented a three-room and bath apartment in their home.

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This apartment was obtained by Mrs. CHAMBERS, who explained that she was a sculptress at the Park School in Baltimore, Maryland.

The BUCKS do not know the exact year or time of year that the CHAMBERS resided in their home as they have no records of any nature concerning this occupancy. However, Mrs. CHAMBERS stated at the time of occupying the apartment that the CHAMBERS family had until that time been living on the third floor of a house on Mt. Royal Terrace in Baltimore, and they wanted to reside in the country so as to have a place for the children to play.

The CHAMBERS during their three to five months occupancy of the apartment in the BUCK home were very quiet tenants and were seldom seen by the BUCKS. Mr. CHAMBERS was away from home frequently. Mrs. CHAMBERS explained this by saying that her husband was a writer who spent considerable time in New York. Mrs. CHAMBERS each morning would take her two children with her when she left for the day and explained to Mrs. BUCK that the children were cared for in a nursery school at the Park School where Mrs. CHAMBERS taught. At no time did Mr. or Mrs. BUCK ever see anyone visit the CHAMBERS. They explained, however, that there was a private entrance to the CHAMBERS' apartment and visitors may not have been seen by them. Mr. BUCK added that as the surrounding countryside is sparsely settled, the CHAMBERS were not acquainted with any of the neighbors of the BUCKS.

After residing at the BUCK home for about three to five months the CHAMBERS family moved to a location near Westminster, Maryland, where Mrs. CHAMBERS had obtained a small place.

About six months ago the BUCKS realized from newspaper accounts and photographs concerning the HISS-CHAMBERS case that the WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, who at that time was appearing before the House Un-American Activities Committee, was the same individual who had formerly resided in their home, although they do not recall the first name of any member of the CHAMBERS family.

It is noted that the BUCK home is located on the Old Court Road at Windsor Mill Road about five miles from Pikesville, Maryland. The Windsor Mill Road runs directly into Walbrook (a section of Baltimore, Maryland), the distance between the BUCK home and Walbrook being approximately eight miles. The report of SA THOMAS C. SPENCER, dated May 11, 1949 at New York City re this case reported on page 183 a statement made by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to the effect that the home on Old Court Road, where he formerly resided, was near Pikesville, Maryland. This report also set

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forth on Page 221 a statement by ESTHER CHAMBERS that the home on Old Court Road was near Walbrook, Maryland. Mr. CHAMBERS also stated that this home was a large rambling house owned by a Mr. FRANK BUCK and CHAMBERS commented that he took this particular house because it had a good view of the surrounding country, was located on a hill, and he was able to see anyone approaching the house in any direction. This observation by CHAMBERS is factual inasmuch as the BUCK home is located on a hill, which commands a good view of the surrounding countryside.

The above information was summarized in a teletype to the Bureau and the New York Office dated 3:40 p.m., June 9, 1949.

Dates and Places of Residence
of CHAMBERS in the Baltimore
Area According to Public
Utility Records.

By teletype dated June 11, 1949, the New York Office requested Baltimore to ascertain the proper person to subpoena for information from Utility records for gas, light and telephone, at the former residence of CHAMBERS, at 2124 Mt. Royal Terrace, Baltimore, Maryland. It was ascertained that the proper person to subpoena was PAUL F. HLUBB, Assistant Manager of the Customers Accounts Department, Consolidated Gas and Electric Company, Baltimore, Maryland. Subsequently, by teletype dated June 13, 1949, the New York Office advised that the Government prosecutor desired Mr. HLUBB's presence with the appropriate records to testify in New York on the morning of June 14, 1949, indicating that a subpoena would be served upon HLUBB upon his arrival in New York City.

On June 13, 1949, Mr. PAUL F. HLUBB appeared with his records at the Baltimore Office and furnished the following information to ASAC ROBERT J. LALLY, which information was incorporated in a teletype to the Bureau and the New York Office dated 4:04 p.m., June 15, 1949:

Re NY tels June 11 and 13, PAUL F. HLUBB, Assistant Manager, Customers Accounts Dept., Gas and Electric Company, Baltimore, will appear NYC 9:30 a.m., June 14, and bring with him appropriate records as instructed. He has located additional records showing gas or electric service for CHAMBERS as follows: Under name JAY CHAMBERS, application for service, March 26, 1937, at 3310 Auchentoroly Terrace, effective March 30, 1937, which service remained in effect until October 25, 1937, when notice received by a new customer that they were taking the service at that address. CHAMBERS did not notify the Gas

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Company of the discontinuance. When application made, he listed as his employer REUBEN SHERMITZ, a lawyer at 276 Fifth Avenue, NYC, stating he had been employed by him for six years. CHAMBERS gave as his occupation lawyer, stating he had resided for six years previous at 260 Rochester Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. This application was made in person and bears the signature "JAY CHAMBERS". An application was made telephonically on October 21, 1937, under name JAY CHAMBERS at 2124 Mt. Royal Terrace, Baltimore, which service became effective October 25, 1937. Service at that address ran until April 9, 1938, when another customer took over the service. CHAMBERS did not notify the company of discontinuance. No occupation, employment or signature appears on this application. Another telephonic application was made April 12, 1938, under name JAY CHAMBERS, which was to take effect retroactive to April 1, 1938, at the West side of Old Court Road, Woodlawn, Md. This was the residence of FRANK BUCK, near Pikesville, Md., previously mentioned by Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS. The service there continued until June 30, 1938. No employment or occupation listed on application and no signature appears. On June 30, 1938, another phone application was received by the gas company from CHAMBERS, effective June 30, 1938, at 2610 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, which service continued until June 15, 1939. From that date until October 9, 1941, company has no record of CHAMBERS as a customer. On July 29, 1941, he made application under name J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for service at the East side of Wisner Mill Road in Bauchman's Valley, Westminster, Md., which service became effective October 9, 1941 and continues to present date. The records also show two other services for CHAMBERS at Westminster, Md., in 1946. HLUBB will bring records of foregoing transactions with him to testify.

Additional Information Obtained
From CHAMBERS Re August 1937
Trip with the HISSES to Peterboro,
New Hampshire

By telephone on June 21, 1949, the New York Office requested the Baltimore Office to reinterview WHITTAKER CHAMBERS at Westminster, Maryland regarding certain details of the trip CHAMBERS claimed he made with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS in August 1937, to Peterboro, New Hampshire. The results of the reinterview of CHAMBERS by ASAC ROBERT J. LALLY were furnished to the Bureau and New York Office in a teletype dated 5:06 p.m., June 22, 1949:

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WHITTAKER CHAMBERS contacted by Baltimore Office in response to New York's request of June 21, last, and he advises he has no additional recollection as to starting point of his trip to Peterboro, New Hampshire, and is still of belief that the trip was started by CHAMBERS and HISS from Washington, D. C. His only recollection of the broken leg of ~~TIMMY HOBSON~~ was that it occurred sometime during the winter of '37. He vaguely recalls that he fell on the ice, possibly while riding a bicycle. With reference to the \$35 check of ALGER HISS which cleared the bank in Washington on August 17, 1937, CHAMBERS stated he had no recollection of HISS cashing a check of that small amount during a trip to Peterboro and the only possibility he could suggest was that HISS had cashed the check on their way back from New Hampshire in NYC, however, this was only a surmise on his part.

RE: MRS. ESTHER CHAMBERS

Visit with PRISCILLA HISS to Office
of Dr. MARGARET MARY NICHOLSON,
Washington, D. C., in Fall of 1937

By teletype dated 9:13 P.M., June 24, 1949, to the Bureau, New York, and Baltimore Offices, the Washington Field Office furnished the results of their reinterview of Dr. MARGARET MARY NICHOLSON. On the occasion of this reinterview Dr. NICHOLSON advised that ESTHER CHAMBERS told her (Dr. NICHOLSON) that the time she, CHAMBERS, accompanied PRISCILLA HISS to Dr. NICHOLSON's office, TIMOTHY HOBSON was being treated for a shick test reaction. The Baltimore Office was requested to verify this fact.

Mrs. CHAMBERS was reinterviewed telephonically by the writer on June 25, 1949, at which time she advised that she did not recall ever having told Dr. NICHOLSON that when Mrs. CHAMBERS accompanied PRISCILLA HISS to Dr. NICHOLSON's office TIMOTHY HOBSON was being treated for a shick test reaction. Mrs. CHAMBERS stated that it was probable that a shick test reaction treatment was the reason for TIMOTHY HOBSON's visit since she vaguely recalled there was a diphtheria epidemic at the school where TIMOTHY HOBSON was attending at the time, but Mrs. CHAMBERS denied ever having suggested or told Dr. NICHOLSON that such was the case. In fact, during this interview, Mrs. CHAMBERS was not at all certain as to the nature of a shick test. Further, Mrs. CHAMBERS advised that it is still her only fairly clear recollection that TIMOTHY HOBSON visited Dr. NICHOLSON's office on the above occasion to have a prescription refilled. However, Mrs. CHAMBERS emphasized the fact that she did not wish to preclude the possibility that the purpose of TIMOTHY HOBSON's visit on this occasion was treatment for a shick test reaction, as she now feels in view of the suggestion to her occasioned by this interview that it is reasonable and probable to believe that TIMOTHY HOBSON actually visited Dr. NICHOLSON's office on the above occasion to be treated for a shick test reaction. In other words, Mrs. CHAMBERS does not rule out that possibility but has no clear recollection that such was the case and denies ever having told Dr. NICHOLSON that such was the case.

The results of this reinterview with Mrs. CHAMBERS in this regard were furnished to the Bureau and the New York Office by teletype dated 3:45 P.M., June 25, 1949.

RE: ELEANOR NELSON SOYRINGRecent Activities

As has been previously reported, ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING was identified by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as the operator of a Communist espionage ring in Washington, D.C., during 1935-36. Following SOYRING's appearance before the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York during December, 1948, she returned to Baltimore and since that time, according to reliable informants, has been almost regularly in a drunken, hysterical condition. Due to her condition, several local functionaries of the Communist Party, including MAURICE BRAVERMAN, HAROLD BUCHMAN, and PHILIP FRANKFELD, have made efforts to have SOYRING leave Maryland for some other area or have attempted to persuade her to enter a sanitorium for psychiatric treatment. Their efforts in this regard were negative.

As the result of a surveillance conducted by Special Agents JESSE F. FARR and EDWARD G. GOUGH on the residence of ELEANOR SOYRING, at 2115 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, it was determined that at 11:52 A.M. on April 18, 1949, an unknown individual described as a white male, 37 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 145 pounds, wearing a dark gray hat, tan trench coat, and carrying a dark brown leather brief case entered SOYRING's residence and remained there for several hours. Baltimore Confidential Informant T-1 subsequently identified this individual as CHARLES P. NELSON, SOYRING's brother, and presently a Republican Congressman from Maine.

Further, [redacted] CI T-1 advised that while CHARLES P. NELSON was in Baltimore on April 18, 1949, he effected arrangements for ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING to enter Mt. Hope Sanitorium, Reisterstown Road near Baltimore, Md. for psychiatric treatment on the advice of Dr. MANFRIED GUTTEACHER, SOYRING's personal psychiatrist. Informant further advised that ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING was subsequently admitted to this sanitorium and that on April 18, 1949, or the following day, CHARLES P. NELSON took SOYRING's son with him to be cared for by relatives in Winthrop, Maine, while Mrs. SOYRING was obtaining treatment at Mt. Hope Sanitorium. b7D

As the result of the above mentioned surveillance it was also ascertained that ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING was visited on this date by Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE E. TROUT who reside at 822 West 36th Street, Baltimore. The indices of the Baltimore Office are negative with respect to Mr. and Mrs. TROUT. It is recalled, however, that a woman by the name of TROUT had previously

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been in contact with ELEANOR SOYRING, is apparently a friend of SOYRING's, and may possibly have formerly resided in the same building as SOYRING or adjacent thereto prior to moving to 822 West 36th Street.

RE: FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

Disposition of RENO's Personal
Belongings

Reference is made to letter from the Denver Office to the Baltimore Office dated April 28, 1949, in which the Baltimore Office was advised that FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO upon interview had stated that he would appreciate having his personal papers and belongings sent to him in care of his mother, Mrs. EVELYN RENO, 4428 South Bannock Street, Englewood, Colorado, either by Railway Express or Parcel Post, COD, not insured.

Pursuant to these instructions the personal belongings of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO which have been in the possession of the Baltimore Office for an extended period of time were forwarded to him via Railway Express on June 20, 1949, in accordance with the above cited instructions.

RE: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

~~FREDERICK W. WILLNER~~ and ~~ELEANOR WILLNER~~,
Former Neighbors, Interview with

Reference is made to Washington Field Office letter to the Bureau dated May 23, 1949, copies of which were furnished to the New York and Baltimore Offices, requesting the Baltimore Office to interview Mr. and Mrs. ~~FREDERICK W. WILLNER~~ at Herald Harbor, Maryland, concerning their knowledge of the activities and associates of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN. It was indicated that from 1935 to 1939 Mr. and Mrs. WILLNER occupied Apartment 310 at 2138 California Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and were neighbors of the SILVERMAN family who occupied Apartment 409 at the same address from approximately December, 1934, to September, 1937.

Mrs. FREDERICK W. (ELEANOR) WILLNER furnished the following information in an interview with SA JOSEPH C. TRAINOR and the writer at Herald

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Harbor, Maryland, on June 20, 1949:

Mr. and Mrs. WILLNER resided in Apartment 310 at 2138 California Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., from about 1935 to about 1942. She did not recall SILVERMAN or his family and denied any knowledge whatsoever of SILVERMAN's associates and activities. Several families who were tenants at 2138 California Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., during the WILLNER's tenancy were discussed with Mrs. WILLNER but could not be identified with the SILVERMAN family, and she did not recall the names of any neighboring families at the above address. Mrs. WILLNER appeared to be in her seventies and professed poor health and a very poor memory. It should be noted that Mr. WILLNER is seriously ill and bedridden with hardening of the arteries. He could not be interviewed directly, but Mrs. WILLNER consulted him on several points. However, the interview was nonetheless negative as to information regarding SILVERMAN.

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LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C.

Relative to the stay of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS in the Wickes apartment at Chestertown, Md., in 1937, if not already done, will endeavor to determine through examination of the HISS bank accounts whether HISS made any checks in 1936 and 1937 payable to Mrs. LEWIN W. WICKES, landlady and owner of the apartment at Chestertown, Md., or to Dr. ALICE DOLE from whom HISS sublet his apartment. (This lead initially set out in Baltimore teletype to the Bureau, New York, and Washington Field Offices dated 12:34 P.M., June 27, 1949.

THE MIAMI OFFICE

Copies of this report are furnished to the Miami Office for information in view of the fact that it may subsequently be necessary for the Miami Office to reinterview Mrs. GEORGE KEESTER, formerly Dr. ALICE DOLE, at St. Petersburg, Fla., which prospective lead was initially set out in Baltimore teletype to the Bureau, New York, and St. Paul Offices dated 1:35 P.M., June 27, 1949.

THE BALTIMORE OFFICE

At Chestertown, Maryland, and Vicinity

Will continue investigation for the purpose of locating witnesses or evidence to combat the HISS defense that he was continuously residing at Chestertown, Md., during the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August, 1937, during which time CHAMBERS has testified that he and the HISSSES made a trip to Peterboro, New Hampshire. (Extensive investigation in this regard has already been conducted, but additional investigation has been requested and will be reported by teletype as soon as completed in Washington Field Office teletype dated 9:13 P.M., June 24, 1949, Albany teletype dated 8:19 P.M., June 24, 1949, New York teletypes dated 1:10 P.M. and 4:50 P.M., June 25, 1949, and St. Paul teletype dated 7:06 P.M., June 27, 1949).

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At Baltimore, Maryland

*Will continue to follow the progress of the libel action instituted by ALGER HISS against WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in United States District Court for the District of Maryland, at Baltimore, and in addition report all information pertaining to motions and preliminary hearings conducted therein.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHARLES A. HISS, father of ALGER; committed suicide at Baltimore, Md. 4/7/07. No witnesses found, except Mrs. L. W. WICKES, landlady, who remembered ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS residing at Chestertown, Md. during summer of 1937. Investigation at Chestertown, Md. continuing. Confirmed that CHAMBERS family lived in home of FRANK E. BUCK on Old Court Road, near Pikesville, Md. for 3 to 5 months in 1937 or 1938. Dates of various residences of CHAMBERS family in Baltimore area obtained from public utility records. CHAMBERS reinterviewed for an additional detail regarding trip with HISSES to Peterboro, N.H. in August, 1937. Mrs. ESTHER CHAMBERS reinterviewed regarding visit with PRISCILLA HISS to Dr. M. M. NICHOLSON, Washington, D. C. in fall of 1937. ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING presently confined to a sanitorium near Baltimore, Md. Personal belongings returned to FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO by Railway Express. Former neighbor has no recollection of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 74-1333.

Report of Special Agent FRANK G. JOHNSTONE dated June 2, 1949 at Baltimore, Maryland.

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DETAILS:

RE: ALGER HISS

HISS Family Suicides

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER.

By teletype dated June 6, 1949, the New York Office advised that available information indicated that two members of the immediate family of ALGER HISS died by suicide, namely his father, CHARLES A. HISS, in April, 1907, probably at Baltimore, and either a sister, MARY ANN (ELIOT) EMERSON, who died in 1928, or a brother, BOSLEY HISS, who died in 1926. The place of death of EMERSON and BOSLEY is unknown, but one of them is believed to have been a suicide and possibly both deaths occurred in Baltimore. The New York Office further advised that the prosecutors at New York desire photostatic copies of death certificates of both members of the HISS family who committed suicide and all obtainable information pertaining to circumstances surrounding these suicides.

SIDNEY M. NORTON, Director, Bureau of Vital Records, Baltimore City Health Department, Municipal Building, Baltimore, Maryland, advised on June 7, 1949, that the records of his office reflected a certificate of death on file concerning CHARLES A. HISS indicating that he died instantly on April 7, 1907, due to a hemorrhage, having committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. However, Bureau of Vital Records files fail to contain a record of the death of MARY ANN (ELIOT) EMERSON in 1928, or BOSLEY HISS in 1926, indicating that these deaths probably did not occur in Baltimore. However, investigation to ascertain the full facts concerning the deaths of these individuals will continue.

The above information was furnished to the Bureau and New York Office by letter and teletype dated June 7, 1949. With the letter of June 7, 1949, there was enclosed a certified copy of the death certificate concerning CHARLES A. HISS.

By letter dated June 8, 1949, the following information was furnished to the Bureau, New York and Boston Offices:

Re NY tel June 6, 1949.

NY requested the Baltimore Office to attempt to obtain photostatic copies of death certificates and circumstances surrounding the deaths of

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CHARLES A. HISS, father of ALGER HISS, and MARY ANN (ELIOT) EMERSON, and BOSLEY HISS sister and brother respectively, of ALGER HISS.

Certified copy of the certificate of death concerning CHARLES A. HISS was forwarded to the NY Office by letter dated June 7, 1949.

Miss MARGARET T. BURKE, Library Clerk, The Sun newspaper, Baltimore, Md., advised on June 7, 1949 that the newspaper's files failed to reflect any information concerning the death of CHARLES A. HISS in 1907. However, a further search disclosed that an item appeared in The Sun of May 17, 1926, indicating that BOSLEY HISS married a MARGARET OWEN in a NY hospital at that time, and that an article dated November 4, 1926 indicated that BOSLEY HISS had died in NY following a long illness.

Mrs. ELEANORA LYNN, Librarian, Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, Md., produced on June 8, 1949, copies of The Sun for the periods April, 1907; May, 1926 and November, 1926.

An article which appeared in The Sun, Baltimore, Monday morning, April 8, 1907, page 1, under column headed "City and Suburban", is as follows:

"Mr. CHARLES A. HISS, formerly of the Daniel Miller Company, cut his throat with a razor and died instantly at his home, 1427 Linden Avenue".

On page 4 of The Sun for this date appeared the following under a column headed "Died":

"HISS, suddenly, on April 7, 1907, CHARLES ALGER HISS, in the 42nd year of age. Funeral will take place from his late residence, 1427 Linden Avenue, on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock."

In The Sun, Baltimore, Monday morning, May 17, 1926, appeared the following article on page 24:

"BOSLEY HISS MARRIED IN NEW YORK HOSPITAL

"BALTIMOREAN, RECOVERING FROM LONG ILLNESS, WEDS MISS MARGARET OWEN

"Miss MARGARET OWEN, daughter of Mrs. G. H. Owen and the late GEORGE HODGES OWEN of New York, and BOSLEY HISS, son of Mrs. C. A. HISS, and the late CHARLES A. HISS; of Baltimore, were married Saturday

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"at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, it was announced by Mrs. HISS.

"Mr. HISS has been a patient at the Hospital for several months. He is recovering from an illness from which he has been suffering for more than a year.

"When the bridegroom is able to leave the Hospital, Mr. and Mrs. HISS are expected to come to Baltimore."

A further article appearing in The Sun, Baltimore, Thursday morning, November 4, 1926, stated the following:

"BOSLEY HISS DIES IN NEW YORK FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

"GRADUATED FROM J.H.U. IN 1922, BODY TO BE BROUGHT TO BALTIMORE TODAY

"BOSLEY HISS, 26 years old, son of Mrs. CHARLES ALGER HISS, 1427 Linden Avenue, died yesterday in New York following a long illness. The body will be brought to Baltimore today.

"Mr. HISS graduated from the Johns Hopkins University in 1922, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following his graduation, he was a member of the staff of The Sun.

"Besides his mother, Mr. HISS is survived by his widow, Mrs. MARGARET HISS, two brothers, ALGER HISS and DONALD HISS, and two sisters, Miss ANNA HISS of Baltimore and Mrs. ELLIOTT EMERSON of Boston."

A copy of this letter was designated for the attention of the Boston Office inasmuch as Boston was listed as the address of Mrs. ELLIOTT EMERSON.

Unless advised to the contrary by the office of origin, the Baltimore Office will discontinue further investigation to ascertain circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. ELLIOTT EMERSON.

The above information was summarized in a teletype to the Bureau, New York and Boston Offices, dated June 8, 1949.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER and was reported to the Bureau, New York and Philadelphia Offices by letter dated June 22, 1949.

By telephonic conversation on 6/20/49 and teletype dated 6/21/49, the New York Office requested that further investigation be conducted at Chestertown, Md. to determine additional information concerning the former HISS residence there. New York also requested additional investigation concerning the stay of ALGER HISS' step-son, TIMOTHY HOBSON at a summer camp operated by a J. KELLOGG-SMITH near Chestertown, Md.

Mrs. L. W. WICKES, WICKES' Apartments, 117 Front St., Chestertown, Md., advised on 6/20/49 that, so far as she can remember, ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS sub-leased an apartment at her home from about June to September, 1937. Mrs. WICKES has no records concerning the exact period of the HISS tenancy at her home, but recalls that the apartment was sub-leased by them from a Dr. ESTHER DOLE, an instructor of history at Washington College, Chestertown, who died approximately six to eight years ago. Dr. DOLE's daughter, according to Mrs. WICKES, married a GEORGE KEESTER and presently resides in Annapolis, Md.

Mrs. WICKES was of the opinion that 1937 was the exact year that the HISSES stayed at her home, inasmuch as her son, LEWIN W. WICKES, JR., was ill with a broken back the year of the HISS visit and turned age 20 in July of that year. LEWIN WICKES, according to his mother, was born on 7/28/17 and is a resident of Riverton, New Jersey, but is currently in Philadelphia and may be reached through the Legal Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Philadelphia.

Mrs. WICKES was of the opinion that the HISSES did not leave Chestertown during the duration of their visit, but her reason for this belief is that Mrs. J. KELLOGG-SMITH, who formerly operated a summer camp for boys and girls in Chestertown, told her that ALGER HISS' step-son, TIMOTHY HOBSON, had a disease or injury in the summer of 1937 and Mrs. KELLOGG-SMITH would not have accepted the boy at the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp unless the HISSES agreed to remain nearby.

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Mrs. WICKES never saw the HISS boy, TIMOTHY HOBSON, at the WICKES Apartments and does not know if TIMOTHY HOBSON was ever treated by local Chestertown doctors. In her opinion, if he had been treated, a Dr. FRANK HINES of Chestertown would very likely have given this treatment. Mrs. WICKES added that the HISSES remained very much to themselves during the time of their visit, and the KELLOGG-SMITHS would have been the only persons in the vicinity who would have known them.

Mrs. KELLOGG-SMITH has told Mrs. WICKES that the HISSES stayed at her home on two occasions in the past, the other occasion being in 1938, but Mrs. WICKES stated that she only recalls the 1937 visit. She was of the belief, however, that she may have been away on vacation during the summer of 1938 and that a Mrs. OWEN SELBY of Chestertown ran the WICKES Apartments for her.

Mrs. WICKES went on to say that the only former tenant who she can recall as having been at the WICKES Apartments in 1937 or 1938 is a Dr. KENNETH BUXTON, whose present whereabouts are unknown to her.

S. SCOTT BECK, JR., 112 Front St.; Miss ELIZABETH C. BROWN, 113 Front St.; and Mrs. WHEELER B. PERKINS, 121 High St., all Chestertown, Md., neighbors who have resided in the vicinity of the WICKES Apartments for the past 29 years, 31 years and 45 years, respectively, advised in substance on 6/20/49 that they have heard through hearsay that the HISSES spent one summer at the WICKES Apartments a number of years ago, but do not recall ever having seen them in Chestertown. They have heard, however, that the HISSES were friendly with a KELLOGG-SMITH family who live about six miles from Chestertown.

Dr. FRANK B. HINES, Chestertown, Md., advised on 6/20/49 that he had heard that the HISS family visited Chestertown in the summer of 1937, and stayed at the WICKES Apartments. He has also heard that a son of the HISSES stayed at the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp at that time, but advised that he has never treated this boy and had not treated anyone at the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp for a number of years prior to 1937, although he formerly did treat children at the camp. Dr. HINES added, however, that the HISS child may have been treated by Dr. FRANK W. SMITH at Fairlee, Md., about five miles from Chestertown, or at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital at Chestertown. If treated at the hospital, HOBSON would very likely have been seen by Dr. A. C. DICK, according to Dr. HINES. Dr. HINES added that he has never seen the HISSES or TIMOTHY HOBSON.

On 6/21/49, Mrs. KATHERINE HATCHERSON, bookkeeper, Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, Chestertown, Md., checked the patients' register of the hospital for the period from June 1, 1937, to September 30, 1937, and could find no record

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of TIMOTHY HOBSON ever having been admitted to the hospital.

Dr. ALEXANDER C. DICK, Chief Surgeon, Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, advised that he has no records back as far as 1937, and does not recall having treated anyone named TIMOTHY HOBSON. Inasmuch as hospital records failed to reflect treatment of TIMOTHY HOBSON, Dr. DICK had no idea as to where HOBSON could have been treated.

On 6/21/49, Dr. FRANK W. SMITH, Fairlee, Md., checked his files and could find no record of ever having treated a TIMOTHY HOBSON and does not recall ever having treated this individual. Dr. SMITH does not know of any other physician in the vicinity who could have treated HOBSON other than Dr. FRANK HINES.

Mrs. OWEN SELBY, 224 Washington Ave., Chestertown, Md., advised on 6/21/49 that she rented an apartment from Mrs. L. W. WICKES at 117 Front St., Chestertown, from about April, 1939 to October, 1942, but was not there in 1937 or 1938. When Mrs. WICKES would leave Chestertown in the summer, Mrs. SELBY would act as manager of the WICKES Apartments, but does not recall ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS ever having lived there.

HARRY C. COLEMAN, Jr., Postmaster, Chestertown, Maryland, advised on 6/20/49 that he does not know anyone who worked at the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp, as the KELLOGG-SMITHS themselves acted as counsellors at this camp. COLEMAN added, however, that he would contact the rural carrier on the route which served the KELLOGG-SMITH residence and inquire from him as to whether or not he knew of any former employees of the camp. COLEMAN subsequently advised that he had ascertained from STEWART PRICE, Rural Carrier, Route #3, Chestertown, Maryland, that PRICE does not know any former employees of the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp, inasmuch as the camp was very small and the KELLOGG-SMITHS apparently ran it themselves. PRICE stated that he does not know the names of any children who attended the KELLOGG-SMITH summer camp, as a list of all boys and girls of each summer was given to him by J. KELLOGG-SMITH and PRICE destroyed this list at the end of each summer.

Reinterview with Mr. J. KELLOGG-SMITH, or his relatives at Chestertown, Maryland, will not be conducted by the Baltimore Office unless advised to the contrary by the New York Office.

On 6/21/49, SPENCER S. SMITH, clerk, U. S. Post Office, Chestertown, Md., checked Post Office files and could find no record of a change of address from or to Chestertown, Maryland, for either ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS. Mr. SMITH

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stated, however, that the records may be incomplete, as change of address records are normally maintained for only two years. Mr. SMITH added that C. JULIAN COLEMAN, who in 1937 was the letter carrier on Chestertown City Route #2, which served the WICKES Apartments, 117 Front Street, died in 1948.

By teletype dated June 21, 1949, it was suggested that the Philadelphia Office attempt to contact LEWIN W. WICKES, JR. c/o the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., Philadelphia. By teletype dated 6/21/49, the Miami Office was requested to interview Mrs. GEORGE B. KEESTER, daughter of Dr. ALICE DOLE, who was determined to be living in St. Petersburg, Florida, through investigation conducted at Annapolis, Md.

A review of the Baltimore file indicates that the leads set out for the Philadelphia and Miami Offices have already been covered, and reported by teletype. Accordingly, no leads for these offices in this regard are being set out in this report.

By teletype dated June 22, 1949 to the Bureau, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore Offices, the Washington Field Office reported the results of their interview of LEWIN W. WICKES. In this teletype, it was suggested that the Baltimore Office locate PAUL SOLANDT and KENNETH BUXTON, both suggested for interview by LEWIN W. WICKES, and interview them concerning their knowledge of the residence of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS in Chestertown, Maryland, during the summer of 1937.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER:

CHARLES B. FORD, Assistant Postmaster, Chestertown, Maryland, contacted telephonically on June 22, 1949, advised that PAUL SOLANDT and KENNETH BUXTON (named by LEWIN W. WICKES, JR., upon interview at Washington, D. C. on June 21, 1949, as former tenants at his mother's home, 117 Front Street, Chestertown), were both formerly Professors at Washington College, Chestertown. BUXTON, according to FORD, left Chestertown five to six years ago, and any change of address record which he may have left at the Chestertown Post Office may have since been destroyed. However, FORD advised that SOLANDT left Chestertown about two years ago, leaving a change of address to 215 C. Street, S. E., Washington, D. C.

By teletype dated June 22, 1949 to the Bureau, Washington Field Office and New York, the Washington Field Office was requested to locate and interview PAUL SOLANDT.

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By teletype dated 9:13 P.M., June 24, 1949, the Washington Field Office reported the results of their interview with PAUL SOLANDT. Accordingly, no lead for the conducting of this interview is being set out herein.

Dr. F. G. LIVINGOOD, Dean of Washington College, and FREDERICK W. DUMSCHOTT, Business Manager, Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, were contacted on June 23, 1949 in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of KENNETH BUXTON. Dean LIVINGOOD recollected that KENNETH BUXTON taught chemistry at Washington College from about 1932 to 1943. There was no actual record on file concerning the actual period of time BUXTON served at the College. Dean LIVINGOOD further advised that he received a letter from BUXTON in 1943 which reflected a return address of Altara Club or Altara Club, 616 West 116th St., New York City. While at Chestertown, according to LIVINGOOD, BUXTON's wife was committed to Spring Grove Mental Hospital, and the Dean has heard that she was subsequently released from this institution on condition that BUSTON take her out of the country.

FREDERICK W. DUMSCHOTT advised that he and Dean LIVINGOOD made a tour of a number of colleges last summer and heard that after leaving Chestertown, BUXTON worked for the American Chemical Company at New York City, and the Worth Steel Company at Claymont, Delaware. He seemed to recall that he had also heard that while working at Claymont, Delaware, BUXTON was living with his wife at Wilmington, Delaware.

During the course of the interview, Dr. LIVINGOOD telephoned a Dr. JOSEPH McLAIN and a Mrs. BLACK, and a Mrs. FORD, all of Chestertown, who advised him BUXTON presently owns a small chemical company at Montreal, Canada. Dean LIVINGOOD also advised that a Dr. JOHN A. WAGNER of the School of Medicine, University of Maryland, Baltimore, may know the present whereabouts of BUXTON.

The following background information on BUXTON was obtained from the personal file of Dean LIVINGOOD:

Name:	KENNETH BUXTON
Born:	1903 at Hartford, Connecticut
Father:	Employed as Episcopal Minister
Former Employment:	Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts - 1 year McGill University, Montreal, Canada - 3 years University of Vermont - 2 years Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut - 2 years

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Dr. JOHN A. WAGNER, School of Medicine, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, contacted telephonically on June 23, 1949, advised that KENNETH SMITH BUXTON, who formerly resided at Chestertown, Maryland, and taught chemistry at Washington College, is presently a chemist in a local manufacturing plant at Montreal, Canada. Correspondence in WAGNER's possession, listed BUXTON's latest address as 1545 McGregor Street, Montreal, or possibly 545 MacGreagor Street, Montreal. He also has in his possession a two-year-old address of BUXTON of 1540 Pine Street, West, Montreal, Canada.

By teletype dated June 23, 1949 directed to the Bureau, New York and Albany Offices, the Albany Office was requested to locate and interview BUXTON concerning his knowledge of the residence of the HISSSES in Chestertown, Maryland in 1937.

By teletype dated 8:19 P.M. June 24, 1949, the Albany Office reported the results of their interview with BUXTON, so no lead covering such interview is being set out herein.

Mrs. L. W. WICKES, 117 Front Street, Chestertown, Maryland, was recontacted by Special Agents VERNON J. JOHNSON and WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER on June 24, 1949, in order to secure her permission to photograph and make diagrams of the apartment formerly occupied by ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. At the time, Mrs. WICKES advised that her home contained 8 apartments during the period of the HISS tenancy, two each in the basement, first, second and third floors (there having been no material renovations in her home since ALGER HISS resided there), but she could recall only one individual other than KENNETH BUXTON and Dr. ALICE DOLE who may have resided in her home in the late 1930's. She identified this person as a Mr. KENLY of Quaker Neck Landing, near Chestertown. When asked as to whether or not a PAUL A. SOLANDT ever resided at her home, Mrs. WICKES advised that SOLANDT and his mother leased an apartment in her home in the late 1930's, but was not there in 1937 or 1938. Mrs. WICKES added that in recalling the dates of her son's back injury, it occurred to her he might have been age 19 instead of 20 during the HISS visit to Chestertown. It is noted that this would make the year of the HISS visit 1936 instead of 1937, inasmuch as LEWIN W. WICKES, JR., was born July 28, 1917. Mrs. WICKES was very cooperative, but when asked if she would sign a written statement concerning the facts submitted by her in this case, advised she would not unless compelled to do so.

Mrs. C. R. HUMPHREYS, Quaker Neck Landing, Chestertown, Maryland, advised Special Agent VERNON J. JOHNSON and Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER on June 24, 1949, that her father, ALBERT C. KENLY, who resided at the WICKES' Apartments from approximately fall, 1934 to May, 1936, is presently visiting his

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son, W. M. KENLY, at 101 S. Main Street, Berlin, Maryland.

The results of the above investigation were brought to the attention of the Bureau and the New York Office by summary teletype, dated 12:15 A.M., June 25, 1949.

ALBERT C. KENLY, a resident of Quaker Neck Landing, near Chestertown, Maryland, who is presently visiting his son, WALTER M. KENLY, 101 S. Main Street, Berlin, Maryland, was contacted telephonically on June 25, 1949 at Berlin, Maryland by Special Agent WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER, and advised that so far as he can recall, he rented an apartment at the home of Mrs. L. W. WICKES, 117 Front Street, Chestertown, Maryland, continuously from the spring of 1936 to the spring of 1937, when he moved to the home of a Mrs. URIE in Chestertown. He stated he occupied the second floor front apartment facing Front Street, at 117 Front Street, Chestertown, with his wife, LILLIAN M. KENLY, who died in September, 1937. Mr. KENLY recalled that the other residents of the WICKES Apartment during his stay there were a man who taught at Washington College, Chestertown, residing on the first floor, and Mrs. WICKES, who also maintained an apartment on the first floor. Another family resided on the second floor rear facing the Chester River, and another family resided on the third floor. He stated he could not recall the names of former tenants, or anything else about them. He stated he was of the opinion that the family who occupied the second floor rear apartment facing the Chester River, lived there continuously during the year he was there, and did not sub-lease this apartment, but added that he could not be certain of this.

The results of the interview with ALBERT C. KENLY were reported to the Bureau by teletype dated 3:45 P.M. on June 25, 1949.

On June 20, 1949, ASAC ROBERT J. LALLY received a telephone communication from the New York Office requesting verification of the fact that RUTH FANSLER had been hospitalized in the Delaware Hospital at Wilmington, during the summer of 1937. It was pointed out that such investigation was desired by the New York Office in an effort to combat the defense of ALGER HISS that he continuously resided in Chestertown, Maryland, during the summer of 1937, and could not have made a trip with his wife, FRISCIILLA, and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to Peterboro, New Hampshire, about August 10, 1937.

The following investigation was conducted by SA E. JACKSON SWAN:

Miss MARIAN FINNEY, Medical Records Librarian, Delaware Hospital, 14th and Washington Streets, Wilmington, Tel. 4-5211, Ext. 281, home address, 600 W. 12th Street, advised that she is the custodian of the hospital records and the proper person to produce them in court.

The Admission Card, Case #92,840 for RUTH FANSLER, shows she was admitted 7/15/37 and discharged 7/26/37. Her address at the time was listed as % J. KELLOGG SMITH, Chestertown, Md. The time of admission was shown as 11:15 p.m. Final diagnosis - Lobar pneumonia.

Other notations on the Admission Card are set out below.

Family Physician	Dr. ROBERT FARR
Sent by	Dr. HANDY
Notify	J. KELLOGG SMITH, friend, Chestertown, Md.
Father	THOMAS FANSLER, 130 Morningside Drive, NYC
Mother	ROBERTA MURRAY, " "
Discharged 7/26/37, condition improved, to return to Dr. HANDY for follow up.	

The Medical Chart contains a 3x5 slip of paper with the following notation in pencil. Miss FINNEY stated it might have been written by any one of a number of persons connected with the hospital in 1937.

"ALGER HISS

Telephone Chestertown 287 W
or Chestertown 287 N

Care of Mrs. WICKES, Chestertown, Md."

Miss FINNEY advised that approximately three or four months ago Dr. MARGERET I. HANDY, 1100 N. Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware; who was the attending physician, and who is presently practicing, came to the hospital

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and requested the above records for RUTH FANSLER. The records were made available to Dr. HANDY and Miss FINNEY recalls that Dr. HANDY remarked that the FANSLER girl was related to the HISS family. It was noted that the 3x5 slip of paper was stapled into the Medical Chart with a type of staple that has not been used by the hospital in several years.

The above information was furnished telephonically by ASAC LALLY on June 20, 1949 to SA THOMAS J. SPENCER of the New York Office.

By telephone on June 20, 1949, the New York office requested the Baltimore Office to conduct additional investigation at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, regarding the attendance of PRISCILLA HISS at that institution during the summer of 1937, particularly to determine whether PRISCILLA HISS might on that occasion have furnished the University with a Chestertown, Maryland, address.

The following investigation, conducted by SA JAMES L. REINHART, was reported to the Bureau and the New York Office by teletype dated 6:20 p.m., June 20, 1949, which was as follows:

Dr. E. G. VANDEN BOSCHE, Professor of B10 Chemistry, University of Maryland, had class record book for 1936 and 1937 containing name "Mrs. HISS" which reflects no absences for her for the eight week course beginning June 7, 1937. Entries in the book indicate she received a grade each week for a weekly examination and completed the course with grade of B. Classes were from nine a.m. to four p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, with one hour for lunch. VANDEN BOSCHE stated it was unusual for anyone to cut a class as they would fall too far behind. There was a record of only four cuts for the eight weeks for the twenty-two students in class and none recorded for Mrs. HISS. He personally recalls Mrs. HISS and is willing to appear in court and produce the class record book if necessary. The entries for Mrs. HISS' class are in the handwriting of VANDEN BOSCHE. There were two other women in the class who would be most likely to recall Mrs. HISS, both residing in Baltimore. No interview will be conducted unless advised to contrary. Mrs. FLORENCE T. STAFFORD, Assistant Registrar, University of Maryland, who has previously testified at current trial, exhibited record of Mrs. HISS' application for admission to the summer school dated May 25, 1937, for the summer course beginning June 7, 1937. This application listed both her permanent home and present temporary address as 1245 30th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. Her registration card dated June 7, 1937, contained same address and in space for "Baltimore address" was entered "None". A carbon copy of a grade report sent at completion of course which was undated contained the address "Mrs. PRISCILLA HISS, 117 Front Street, Chestertown, Maryland". Mrs. STAFFORD explained that the students' grades were received from the instructors on approximately

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July 31, 1937, and said that usual practice was to send out grades by mail to the students within one week after receipt of grades from the instructor. There was nothing in Mrs. HISS' file to show when or how the school was notified to send her grade to the Chestertown address. Mrs. STAFFORD said that the address was probably left at the office by Mrs. HISS and a note made of it and destroyed after the grade was sent out. The registration card contained the name and address "THOMAS FANSIER, 3450 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. as the parent or guardian of Mrs. HISS. There is a letter in the file, place of origin not indicated, in Mrs. HISS' handwriting, dated August 17, 1937, requesting that a transcript of her record be sent to George Washington University, Washington, D.C. and a letter from University of Maryland to George Washington University, dated August 25, 1937, advising she completed the course in Inorganic Chemistry. No addresses appear in her file other than those above.

The foregoing teletype was corrected in one regard by the following teletype dated June 21, 1949:

Remytel June 20 last concerning inquiry at University of Maryland next to last sentence in teletype states place of origin not indicated in letter written by Mrs. HISS dated August 17, 1937. This letter contained address 1245 30th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. at the beginning. Envelope in which letter was sent not available and was apparently thrown away upon its receipt.

For the information of the New York Office and the Government attorneys prosecuting the HISS case, the following information is set out, with reference to the possibility of PRISCILLA HISS commuting during June and July, 1937, between Chestertown, Maryland, and her classes at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. PRISCILLA HISS took an eight-week course at the University of Maryland beginning June 7, 1937. Classes were from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday of each week. The only possibility of commuting for PRISCILLA HISS between Chestertown, Maryland, and Baltimore, Maryland while attending the University of Maryland, would be by automobile, as no public transportation is available which would be in any respect adequate. The trip each way between Chestertown and Baltimore, Maryland, would consume approximately four hours, which would mean that PRISCILLA HISS would have to leave Chestertown, Maryland, about 5 a.m. to be on time for classes in Baltimore starting at 9 a.m. Further, with classes terminating at 4 p.m., she would not reach Chestertown, Maryland, until about 8 p.m. each day.

If ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS lived continuously in Chestertown, Maryland, from June to September, 1937, and ALGER HISS was only on vacation from the State Department in Washington, D.C. during the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August 1937, then the HISS family would probably require two automobiles during this period, one for PRISCILLA HISS to commute to Baltimore and another for ALGER HISS to commute to his work at the State Department in Washington, D.C. Such commuting by ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS would evidently provide them with very little time each day to assist TIMOTHY HOBSON in exercising his broken leg at the camp of Mr. J. KELLOGG SMITH, located near Chestertown, Maryland.

By teletype to the Bureau, New York and the Baltimore Offices, dated June 24, 1949, the Philadelphia Office furnished the following information resulting from interview with IRWIN W. WICKES.

WICKES was first treated by Dr. MURPHY, physician for St. Johns College, Annapolis, Maryland. He was confined at the only civilian hospital in Annapolis for less than one week and was then moved to the University Hospital at Baltimore, Maryland, where he was under the care of a Dr. SHIPLEY. Baltimore was requested to obtain the hospital and doctor's record, if any, to verify the dates of WICKES' broken back.

The following investigation, conducted by the writer, was furnished to the Bureau and New York Office by teletype dated 3:45 p.m., June 25, 1949:

Records of University Hospital, Greene and Redwood Streets, Baltimore, -1, Maryland, reflect following: IRWIN WICKES, JR., also spelled WICKES in records, age 18, student, residence 117 Front Street, Chestertown, Maryland, admitted to Room 1024 at 12:05 p.m., May 12, 1936, with compression fracture of twelfth dorsal vertebra and lacerations of chin. Admitted from Emergency Hospital, Annapolis, Md., where his doctor was Dr. J. J. MURPHY, of St. Johns College, Annapolis. Treatment at University Hospital involved application of a body cast by Dr. ARTHUR M. SHIPLEY on May 13, 1936. WICKES discharged in an improved condition 12 noon, May 21, 1936. Readmitted 1 p.m. July 13, 1936, to Room 1027 for reapplication of another body cast which was applied July 15, 1936. Discharged in an improved condition 4 p.m. July 16, 1936. Mother listed as Mrs. ALEXINE or ALLPINE WICKES, above address in Chestertown. Records reflect WICKES injured his back by falling out of fourth story window while walking in his sleep on May 9, 1936. Dr. MURPHY now deceased. Dr. SHIPLEY retired and presently residing Baltimore. Since above would appear to establish definitely by documentary evidence that WICKES' broken back occurred in 1936, not 1937, no investigation will be conducted at Emergency Hospital, Annapolis, and Dr. SHIPLEY will not be interviewed unless Baltimore advised to contrary. Records of University Hospital will be produced in court under subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. JAMES L. DACK, Asst. Director.

By telephone and teletype on June 24, 1949, the New York Office requested the Baltimore Office to make charts and obtain photographs of the WICKES' house at Chestertown, Maryland, and to deliver same to the New York Office as soon as possible by courier.

Such charts and photographs were made on June 24, 1949, by SAs VERNON J. JOHNSON and WILLIAM C. PEPPER and were delivered to the New York Office in person by SA JOHNSON on June 25, 1949.

By teletype to the Bureau, New York and Baltimore Offices dated June 24, 1949, the Washington Field Office set out the results of their interview with employees and members of the staff of the Landon School near Washington, D.C., which interviews had previously been requested by the New York Office for the primary purpose of ascertaining when TIMOTHY HOBSON discontinued using crutches and recovered from a broken leg, believed to have been suffered in February, 1937.

In referenced teletype, the Washington Field Office suggested further interviews in this regard with Mr. WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, instructor at the United States Naval Academy, and ROBERT MacCARTEE, currently located c/o THOMAS N. SLOANE at the Rehobeth Beach, Delaware, it being pointed out that both RUSSELL and MacCARTEE had been teachers of TIMOTHY HOBSON at the Landon School in 1937.

RUSSELL was interviewed by SA CHARLES J. FOSTER, and MacCARTEE was interviewed by SA CLARENCE J. JOHNSON. The results of these interviews were furnished to the Bureau and New York Office in the following teletypes dated 2:55 p.m., June 25, 1949:

ReWFOtel June 24 re interview with staff and employees of Landon School re TIMOTHY HOBSON and his recovery from broken leg in '37. WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, Associate Professor, U. S. Naval Academy, residence 3 Cumberland Court, Annapolis, Md., advised today that he was an instructor at the Landon School, High and Junior High Division, during two school terms, 1935 to 1937, and also taught third grade for school year 1937 - 38. Recalls TIMOTHY HOBSON vaguely as attending Landon School but did not teach him and was never otherwise in close contact or association with HOBSON. RUSSELL can furnish no information re broken leg suffered by HOBSON; the period of his recovery from same nor can he recall any others who might be in a position to recall the incident or assist in determining the time element involved. RUSSELL never knew ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. ROBERT MacCARTEE, presently visiting THOMAS N. SLOANE, Rehobeth Beach, Delaware, advised when interviewed today that he is presently employed by ONI in Washington, D.C. MacCARTEE formerly taught at Landon School during late 1930's to 1941. Recalls TIMOTHY HOBSON

slightly but has no recollection of HOBSON suffering a broken leg and being on crutches in '37. HOBSON using crutches at sometime vaguely familiar to MacCARTEE but has no recollection connecting same with pertinent period. MacCARTEE suggested contacting WILLIAM TRIPPLETT, Assistant Headmaster of Landon School, for further info but ref WFO tel indicates TRIPPLETT has already been interviewed in this regard.

The following teletype was directed by Baltimore to the Bureau, New York and St. Paul Offices dated 1:35 p.m., June 27, 1949:

Re St. Paul tel to NYC June 24, last. Suggest Capt. CHARLES EDWARD DOLE be reinterviewed to ascertain the following facts in detail. Capt. DOLE states he lived at WICKES' apartment, Chestertown, Md., during entire year 1935, but in fall of '36 went to Philadelphia to school and was home only on vacations and weekends. That in 1937 he was in Baltimore at school and home (Chestertown) on vacations and weekends. St. Paul in reinterview with Capt. DOLE should determine from him where he spent the summer of '36, particularly whether he spent the entire summer of '36 or any part of it at his mother's apartment in WICKES' home. With respect to summer of '37, determine from DOLE the name of school he attended in Baltimore, dates his summer vacation began and ended in '37, did he spend entire summer vacation in '37 at his mother's apartment at Chestertown or did he spend only weekends there. DOLE should also be reinterviewed to determine any recollection or knowledge of his mother sub-letting apartment to HISS or anyone else during summers of '36 or '37 and whether he has any knowledge of any of her records that may still be in existence which would reflect payment or receipt of rental for sub-lease during that period. Also determine from Capt. DOLE the names and present locations of immediate members of family, if any, other than sister, Mrs. GEORGE KEESTER, who would have knowledge of tenancy at WICKES' apartment of tenants during 1936 and '37, including any sub-tenants of Dr. ALICE DOLE, his mother. Leads should be set out by St. Paul to immediately interview any such relatives and results of investigation furnished to NYC and Baltimore. NY requested to review Miami tel June 23, copy of which not received by Baltimore, to ascertain if foregoing suggested leads were also covered by Miami in interview of Mrs. GEORGE KEESTER, daughter of Dr. ALICE DOLE. For information St. Paul, period involved instant case is July and August, '37, when HISS alleges he lived in WICKES' apartment, Chestertown, Md., continually during that period as an alibi to CHAMBERS' testimony that in early part of August he and HISSES took trip together to Peterboro, New Hampshire. St. Paul handle immediately and sutel NYC and Baltimore.

A review of the Baltimore file reflects that the St. Paul Office has already reported by teletype the results of their reinterview with Capt. CHARLES EDWARD DOLE. Accordingly, no lead is being set out herein requesting such interview by the St. Paul Office, but copies of this report are being furnished

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to the Miami Office for information, in view of the fact that it may subsequently be necessary for that office to reinterview Mrs. GEORGE KEESTER at St. Petersburg, Florida.

At 12:34 p.m. on June 27, 1949, the following teletype was directed to the Bureau, New York and Washington Field Office:

In connection with investigation at Chestertown, Md., relative to stay of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS at the WICKES' apartment in 1937, suggest WFO, if not already done, endeavor to determine through examination of HISS' bank accounts whether HISS made any checks in 1936 and 1937 payable to Mrs. LEWIN W. WICKES, landlady and owner of apartment, Chestertown, Md., or Dr. ALICE DOLE, from whom he sub-leased apartment. Bureau also requested to obtain copies of income tax returns for years 1936 and 1937 of Mrs. LEWIN W. WICKES and Dr. ALICE DOLE, both Chestertown, Md., to determine if they show receipt of any income during those years from ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS.

The investigation of the Chestertown, Maryland, angle of this case by the Baltimore Office is continuing on an expeditious basis. Results of further investigation will be furnished immediately by teletype to the Bureau, New York and any other interested offices.

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

Residency at Frank Buck Place on
Old Court Road in Pikesville,
Maryland, in Spring of 1938

The following investigation, conducted by SA WILLIAM C. PEIFFER, was reported to the Bureau and New York Office by special delivery letter dated June 9, 1949:

By teletype dated June 8, 1949 the New York Office requested the Baltimore Office to endeavor to locate the residence of FRANK BUCK on Old Court Road, near Pikesville, Maryland and ascertain details concerning the CHAMBERS family residence there.

Mr. and Mrs. FRANK E. BUCK, Old Court Road, Baltimore 7, Maryland, advised on June 9, 1949 that for a period of approximately three to five months in the year 1937 or 1938 Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS and their two children, a boy and a girl, aged 3 to 4 years and 1½ to 2 years, respectively, rented a three-room and bath apartment in their home.

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This apartment was obtained by Mrs. CHAMBERS, who explained that she was a sculptress at the Park School in Baltimore, Maryland.

The BUCKS do not know the exact year or time of year that the CHAMBERS resided in their home as they have no records of any nature concerning this occupancy. However, Mrs. CHAMBERS stated at the time of occupying the apartment that the CHAMBERS family had until that time been living on the third floor of a house on Mt. Royal Terrace in Baltimore, and they wanted to reside in the country so as to have a place for the children to play.

The CHAMBERS during their three to five months occupancy of the apartment in the BUCK home were very quiet tenants and were seldom seen by the BUCKS. Mr. CHAMBERS was away from home frequently. Mrs. CHAMBERS explained this by saying that her husband was a writer who spent considerable time in New York. Mrs. CHAMBERS each morning would take her two children with her when she left for the day and explained to Mrs. BUCK that the children were cared for in a nursery school at the Park School where Mrs. CHAMBERS taught. At no time did Mr. or Mrs. BUCK ever see anyone visit the CHAMBERS. They explained, however, that there was a private entrance to the CHAMBERS' apartment and visitors may not have been seen by them. Mr. BUCK added that as the surrounding countryside is sparsely settled, the CHAMBERS were not acquainted with any of the neighbors of the BUCKS.

After residing at the BUCK home for about three to five months the CHAMBERS family moved to a location near Westminster, Maryland, where Mrs. CHAMBERS had obtained a small place.

About six months ago the BUCKS realized from newspaper accounts and photographs concerning the HISS-CHAMBERS case that the WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, who at that time was appearing before the House Un-American Activities Committee, was the same individual who had formerly resided in their home, although they do not recall the first name of any member of the CHAMBERS family.

It is noted that the BUCK home is located on the Old Court Road at Windsor Mill Road about five miles from Pikesville, Maryland. The Windsor Mill Road runs directly into Walbrook (a section of Baltimore, Maryland), the distance between the BUCK home and Walbrook being approximately eight miles. The report of SA THOMAS C. SPENCER, dated May 11, 1949 at New York City re this case reported on page 183 a statement made by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to the effect that the home on Old Court Road, where he formerly resided, was near Pikesville, Maryland. This report also set

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forth on Page 221 a statement by ESTHER CHAMBERS that the home on Old Court Road was near Walbrook, Maryland. Mr. CHAMBERS also stated that this home was a large rambling house owned by a Mr. FRANK BUCK and CHAMBERS commented that he took this particular house because it had a good view of the surrounding country, was located on a hill, and he was able to see anyone approaching the house in any direction. This observation by CHAMBERS is factual inasmuch as the BUCK home is located on a hill, which commands a good view of the surrounding countryside.

The above information was summarized in a teletype to the Bureau and the New York Office dated 3:40 p.m., June 9, 1949.

Dates and Places of Residence
of CHAMBERS in the Baltimore
Area According to Public
Utility Records

By teletype dated June 11, 1949, the New York Office requested Baltimore to ascertain the proper person to subpoena for information from Utility records for gas, light and telephone, at the former residence of CHAMBERS, at 2124 Mt. Royal Terrace, Baltimore, Maryland. It was ascertained that the proper person to subpoena was PAUL F. HJUBB, Assistant Manager of the Customers Accounts Department, Consolidated Gas and Electric Company, Baltimore, Maryland. Subsequently, by teletype dated June 13, 1949, the New York Office advised that the Government prosecutor desired Mr. HJUBB's presence with the appropriate records to testify in New York on the morning of June 14, 1949, indicating that a subpoena would be served upon HJUBB upon his arrival in New York City.

On June 13, 1949, Mr. PAUL F. HJUBB appeared with his records at the Baltimore Office and furnished the following information to ASAC ROBERT J. LALLY, which information was incorporated in a teletype to the Bureau and the New York Office dated 4:04 p.m., June 15, 1949:

Re NY tels June 11 and 13, PAUL F. HJUBB, Assistant Manager, Customers Accounts Dept., Gas and Electric Company, Baltimore, will appear NYC 9:30 a.m., June 14, and bring with him appropriate records as instructed. He has located additional records showing gas or electric service for CHAMBERS as follows: Under name JAY CHAMBERS, application for service, March 26, 1937, at 3310 Auchentoroly Terrace, effective March 30, 1937, which service remained in effect until October 25, 1937, when notice received by a new customer that they were taking the service at that address. CHAMBERS did not notify the Gas

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Company of the discontinuance. When application made, he listed as his employer REUBEN SHERMITZ, a lawyer at 276 Fifth Avenue, NYC, stating he had been employed by him for six years. CHAMBERS gave as his occupation lawyer, stating he had resided for six years previous at 260 Rochester Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. This application was made in person and bears the signature "JAY CHAMBERS". An application was made telephonically on October 21, 1937, under name JAY CHAMBERS at 2124 Mt. Royal Terrace, Baltimore, which service became effective October 25, 1937. Service at that address ran until April 9, 1938, when another customer took over the service. CHAMBERS did not notify the company of discontinuance. No occupation, employment or signature appears on this application. Another telephonic application was made April 12, 1938, under name JAY CHAMBERS, which was to take effect retroactive to April 1, 1938, at the West side of Old Court Road, Woodlawn, Md. This was the residence of FRANK BUCK, near Pikesville, Md., previously mentioned by Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS. The service there continued until June 30, 1938. No employment or occupation listed on application and no signature appears. On June 30, 1938, another phone application was received by the gas company from CHAMBERS, effective June 30, 1938, at 2610 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, which service continued until June 15, 1939. From that date until October 9, 1941, company has no record of CHAMBERS as a customer. On July 29, 1941, he made application under name J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for service at the East side of Wisner Mill Road in Bauchman's Valley, Westminster, Md., which service became effective October 9, 1941 and continues to present date. The records also show two other services for CHAMBERS at Westminster, Md., in 1946. HILUBB will bring records of foregoing transactions with him to testify.

Additional Information Obtained
From CHAMBERS Re August 1937
Trip with the HISSES to Peterboro,
New Hampshire

By telephone on June 21, 1949, the New York Office requested the Baltimore Office to reinterview WHITTAKER CHAMBERS at Westminster, Maryland regarding certain details of the trip CHAMBERS claimed he made with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS in August 1937, to Peterboro, New Hampshire. The results of the reinterview of CHAMBERS by ASAC ROBERT J. LALLY were furnished to the Bureau and New York Office in a teletype dated 5:06 p.m., June 22, 1949:

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WHITTAKER CHAMBERS contacted by Baltimore Office in response to New York's request of June 21, last, and he advises he has no additional recollection as to starting point of his trip to Peterboro, New Hampshire, and is still of belief that the trip was started by CHAMBERS and HISSES from Washington, D. C. His only recollection of the broken leg of TIMMY HOBSON was that it occurred sometime during the winter of '37. He vaguely recalls that he fell on the ice, possibly while riding a bicycle. With reference to the \$35 check of ALGER HISS which cleared the bank in Washington on August 17, 1937, CHAMBERS stated he had no recollection of HISS cashing a check of that small amount during a trip to Peterboro and the only possibility he could suggest was that HISS had cashed the check on their way back from New Hampshire in NYC, however, this was only a surmise on his part.

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RE: MRS. ESTHER CHAMBERS

Visit with PRISCILLA HISS to Office
of Dr. MARGARET MARY NICHOLSON,
Washington, D. C., in Fall of 1937

By teletype dated 9:13 P.M., June 24, 1949, to the Bureau, New York, and Baltimore Offices, the Washington Field Office furnished the results of their reinterview of Dr. MARGARET MARY NICHOLSON. On the occasion of this reinterview Dr. NICHOLSON advised that ESTHER CHAMBERS told her (Dr. NICHOLSON) that the time she, CHAMBERS, accompanied PRISCILLA HISS to Dr. NICHOLSON's office, TIMOTHY HOBSON was being treated for a shick test reaction. The Baltimore Office was requested to verify this fact.

Mrs. CHAMBERS was reinterviewed telephonically by the writer on June 25, 1949, at which time she advised that she did not recall ever having told Dr. NICHOLSON that when Mrs. CHAMBERS accompanied PRISCILLA HISS to Dr. NICHOLSON's office TIMOTHY HOBSON was being treated for a shick test reaction. Mrs. CHAMBERS stated that it was probable that a shick test reaction treatment was the reason for TIMOTHY HOBSON's visit since she vaguely recalled there was a diptheria epidemic at the school where TIMOTHY HOBSON was attending at the time, but Mrs. CHAMBERS denied ever having suggested or told Dr. NICHOLSON that such was the case. In fact, during this interview, Mrs. CHAMBERS was not at all certain as to the nature of a shick test. Further, Mrs. CHAMBERS advised that it is still her only fairly clear recollection that TIMOTHY HOBSON visited Dr. NICHOLSON's office on the above occasion to have a prescription refilled. However, Mrs. CHAMBERS emphasized the fact that she did not wish to preclude the possibility that the purpose of TIMOTHY HOBSON's visit on this occasion was treatment for a shick test reaction, as she now feels in view of the suggestion to her occasioned by this interview that it is reasonable and probable to believe that TIMOTHY HOBSON actually visited Dr. NICHOLSON's office on the above occasion to be treated for a shick test reaction. In other words, Mrs. CHAMBERS does not rule out that possibility but has no clear recollection that such was the case and denies ever having told Dr. NICHOLSON that such was the case.

The results of this reinterview with Mrs. CHAMBERS in this regard were furnished to the Bureau and the New York Office by teletype dated 3:45 P.M., June 25, 1949.

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RE: ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING

Recent Activities

As has been previously reported, ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING was identified by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as the operator of a Communist espionage ring in Washington, D.C., during 1935-36. Following SOYRING's appearance before the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York during December, 1948, she returned to Baltimore and since that time, according to reliable informants, has been almost regularly in a drunken, hysterical condition. Due to her condition, several local functionaries of the Communist Party, including MAURICE BRAVERMAN, HAROLD BUCHMAN, and PHILIP FRANKFELD, have made efforts to have SOYRING leave Maryland for some other area or have attempted to persuade her to enter a sanatorium for psychiatric treatment. Their efforts in this regard were negative.

As the result of a surveillance conducted by Special Agents JESSE F. FARR and EDWARD G. GOUGH on the residence of ELEANOR SOYRING, at 2115 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, it was determined that at 11:52 A.M. on April 18, 1949, an unknown individual described as a white male, 37 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 145 pounds, wearing a dark gray hat, tan trench coat, and carrying a dark brown leather brief case entered SOYRING's residence and remained there for several hours. Baltimore Confidential Informant T-1 subsequently identified this individual as CHARLES P. NELSON, SOYRING's brother, and presently a Republican Congressman from Maine.

Further, [redacted] CI T-1 advised that while CHARLES P. NELSON was in Baltimore on April 18, 1949, he effected arrangements for ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING to enter Mt. Hope Sanatorium, Reisterstown Road near Baltimore, Md., for psychiatric treatment on the advice of Dr. MANFRIED GUTTEACHER, SOYRING's personal psychiatrist. Informant further advised that ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING was subsequently admitted to this sanatorium and that on April 18, 1949, or the following day, CHARLES P. NELSON took SOYRING's son with him to be cared for by relatives in Winthrop, Maine, while Mrs. SOYRING was obtaining treatment at Mt. Hope Sanatorium. b7D

As the result of the above mentioned surveillance it was also ascertained that ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING was visited on this date by Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE E. TROUT who reside at 822 West 36th Street, Baltimore. The indices of the Baltimore Office are negative with respect to Mr. and Mrs. TROUT. It is recalled, however, that a woman by the name of TROUT had previously

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been in contact with ELEANOR SOYRING, is apparently a friend of SOYRING's, and may possibly have formerly resided in the same building as SOYRING or adjacent thereto prior to moving to 822 West 36th Street.

RE: FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

Disposition of RENO's Personal Belongings

Reference is made to letter from the Denver Office to the Baltimore Office dated April 28, 1949, in which the Baltimore Office was advised that FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO upon interview had stated that he would appreciate having his personal papers and belongings sent to him in care of his mother, Mrs. EVELYN RENO, 4428 South Bannock Street, Englewood, Colorado, either by Railway Express or Parcel Post, COD, not insured.

Pursuant to these instructions the personal belongings of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO which have been in the possession of the Baltimore Office for an extended period of time were forwarded to him via Railway Express on June 20, 1949, in accordance with the above cited instructions.

RE: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

FREDERICK W. and ELEANOR WILLNER,
Former Neighbors, Interview with

Reference is made to Washington Field Office letter to the Bureau dated May 23, 1949, copies of which were furnished to the New York and Baltimore Offices, requesting the Baltimore Office to interview Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK W. WILLNER at Herald Harbor, Maryland, concerning their knowledge of the activities and associates of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN. It was indicated that from 1935 to 1939 Mr. and Mrs. WILLNER occupied Apartment 310 at 2138 California Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and were neighbors of the SILVERMAN family who occupied Apartment 409 at the same address from approximately December, 1934, to September, 1937.

Mrs. FREDERICK W. (ELEANOR) WILLNER furnished the following information in an interview with SA JOSEPH C. TRAINOR and the writer at Herald

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Harbor, Maryland, on June 20, 1949:

Mr. and Mrs. WILLNER resided in Apartment 310 at 2138 California Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., from about 1935 to about 1942. She did not recall SILVERMAN or his family and denied any knowledge whatsoever of SILVERMAN's associates and activities. Several families who were tenants at 2138 California Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., during the WILLNER's tenancy were discussed with Mrs. WILLNER but could not be identified with the SILVERMAN family, and she did not recall the names of any neighboring families at the above address. Mrs. WILLNER appeared to be in her seventies and professed poor health and a very poor memory. It should be noted that Mr. WILLNER is seriously ill and bedridden with hardening of the arteries. He could not be interviewed directly, but Mrs. WILLNER consulted him on several points. However, the interview was nonetheless negative as to information regarding SILVERMAN.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C.

Relative to the stay of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS in the Wickes apartment at Chestertown, Md., in 1937, if not already done, will endeavor to determine through examination of the HISS bank accounts whether HISS made any checks in 1936 and 1937 payable to Mrs. LEWIN W. WICKES, landlady and owner of the apartment at Chestertown, Md., or to Dr. ALICE DOLE from whom HISS sublet his apartment. (This lead initially set out in Baltimore teletype to the Bureau, New York, and Washington Field Offices dated 12:34 P.M., June 27, 1949.

THE MIAMI OFFICE

Copies of this report are furnished to the Miami Office for information in view of the fact that it may subsequently be necessary for the Miami Office to reinterview Mrs. GEORGE KEESTER, formerly Dr. ALICE DOLE, at St. Petersburg, Fla., which prospective lead was initially set out in Baltimore teletype to the Bureau, New York, and St. Paul Offices dated 1:35 P.M., June 27, 1949.

THE BALTIMORE OFFICE

At Chestertown, Maryland, and Vicinity

Will continue investigation for the purpose of locating witnesses or evidence to combat the HISS defense that he was continuously residing at Chestertown, Md., during the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August, 1937, during which time CHAMBERS has testified that he and the HISSSES made a trip to Peterboro, New Hampshire. (Extensive investigation in this regard has already been conducted, but additional investigation has been requested and will be reported by teletype as soon as completed in Washington Field Office teletype dated 9:13 P.M., June 24, 1949, Albany teletype dated 8:19 P.M., June 24, 1949, New York teletypes dated 1:10 P.M. and 4:50 P.M., June 25, 1949, and St. Paul teletype dated 7:06 P.M., June 27, 1949).

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At Baltimore, Maryland

*Will continue to follow the progress of the libel action instituted by ALGER HISS against WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in United States District Court for the District of Maryland, at Baltimore, and in addition report all information pertaining to motions and preliminary hearings conducted therein.