

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: December 28, 1948

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: HAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PER JURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
ESPIONAGE - R

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg ✓
- Mr. Glavin ✓
- Mr. Ladd ✓
- Mr. Nichols ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Tracy ✓
- Mr. Egan ✓
- Mr. Gurnea ✓
- Mr. Harbo ✓
- Mr. Mohr ✓
- Mr. Pennington ✓
- Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
- Tele. Room ✓
- Mr. Nease ✓
- Miss Holmes ✓
- Miss Gandy ✓

The New York Office forwarded to the Bureau on December 13, 1948, a copy of the transcript of the testimony of [redacted] of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City on December 9, 1948.

A summary of [redacted] testimony will be set out below and it is of interest particularly in view of the fact that he testified that he called the Bureau upon securing information concerning [redacted]

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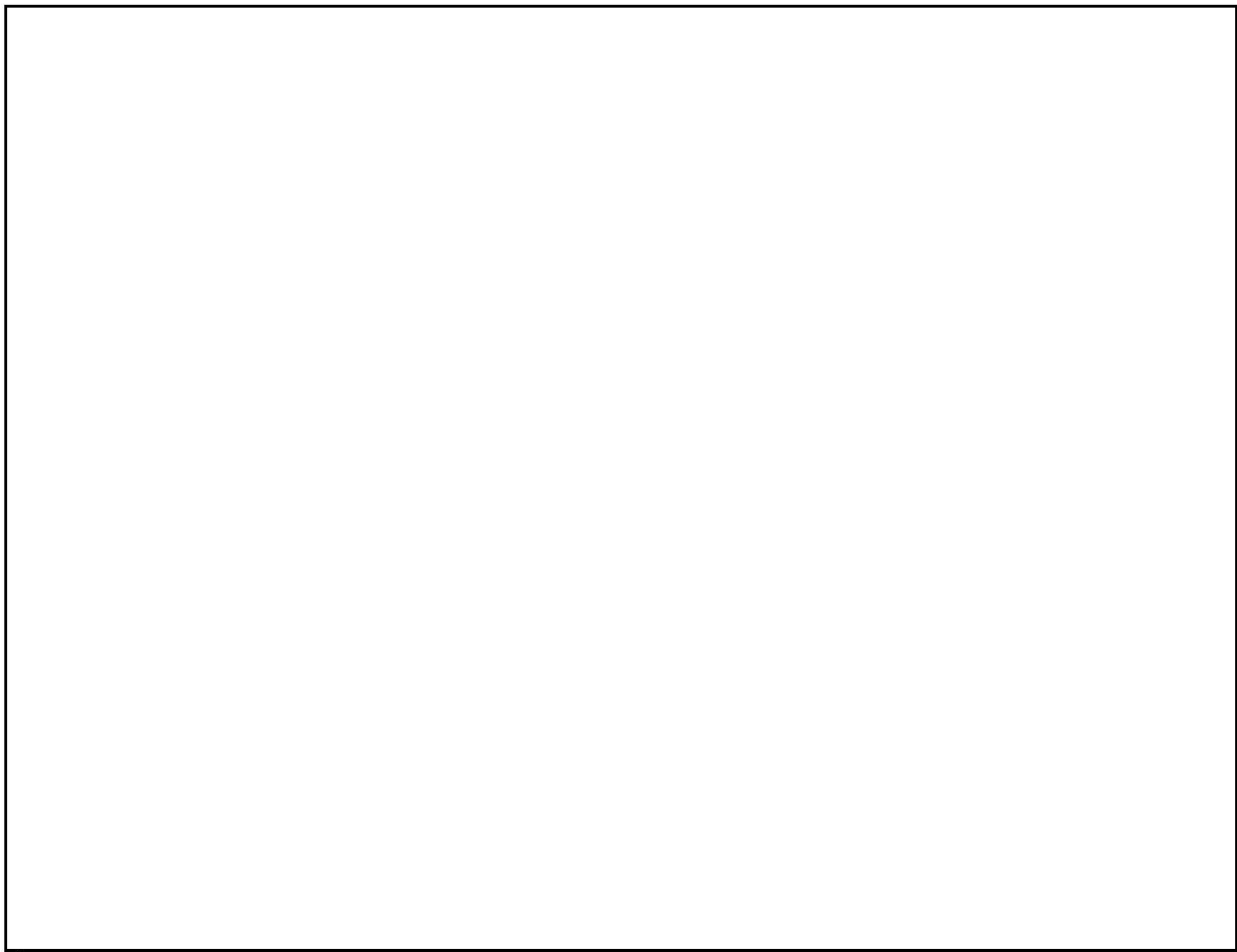
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Memorandum for Mr. Nichols

December 28, 1948

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In this connection it is to be noted that a memorandum from you to Mr. Tolson on December 2, 1948, reflected that you had received a phone call late on the evening of December 1, 1948, from Congressman Nixon. Nixon stated that he understood that the Department of Justice told the FBI that there was no violation involved in the Hiss-Chambers matter and consequently no further action was to be taken by the FBI. Nixon said it was his understanding that Chambers recently turned in some highly incriminating documentary evidence and that Nixon understood that Alexander Campbell in the Department had some of these documents; that Chambers did not tell the FBI everything he knew and as a matter of fact still had other documents and material that substantiate and vindicate his position which up to that time had not become publicly known.

Nixon told you that it was his intention to subpoena these documents at the hearings on December 18th and that the purpose of his call, which he reiterated was strictly personal and highly confidential, was merely to apprise

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the Bureau so that the FBI would not be caught off base. Nixon stated they were handling the matter so that there would be no criticism of the FBI and he particularly urged that the FBI do nothing about the information which he had furnished as he felt the statute of limitations had run. He specifically urged that the FBI not tell the Attorney General that we had been told of this information as the Attorney General would try to make it impossible for the Committee to get at the documents. Nixon asked that the Bureau not look for the documents themselves.

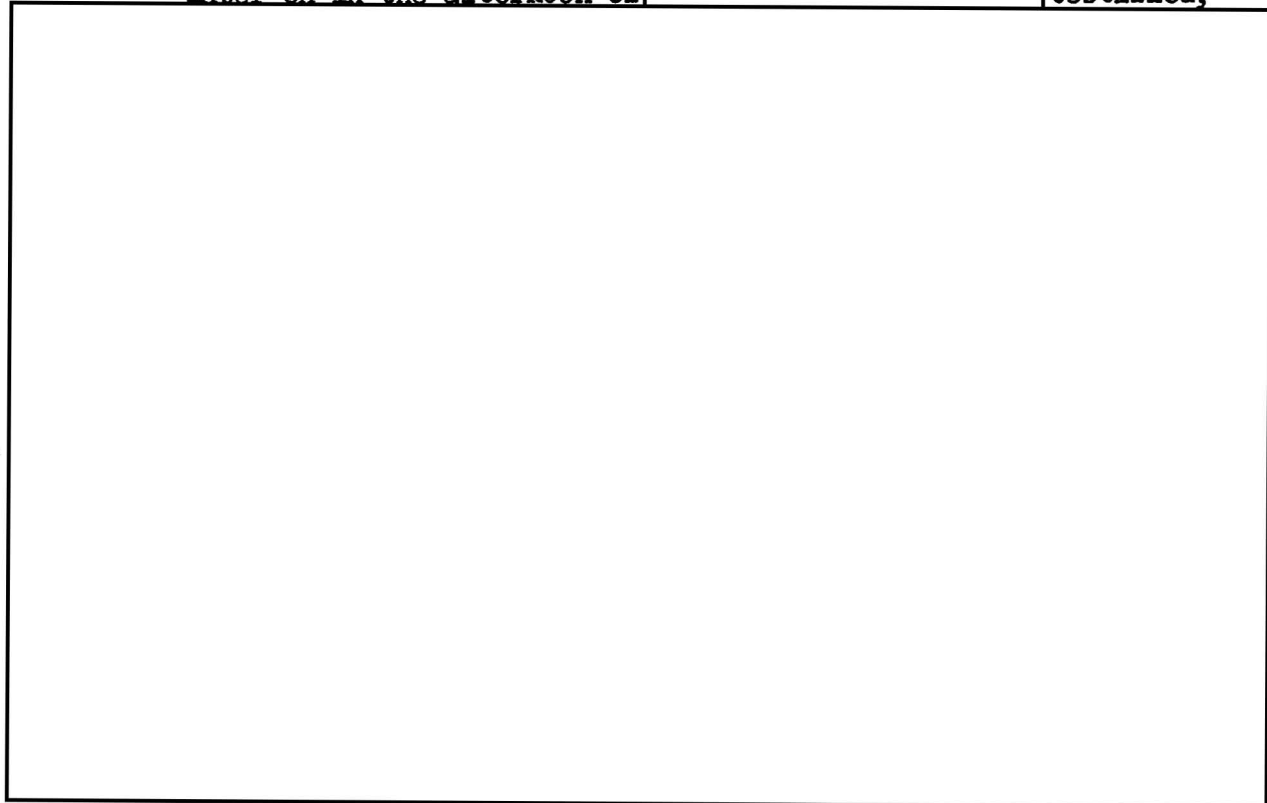
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Memorandum for Mr. Nichols

December 28, 1948

In this connection your confidential memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated December 3, 1948, at 1:15 p.m. reflects that Stripling had left word for you to get in touch with him and that you had just talked with him. Stripling, in connection with the Hiss-Chambers case, wanted us to know strictly for our own information that at 1:00 a.m. on that morning (December 3, 1948) he, Stripling, secured a series of microfilm containing reproductions of confidential documents from the State Department which Hiss allegedly gave to Chambers. You concluded from your conversation with Stripling, although he would not so state, that the material had been turned over to Stripling by Chambers. Stripling said he was having the microfilm reviewed and typed up, that he did not exactly know what to do but that he would keep in close touch with you and would try to get authorization from somebody on the Committee to furnish the Bureau with a typed copy of the film. Stripling said that the last document was dated in 1939 and proves that Chambers was telling the truth and Hiss was not. Stripling said Hiss was certainly guilty in the face of this evidence and that a question arose about Chambers withholding information. Stripling advised he was cabling Congressman Nixon, who at that time was enroute to Panama, urging him to return immediately as Stripling felt they could not "sit on this" until December 18th. You concluded in your memorandum that you would keep in touch with him from time to time although you felt we should not make any formal request for the material inasmuch as it would be difficult to take prosecutive action for espionage on activities which occurred in 1938.

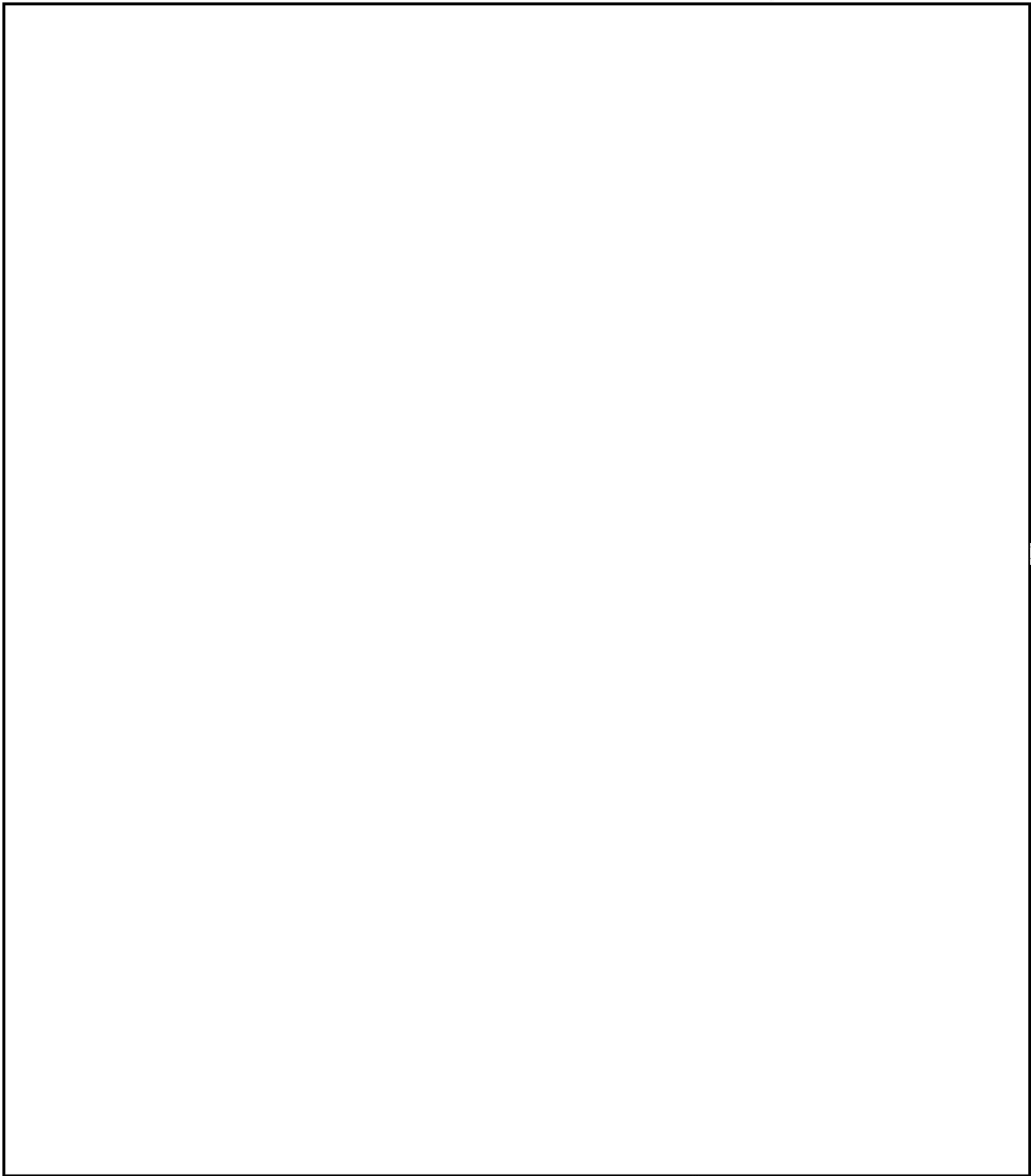
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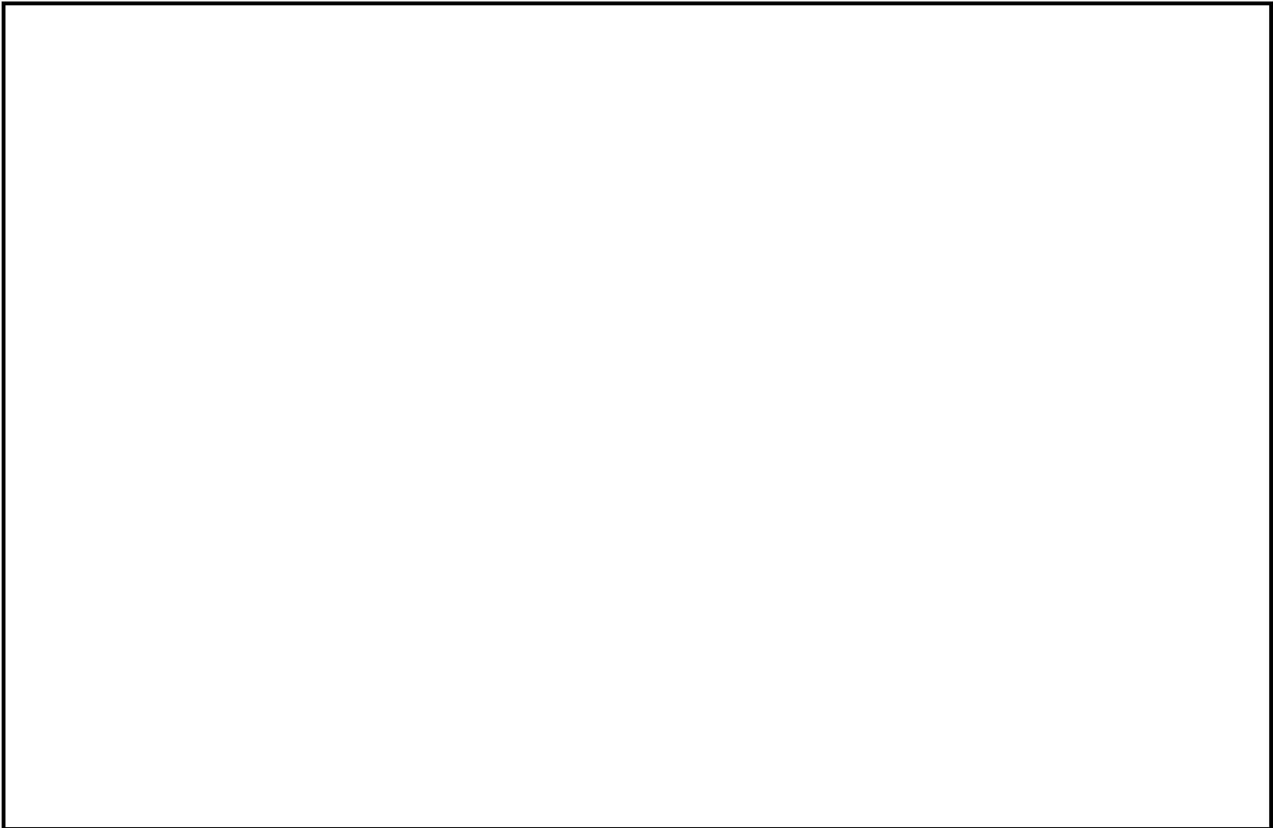
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- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
1:15 p.m.

December 3, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON *W/m*

Mr. Stripling of the Un-American Activities Committee called and left word for me to get in touch with him. I have just talked to him. He says, in connection with the Hiss-Chambers case, that he wanted us to know for our confidential information-- and he specifically asked that the information not go out of the Bureau--that at 1 o'clock this morning he secured a series of microfilm containing reproductions of confidential documents from the State Department, which Alger Hiss allegedly gave to Whittaker Chambers. While Stripling would not say, it was quite obvious that Chambers has turned the material over to him. This, of course, is my own conclusion and impression from my conversation with Stripling.

Stripling is now having the microfilm reviewed and typed up. He does not know exactly what to do but states that he will keep in close touch with me, and as soon as he gets a copy typed up he will try to get some authorization from somebody on the Committee to furnish us with a copy. He stated that the last document is dated in 1939, and proves the case conclusively that Whittaker Chambers was telling the truth and that Hiss was not. He stated that Hiss certainly is guilty now in the face of this evidence, that of course the question comes up about Chambers withholding information.

He is cabling Congressman Nixon, who is presently en route to Panama, urging him to return immediately as he does not feel that they can sit on this until December 18.

I will keep in touch with him from time to time although I do not feel that we should make any formal request for the material because obviously it would be difficult to take prosecutive action for espionage on actions that occurred in 1938.

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Respectfully,

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L. B. Nichols

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.,  
 ALGER HISS  
 PERJURY  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: December 21, 1948

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On October 15, 1948, an agent of the Washington Field office contacted Mr. Stanley Hornbeck relative to a Miss Lillian Hartman, a "Voice of America" applicant, who had previously worked with Alger Hiss at the State Department. Mr. Hornbeck, who is presently retired, was contacted as he was formerly the Director of the Office of Far Eastern Affairs, United States Department of State, and it was while Alger Hiss was Deputy Director of this office that Miss Hartman worked with Hiss. In addition, Miss Hartman served abroad with Mr. Hornbeck when he was Ambassador of the United States to the Netherlands.

During this interview, Mr. Hornbeck was most cordial and cooperative and furnished information that he felt Miss Hartman was a loyal citizen of the United States. At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Hornbeck stated that he understood through the press and over the radio that the FBI had conducted a very thorough investigation of Alger Hiss and he expressed surprise that although he had been Mr. Hiss' superior for four and one half years, he had not been contacted during the FBI's investigation. The agent from the Washington Field office advised Mr. Hornbeck that he personally had no official knowledge of the Hiss investigation, but that he would be happy to take any information Mr. Hornbeck might offer and bring it to the attention of the proper persons in this Bureau. Mr. Hornbeck declined this proposal, stating that he was personally acquainted with the Director and that although he wished to go on record concerning his knowledge of the Hiss matter, he would prefer to discuss it through personal contact with the Director.

In connection with Mr. Hornbeck's statement that he understood the Bureau had conducted a very thorough investigation of Alger Hiss, it is believed that Mr. Hornbeck secured this information from newspaper publicity in connection with the testimony of Alger Hiss before the House Committee Un-American Activities, and as a result of the statements made concerning Hiss by Elizabeth Terrill Bentley.

By letter dated November 4, 1948, the Washington Field office was instructed to immediately have an experienced agent, thoroughly familiar with the Gregory case, recontact Mr. Hornbeck for whatever information he might have concerning Alger Hiss.

The Washington Field office advised by letter dated November 18, 1948, that Mr. Hornbeck had been reinterviewed at his residence, 2139 Wyoming Avenue, Northwest. Mr. Hornbeck at the time of this interview stated that he would

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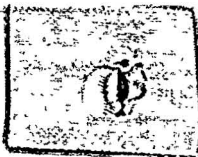
furnish whatever information that he had concerning Hiss to the Director, with whom he was personally acquainted, but under no circumstances would he do so until after Alger Hiss' litigation, presently pending in Baltimore, had been disposed of.

Mr. Hornbeck again expressed concern that he had not been previously interviewed with reference to Alger Hiss inasmuch as he had been Hiss' immediate superior for some years and that at this late date whatever information he would have may not be pertinent at this time. He refused to be more specific. Mr. Hornbeck was reminded by the Washington Field agent that in December 1941 he had been interviewed by SA Manning C. Clements of the Washington Field office with reference to Alger Hiss and Donald Hiss at which time he had informed Agent Clements that he had heard that the Hiss brothers were "fellow travelers!" but that he had no cause to doubt the loyalty of Alger Hiss.

RECOMMENDATION:

Regardless of the statement made by Mr. Hornbeck that he did not desire to furnish information until after the present litigation between Hiss and Chambers is terminated, it is believed that if Mr. Hornbeck is contacted by an official of the Bureau he would furnish the information known to him concerning Alger Hiss. It is recommended, therefore, that a Bureau official interview Mr. Hornbeck in this matter.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE  
DASH R. REBUTEL YESTERDAY. VITAL STATISTICS AND HOSPITAL RECORDS,  
BUFFALO, NY, SHOW HENRY WRIGHT DIED MARCH FIVE, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 28, 1948.

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, wa, et al  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R.  
Bureau File 74-1333

Reference is made to letter from the Washington Field to the Director dated December 23, 1948, requesting that the San Francisco Office interview JOSEPH S. DAVIS, presently director of the Food Research Institute of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

Please be advised that Miss ARMISTA COOK, Information Secretary, Registrar's Office, Stanford University, advised that Professor DAVIS departed from Palo Alto by automobile on December 27, 1948, enroute to Princeton, New Jersey. He will arrive in Princeton in approximately ten days, where he will remain for six months studying at the Institute of Advanced Study. Professor DAVIS left no itinerary at Stanford and Miss COOK advised that there is no way to reach him prior to his arrival at the Institute of Advanced Study.

There is being transmitted for the information of the Newark Office one copy of the incoming communication of December 23, 1948, and it is requested that Professor DAVIS be interviewed in accordance with instructions contained therein.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 30, 1948

SAC, Washington

Enclosed follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 30, 1948.

Re: D. WITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases  
et al  
Perjury; Espionage - R  
Internal Security - R

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 71-94  
FBI FILE NO. 71-1333 - 650  
LAB. NO. D-89478 EU  
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D-89474 EU

Examination requested by: Washington

Reference: Letters dated 12-28-48 and 12-29-48

Examination requested: Documents

Deleted Copy Sent *Allen Chambers*  
by Letter 10-16-74 THB/bcc

Specimens:

D-89478, submitted with letter dated December 28, 1948.

- K101 Sheet of paper bearing known typewriting specimens taken from a Woodstock typewriter, #1-155281.  
K102 Sheet of paper bearing known typewriting specimens taken from a Woodstock typewriter, #1-156053.  
K103 Sheet of paper bearing known typewriting specimens taken from a Woodstock typewriter, #1-156062.

D-89477, submitted with letter dated December 28, 1948.

RECEIVED  
K104 Ten photostatic copies of an Application For Admission before the Supreme Court of the United States, number 7720, dated December 19, 1935, bearing the signature of ALGER HISS.

D-89476, submitted with letter dated December 28, 1948.

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Sheet of ruled paper bearing known typewriting specimens taken from a Woodstock typewriter, #1-265757.

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D-89475, submitted with letter dated December 29, 1948.

K106 Sheet of paper bearing known typewriting specimens taken from a Woodstock typewriter, #4-111331.

K107 Sheet of paper bearing known typewriting specimens taken from a Woodstock typewriter, #5-111336.

D-89474, submitted with letter dated December 29, 1948.

K108 Sheet of paper bearing known typewriting specimens taken from a Woodstock typewriter, #4-198195.

#### Result of Examination:

It was concluded that none of the machines which were used to type specimens K101 through K108 was used to type G6 through G9.

Specimens K101 through K108 have not been photographed and are returned herewith to the Washington field office.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : Director, FBI      Attn: FBI Laboratory

DATE: December 28, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

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PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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*K101*  
*K102*  
*K103*

Attached hereto are three specimen of type-writing, namely: Woodstock Typewriter #N-155281, owned by Mrs. MARY L. YEAGER, 510 - 24th Street, N. W.; Woodstock Typewriter #N-156053, located at the Embassy Lunch, 500 - 8th Street, S. E., WILLIAM VARFIS, owner; and Woodstock Typewriter #5N-156062, located at the Wonder Clothing Store, JULIUS WEINBERG, manager, all of which were obtained on December 27, 1948, and are to be compared with known specimen in instant case.

The Laboratory may destroy the attached specimen if they are found to be not identical.

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FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI                      Attn: FBI Laboratory                      DATE: December 28, 1948

FROM : *H. H. H.* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al  
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

*D 89476  
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Attached hereto is typewriting specimen taken on Woodstock Typewriter #N-265757, located in the possession of Mr. JOHN W. HARDELL, Jr., 1418 Somerset Place, N. W., Apartment C-2, Washington, D. C., obtained on December 28, 1948 by Special Agent CHARLES H. OLSEN, and which should be compared with known specimen in this case.

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The Laboratory may destroy the attached specimen in the event it is found to be not identical.

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TO : Director, FBI      Attn: FBI Laboratory

DATE: December 29, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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K107

Attached herewith are typewriting specimens obtained by Special Agent EDWARD M. MULLIN on December 28, 1948, on Woodstock Typewriter #F-112531, presently in the home of Mr. CHESTER PETERSON, 5924 - 31st Place, N. W., and Woodstock Typewriter #5-111336, presently available in the home of Mrs. N. J. BOGGS, 2141 Wyoming Avenue, both Washington, D. C.

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These specimens are for comparison with known specimen in instant case and same may be destroyed by the Laboratory if found to be not identical.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI                      Attn: FBI Laboratory                      DATE: December 29, 1948

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FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

*D 89474*

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Attached herewith is a typewriting specimen taken from Woodstock Typewriter #N-198195, now in the custody of GEORGE HASCALL, 214 - 13th Street, S. E., and owned by Mrs. RUTH WRIGHT, 739 - 10th Street, S. E., on December 28, 1948.

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The attached specimen is for comparison with known specimen in instant case, and the Laboratory may destroy same if it is found to be not identical.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 12-29-48

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was  
ALGER HISS  
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm
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- Miss Gandy

Reference is made to memorandum to the Attorney General dated December 21, 1948, setting forth the results of interviews with Max Yergen and George Hewitt.

Max Yergen advised that a woman named Kleiner (phonetic) was introduced into the office of the Council of African Affairs by Paul Robeson and she was a sister-in-law of Alger Hiss. You inquired, "Have we checked out on this Kleiner woman?" Investigation has revealed that the woman named by Max Yergen is Cynthia Jones, who is actually a sister-in-law of Donald Hiss. She has been referred to as Kleine (German, "The Little One").

In connection with the interview of George Hewitt, he asserted that he was to deliver the sum of \$3,000 to a Henry Wright, Negro leader of the Communist Party in Buffalo, New York, Fifth Ward. You inquired, "Are we checking on Henry Wright?" From the description furnished by Hewitt, it appears that this individual is identical with Henry Wright, subject of a Bureau investigation who was an active Communist Party member in the 1930's and who was expelled from the Communist Party in 1941 because of alleged immorality. He is known to be deceased, having died in March, 1945.

### ACTION

The identification of Cynthia Jones is being discussed with Mr. T. J. Donegan to determine whether or not he deems an interview with her advisable, having in mind her relationship to the subject, Alger Hiss, and his brother, Donald Hiss. The instructions of Mr. Donegan will be followed.

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Mr. Rosen	.....
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Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Jones	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND NEWARK FROM WASH FIELD 12-29-48  
DIRECTOR AND SACS, NEW YORK AND NEWARK

11:15 AM

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.  
MRS. AARON ROBINSON, ONE SEVEN FIVE SEVEN SOUTH BROAD STREET,  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, WHILE EMPLOYED AT NATIONAL GUARD ASSN., WASHINGTON,  
DC, HAD WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER NUMBER ONE NINE NAUGHT SEVEN THREE EIGHT,  
REPAIRED AT LEON COMPANY, MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. NO  
RECORD OF MACHINE AT GUARD ASSN. CONTACT ROBINSON RE MACHINE AND OBTAIN  
TYPING SPECIMEN AND SUBMIT FBI LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH WOODSTOCK  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*  
FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*  
SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was  
PERJURY;  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 12-29-48

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Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office called in at 1:00 p.m. today and stated that Lou Russell of the HUAC had advised that the Committee has located two letters signed by Fansler, the father of Mrs. Priscilla Hiss, and they were dated about 1931. It was indicated that one of these letters had been identified by a handwriting expert utilized by the HUAC as having been written on the typewriter used in typing the documents furnished by Chambers. Mr. Russell offered to make the two letters available to an Agent of the Washington Field Office at 2:00 p.m. today.

After discussing this development with you, I called Mr. Delavigne and authorized him to accept any information offered by the HUAC and cautioned him concerning the furnishing of any information to the HUAC. A copy of the letter received from the Washington Field Office covering the contact with the HUAC is attached.

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*Be certain all including Wash Field Div understand that R.G. wants nothing given to H.A.C.*

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*As told SAC Hattel on 12/23/48*

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Director, FBI

Attn: FBI Laboratory

December 29, 1948

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

On December 29, 1948, Mr. LOUIS A. RUSSELL, Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities of the U. S. House of Representatives and a former Special Agent of the F. B. I., turned over to Special Agents COURTLAND J. JONES and JOHN E. HOWARD of the Washington Field Office, a number of documents believed to have been typed on the Woodstock Typewriter in question, according to RUSSELL.

These documents were all obtained by the Committee by virtue of a subpoena served on Mr. GERALD L. SWANSTROM, General Counsel of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These documents are on loan to the Bureau for purposes of comparison. They are to be returned to Mr. RUSSELL prior to January 3, 1949.

The documents are as follows:

1. Letter dated February 5, 1930, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, addressed to Mr. E. G. FASSEL, Assistant Secretary, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, and signed by H. L. MARTIN.
2. Letter dated February 14, 1930, containing the address and signature listed above.
3. Letter dated August 28, 1929, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, addressed to Mr. PERCY H. EVANS, Actuary, and signed by H. L. MARTIN.
4. Letter dated February 3, 1930, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, addressed to "My dear Dr. FISHER", and signed by THOMAS L. FANSLER.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the aforesaid documents with known specimens written on the Woodstock Typewriter in question. These specimens are to be returned to the Washington Field Office.

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December 29, 1948

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To: **Boston**

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 28, 1948.

**RAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases  
ALAN RICE  
Perjury; Espionage (R)**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 65-3251  
FBI FILE NO. 71-3333-658  
LAB. NO. 7-09119 HQ

Examination requested by: **Boston**

Reference: **Letter dated 11-21-48**

Deleted Copy Sent *Allen Weinstein*  
by Letter *10-16-74 THB/lcs*

Examination requested: **Document**

Specimens:

**K096** Roll of Kodak Point-and-shoot film, reflecting typewritten documents consisting of the following:

Form entitled "Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners - Inquiry into Character and Fitness" (4 pages).  
Letter to Charles S. O'Connor.  
Affidavit to the Supreme Judicial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by Applicant for Admission to the Supreme Court of the United States.  
Three typewritten letters on the letterhead of Charles, Hall and Stewart, Attorneys, 30 State Street, Boston.

**Result of Examination:**

It was concluded that the documents listed above as K096 were not typed by the machine which was used to type specimens K097 through K099 in the instant case.

K096 is retained in the files of this Bureau.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/24/48

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases;  
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Attention: FBI Laboratory  
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There is being enclosed herewith one roll of Kodak Panatomic-X film, reflecting typewritten documents on file in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, New Court House, Boston, Massachusetts.

Permission to photograph these documents was obtained by the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, FREDERICK L. QUINLAN, who declined to release the originals.

The typewritten exhibits include:

A form entitled "Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners - Inquiry into Character and Fitness (4 pages) dated January 5, 1931 and signed by ALGER HISS.

A letter to Charles S. O'Connor, Esquire, Clerk, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, on the letterhead of the Office of the Solicitor General, Washington, D. C., dated December 19, 1935, with an enclosure of one and a fraction pages entitled "Affidavit to the Supreme Judicial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts," by Applicant for Admission to the Supreme Court of the United States." Both the letter and the affidavit are typewritten and signed by ALGER HISS.

Three typewritten letters on the letterhead of Choate, Hall and Stewart, Attorneys, 30 State Street, Boston, addressed to Hollis R. Bailey, Board of Bar Examiners, 84 State Street, Boston, dated January 5, 1931. The first letter is signed by ALGER HISS. The remaining two are letters recommending Hiss' admission to the Massachusetts Bar and are signed by James Garfield and

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The foregoing are being submitted to the FBI Laboratory.

It is pointed out that no information is available to Boston at this time indicating whether or not the questioned Woodstock typewriter was used by ALGER HISS in the preparation of these documents.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: December 29, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,  
with aliases; et al;  
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- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 14, 1948, in which you were advised that the notes of Mr. Adolf Berle concerning his interview with Whittaker Chambers were turned over to the Bureau in June of 1943. You attached a routing slip to my memorandum and inquired, "Do I understand correctly that Chambers talked to Berle in 1939; we interviewed him first in May 1942; and Berle gave us information first in June 1943? How did we come to contact Chambers in 1942 and did we take any investigative action then? What did we do in the year from May 1942 to June 1943 about the data received from Chambers? H."

You subsequently inquired by phone on December 27 as to why we did not interview Chambers sooner than May 13, 1942.

The following sets forth in chronological order the various investigative steps taken by the Bureau.

The Bureau's first reference to Whittaker Chambers appeared in a pamphlet published in 1932 by International Pamphlets, 799 Broadway, New York. (61-7562-Sub 2-161) This pamphlet is a reprint of a short story by Whittaker Chambers entitled "Can You Hear Their Voices? - The Arkansas Farmers' Fight For Food" which was first published in the "New Masses" for March, 1931. This item was referred to by a Miss Hazel Huffman of the Federal Theater Project in New York City in testimony before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities (Dies Committee) on August 19, 1938. (61-7582, Volume 1, page 778)

The New York Office of the Bureau on October 18, 1940, submitted the original report of Confidential Informant Bob M dated September 16, 1940, advising that Ludwig Lore, a former member of the Communist Party and likewise a contact of this Bureau, had told Bob M about an unidentified individual who had been a high officer in the GPU for eight years abroad and seven years in this country. (There was nothing at this time to identify the individual referred to by Lore as Whittaker Chambers.)

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By letter dated November 13, 1940, the Bureau instructed the New York Office to make every effort to determine the identity of this unidentified individual for the purpose of securing whatever information he had in his possession. (61-7566-1977; 100-25824-1)

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On February 28, 1941, Mr. Adolf Berle of the Department of State requested someone from the Bureau to contact him regarding Chambers. On March 1, 1941, Mr. Rosen advised Mr. Berle's secretary that it was his understanding that Mr. Carson and Mr. Foxworth of the Bureau had an appointment with Mr. Berle. (100-25824-1X)

At this time there was a nationalistic tendency card filed in the Bureau indices which indicated that Whittaker Chambers was alleged to be a Communist and formerly a member of the IWW, also former staff editor of the "Daily Worker" and contributing editor of "New Masses."

On March 3, 1941, Mr. Foxworth in a memorandum to you made reference to his conversation with you that date concerning Whittaker Chambers. Reference was made to the aforementioned nationalistic tendency card and Foxworth stated, "We are not conducting any investigation and I have accordingly informed Mr. Berle." (100-25824-1X1)

On March 10, 1941, Mr. Berle telephonically advised Mr. Foxworth that he was afraid that the Russian agencies were looking for Whittaker Chambers. This matter was not followed up and the memorandum concerning it was merely filed. (100-25824-1X2) (This is the memorandum which was referred to in the memorandum to you from Assistant Director L. B. Nichols dated September 1, 1948, which prompted the memorandum to all Assistant Directors bringing to the attention of Supervisory personnel the significance of initialing communications.) (100-25824-52) (ATTACHED)

Information was received on April 29, 1941, from Confidential Informant Victor Riesel, then assistant editor of "New Leader" newspaper, that Whittaker Chambers, a former member of the Communist Party, was then a motion picture reviewer for "Time," "Life" and "Fortune" magazines and was at that time (1941) strongly anti-Communist. (100-5740-5)

On May 9, 1941, the New York Office reported an interview with Mr. Ludwig Lore on May 8, 1941, pursuant to the Bureau instructions of November 15, 1940. Lore declined to furnish the name of the unknown former GPU agent and stated that he had been advised that this man's case had been discussed with the Director of the FBI some six or seven months previous by an intermediary who had suggested that the former GPU agent wanted some sort of immunity guarantee before exposing himself and that the Director had stated that no such agreement could be entered into. Lore also alleged that this former GPU agent had delivered to the President of the United States through a trusted friend who had the necessary

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contact a list of persons in the Government who were Communists or pro-Soviet and that this list had been on the President's desk for several weeks but nothing had been done about it. (100-25824-2)

The New York Office was advised on May 16, 1941, that you had no recollection of ever having been approached by any intermediary who discussed some type of immunity guarantee which could be given to an agent of the GPU if he were willing to expose himself. The New York Office was instructed to obtain from Ludwig Lore the identity of the former GPU agent. (100-25824-2)

On August 3, 1941, the New York Office advised that Ludwig Lore had identified the individual to whom he had referred as Whittaker Chambers, an associate editor of "Time" magazine. (100-25824-5)

On August 18, 1941, Assistant Director E. J. Connelley in New York was instructed to institute a detailed investigation regarding Chambers to determine his character, background, activities and affiliations in a highly discreet and tactful manner. At the completion of the investigation the feasibility of openly interviewing Chambers would be considered. (100-25824-6)

During the conduct of this investigation Mr. Will Allen of the "Washington Daily News" contacted Assistant Director L. B. Nichols during October 1941 and advised that Ludwig Lore, a former Communist in New York City, knew an individual familiar with OGPU activities whom Allen subsequently contacted. Allen obtained from this person the names of three alleged OGPU agents - Hyman Kalodny, Helen Kalodny and Sophie Menken. Investigation was immediately instituted by the Bureau on the three individuals named. (100-25824-18)

Allen was again interviewed by a representative of the Washington Field Office on November 28, 1941, but stated that he could not under any circumstances divulge the identity of his informant in New York City. Allen was again interviewed by Assistant Director Nichols on January 28, 1942, at which time he stated that his informant's initials were W.C. (obviously Whittaker Chambers) (100-25824-19)

On February 11, 1942, the New York Office advised that Ludwig Lore did not introduce Allen to Chambers, but Lore claimed that Allen had been introduced to Chambers by Isaac Don Levine. (100-25824-20)

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The logical leads in the investigation into the background of Whittaker Chambers having been completed, the New York Office advised the Bureau on March 4, 1942, that an effort would be made to interview Chambers. In this regard a follow-up letter was sent to New York on April 30, 1942. (100-25824-21)

It will be noted that there was an investigative delay from August 18, 1941 until March 4, 1942, in conducting the necessary investigation into the background and activities of Chambers for the purpose of laying the proper predication for an interview. The Field was followed by the Bureau on this matter in October, November and December, 1941, and in January, 1942, as new information was received or investigative suggestions made. (100-25824-8, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19)

It is possible that this investigative delinquency was a reflection of the general investigative delinquency in the Field during the period immediately prior to and subsequent to Pearl Harbor.

Chambers was interviewed by Special Agents John R. Paul and E. J. Greenwald, Jr. of the New York Office on May 13, 1942, the results being transmitted to the Bureau by letter on May 14, 1942. Chambers advised that he had given all of the information which was in his possession to Mr. A. A. Berle of the State Department in Washington, D. C., in September, 1939, and before discussing any of the matters with the Agents put through a long distance call to Mr. Berle at the latter's home.

Chambers advised Berle in the presence of the Agents that there were present in his office two FBI Agents who wished to secure the information that he, Chambers, had given to Berle and asked if this would be all right. Apparently Berle was in accord for Chambers thanked him and thereafter supplied considerable information which he indicated had been furnished previously to Mr. Berle in September, 1939. (100-25824-22)

During the course of this interview Chambers denied that he was directly connected with the OGPU and stated that he was in the underground movement of the Communist Party, USA as a kind of "morale officer" to guide recruits in the Party's policy. He denied that he had ever been to the USSR. (In this regard the investigation conducted by the Bureau prior to the interview failed to disclose any indications of travel by Chambers to or residence in the USSR as originally alleged by Ludwig Lore, who you will recall died shortly after the conclusion of this investigation, and so was not available to recheck allegations made by him concerning Chambers.) (100-25824-22)

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As will be seen from the foregoing, the first knowledge the Bureau had that Chambers had been interviewed by Adolf Berle on September 2, 1939, in Washington, D. C., came to us as a result of our interview with Chambers May 13, 1942. You will recall in connection with this matter SAC Carson was brought up from Miami to interview Berle on September 3, 1948, regarding the latter's testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee in order to clarify the ambiguities in Berle's testimony and to cause a correction in the inference left by Berle's testimony that he had advised the FBI in 1939 of Chambers' allegations. Mr. Berle advised SAC Carson that his recollection being refreshed, he could state that he does not recall or have any record of any prior conversation with the FBI prior to March, 1941, concerning Chambers and that he does not recall having furnished to the FBI in 1941 any information concerning Chambers' interview with him. Mr. Berle advised SAC Carson on September 3, 1948, that in 1939 (and by inference in 1941 as well) he did not feel free to divulge the content of Chambers' conversation to the FBI inasmuch as Chambers had indicated that he did not so desire and had further indicated that he would not back up the story and also did not desire the information furnished to the FBI, particularly if the source was to be revealed. (100-25824-50)

The Bureau may have been delinquent in not contacting Mr. Berle immediately upon the conclusion of the Chambers interview regarding the data which Chambers had furnished the Bureau and to Berle, in order to make sure that it was the same. However, Chambers when interviewed on May 13, 1942, had indicated that what he was furnishing to the Bureau at that time was the substance of what he had given to Mr. Berle in September, 1939.

An analysis of the Bureau's action with regard to individuals mentioned by Chambers in the 1942 interview shows that 21 persons were already subjects of Bureau investigations, as well as two organizations, namely, Amtorg Trading Corporation and Tass News Agency. On five other persons, investigations were instituted on the basis of Chambers' allegations. These persons were: Azimov; Harry Kweit, with aliases; Paul Massing; Hedi Massing; and Helen Ware (Cappel). Two individuals, Ralph Bowman and Margaret Browder, became the subjects of investigation at a later date on the basis of information developed through other sources, data furnished by Chambers in each instance already appearing in the Bureau files. With regard to Bowman, it was noted that he was established to be identical with the person mentioned by Chambers as Rudy Baker but Chambers was never able to identify Bowman's photograph as Baker.

Regarding those individuals mentioned by Chambers, concerning whom no investigative action was undertaken, Mrs. Lila Field and Harold Ware were

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dead and the Bureau files contained considerable information regarding Ware. Gertrude Schilbach, a German Communist involved in the murder of Ignace Reiss in Switzerland, was not indicated to be in the United States. Isidore Miller was not alleged to be either a Communist or an espionage agent. The circumstances regarding the disappearance of Juliet Poyntz were generally known to the Bureau and Chambers' suspicions contributed nothing to the picture at that time. Chambers mentioned one Post who "was obtained from the underground movement of the Party" and, according to Chambers, became a co-editor of a State Department publication. He has subsequently been identified as Richard Howell Post, a State Department employee and a Loyalty investigation has been conducted concerning him. Chambers mentioned an unnamed individual "connected" with the Communist underground who was in the Trade Agreement Section of the State Department. This person has been identified as Henry Julian Wadleigh, who was formerly employed by the State Department and who was recently interviewed in connection with the most current allegations of Chambers. As to the latter two individuals, Chambers' statements with regard to them were less positive than as to other persons and he did not state in unequivocal language that they were Party members at the time he left the movement in 1938, as he did in the cases of many of the individuals discussed.

It should be noted that subsequent to the Chambers interview on May 13, 1942, Bureau files on numerous individuals were reviewed, certain investigations were opened, and efforts were made to identify persons named by Chambers, the principal one of which was his superior "Peter." In a report dated December 1, 1942, in the Chambers file, the New York Office identified "Peter," the reputed head of the underground movement of the Communist Party, as J. Peters, author of "The Communist Party, A Manual of Organization." (100-25824-25)

Whittaker Chambers meanwhile had been bedridden with angina pectorus from November, 1942 until March 5, 1943, when Agents of this Bureau were able to interview him for a period of five minutes. At this time Chambers identified a photograph of Alexander Stevens, with aliases, as "Peter" his superior in the Communist Party underground. (100-184255-67)

Thereafter, the desirability of determining whether the information furnished to Mr. Berle was identical with that furnished to the Bureau by Chambers became apparent and subsequent to Mr. Berle's recovery from an illness which had afflicted him in May, 1943 (94-4-3869/8) the Liaison Section of the Bureau obtained Mr. Berle's notes of the 1939 interview, which were very



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sketchy and disjointed in June, 1943. Copies of these notes were placed in the Whittaker Chambers file. (100-25824-27)

The Bureau was probably delinquent in not pressing Mr. Berle in June, 1943, for any independent recollection which he might have had to explain or clarify the ambiguities in his notes, although it is probable that Mr. Berle not having reduced these notes to a memorandum would have been unable to contribute materially to the matters under investigation after a lapse of almost four years since the date of his interview with Chambers.

DELINQUENCIES NOTED

1. The Bureau did not press Mr. Berle for information which he might have had concerning Whittaker Chambers at the time he made his inquiry in March, 1941, concerning the Bureau's possible interest in Chambers. The files do not indicate a definite explanation, but if one exists it might be that the Bureau did not feel that it was desirable to press the Assistant Secretary of State for information which he did not see fit to volunteer concerning a subject which had been raised by him.

2. There was an investigative delinquency in the period required for investigation of the background and activities of Whittaker Chambers from August 18, 1941 to March 4, 1942. An explanation, if such exists, might be the general investigative delinquency in the Field immediately prior to and subsequent to Pearl Harbor.

3. The Bureau was probably delinquent in not contacting Mr. Berle immediately upon the conclusion of our interview with Whittaker Chambers on May 13, 1942, to determine the substance of the information which had been furnished by Chambers to Berle in 1939. The Bureau waited until June, 1943 to obtain Berle's notes concerning the interview. The only possible explanation for this delinquency was that Chambers' telephone conversation with Berle and his interview with the Agents indicated that he was furnishing the Bureau in May, 1942, the substance of what he had given to Berle in 1939.

4. The Bureau was probably delinquent in not pressing Mr. Berle in June, 1943, at the time his notes were obtained, for any independent recollection which he might have had of the 1939 conversation in addition to the

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DIRECTOR URGENT

J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. JOAN MORRONE, SIX TWO SIX CLINTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY, THE GIRL WHO HAD BEEN STAYING WITH THE INSLERMAN FAMILY IN CAMBRIDGE, NY, WAS CONTACTED TODAY. SHE STATED THAT MRS. INSLERMAN BROUGHT HER, JOAN, DOWN TO NYC YESTERDAY AND THAT MR. INSLERMAN HAD COME NYC LAST SUNDAY. JOAN DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE INSLERMANS ARE STAYING IN NYC BUT KNEW THAT MRS. INSLERMAN WAS GOING TO RETURN TO CAMBRIDGE, NY FRIDAY. EFFORTS MADE TO LOCATE A NY ADDRESS FOR INSLERMANS THROUGH STATE CHARITY AID ASSOCIATION, ONE NAUGHT FIVE EAST TWENTY SECOND STREET, NYC, THE NUMBER OF WHICH ORGANIZATION WAS CALLED BY THE INSLERMANS PREVIOUSLY. AT TIME CALL WAS MADE THEY ATTEMPTED TO REACH ONE LUCY GRAFF. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT LUCY GRAFF IS NO LONGER EMPLOYED BY THIS ORGANIZATION AND HAS NOT BEEN SO EMPLOYED FOR THE PAST YEAR. ASSOCIATION HAS CHARGE OF PLACING CHILDREN IN HOMES BUT STATED THEY HAVE NO ADDRESS FOR THE INSLERMANS OTHER THAN CAMBRIDGE, NY.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS ~~OTHERWISE~~ PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. ND  
 FOUR FIVE SEVEN ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
 FROM A PERSONAL RELIABLE FRIEND WHO IN TURN RECEIVED SAME FROM A FRIEND,  
 A NEWSPAPER MAN IN WASHINGTON, DC. THIS NEWSPAPER MAN, WHO CLAIMED  
 TO BE A CLOSE FRIEND OF ALGER HISS, STATED THAT HISS WAS COVERING UP  
 FOR HIS WIFE, WHO IS REALLY THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PASSAGE OF IN-  
 FORMATION FROM STATE DEPARTMENT FILES TO CHAMBERS. HE CLAIMED THAT  
 HE UNDERSTOOD THAT MRS. HISS HAD BEEN WORKING WITH CHAMBERS IN SECURING  
 INFORMATION AND THAT AT THE SAME TIME CHAMBERS HIMSELF WAS IN LOVE  
 WITH ALGER HISS. THESE TWO MEN REPORTEDLY WERE HOMOSEXUALS AND RE-  
 LATIONS BETWEEN THEM EXISTED FOR SOME TIME. FURTHERMORE THE NEWSPAPER  
 MAN CLAIMED THAT HISS WAS NOT COGNIZANT OF THE ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES  
 OF HIS WIFE AND OF HER COLLABORATING WITH CHAMBERS UNTIL THE LATTER  
 PUBLICLY ACCUSED HISS OF PASSING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO HIM. CHAMBER-S  
 ACCUSATION REPORTEDLY WAS MOTIVATED BY A FEELING OF REVENGE WHEN HISS  
 RESISTED HIS ADVANCES. HE THEREFORE ACCUSED HISS HIMSELF OF PASSING  
 THE INFORMATION RATHER THAN HIS WIFE, FEELING THAT HISS WOULD TRY

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TO COVER UP FOR HIS WIFE AND NOT INVOLVE HER IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THE NEWSPAPER MAN IS FURTHER REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT IT IS THIS SET OF FACTS WHICH MAKES HISS-S DEFENSE SO VERY DIFFICULT. NO OTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE TO ND FOUR FIVE SEVEN. HE STATED THAT THE STORY SEEMED SO FANTASTIC TO HIM THAT HE JUST CONSIDERED IT ANOTHER STORY MANUFACTURED BY ALGER HISS-S FRIENDS TO EXONERATE HIM, AND THEREFORE HE DID NOT QUESTION HIS FRIEND FURTHER. ND FOUR FIVE SEVEN STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE NAME OF THE NEWSPAPER MAN IN QUESTION BUT STATED THAT IF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF WHEN HE CONTACTS HIS OWN SOURCE OF THE STORY IN WASHINGTON, DC DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY THIRTH HE WILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE HIS NAME. ND FOUR FIVE SEVEN WAS TOLD BY AGENT OF THIS OFFICE THAT ABOVE WOULD BE RELAYED TO WASHINGTON FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND THAT NATURALLY THE NAME OF THE NEWSPAPERMAN WOULD BE SOUGHT IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO EVALUATE THE STORY. IF NEWSPAPER MAN-S NAME IS FURNISHED BY ND FOUR FIVE SEVEN IT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO BUREAU. (d)

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U R G E N T

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP.  
 R . RE NEW YORK TEL TO DIRECTOR AND BOSTON TODAY. DR. LEWIS PILCHER,  
 M. D., NEWTON, MASS., AND WIFE, ELEANOR, RECALL HISS AS TENANT OF  
 COTTAGE OWNED BY MRS. PILCHER AT PEACHAM, VERMONT. BELIEVE ARRANGEMENTS  
 FOR TENANCY MADE BY ELEANOR PILCHERS FATHER, ERNEST M. BOGART, A RETIRED  
 PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, U. OF ILLINOIS. PROF, BOGART PRESENTLY VISITING  
 SON, PHILIP BOGART, U.S. F. A., AUSTRIA. HE WILL ARRIVE AT WESTMINSTER  
 HOTEL PROMENADE DES ANGLAIS, NICE, FRANCE, AFTER JAN. FOURTH NEXT.  
 MRS. PILCHER ANTICIPATES HE WILL BE THERE FOR TWO MONTHS. MRS.  
 PILCHER STATES IF FATHER RECALLS HAVING RECEIVED ANY TYPEWRITTEN CORRES-  
 PONDENCE FROM HISS, SHE WILL ARRANGE TO HAVE HIS ROOM IN NY SEARCHED AND  
 MAKE CORRESPONDENCE AVAILABLE TO BUREAU. NY RESIDENCE OF PROF. BOGART  
 LOCATED TWENTY FIVE WEST TENTH ST., NYC. PRESENTLY SULET TO YOUNG GIRLS  
 WHO SHOULD NOT BE APPROACHED ON THIS MATTER. REBUTEL TO BOSTON DEC.  
 TWENTY TWO. PETER PRATT, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI, HARVARD UNIV. CAMBRIDGE,  
 MASS., ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO AN INVESTIGATOR OF THE  
 HCUA WENT TO HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. ON THIS OCCASION ALUMNI RECORDS WERE  
 REQUESTED BY HARVARD LAW SCHOOL AND WERE TURNED OVER TO THE INVESTIGATOR  
 OF THE HCUA AFTER TELEPHONIC APPROVAL HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HARVARD

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SCHOOL BY THE ATTORNEY OF ALGER HISS, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE HARVARD CORPORATION. THE ONLY TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM HISS BY HARVARD ALUMNI WAS A PROSPECTUS AND TYPING WAS LIMITED TO THE NAME OF ALGER HISS, HIS MAILING ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS ACCORDING TO MR. PRATT, WERE HANDWRITTEN. MR. PRATT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ON FILE AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL EMANATING FROM HISS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE INVESTIGATOR OF THE HCUA. MR. PRATT RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION IN A DISCREET INQUIRY WHICH HE MADE OF MR. DIMICK, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, AND WITHOUT DISCLOSING THE BUREAU'S INTEREST IN THIS MATTER. MR. DIMICK TOLD MR. PRATT THAT THE DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN RELEASED THROUGH DEAN GRISOLDS OFFICE AFTER THE ATTORNEY OF MR. HISS HAD URGED HARVARD TO FURNISH THE INVESTIGATOR WITH WHATEVER MATERIAL HE REQUESTED. INQUIRY AT CHOATE, HALL AND STEWART, THIRTY STATE STREET BOSTON, MASS. NOT COMPLETED AS SOME ATTORNEYS ARE OUT OF TOWN. NO INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS INVESTIGATION HAS AS YET BEEN RECEIVED. MRS. JOHN ALFORD, THE FORMER ROBERTA FANSLER, REINTERVIEWED DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHT AND ADVISED SHE DID NOT OWN A TYPEWRITER AND HAD NEVER HEARD OF A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. MRS. ALFORD FORMERLY USED TYPEWRITERS AT THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION OR A PORTABLE TYPEWRITER OWNED BY FORMER HUSBAND, THOMAS FANSLER. SHE BELIEVES THIS WAS A CORONA. MRS. ALFORD STATES PRISCILLA HISS USED AN OLD TYPEWRITER WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HER FATHER, THOMAS L. FANSLER, THE MAKE OF WHICH IS UNKNOWN TO MRS. ALFORD. MRS. ALFORD ADVISED A FILE AT THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION,

SECRET

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NEW YORK CITY IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED QUOTE COLLEGE ART ASSOCIATION FOR NINETEEN THIRTYTWO TO NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE UNQUOTE MAY CONTAIN LETTERS FROM PRISCILLA HISS ADDRESS TO JAMES B. MUNN, FORMER DEAN, WASHINGTON SQUARE COLLEGE, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. MRS. ALFORD SAID SHE HAD FEW FRIENDS IN COMMON WITH HISS FAMILY WHO HAD LIVED IN NEW YORK WHILE SHE RESIDED AT WASHINGTON, D. C. AMONG THOSE WHO MAY HAVE CORRESPONDED WITH THE HISS-S ARE THOMAS FANSLER, BROTHER OF MRS. HISS, FOURTEEN HUNDRED LAKE SHORE DRIVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. KATHERINE B. NEILSON, CLOSE FRIEND OF PRISCILLA, TWO FIVE THREE BRYANT STREET, BUFFALO, NEW YORK. MR. AND MRS. J. KELLOG DASH SMITH, CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND. MRS. MARGARET R. FANSLER, ANOTHER SISTER IN LAW OF PRISCILLA HISS, RESIDING AT FIVE FIVE RANDOLPH PLACE, SOUTH ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, AND THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY TIMOTHY HOBSON, SON OF MRS. HISS. THE CHICAGO, BUFFALO, BALTIMORE, AND NEWARK OFFICES WERE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE FOREGOING INDIVIDUALS FOR TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THESE INDIVIDUALS FROM ALGER HISS.

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 30, 1948

To: SAC, Washington

Enclosed follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 29, 1948.

Re: J. H. WILKINSON, with aliases  
et al  
Forgery; Espionage - R  
Internal Security - R

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 71-94  
FBI FILE NO. 71-2533-663  
LAB. NO. D-89139 BU

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Examination requested by: Washington

Reference: Letter dated 12-29-48

Deleted Copy Sent *Allen Weinstein*  
by Letter *10-16-74 THB/601*

Examination requested: Document

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by Letter *6-2-75*

Specimens:

- K97 Two-page typewritten letter dated February 3, 1930 on Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company stationery, to Doctor J. H. FINER, Medical Director, signed in ink by THOMAS L. FANSHILL.
- K98 Typewritten letter dated August 28, 1929 on Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company stationery, to Mr. PERCY H. EVANS, signed in ink by H. L. MARTIN.
- K99 Typewritten letter dated February 16, 1930 on Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company stationery, to Mr. H. G. FANSHILL, signed in ink by H. L. MARTIN.
- K100 Typewritten letter dated February 5, 1930 on Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company stationery, to Mr. H. G. FANSHILL, signed in ink by H. L. MARTIN.

Result of Examination

A definite conclusion could not be reached as to whether the typewriting specimens designated as K97 through K100, was typed on the machine which typed K96 through K99, K17, K18, K19, K20, and K21, due to the fact there are differences appearing in K97 through K100. There were some typewriting characteristics

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appearing in K97 through K100 which are in common with some of the typewriting characteristics appearing in Q6 through Q69. It is noted that there are a number of years separating the time K97 through K100 were typed and the time Q6 through Q69 as well as the known typewriting specimens that have been identified with this questioned typewriting were written. Definite typewriting characteristics can be developed by a typewriter during the passage of one year.

The evidence, K97 through K100, was photographed and returned to the Washington field office by Special Messenger on December 30, 1948.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 30, 1948

1240, Washington

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination requested by your office on December 29, 1948.

Re: J. D. WINTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases  
of AL  
Perjury; Espionage - R  
Internal Security - R

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 71-21  
FBI FILE NO. 71-1333-663  
LAB. NO. D-82483 BU

Examination requested by: Washington

Reference: Telegram dated 12-29-48

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by letter 12-16-74 THB/has

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

Request Laboratory to advise make of typewriter which prepared specimen K15 and if possible, model and approximately serial number.

Result of Examination

An examination was made of the typewriting appearing on specimen K15 which was received from the New York office under date of December 9, 1948 to determine the kind of machine which was used to typewrite the specimen.

The typewriting appearing on K15 corresponds most closely to Underwood Pica type. The information contained on the standard which most closely corresponds to the typewriting on K15 sets forth information that the type was manufactured from 1902 to 1921. The small letter "n" appearing in many places on K15 does not correspond to the style of the small letter "n" appearing on the standard, however, there are other standards where the same type "n" does appear although the rest of the letters on such standards do not contain the similar features as seen on other letters corresponding to the letters appearing on K15. This style of type is used on model "N" Underwood typewriters. No serial number is available.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
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The standard in the Laboratory's files which matches most closely the typewriting appearing on Q6 through Q69 reflects that the Woodstock Typewriter Company made such type in 1929. Information has been received that the Woodstock Company assigned approximate serial numbers to their typewriters in 1929 from 201,000 up to 210,000, in 1930 210,000 up to 276,000 and assigned the number 276,000 at the beginning of 1931. Inasmuch as the information that has been received gives approximate serial numbers the proper consideration should be given to obtaining specimens from machines having serial numbers lower than 201,000.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI                      Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM : *Hed* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al  
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: December 29, 1948

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On December 29, 1948, Mr. LOUIS A. RUSSELL, Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities of the U. S. House of Representatives and a former Special Agent of the F. B. I., turned over to Special Agents COURTLAND J. JONES and JOHN E. HOWARD of the Washington Field Office, a number of documents believed to have been typed on the Woodstock Typewriter in question, according to RUSSELL.

These documents were all obtained by the Committee by virtue of a subpoena served on Mr. GERALD L. SWANSTROM, General Counsel of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These documents are on loan to the Bureau for purposes of comparison. They are to be returned to Mr. RUSSELL prior to January 3, 1949.

The documents are as follows:

1. Letter dated February 5, 1930, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, addressed to Mr. E. G. FASSEL, Assistant Secretary, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, and signed by H. L. MARTIN.
2. Letter dated February 14, 1930, containing the address and signature listed above.
3. Letter dated August 28, 1929, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, addressed to Mr. PERCY H. EVANS, Actuary, and signed by H. L. MARTIN.
4. Letter dated February 3, 1930, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, addressed to "My dear Dr. FISHER", and signed by THOMAS L. FANSLER.

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the aforesaid documents with known specimens written on the Woodstock Typewriter in question. These specimens are to be returned to the Washington Field Office.

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J. D. WHITEAKER <sup>0</sup>CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.  
WFO ADVISED PRISCILLA HISS NOW TEACHING AT DALTON SCHOOL, NYG.  
IF NOT PREVIOUSLY COVERED, SUGGEST CONTACT AT THIS SCHOOL FOR POSSIBLE  
TYPING SPECIMENS.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, BALTIMORE

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.  
WFO ADVISED DONALD HISS, BROTHER OF ALGER HISS, MEMBER MILES RIVER  
YACHT CLUB, LOCATED NEAR OXFORD, MARYLAND. ALGER HISS HAS LISTED  
SAILING AS ONE OF HIS RECREATIONS. SUGGEST CONTACT AT YACHT CLUB FOR POSSIBLE  
TYPING SPECIMENS EMANATING FROM HISS.

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WASHINGTON 5 NEW YORK 1 FROM CHICAGO 30 11-45PXAM  
CONF TO DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, IS RE CLEVELAND TEL DECEMBER TWENTY FOUR REQUESTING CHECK OF MASONIC MEMBER SHIP OF THOMAS FANSLER, FATHER OF MRS. HISS. RECORD LOCATED AT EVANS LODGE, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, BUT NO TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS AVAILABLE. REBUTEL DECEMBER TWENTY TWO. TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS DATED IN SEPTEMBER FORTY EIGHT FROM A. N. MARQUIS COMPANY, PUBLISHER S OF WHO-S WHO, SUBMITTED TO LAB BY LET DECEMBER THIRTY. RE ~~DETROIT~~ DETROIT REPORT DECEMBER TWENTY THREE FORTY EIGHT WITH LEAD TO CONTACT THOMAS FANSLER, BROTHER OF MRS. HISS. FANSLER INTERVIEWED DECEMBER TWENTY NINE. WAS EXTREMELY HOSTILE AND UNCOOPERATIVE AND WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF AS TO WHETHER HE ~~HAS~~ HAD ANY TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL EMANATING FROM MR. OR MRS. HISS OR WOULD FURNISH SAME. RE NEW YORK ~~REPORT~~ REPORT DECEMBER TWENTY THREE WITH LEAD TO INTERVIEW E. P. FLINT RE WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN. FLINT ADVISED HE KNEW PIGMAN AT BUREAU OF STANDARDS AND SOCIAL FROM NINETEEN THIRTY TO FORTY FOUR. STATED PIGMAN BELIEVED IN SOME SOCIALISTIC PRINCIPLES BUT FLINT DID NOT KNOW HIM TO BE A MEMBER OF OR AFFILIATED IN ANY WAY WITH CP. FLINT ATTENDED TWO GATHERINGS AT HOME OF ~~PIGMAN~~ PIGMAN IN ~~ABOUT~~ ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR WITH PERSONS LISTED IN REFERENCED LEAD BUT STATES PURPOSE WAS ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL. ~~ANSWERS~~ ANSWERS TO OTHER PERTINENT QUESTIONS NEGATIVE.

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
*[Signature]*

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD CC. NEW YORK

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, W.A.S., ET AL, PERJURY, IS R. RE HFO TEL 2  
 DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN AND BUTEL DECEMBER TWENTY NINE. MR. AND MRS.  
 GEORGE BLACKWELL INTERVIEWED TODAY. BOTH KNEW MR. AND MRS. HISS FROM  
 NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR TO ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY TWO IN WASHINGTON AND  
 HAVE CORRESPONDED SINCE THAT TIME. TIMOTHY HOBSON, SON OF MRS. HISS,  
 ATTENDED THE LANDON SCHOOL IN BETHESDA STARTING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR,  
 AND ON ONE OCCASION ALGER HISS WROTE LETTER TO HEADMASTER WHICH WAS  
 READ AT FACULTY MEETING. MRS. BLACKWELL WAS MEMBER OF FACULTY BUT DOES  
 NOT KNOW WHETHER LETTER TYPEWRITTEN. ONLY ASSOCIATES OF HISS SUGGESTED  
 WERE L. CORRIN STRONG, AN ARMY OFFICER, AND HIS WIFE, ALICE TROW-  
 BRIDGE STRONG, MR. AND MRS. SLOCUM KINGSBURY OF WASHINGTON, AND WILL-  
 IAM TRIPLET, HEAD OF LANDON SCHOOL. MR. BLACKWELL HAS TWO TYPEWRITTEN  
LETTERS FROM ALGER HISS DATED IN SEPTEMBER, FORTY EIGHT, WHICH HE WILL  
FURNISH TO THIS OFFICE ABOUT JANUARY FOUR. BLACKWELLS HAVE HIGHEST  
 REGARD FOR MR. AND MRS. HISS AND FURNISHED NO DEROGATORY INFO. WHEN

ASKED ALL QUESTIONS SUGGESTED RECORDED - 28

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. AUTHORITY  
HAS BEEN GRANTED TO INTERVIEW WILLIAM ROSEN WHO SUBMITTED CHANGE OF ADDRESS  
FROM WASHINGTON, DC, OCTOBER, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT TO ONE THREE EIGHT SOUTH  
TENTH ST., EASTON, PA. PHILADELPHIA REFER WFO LETTER TO BUREAU, CARBON COPY  
PHILADELPHIA, ENTITLED, QUOTE WILLIAM ROSEN, WA, SECURITY MATTER - C UNQUOTE.  
PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW TO DETERMINE IF ROSEN COULD HAVE RECEIVED WOODSTOCK  
TYPEWRITER IN QUESTION FROM ALGER HISS AS HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED A  
NINETEEN TWENTYLINE FORD AUTO FROM HISS IN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX. ROSEN AT  
THAT TIME WAS REPORTEDLY ENGAGED IN CP ORGANIZING WORK AND ALGER HISS,  
ACCORDING TO WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, DESIRED TO MAKE FORD AUTO AVAILABLE TO  
SOMEONE ENGAGED IN CP WORK. ROSEN WAS SUBPOENAED BEFORE HCUA AND WAS  
ACCOMPANIED BY CP ATTORNEY FROM BALTIMORE WHEN HE ANSWERED SUBPOENA.  
ROSEN REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO FORD CAR, ALGER HISS,  
ETC. SINCE ROSEN RECEIVED FORD FROM HISS, IT IS POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE  
RECEIVED WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 30, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was., Et Al  
PERJURY;  
ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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Re teletype from Washington Field Office to New York and Bureau dated December 28, 1948.

Enclosed herewith, for the Washington Field Office, are four photographs of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, Wa David Carpenter. The individual appearing in the photograph with CARPENTER has been identified as INEZ NUNLEY WRIGHT. The photographs were originally received from the Baltimore Office by letter dated December 13, 1948, and according to information, were taken December 12, 1943.

These photographs are the only ones of CARPENTER available in the New York Office. Additional copies of the same photographs, however, are being retained in the files of this office.

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SAC, NEW YORK

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS; PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.  
YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO T. J. DONEGAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT  
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, COPIES OF ALL REPORTS IN INSTANT CASE. A CHECK  
SHOULD BE MADE TO SEE THAT ALL COPIES OF REPORTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN  
FURNISHED TO HIM.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.  
RE NEW YORK TEL DECEMBER TWENTYNINE. SERVICE RECORD OF JOHN  
KORAL, ASN THREE TWO TWO TWO FIVE TWO SIX SEVEN REFLECTS HE  
WAS INDUCTED INTO U. S. ARMY MARCH NINE, FORTYTWO AT CAMP  
UPTON, NEW YORK. HONORABLY DISCHARGED AS PFC OCTOBER SIX,  
FORTYFIVE AT FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY. ASSIGNED ON MAY TWENTY,  
FORTYFOUR TO BATTERY C, FIVE THREE NAUGHT FIELD ARTILLERY  
BATTALION AT FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA. LEFT NEWPORT NEWS,  
VIRGINIA WITH THIS ORGANIZATION ON MARCH ONE, FORTYFIVE. RE-  
TURNED TO U. S. FROM ITALY. DETACHED FROM THIS ORGANIZATION ON  
SEPTEMBER THIRTY, FORTYFIVE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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*Mr. Fletcher*

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP.  
R. REURTEL DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHTH LAST. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO DURING  
INTERVIEW AT NY OFFICE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WAS INTERROGATED AT LENGTH  
CONCERNING DESCRIPTION OF "BERNIE." RENO COULD NOT FURNISH COMPLETE  
AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTIVE DETAILS OF BERNIE. HE VAGUELY RECALLED HIM  
HOWEVER AS FOLLOWS. AGE THIRTY FIVE YEARS IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN,  
HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN, BUILD SLENDER, WORE MUSTACHE ON OCCASIONS,  
HAIR BROWN, UNUSUALLY LONG, WELL DRESSED, OCCUPATION UNKNOWN, BACK-  
GROUND UNKNOWN, POSSIBLY SLAVIC NATIONALITY, SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH AND  
ADOPTED SUPERIOR ATTITUDE IN CONVERSATION.

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cc: Mr. F. L. Jones  
*F. L. Jones*

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY;  
ESPIONAGE. RE NY TEL TWENTYNINTH INST. PROFESSOR BRAND BLANSHARD OUT  
OF TOWN BUT EXPECTED HOME THIS EVENING. WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON RETURN.

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NY ADVISED.

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U R G E N T

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE. RECORDS UNION COLLEGE, SCHENECTADY, NY REFLECT TIMOTHY HOBSON, SON OF PRISCILLA HISS BY FIRST MARRIAGE, ATTENDED UNION COLLEGE FROM MARCH, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO OCT TWENTY, FORTYFIVE UNDER NAVY V TWELVE PROGRAM. WAS BORN SEPT NINETEEN, NINETEEN TWENTYSIX AT NYC. TRUE FATHER WAS FRANCIS T. HOBSON, BORN BALTIMORE, MD. MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME PRISCILLA HARRIET FANSLER FENSTER, BORN EVANSTON, ILL. STEPFATHER ALGER HISS. TIMOTHY HOBSON ATTENDED GEORGE SCHOOL, GEORGE SCHOOL, PA. PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND WAS GRADUATED FEB FIVE, FORTYFOUR. WAS ADMITTED TO NAVY V TWELVE UNIT IN SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, SWARTHMORE, PA. MARCH SIX, FORTYFOUR. HOBSON WAS SENT TO U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, ST. ALBANS, L. I., NY JULY TWENTYFIVE, FORTY FIVE. ONE TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMEN BY HOBSON TO OFFICE OF BURSAR, UNION COLLEGE, SCHENECTADY, NY DECEMBER TWENTYNINE, FORTYSIX OBTAINED AND BEING SENT TO BUREAU FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. NEW YORK OFFICE WILL CHECK RECORDS AT NAVY HOSPITAL, ST. ALBANS, L. I., NY FOR OTHER TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS OF HOBSON. WASH FIELD RECORDS CHECK RECORDS OF U. S. NAVY ON V TWELVE PROGRAM FOR FURTHER TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS OF HOBSONS. PHILA OFFICE WILL CHECK RECORDS OF SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, SWARTHMORE, PA. AND GEORGE SCHOOL, GEORGE SCHOOL, PA. FOR OTHER TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS OF HOBSON. ALL OFFICES WILL AT THE SAME TIME ASCERTAIN AND OBTAIN ANY

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ANY TYPEWRITEN SPECIMENS OF ALGER HISS OR PRISCILLA HISS.  
ALL SPECIMENS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU FOR COMPARISON WITH  
KNOWN SPECIIMENS IN THIS CASE. SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU AND NEW YORK.

RE FELIX ~~X~~ INSLERMAN, REVIEW OF TOLL TICKETS FOR INSLERMAN PHONE AT  
CAMBRIDGE, NY SINCE OCTOBER ONE LAST TO PRESENT SHOW CALL FOR LUCY  
GRAFF -- SPELLING OF THIS NAME POSSIBLY IN ERROR -- AT GRAMMERCY FIVE  
ONE FOUR FIVE FOUR, NYC. SEARCH FOR TOLL TICKETS PRIOR OCTOBER ONE  
CONTINUES. NYC ASCERTAIN IDENTITY AND CONNECTION OF ABOVE PERSON WITH  
INSTANT CASE.

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& reported 12-17-48.  
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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK, SAC WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. FORMER SA

MORGAN WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ALGER HISS IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR WHEN

BOTH WERE EMPLOYED AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE AGRICULTURE ADJUSTMENT  
ADMINISTRATION BUT UNABLE TO SUPPLY TYPEWRITING SPECIMENS FROM HISS.

MORGAN STATED THAT HE HAS NEVER CORRESPONDED WITH HISS AND RECALLS  
BEING IN HISS HOME ONLY ON ONE OCCASION IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR.

MORGAN DOES NOT RECALL SEEING A TYPEWRITER AT TIME OF VISIT IN HISS  
HOME. MORGAN IDENTIFIED ROBERT K. MC CONNAUGHEY, SECURITY AND

EXCHANGE COMMISSION, LEE PRESSMAN, NAT WHITT, JEROME FRANK, FRANCIS S.

SHEA, JOHN ABT, ABE FORTAS, MRS. FULLER, RELATIVE OF SENATOR BURNS,

AND GERTRUDE SAMUELSON, SECRETARY OF JEROME FRANK, AS ASSOCIATES OF

HISS. ALL FORMERLY WITH AGRICULTURE ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION IN  
NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR. JUSTICE FRANKFURTER, SUPREME COURT, CHESTER

DAVIS, SR., FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, CHESTER DAVIS,

JR., WINSTON SALEM, NC. AND ED STETTINIUS, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., ALL

CLOSELY ACQUAINTED WITH HISS. MORGAN BELIEVED THAT STETTINIUS, FRANK-  
FURTER, JEROME FRANK, CHESTER DAVIS, SR. AND MC CONNAUGHEY MOST LIKELY

TO HAVE PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM HISS. MORGAN ADVISED THAT HISS,  
FRANK, PRESSMAN, WHITT, FORTAS, SHEA AND ABT FORMED AN INTER CLICK IN THE

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AGRICULTURE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU WHICH WAS VERY LIBERAL AND ADHERED CLOSELY TO WALLACE-S LIBERAL POLICY. OF THIS INTER CLICK, MORGAN BELIEVED PRESSMAN AND POSSIBLY WITT WERE DEFINITELY COMMUNISTS BUT OTHERS ONLY LIBERALS. PRESSMAN, MC CONNAUGHEY, AND SHEA CLASSMATES OF HISS AT HARVARD. HISS DESCRIBED BY MORGAN AS BEING CONSIDERED IN NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR AS ABSOLUTELY SINCERE, HONEST, INTELLIGENT, AND OF HIGH INTEGRITY AND CHARACTER WITH TREMENDOUS CAPACITY FOR WORK. HE WAS CLASSIFIED AS AN IDEALIST WITH LIBERAL TENDENCIES SUCH AS BELIEF IN SOCIALIZED MEDICINE, GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF SOME INDUSTRIES, AND FOLLOWER OF ROOSEVELT-S POLICIES. MORGAN BELIEVED THAT GERTRUDE SAMUELSON, FORMER SECRETARY OF JEROME FRANK, COULD SUPPLY ADDITIONAL <sup>INFORMATION</sup> ~~DATA~~ AS TO INTER CLICK IN AGRICULTURE ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION, BUT THAT BACKGROUND INFORMATION SHOULD BE SECURED BEFORE INTERVIEW. ADDRESSES OF ALL PARTIES NOT SUPPLIED OR EITHER KNOWN TO THE BUREAU OR CAN BE SECURED FROM THE FILES OF THE AGRICULTURE ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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*cc Mr Fletcher*

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, NYC U R G E N T

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-  
R. RE NY TEL DEC TWENTYNINE LAST. PROPERTY OF FELIX INSLERMAN, RD  
TWO, CAMBRIDGE, NY, CONSISTS OF EIGHTYFIVE ACRES AND TWO STORY HOUSE.  
PROPERTY ORIGINALLY SOLD BY CAMBRIDGE, NY LIFE RESIDENT TO NORMA KNOLL,  
TWENTYTWO HAMILTON AVE, ARLINGTON, NJ, ON JULY FIRST, THIRTYFIVE. ON  
AUGUST TEN, FORTYONE, AFTER HER DEATH, PROPERTY CONVEYED BY HER HUSBAND,  
CHARLES KNOLL, TO DOROTHY G. HOEY AND ARTHUR C. HOEY, JR. OF THREE  
NINE SEVEN BURLINGTON ROAD, BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ON DEC TWENTYNINE, FORTYTWO, PROPERTY CONVEYED TO FELIX A. AND ELIZABETH  
INSLERMAN OF TOWNSHIP OF BABYLON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, LONG ISLAND, NY,  
WHO PURCHASED PROPERTY FOR ELEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS. RECORDS INDICATE A  
FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLAR MORTGAGE HELD BY A JAY C. HILL OF EAGLE BRIDGE,  
NY, WHICH IS NEARBY CAMBRIDGE, BUT PAID BY NORMA KNOLL. INSLERMAN DID  
NOT RECORD TITLE TILL JULY TWENTYNINE, FORTYSEVEN, AND AT THAT TIME NO  
MORTGAGES WERE FILED. ALL ABOVE INFO ON FILE TOWN CLERK, HUDSON FALLS,  
NY. HOUSE PRESENTLY INSURED FOR TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS. AT TIME OF

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INTERVIEW, INSLERMAN VAGUE ABOUT DETAILS REGARDING PURCHASE. INDEX  
CHECK ALL NAMES THIS OFFICE NEGATIVE. NO INDICATION FINANCED. POSTMASTER

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AND RURAL MAIL CARRIER CONTACTED NEGATIVELY, COVER PLACED. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS OR ASSOCIATES NOTED EITHER IN CAMBRIDGE OR AT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, SCHENECTADY. INSLERMAN-S SUPERVISOR ON HERMES PROJECT, WHICH DEALS WITH GUIDED MISSILES, STATES INSLERMAN WORKS ON WEIGHT ANALYSIS OF MISSILE AND THUS HAS KNOWLEDGE AND DESCRIPTION OF EACH TYPE OF METAL IN MISSILE. ALSO INSLERMAN HAS KNOWLEDGE OF LOCATION AND FASTENING OF ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SUCH AS GYROSCOPE AND OTHER ELECTRICAL CONTROLS. HE THUS IS IN POSITION TO EVALUATE ALL INFO RELATED TO GUIDED MISSILES. SUPERVISOR STATES BECAUSE OF INSLERMAN-S POSITION HE COULD TAKE ANY CLASSIFIED MATERIAL TO HIS HOME. INSLERMAN ALSO ADVISED SUPERVISOR HE VOTED FOR HENRY WALLACE TO REGISTER PROTEST VOTE SINCE HE BELIEVED ADMINISTRATION-S POLICIES WOULD LEAD TO WAR WITH RUSSIA. LEAD TO CONTACT HOEY BEING LEFT FOR NY DECISION.

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United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, N. Y.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

December 29, 1948

Director, FBI

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases  
ALGER HISS, et al;  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a typewritten letter dated November 28, 1943, signed by TIMOTHY HOBSON, and addressed to Director of Naval Officer Procurement, Office of Naval Officer Procurement. This letter was obtained from the files of the Naval Records Center at Garden City, Long Island. In order to secure this letter it was necessary to serve a subpoena upon the Lieutenant in charge of the Records Center.

K109

PJ

It is desired that the typewritten specimen enclosed herein be compared with the known typewritten specimens that are in the possession of the Bureau. It is further desired that this original letter be returned to this office upon the completion of such comparison.

~~DEFERRED~~

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
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BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS  
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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 31, 1948

To: SAC, New York

Here follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination  
of evidence received from your office on December 30, 1948.

Re: JAY LAVED WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
with aliases  
ALAN H. HISS, et al  
Perjury; Espionage - R

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

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Examination requested by:

New York

Reference:

Letter dated 12-27-48

Deleted Copy Sent *Allen*  
by Letter *10-16-74 THB/has*

Examination requested:

Documents

Deleted Copy Sent  
by *10-16-74*

Specimens:

K109 Typewritten letter dated November 28, 1943, to Director of Naval Officer  
Procurement, signed in ink *ELIOT HISS*.

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the typewriter which was used to type specimen K109  
was not used to type K5 through K09. Inasmuch as the specimen which was  
submitted, K109, bears the signature *ELIOT HISS* which indicates the  
typewriter may have been in his possession at one time the following information  
is set forth. Specimen K109 was typed with a machine equipped with Royal  
Standard 1100 type spaced ten letters to the inch. Information on the Laboratory  
stocked for this type of machine indicates that K109 should bear a serial number  
above number 106700.

Specimen K109 is returned herewith to the New York office, photographs  
copies having been retained in the Bureau's file.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 31, 1948

To: SAC, Chicago

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 31, 1948.

Re: JAY DAVID WITTMAN (alias), with aliases  
ALAN HISS, with aliases, et al  
Perjury; Espionage; Internal Security - R

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Examination requested by:

Chicago

Reference:

Letter dated 12-29-48

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by Letter 12-16-48 THB/vss

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

K111 Printer's copy of a form for Volume 21, headed Who's Who in America, bearing the signature of ALAN HISS.

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimen K111 was not prepared on the machine which was used to prepare specimens 16 through 169 in the instant case.

Specimen K111 is returned to your office herewith, appropriate photographic copies having been made for the Bureau's file.

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1 - Washington  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

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Chicago, Illinois  
December 29, 1948

AIRMAIL -  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was.;  
ALGER HISS, Was., Et al.  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Dear Sir:

ReButel December 22, 1948 to Chicago, requesting contact with the A. N. Marquis Company, Chicago, publishers of Who's Who, to obtain any typewritten material submitted to this firm by ALGER HISS.

WHEELER SAMMONS, JR., Marquis Company, advised that ALGER HISS first appeared in the monthly supplement of Who's Who and then was added to the adenda to Volume 24, which was published for the years 1946 and 1947. He reappeared in Volume 25, and is to be included in Volume 26, which will be published for 1950 and 1951. After a thorough search of the company's files pertaining to these volumes, including a search of original data obtained from persons included therein, Mr. SAMMONS advised that the only material which could be located which was submitted by HISS was a printer's copy of a form for Volume 26, which was forwarded to HISS and returned by him with typewritten corrections listed in the space provided. This original form was made available to SA WESLEY A. ANDERSON by Mr. SAMMONS, and the initials of both appear on the reverse side. The form is being submitted as an enclosure for comparison with questioned documents in the above-captioned case. The form is stamped September 21, 1948.

K114

ENCLOSURE

~~DEFENSE RECORDING~~

At the conclusion of the examination, the form should be forwarded to the Chicago Office, in order that it may be returned to the A. N. Marquis Company. It is suggested that the results of the examination be submitted to the New York Office for inclusion in its report.

Very truly yours,

G. R. McSwain

G. R. MC SWAIN  
Special Agent In Charge

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cc: New York

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 31, 1943

To: SAC, Albany

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination  
of evidence received from your office on December 30, 1943.

Re: JAMES EARL RAYNES, with aliases  
Perjury, Espionage - R

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

REG. NO. - 28 *65-1574*  
*71-3333 - 679*  
*D-37157 LU*

Examination requested by:

*Albany*

Reference:

*Letter dated 12-29-43*

Deleted Copy Sent *Albany*  
by Letter *10-11-74 JHE/has*

Examination requested:

*Document*

Specimens:

- K110 Envelope bearing typewritten address "Postmaster U S Postoffice Peasden Vermont", postmarked "NEW YORK, N.Y., 1943 3:50 PM".
- K111 Envelope bearing typewritten address "Postmaster Peasden Vermont", postmarked "NEW YORK, N.Y., NOV 15, 1943 10:30 PM".
- K112 Envelope bearing typewritten address "United States Post Office Peasden Vt.", postmarked "NEW YORK, N.Y., NOV. 14, 1943 8:00 PM".

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that specimens K110, K111 and K112 were not typed on the machine which was used to type (6) through (67).

The evidence K110 through K112 is returned herewith to the Albany office, photographic copies having been made for the Bureau's files.

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- 1 - Philadelphia
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TO : Director, FBI (ATTN. FBI LABORATORY)

FROM : SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.  
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DATE: December 29, 1948

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Transmitted herewith are the following described three envelopes with typewritten addresses:

(1) Postmaster  
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Postmarked New York, N.Y., Oct. 18, 1948, 3:30 P.M.

Return address (not typewritten):  
 CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE  
 Division of Intercourse and Education  
 405 West 117th St., New York 27, N.Y.

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(2) Postmaster  
 Peacham  
 Vermont

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Postmarked New York, N.Y., Nov. 15, 1948, 10:30 P.M.

Return address (not typewritten):  
 CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE  
 405 West 117th Street  
 New York 27, New York

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*R. B.*

(3) United States Post Office  
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Postmarked New York, N.Y., Dec. 14, 1948, 8:00 P.M.

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Director, FBI

December 29, 1948

These envelopes were supplied by Postmaster BELLE P. SOMERS, Peacham, Vermont, and presumably were forwarded by ALGER HISS or Mrs. HISS, since they contained postage to cover magazines forwarded to them from Peacham. The envelopes bear the initials of Postmaster SOMERS (B.P.S.) with the date Special Agent FRANK C. WOOD secured them, together with Agent WOOD's initials. The envelopes also bear numerous figures and columns of figures placed thereon in the grocery store wherein is located the Peacham Post Office.

These envelopes are to be used for purposes of comparison of the typewritten addresses, probably typed by Mr. or Mrs. HISS, with that of the documents in this case, which it has been alleged were typed by HISS or his wife, for the purpose of trying to identify the typing of said documents with material it can be shown was typed by Mr. or Mrs. HISS.

THE ENVELOPES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THIS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SINCE THE POSTMASTER HAS REQUESTED THAT THEY BE RETURNED PROMPTLY.

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REGISTERED MAIL

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was. ET AL  
 PERJURY,  
 ESPIONAGE - R,  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: December 31, 1948

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Reference is made to New York teletype of December 22nd last and Bureau teletype of December 23rd last concerning Miss AUDREY MCADAM of 27 West 86th Street, New York City, an employee of the Institute of International Education.

Miss MCADAM was interviewed at her residence on December 27, 1948. She received a request from her supervisor at the Institute of International Education, Mr. CHARLES HAIDINGER who is personnel manager of the institute, to photograph and develop negatives and prints of four photographs which HAIDINGER furnished her. Miss MCADAM stated that her ability as an amateur photographer is known to HAIDINGER and the work requested by him was understood by her to be a personal service for HAIDINGER and not connected in any manner with the work or functions of the institute. Miss MCADAM described the original photographs as bearing a black stamped caption "Official Navy Photograph; not to be reprinted without approval of U.S. Navy". Miss MCADAM stated she believed this caption is affixed to all U.S. Navy official photographs. According to Miss MCADAM the photo bore no restricted or secret classifications.

Miss MCADAM advised, in explanation of HAIDINGER'S possession of the photographs, that HAIDINGER was preparing an illustrated scrapbook of his complete employment record, including his service as an officer in the U. S. Navy. She stated that HAIDINGER while in the Navy held an administrative position and was responsible for the establishment and supervision of a clerical office and warehouse. She had no idea of the nature or location of these facilities. She then exhibited four copies of these photographs to the interviewing agent.

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED The first of these photographs showed the bare interior of a frame building of the type commonly used as temporary structures in army and navy installations. The second photograph shows a portion of the interior of the same or a similar building in the course of renovations to adapt it for use as an office. The third photograph shows a portion of the same or a similar building after the completion of alterations and the installation of desks, chairs, typewriters and other office fixtures. The fourth and last of these photos shows a portion of the interior of the same or a similar type of building in apparent use as a warehouse or supply depot and workshop.

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The room is equipped with workbenches on which are installed what appear to be common machine shop tools such as jigsaws and other machinery which cannot be seen in identifiable detail. Littered about the floor are items which would be commonly found in a military supply room including such identifiable items as rubber tubing, funnels, metal drums and packing cases.

Miss McADAM voluntarily furnished Special Agent DANAHY with these four prints and they have been closely scrutinized and appear to contain nothing which would be classified as secret or confidential.

The four photographs are being enclosed herewith for any examination of them which the Bureau may desire and may be disposed of by the Bureau upon completion of this examination.

A review of the indices of this office reflect no information concerning CHARLES HALDINGER or AUDREY McADAM.

In view of the above facts no further investigation is deemed warranted nor contemplated by this office *in this phase of the matter.*

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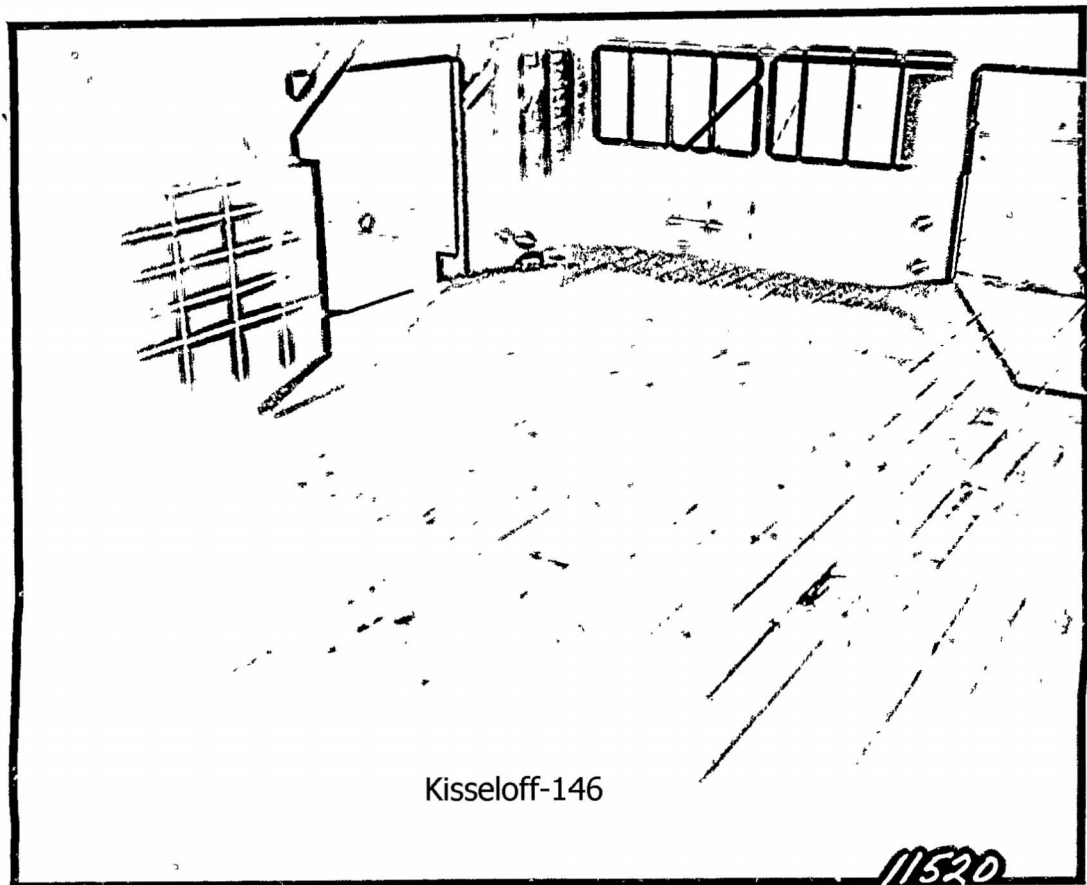
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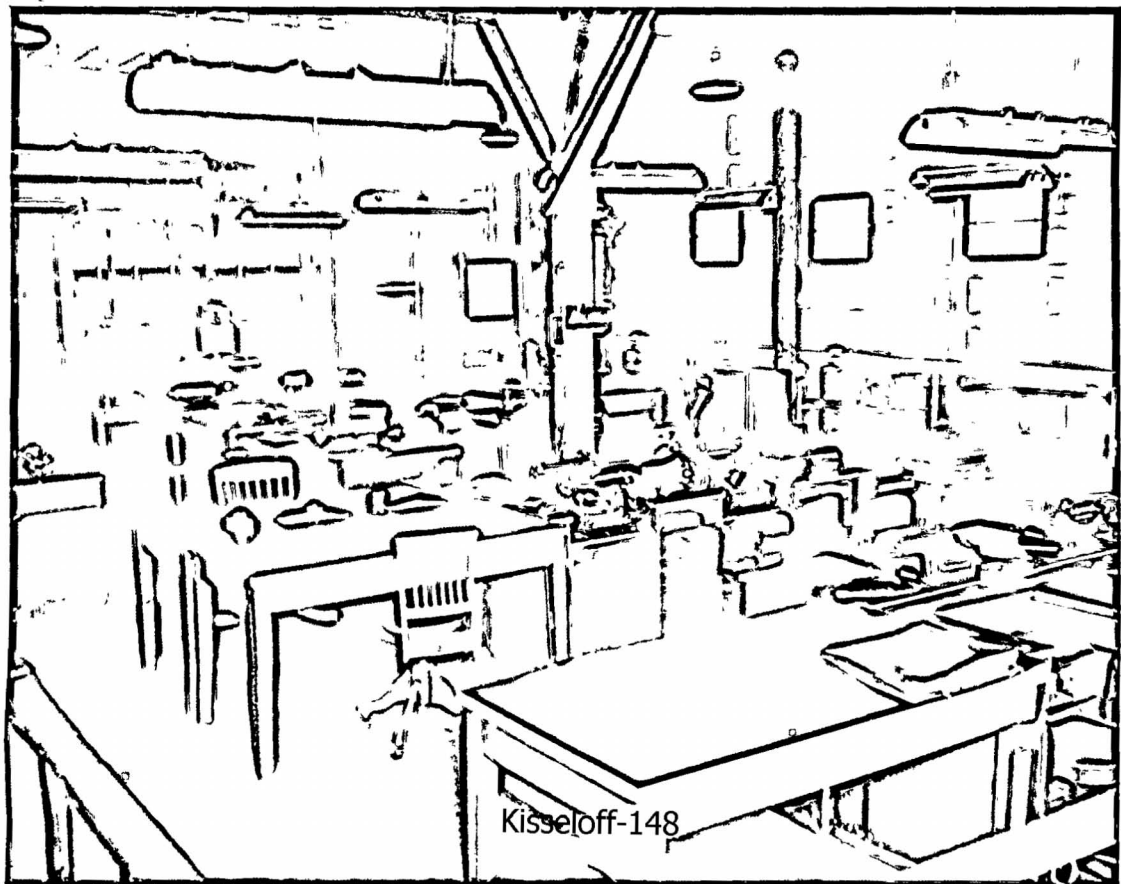
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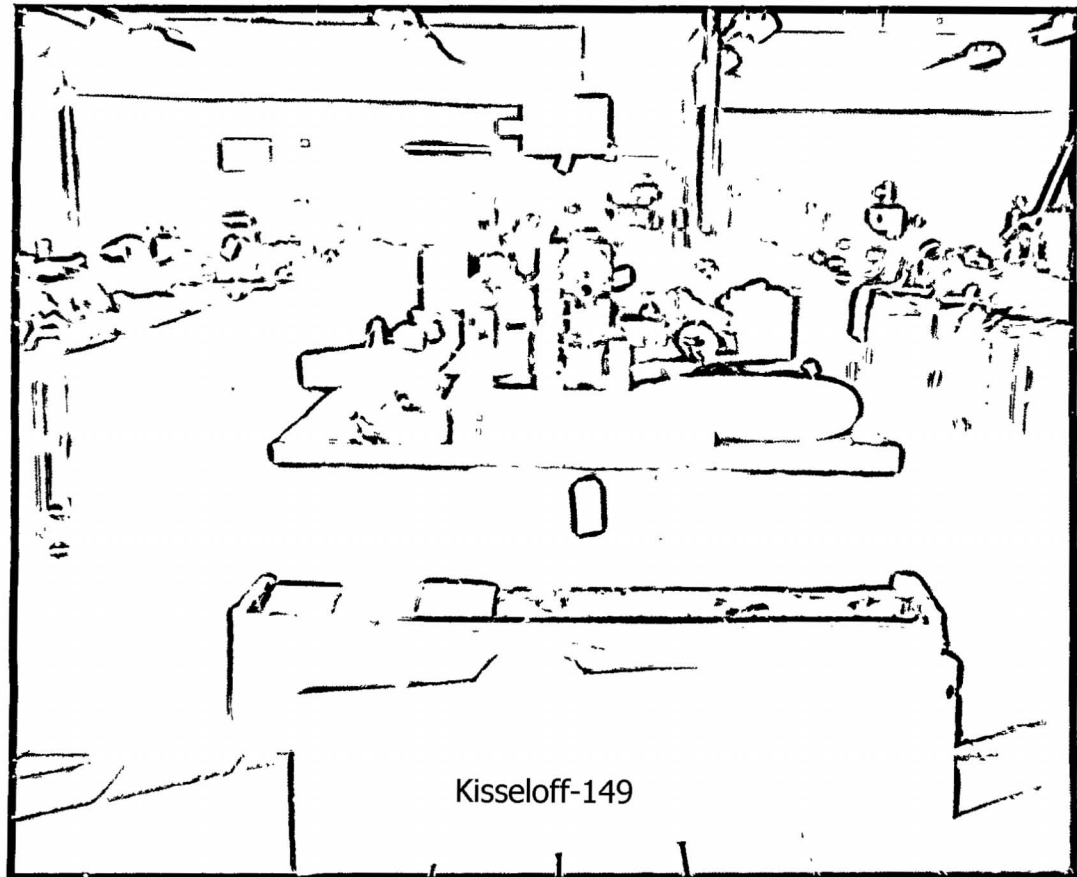
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TRACY

DATE: December 31, 1948

FROM : E. S. Deiss

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Fourteen strips of 35 MM film, recovered from the home of Subject Felix August Inslerman at Cambridge, New York, RFD #2 and furnished the Laboratory by the Security Investigative Division, has been examined for the presence of latent impressions and seventy-nine latent fingerprints of value were developed.

Seventy-eight of the latent fingerprints, all of which appear on the strips of film in the metal container, Q133, described as "Container for Agfa loads for miniature cameras 35 MM fine grain superpan, emulsion #353-127-18 with the expiration date March, 1939", have been identified with the fingerprints of Felix August Inslerman. One latent fingerprint, developed on the film designated as Q147, described as "Metal Container containing a strip of 20E Supremepan 35 MM film with exposures numbered from 3 to 37" has been identified with the fingerprint of Special Agent F. E. Webb. No latent fingerprints of value remain unidentified.

The evidence was returned to SA F. E. Webb of the Laboratory.

cc: Mr. F. L. Jones  
Room 1647, Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 12-30-48 10:00 AM  
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Re: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

File # 74-1333 - 681  
Lab. # D-89291 ET  
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Examination requested by: Bureau

Date of reference communication:

Date received 12/28/48

Examination requested: Document - *Fingerprint*

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Webb

TYLH

*Specimens  
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Specimens submitted for examination

The following evidence was contained in a red box marked Leica KNR 230040,  
OBJ. NR. 321457:

- (1) Q133 Metal container for "Agfa loads for miniature cameras" 35 mm fine grain superpan, emulsion #353-127-18 with expiration date March, 1939.
- (2) Q134 Metal container for "Agfa loads for miniature cameras" 35 mm Finopan, emulsion #357-503-6, expiration date November, 1941.
- (3) Q135 Metal container for "Agfa Ansco loads" 35 mm superpan supreme, emulsion #353-248-2, expiration date March 1945.
- (4) Q136 Metal container for Dupont 35 mm film for miniature cameras, micropan, emulsion #103-22, expiration date September, 1939.
- (5) Q137 Metal container for Dupont 35 mm film for ~~max~~ miniature cameras, micropan, emulsion #103-18, expiration date August, 1938.
- (6) Q138 Kodak metal can for 35 mm film.
- (7) Q139 Kodak metal can for 35 mm film.
- (8) Q140 Kodak metal can for 35 mm film.

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78 lat figs on film contained in  
can Q133. all D #1-7 of Felix August  
Laskerman.

1 lat figs on film in can, Q147  
#9 of SA J. E. Webb

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- (9) Q141 Kodak metal can for 35 mm film.
- (10) Q142 Metal cassette for Dupont micropan 35 mm film.
- (11) Q143 Metal cassette for Dupont panchromatic superior - 2 35 mm film.
- (12) Q144 Metal cassette for Kodak Plus X 35 mm. film contained in a white paper envelope.
- (13) Q145 Metal container for Dupont 35 mm film for miniature cameras, micropan, emulsion #103-21, expiration dated September, 1938, containing small brass screws.

The following evidence was contained in a gray box marked on the back edge 937:

- (14) Q146 Metal container for Dupont 35 mm. film containing a strip of Agfa 24 M Finopan 35 mm film exposed and developed, exposures marked from 2 to 37.
- (15) Q147 Metal container containing a strip of 20E supremopan 35 mm film with exposures numbered from 3 to 37.
- (16) Q148 One roll of unexposed super sensitive panchromatic Kodak film SS 130, expiration date April 1, 1938.

ALSO SUBMITTED:

7 Dupont metal containers for 35 mm film cassettes, 6 of which contain empty cassettes. Four empty cassettes are for Eastman pantoic 35 mm film and two for Dupont micropan 35 mm film. One of the other cassettes contains instructions for Dupont films.

One metal container marked for Agfa 35 mm superpan film containing empty cassette for Dupont micropan 35 mm film.

One empty metal container for Kodak marked for pantoic 35 mm film.

Ten empty unidentified metal containers.

One bottle of Printol contained in a cardboard carton identified on the end J. H. BOOZER Camera House, 145 E. 60th St. NYC.

One bottle containing one fluid ounce of liquid believed to be retouching fluid.

One bottle Soloid brand photographic stain (green) contained in a cardboard carton.

One tube of Kodak liquid glue contained in cardboard carton. Kisseloff-153.

One glass tube of 15D fine grain developer and powder for dry form.

One sponge.

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Mr. Hendon.....
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Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP.  
R. THIS WILL CONFIRM PREVIOUS INFORMATION FURNISHED TO BUREAU THAT  
TRIAL OF ALGER HISS HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY TWENTY FOURTH NEXT.

RE WFO TEL DECEMBER SIXTEENTH LAST. DR. ABRAHAM KARDINER, PSYCHIA-  
TRIST OF TIMOTHY HOBSON, WAS INTERVIEWED ON DECEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH  
LAST. ADVISED THAT HE HAD TREATED TIMOTHY HOBSON FROM NOVEMBER THIRD,  
FORTYSEVEN, TO JUNE TWENTY NINTH, FORTYEIGHT. STATED THAT ALL BILLS  
WERE HANDED PERSONALLY BY HIM TO TIMOTHY HOBSON AND CHECK FOR SAME  
WAS RECEIVED BY HIM IN THE MAIL, BUT NO COVER LETTER WAS WITH CHECK.  
ADVISED HE HAS NO SPECIMENS AVAILABLE OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE  
HISS FAMILY. FREDERICK V. FIELD INTERVIEWED IN NEW HARTFORD, CONN.,  
YESTERDAY BY NY AGENT AND RESIDENT AGENT AT HARTFORD, CONN. STATED  
THAT HE DESIRED TO CONSULT HIS ATTORNEY PRIOR TO MAKING ANY STATEMENTS.  
HE PLANS TO CONSULT WITH HIS ATTORNEY EARLY NEXT WEEK AND WILL CON-  
TACT NY OFFICE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY RELATIVE TO DISCUSSION  
OF THE MATTER INVOLVED. NAVAL RECORDS AT GARDEN CITY NY CHECKED FOR  
POSSIBLE SPECIMENS OF HISS TYPEWRITER. IT WAS FOUND THAT ONE SPECI-

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MEN WAS AVAILABLE WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY DECEMBER TWENTY NINTH, FORTYEIGHT, FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. NAVAL RECORDS REFLECT THAT TIMOTHY HOBSON ENTERED THE US NAVY ON DECEMBER SIXTEENTH, FORTY THREE, AS APPRENTICE SEAMAN IN V TWELVE PROGRAM. HE WAS DISCHARGED ON OCTOBER SEVENTEENTH, FORTYFIVE, AFTER HE HAD SUBMITTED A SIGNED STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER FIFTH, FORTYFIVE, ADMITTING THAT HE HAD HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN NYC TODAY AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF FELIX INSLERMAN.

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cc: Mr. Fletcher

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- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....

*JJ*

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 31, 1948

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ET AL. *Perjury*  
ESPIONAGE - R

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ND BOS TS-219 has advised of a conversation which occurred on December 20, 1948, between MATTHEW JOSEPHSON and HARLOW SHAPLEY. JOSEPHSON contacted SHAPLEY from a pay station. The same source has earlier advised that JOSEPHSON has been affiliated with SHAPLEY in the operations of the ASP Council.

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The only additional information available in the Boston files concerning JOSEPHSON reflects that at some indefinite time in the past, he has been a National Sponsor of the IWO; that he wrote one article and one book review for the fall and spring issues of "Science and Society" in 1939; that, according to the Massachusetts Legislative Committee Report on Subversive Activities in 1938, he was a member of the Executive Board of the League of American Writers.

JOSEPHSON stated that he was leaving Boston on the morning of December 21, 1948, aboard a freighter bound for Italy. In response to a SHAPLEY inquiry as to the duration of his absence from the United States, JOSEPHSON was evasive and only indicated that he would be gone for an indefinite period of several months. JOSEPHSON asserted that in addition to bidding SHAPLEY farewell, he also wished to make arrangements whereby SHAPLEY could furnish to him information concerning the efforts of the ASP and the Committee of One Thousand to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The two men from this point undertook a discussion of the Chambers-Hiss Case. JOSEPHSON stated that he had known WHITTAKER CHAMBERS about fifteen years ago and had been in contact with him at infrequent intervals ever since. JOSEPHSON stated that from his first meeting with CHAMBERS, he had been of the opinion that CHAMBERS was "slightly off the beam - nuts." The present press situation has convinced him that he was never wrong. Continuing, JOSEPHSON stated that the present flare-up between HISS and CHAMBERS reminded him of the Moscow trials of years ago. He stated that the press of the United States had raised an iron curtain of its own in order to prevent the HISS side of the affair from receiving a fair hearing. JOSEPHSON asserted that a careful review of the published testimony taken before the House Committee presented a much more favorable situation insofar as was concerned. In passing, JOSEPHSON stated that he had never heard of HISS until the present news publicity.

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SHAPLEY stated that he had discussed the case with certain of the faculty members of the Harvard Law School which HISS had attended and that they were of the general opinion that HISS could not be successfully prosecuted for anything by the Government. In particular, ZACHARIAH CHAFFEE had gone over the facts available and was of the considered opinion that HISS had violated no law.

JOSEPHSON then regretted the incident had arisen because he had been convinced that the group which he and SHAPLEY worked with had just about eliminated the HCUA. SHAPLEY expressed remorse too. JOSEPHSON advised SHAPLEY that the latter should continue to direct the work of the organization as he had done in the past because JOSEPHSON was certain that ultimately they could still eliminate the Committee. SHAPLEY was hesitant to agree and noted that for the first time the Committee was actually concerning itself with espionage. JOSEPHSON then attempted to cause SHAPLEY to believe that it was only espionage in a technical sense. JOSEPHSON said: "Some years ago, I heard of people like CHAMBERS acting that way (removing papers), but it seemed very harmless. It did then and it does now. If you'll look these documents over, HARLOW, you'll find that there is nothing important in any of them and after all, it happened more than ten years ago."

Thus assured, SHAPLEY commented that he had in his possession a brief directed against the HCUA and prepared by the New York Lawyers Guild. He stated that it clearly demonstrated that the House Committee had acted in an unconstitutional manner and was a menace to the civil liberties of the people of the United States. JOSEPHSON suggested to him that he use the New York Lawyers Guild Report as a weapon to be launched by the ASP or the Committee of One Thousand. He also requested that SHAPLEY arrange to have a copy of this document made and sent to him in Italy. JOSEPHSON stated that his address in Italy would be "Care of the American Express, Rome, Italy."

In conclusion, JOSEPHSON stated that prior to boarding the freighter, he was lunching with "young JACK SALTONSTALL," who was probably a member of the Lawyers Guild. SALTONSTALL was further described as a well-connected young attorney practicing in Boston whom JOSEPHSON would refer to SHAPLEY.

The foregoing fragmentary information is furnished the Bureau and New York for informative purposes.

cc - New York

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE NY TEL 2-1

DECEMBER TWENTYNINE INSTANT. INFORMANT NEVER SAW THE UNCLE, JOHN

~~KORAL~~ AND THE NEPHEW NEVER DESCRIBED HIM. NEPHEW JOHN KORAL DESCRIBED AS PFC, BATTERY C, THREE FIFTY FIELD ARTILLERY, FT. JACKSON, SC. IN NINETEEN FORTYFIVE, WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTYONE IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, FIVE FEET THREE OR FOUR INCHES, ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS. HEAVY AND FAT, DARK BROWN HAIR, THIN IN FRONT, DARK BROWN EYES, DARK AND ROUGH COMPLEXION, SQUARE JAW, THIN TYPE LIPS, CIVILIAN OCCUPATION TAILOR. INFORMANT IS NATIVE OF ASHEVILLE, NC, AND PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AND RESIDING AT HENDERSONVILLE, NC. REPORTED TO HAVE GOOD REPUTATION AND TO BE RELIABLE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Mr. Bishop	.....
Mr. Casper	.....
Mr. Callahan	.....
Mr. Conrad	.....
Mr. Felt	.....
Mr. Gale	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Sullivan	.....
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Mr. Trotter	.....
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Miss Holmes	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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WASHINGTON AND PHILADELPHIA FROM WASH FIELD 12-31-48 3:30 PM  
DIRECTOR AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. WOODSTOCK  
TYPEWRITER NUMBER ONE THREE TWO TWO FIVE SIX WAS PURCHASED FROM UNITED  
TYPEWRITER CO., WASHINGTON, DC, BY H. T. KLINE, CHAMBERSBURG, PA.,  
DATE NOT KNOWN. AS SERIAL THIS MACHINE INDICATES MANUFACTURE IN PERTINENT  
PERIOD, PHILADELPHIA REQUESTED TO LOCATE THIS MACHINE, PROCURE TYPING  
SPECIMENS FROM IT, AND FORWARD TO LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH DOCUMENTS  
KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN TYPED ON TYPEWRITER OF HISS.

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CC - New York by Mail

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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD 12-31-48 1:30 PM URGENT

DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

*Mr. Fletcher*  
*[Signature]*

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.  
RELYTEL DECEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST, RE INTERVIEW WITH DR. ABRAM KARDINER,  
PSYCHIATRIST OF TIMOTHY HOBSON. SUTEL RESULTS.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 12-31-48

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was  
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At 11:45 a.m. today, Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department called over and stated that in accord with the instructions of Mr. Peyton Ford he had called Mr. Chambers and arranged to have him come to Washington today at 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of talking to him about the latest disclosures of the HUAC. It is noted that newspaper accounts today and yesterday reflect that he has been exhaustively interviewed again by the HUAC, and Mr. Whearty stated they wanted to determine whether he had actually told the Committee anything which has not previously been furnished. He inquired as to whether we desired to have an Agent present.

After discussing this matter with you, I informed Mr. Whearty that we would have a Special Agent present and I arranged for Special Agent M. A. Taylor of the Washington Field Office to be present.

A minute or two before 2:30 p.m. today, I introduced Mr. Whearty to Special Agent Taylor who in turn introduced Mr. Chambers. I instructed Special Agent Taylor to follow the lead of Mr. Whearty, but I specifically pointed out items which had appeared in recent press accounts which should be stressed by Special Agent Taylor.

In connection with the information in possession of Chambers, I talked with ASAC Belmont today at 9:15 a.m. and instructed arrangements be made so that Chambers was exhaustively interviewed. Mr. Belmont stated that the New York Office was desirous of making such an exhaustive interview and to this end he would discuss with Mr. Donegan the possibility of holding Chambers in New York under subpoena for such time as is necessary to exhaustively interview him. The New York Office is in possession of all reports that have been submitted in the Chambers case. They also have the benefit of the confidential transcript of Chambers' testimony in connection with the libel suit brought by Hiss. It is believed that the New York Office is in the best position to exhaustively interview Chambers rather than have another office such as Baltimore which covers his actual residence.

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Memo Director

HBF

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. HOWARD  
 BENEDICT, SEVEN TWO EIGHT NAUGHT HILLSIDE AVE., LOS ANGELES, REPORTED BY  
 HIS BROTHER TO BE A PERSONAL FRIEND OF ALGER HISS AND TO HAVE ATTENDED  
 JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY AT SAME TIME. LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW  
 BENEDICT FOR ANY TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE HE MAY HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION  
 EMANATING FROM HISS RESIDENCE BETWEEN PERIOD OF NINETEEN THIRTYONE AND  
 PRESENT. ALSO ASSOCIATES SHOULD BE DETERMINED AS WELL AS FRIENDS OF HISS  
 WHO MIGHT HAVE CORRESPONDENCE. FOR INFO OF LOS ANGELES, IN PRE-TRIAL  
 DEPOSITION CIVIL SUIT FOR SLANDER, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS PRODUCED SIXTYFOUR  
 DOCUMENTS CLAIMED BY HIM TO BE COPIES OF STATE DEPARTMENT MATERIAL, WHICH  
 MATERIAL WAS TYPED BY MRS. HISS ON TYPEWRITER IN HISS RESIDENCE AND WHICH  
 ORIGINAL MATERIAL WAS TAKEN FROM FILES OF STATE DEPARTMENT. FBI LABORATORY  
 STATES THE SIXTYFOUR DOCUMENTS WERE TYPED ON A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER WITH  
 PICA STYLE TYPE. BUREAU PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF OBTAINING SPECIMENS ON  
 HISS TYPEWRITER SUBSEQUENT TO MAY, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. NY ORIGIN.  
 SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF REPORT TO BUREAU AND THREE TO NY, WITH ONE ATTENTION  
 MR. T. J. DONERAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.  
WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER NUMBER N TWO THREE EIGHT NAUGHT SIX SEVEN WAS  
PURCHASED FROM OFFICE MACHINE CO., WASHINGTON, DC, BY JAMES O. GRAY,  
MANASSAS AIRPORT, MANASSAS, VIRGINIA, NOVEMBER FIVE, NINETEEN FORTYSIX.  
WOODSTOCK NUMBER ONE FOUR FIVE TWO FIVE NINE SOLD TO HUGH BALL,  
STERLING, VA., JULY TWO, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR. AS SERIAL NUMBERS OF  
THESE MACHINES INDICATE MANUFACTURED IN PERMITS PERIOD,  
RICHMOND IS REQUESTED TO LOCATE MACHINES, PROCURE TYPING SPECIMENS,  
AND FORWARD FBI LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH DOCUMENTS KNOWN TO HAVE  
BEEN TYPED ON TYPEWRITER OF THIS. BY ORIGIN.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, IS - R.  
INVESTIGATION AT WASHINGTON, DC, REVEALS SEVERAL WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITERS  
WITH SERIAL NUMBERS IN THE PERTINENT RANGE, FORMERLY IN WASHINGTON, DC,  
ARE NOW IN NYC. SUGGEST THAT NYC LOCATE THESE MACHINES, PROCURE SPECIMENS  
FROM THEM, AND FORWARD TO LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH PERTINENT MATERIAL.

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*J.P.*  
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WOODSTOCK NUMBER TWO FIVE THREE THREE FIVE FIVE, PURCHASED BY WILLIAM  
JOHNSON, ONE EIGHT STONE ST., YONKERS, NY, JANUARY ELEVEN, NINETEEN FORTYONE.  
WOODSTOCK NUMBER N TWO NAUGHT TWO FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, PURCHASED BY FATHER  
CONRAD, SIX NAUGHT FIVE SEVEN COOPER AVE., BROOKLYN, NY, JUNE TWENTYFOUR,  
NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. WOODSTOCK NUMBER ONE TWO NAUGHT TWO EIGHT NAUGHT,  
PURCHASED BY MERCURY BUSINESS MACHINE CO., NYC, SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX,  
NINETEEN FORTYSIX. WOODSTOCK NUMBER EIGHT K TWO TWO TWO EIGHT TWO THREE,  
PURCHASED BY MERCURY BUSINESS MACHINE, SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX, NINETEEN  
FORTYSIX. WOODSTOCK NUMBER ONE SIX FIVE NAUGHT NAUGHT FIVE, PURCHASED  
BY T. G. NELSON, SURGT ADDING MACHINE CO., TWO TWO PARK PLACE, NYC, MAY  
FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX.

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J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ETAL, PERJURY, IS-R.

RE NEW YORK TEL TWENTYNINTH INST. ALL LETTERS WRITTEN TO PROFESSOR  
AND MRS. BRAND BLANSHARD HANDWRITTEN. RUC.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DAST R.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERVIEW OF CHAMBERS YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO EXHIBIT  
TO HIM THE [SOVIET AGENTS AND SOVIET OFFICIAL ALBUM] AS WELL AS THE PHOTOGRAPH  
OF LEOPOLD TREPPOR WHO WAS IN THE ROTA KAPALLE CASE FOR POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATIONS  
BY CHAMBERS OF BORIS BYKOV AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECTS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R. RE NEW YORK  
 REPORT DATED DEC. TWENTY THREE, FORTY EIGHT REFLECTING TRUE IDENTITY  
 OF BORIS BYKOV IS NOT KNOWN. IT IS NOTED THAT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION  
 OF BORIS CLOSELY CORRESPONDS TO THAT OF VASSILI ZUBILIN, WHO  
 OPERATED IN THE U. S. FROM NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR TO THIRTY SEVEN  
 AND WHO HAS USED THE COVER NAME PETER ALSO USED BY BYKOV. HEDI  
 MASSING HAS STATED THAT GERDA FRANKFURTER ACTED AS CHAUFFEUR  
 FOR MASSINGS SUPERIOR, BORIS. SUGGEST POSSIBILITY THIS BORIS MAY  
 ALSO BE IDENTICAL WITH ZUBILIN SINCE ZUBILIN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED  
 AS FREQUENT VISITOR AT HOME OF GERDA FRANKFURTER WHO WAS A FRIEND  
 OF HEDI MASSING. REPORTS AVAILABLE HERE DO NOT REFLECT WHETHER  
 PHOTOGRAPHS OF ZUBILIN HAVE BEEN EXHIBITED TO CHAMBERS. IF  
 ALREADY DONE IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPH  
 ZUBILIN BE EXHIBITED TO CHAMBERS, HEDI MASSING AND ELSE BERNARD

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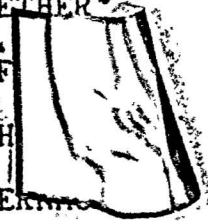
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE. CYNTHIA ARDEN JONES, SISTER IN LAW OF DONALD HISS, INTERVIEWED TODAY. FIRST MET ALGER IN DECEMBER NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE AT HER SISTERS WEDDING TO DONALD.

THROUGHOUT THE INTERVENING YEARS VISITED WITH ALGER AND HIS WIFE APPROXIMATELY ONCE EVERY THREE WEEKS BOTH IN WASHINGTON D.C. AND NEW YORK CITY DURING THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYMENTS IN THOSE CITIES. CLAIMS TO KNOW DONALD BETTER THAN ALGER AS CONTACTS WITH LATTER WERE ON A QUOTE RELATIVE VISITING BASIS UNQUOTE AS THEY HAD NO MUTUAL SOCIAL FRIENDS. CLAIMS ALGER WAS A QUIET, EVEN TEMPERED, CONSERVATIVE INDIVIDUAL WHO DID NOT INDULGE SOCIALLY AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE COULD RECALL THAT DURING HER VISITS ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON OR TWO AT THE MOST WOULD BE PRESENT. THEY WERE SHE BELIEVED USUALLY FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THEY MOSTLY DISCUSSED THE THEATER DURING SUCH VISITS AS ALGER IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE THEATER. SHE COULD NOT RECALL ANY SERIOUS POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS HAVING TAKEN PLACE FROM WHICH SHE COULD HAVE GAUGED ALGERS POLITICAL IDEOLOGY OTHER THAN THAT OF AN AMERICAN. SHE CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A NEW DEALER AND NO MORE INTERESTED IN RUSSIA THAN ANYONE ELSE WAS DUR-

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ING THAT ERA. SHE COULD NOT RECALL ALGER EVER HAVING DISPLAYED COMMUNIST INTERESTS OR TENDENCIES OR HAVING BEEN PARTIAL TO IT IN ANY WAY. NEVER TO HER KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF HAD HE EVER ENGAGED IN COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OR ESPIONAGE ON BEHALF OF RUSSIA OR FOR COMMUNISTS. SHE CLAIMS HE NEVER IN HER PRESENCE DISCLOSED ANY STATE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION THE RECENT REVELATIONS HAVE COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO HER AS SHE FIRMLY BELIEVES ALGER TO BE A LOYAL AMERICAN. SHE NEVER KNEW MET OR HEARD OF, PRIOR TO THE RECENT PAST, CHAMBERS, WADLEIGH, DUGGAN, OR FIELD. JONES IS PRESENTLY ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITH PAY FROM THE AMERICAN NATIONAL THEATER AND ACADEMY, HER EMPLOYER. SHE HAS RESIDED WITH EDITH ATWATER, PRO-COMMUNIST STAGE ACTRESS BUT TO AVOID UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY FOR ATWATER IS TEMPORARILY RESIDING AT BEEKMAN TOWERS HOTEL.

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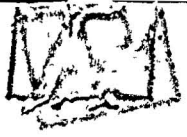
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JAY ~~DAVID~~ DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS ETAL PERJURY ESP DASH R.  
RE NY TEL DEC TWENTYEIGHT AND TWENTYNINE. NO TYPEWRITING SPECIMENS  
LOCATED AT SWARTHMORE COLLEGE RE TIMOTHY ~~HOBSON~~. HE ATTENDED SWARTH-  
MORE COLLEGE FOR TWO SEMESTERS IN ~~THE~~ SPRING AND SUMMER COMMENCING  
MARCH SIX FORTYFOUR UNDER NAVY V TWELVE PROGRAM. COLLEGE RECORD RE-  
FLECTS DATE OF BIRTH NINE NINETEEN TWENTY SIX AND LISTS ALGER HISS AS  
STEPFATHER. RECORD OF HOBSON AT GEORGE SCHOOL FORWARDED TO SWARTHMORE  
IN FORTY THREE REFLECTED HIS HOME ADDRESS AS THREE FOUR ONE FIVE VOLTA  
PLACE NW WASH. D. C. MRS DORIS SOULE SWARTHMORE HAS NO TYPEWRITTEN  
DOCUMENTS IN HER POSSESSION AS A RESULT OF HER ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE  
HISS FAMILY AND RECALLS NOTHING OF A TYPEWRITER IN THE POSSESSION OF  
HISS FAMILY. NIECE OF MRS ALGER HISS PRESENT DURING PORTION OF INTERVIEW  
WITH MRS SOULE. RE WFO TEL DEC THIRTY. INVESTIGATION AT EASTON PA  
~~INDICATED~~ WILLIAM ROSEN MAY HAVE GONE TO CALIFORNIA ABOUT A MONTH AGO  
EXACT WHEREABOUTS NOT YET DETERMINED. ROSENS SON RESIDING IN EASTON  
BUT LEFT HOME WITH FAMILY THIS MORNING BY AUTO AND TIME ~~OF~~ OF RETURN  
UNKNOWN. CONTACTS WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ADVICE WILL BE ~~BE~~ RECEIVED  
WHEN SON RETURNS TO RESIDENCE IN ORDER THAT WHERE ABOUTS OF WILLIAM  
ROSEN ~~IS~~ MAY BE DETERMINED.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C. January 3, 1943

To: SAC, Baltimore

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 20, 1942.

Re: JAY DAVID WITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases, et al  
Perjury; Espionage - R

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 65-1042  
FBI FILE NO. 74-1333-697  
LAB. NO. D-20453 ET

Examination requested by Baltimore

Deleted Copy Sent *Alvin Karpis*  
by Letter *10-15-42 THB/has*

Reference: Letter dated December 27, 1942

Examination requested Document

Specimens:

- Q140 Strip of negative film approximately 35 mm. in size.
- Q150 Strip of negative film approximately 35 mm. in size.

Result of Examination:

It has been concluded that the two strips of film, Q140 and Q150, were not prepared with any of the cameras used to expose any of the previous film examined in this case.

Specimens Q140 and Q150 are returned to you herewith.

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al  
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Examination requested by: Baltimore 65-1642

Date of reference communication: let. 12-27-48 Date received: 12-29-48 md

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination: Examination by: *12/30/48*  
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*Q 149 + Q 150 not prepared on any of cameras used to  
expose any of previous film examined in this case.*

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1149 Strip of negative film approximately 35 mm. in size.
- Q1150 Strip of negative film approximately 35 mm. in size.

cc New York  
Albany

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI      ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY      DATE: DECEMBER 27, 1948

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL;  
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ReBulet to New York, December 15, 1948, setting forth the results of the Laboratory examination of five 35 mm. negative films which have previously been referred to as the "pumpkin" microfilms.

There are enclosed for the attention of the Laboratory two strips of negative film approximately 35 mm. in size. These films were obtained by Special Agent THEODORE M. MALINOWSKI of the Baltimore Office from CHARLES M. QUARTLEY, 2113 Callow Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, the former landlord of FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN who has been identified as the unknown subject FELIX in this case. It will be recalled that FELIX, according to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was the photographer in Baltimore who did photographic work for CHAMBERS.

It is requested that the Laboratory examine the two films submitted herewith and compare them with Grand Jury Exhibits #49, #51, #48, #47 and #50, referred to in referenced letter of December 15, for any possible similarities that might exist.

It is further suggested, if it has not already been done, that Agents of the New York or Albany Office endeavor to obtain from subject FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN any small Leica-type camera that he may possess, so that it could be examined in the Bureau's Laboratory in an endeavor to determine whether the Grand Jury exhibits mentioned above could conceivably have been taken by any camera now owned by INSLERMAN.

~~DISPERSED RECORDING~~

For the information of the Bureau and New York Office, INSLERMAN, while living with CHARLES M. QUARTLEY in Baltimore, did considerable amateur photographic work for QUARTLEY and developed a number of QUARTLEY's personal photographs. QUARTLEY has in his possession a number of photographs which were developed by INSLERMAN. These are of a personal nature and are the property of QUARTLEY. If the Laboratory feels that these photographs which were developed by INSLERMAN some ten years ago, might be of any assistance in the Laboratory examination of the films obtained in this case, these specimens can be readily obtained from QUARTLEY and made available to the Laboratory.

*This being handled by Albany for 1/15/49*

The two enclosures submitted to the Laboratory herewith should be returned to Baltimore upon completion of the examination.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ALGER HISS, ETAL. PERJURY, ESP.  
R. RE REPORT OF SA F. D. O-BRIEN DATED DECEMBER THIRTY NINETEEN FORTY  
EIGHT CAPTIONED CASE. WHEREIN IT IS REFLECTED THAT FELIX AUGUST IN-  
SLERMAN STATES THAT HE GRADUATED FROM JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY IN  
NINETEEN THIRTYNINE BUT SOME OF PAERS IN HIS POSSESSION WERE DATED  
NINETEEN FORTY AND HE CLAIMED THAT HE TOOK EXTENSION COURSE IN  
JOHNS HOPKINS AFTER NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. REQUEST RECORDS JOHNS  
HOPKINS BE CHECKED AGAINST NAME OF INSLERMAN. ASCERTAIN HOW LONG HE  
ATTENDED THERE, WHETHER OR NOT HE DID ATTEND EXTENSION COURSES,  
DURATION OF THESE COURSES AND AND THE LAST DATE ON RECORD THERE  
OF HIS ATTENDANCE AT JOHNS HOPKINS. EXPEDITE AS INSLERMAN TO APPEAR  
AT NEW YORK TOMORORROW BEFORE GRAND JURY. SUTEL.

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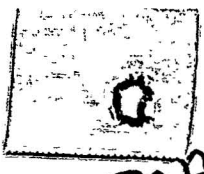
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- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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DIRECTOR URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R. RE CHARLOTTE  
 LET TO DIRECTOR DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, FORTY EIGHT RE JOHN KORAL, ESPIONAGE  
 DASH R AND TELETYPES DECEMBER THIRTY, FORTY EIGHT AND DECEMBER THIRTY  
 ONE, FORTY EIGHT FROM ST. LOUIS AND CHARLOTTE TO DIRECTOR AND NY CAPT-  
 IONED THIS CASE. JOHN KORAL, TAILOR, TWO TWO ONE WILLIS AVE., MINEOLA,  
 LI, IDENTIFIED AS JOHN KORAL, NEPHEW, IN REFERENCED LETTER DECEMBER  
 SEVENTEEN, FORTY EIGHT AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. KORAL ADVISED HE HAS  
 NO UNCLE JOHN KORAL AND KNOWS OF NO LIVING RELATIVES OF HIS FATHER JOHN  
 KORAL, WHO HE BELIEVED WAS BORN IN AUSTRIA, KORAL ABOVE BORN IN HIBERNIA,  
 NJ, MARCH SIXTEEN, NINETEEN NINETEEN, HIS ONLY RELATIVES ARE BROTHER,  
 ANDREW, AND FOUR MARRIED SISTERS. ONLY RELATIVES LIVE IN NJ, N. DIERZ,  
 NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND MT. VIERO, CALIF. STATED HE HEARD OF ALEXANDER KORAL  
 ONLY IN NEWSPAPERS REPORTS CONCERNING HIM, DENIED ANY RELATIONSHIP.  
 KORAL ADVISED HE WAS IN FIVE THREE NAUGHT FIELD ARTILLERY AT FORT  
 JACKSON, N. C. HE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF FORTS SET OUT IN REFERENCED  
 LETTER. COULD NOT IDENTIFY VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS IN INSTANT  
 CASE INCLUDING PHOTO ALEXANDER KORAL, EXCEPT HISS WHO HE HAD SEEN IN  
 NEWSREEL. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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CHARLOTTE ADVISED  
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FBI WASHINGTON FIELD 1-3-49 10:50 AM URGENT  
DIRECTOR AND SACS, ATLANTA AND NEW YORK

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, DEAF, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. RECORDS  
OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, DC, INDICATE NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INS. FILE  
OF TIMOTHY HOBSON, STEPSON OF ALGER HISS, WAS TRANSFERRED TO ATLANTA  
REGIONAL OFFICE, AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. VA FILE N DASH  
ONE FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT THREE FIVE NAUGHT SEVEN. ATLANTA REVIEW VA FILE  
FOR PERTINENT INFO AND OBTAIN PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF ANY TYPED WRITTEN  
CORRESPONDENCE FROM HOBSON FOR SUBMISSION TO FBI LAB FOR COMPARISON WITH  
KNOWN SPECIMENS OF ALGER HISS TYPEWRITER. HOBSON BORN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN,  
NINETEEN TWENTYSIX, NYC. HAD NAVY SERIAL FOUR FOUR NINE FOUR EIGHT NINE  
NINE. NY ORIGIN. SECURE FIVE COPIES TO BUREAU, AND THREE TO NY WITH ONE  
ATTENTION MR. T. J. DONEGAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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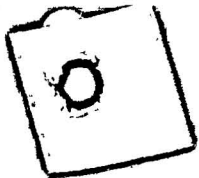
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Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE FROM WASH FIELD  
DIRECTOR AND SAC, BALTIMORE

1-3-49

10:30 AM

URGENT

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.

WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER SERIAL ONE SIX TWO TWO NAUGHT TWO, SOLD BY ARLINGTON  
 TYPEWRITER COMPANY TO SYLVIA STEVENS, LAKE LAND, MARYLAND, FEBRUARY TWELVE,  
 NINETEEN FORTYTWO. POSTAL GUIDE LISTS NO LAKE LAND, MARYLAND AND IT IS  
 BELIEVED STEVENS MAY LIVE IN LAKESVILLE, MARYLAND. AS SERIAL NUMBER  
 WITHIN RANGE OF WOODSTOCK IN QUESTION, BALTIMORE WILL LOCATE STEVENS, SECURE  
 TYPEWRITER SPECIMENS, FORWARD SAME TO FBI LAB FOR COMPARISON WITH TYPING  
 APPEARING ON DOCUMENTS TURNED OVER BY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: January 3, 1949

FROM : D. M. IADD *Sho*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS  
PERJURY;  
ESPIONAGE - R

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg ✓
- Mr. Glavin ✓
- Mr. Ladd ✓
- Mr. Nichols ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Tracy ✓
- Mr. Egan ✓
- Mr. Gurnea ✓
- Mr. Harbo ✓
- Mr. Mohr ✓
- Mr. Pennington ✓
- Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Reference is made to a memorandum dated December 31, 1948, from Inspector H. B. Fletcher to me advising that Mr. Chambers would be interviewed by Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department and setting forth that Special Agent M. A. Taylor of the Washington Field Office would be in attendance during the interview. The memorandum further pointed out that arrangements were being made for the New York Office to exhaustively interview Chambers. You noted, "Isn't it possible to get this fellow Chambers before the Grand Jury under oath and get all he has?"

Chambers is presently under subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury today, and in connection with his appearance arrangements have been made with Mr. Donegan so that he can be exhaustively interviewed by the New York Office for the purpose of getting all the information that he will relate. When that interview has been completed, and it is anticipated it will take several days, the results will be furnished to Mr. Donegan so that he can call Chambers again before the Grand Jury to relate under oath everything that will be covered by the interview by the New York Office.

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*See that he is thoroughly persistently & rigorously interrogated & his experience agents.*

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

January 3, 1949

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To:

SAC, Washington

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 3, 1949.

Re:

J. D. TRITAKI CHARLES, with aliases  
et al  
Perjury; Espionage - R  
Internal Security - R

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

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Examination requested by:

Washington

Reference:

Letter dated 1-3-49

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

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K112 Applicant's Questionnaire and affidavit dated July 29, 1946, executed by IRVING HESS.

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the machine which was used to type K112 was not used to type the evidence 46 through 49.

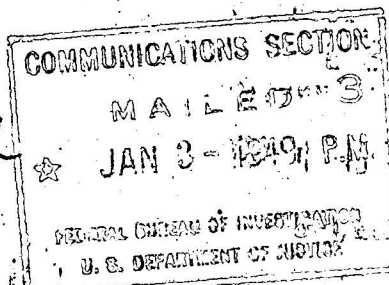
Specimen K112 will be returned to the Washington Field office January 4, 1949 by Special Messenger. Photographic copies representative of K112 have been made.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI      Attn: FBI Laboratory

DATE: January 3, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

*Handwritten:* 895-29

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Attached herewith is a copy of "Applicant's Questionnaire and Affidavit", dated July 26, 1946, executed by DONALD WISS, which is for comparison by the FBI Lab with known typewriting specimen in instant case.

This specimen is to be returned to the Washington Field Office when it has served its purpose.

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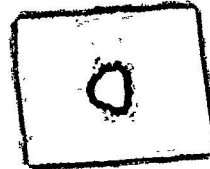
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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
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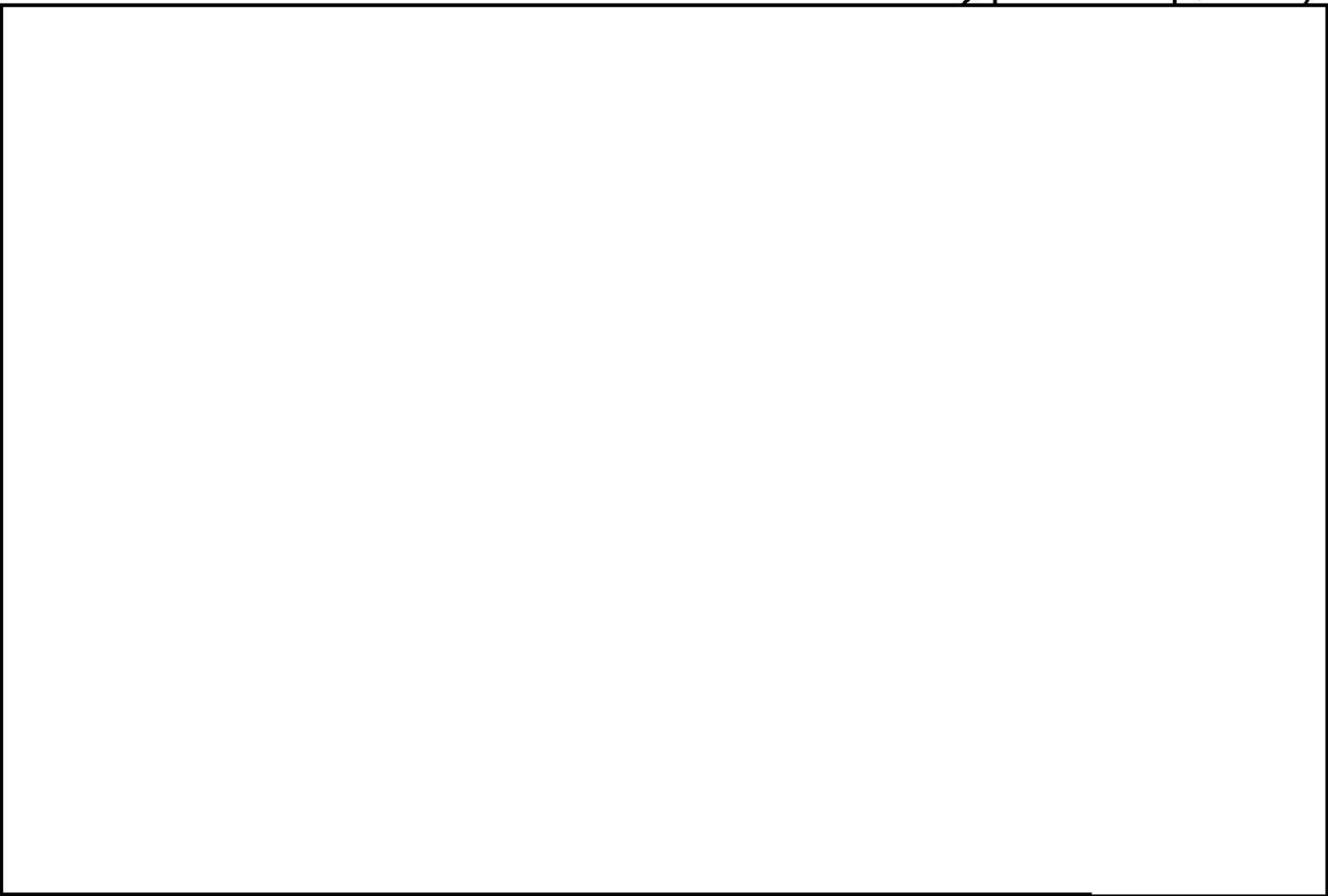
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DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. RECORDS

NAVY OFFICERS DISCIPLINE SECTION, WASHINGTON, DC, INDICATE TIMOTHY HOBSON,

HISS' STEPSON, WAS DISCHARGED FROM NAVY V DASH TWELVE PROGRAM



RETAIN ANY

TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE HE MAY HAVE RECEIVED FROM HOBSON FOR SUBMISSION TO  
FBI LAB. DO NOT REVEAL ONE AS SOURCE OF ABOVE INFO.

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*Mr. Fletcher*  
*H.P.O.*

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE INTERVIEW WILLIAM ROSEN. PHILA. ADVISED WILLIAM ROSEN NOW RESIDES SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA. DISREGARD LEAD TO INTERVIEW HIM IN YOUR FIELD DIVISION.

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Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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*Mr. Fletcher*

WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK 47 3 8-00P  
 DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE TYPE-  
 WRITER. THERE WERE SECURED TODAY FROM CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTER-  
 NATIONAL PEACE FOUR ORIGINAL LETTERS SIGNED BY ALGER HISS DATED NINE-  
 TEEN FORTYSIX AND FORTYSEVEN, AS WELL AS FOUR CARBON COPIES OF LETTERS  
 DATED NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, ALL OF THESE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE FBI  
 LAB FOR COMPARISON. IT WAS ASCERTAINED AT THIS ORGANIZATION THAT  
 ANY TYPEWRITTEN DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO NINETEEN FORTYFOUR ARE MAINTAINED  
 AT THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION, SEVEN HUNDRED JACKSON PLACE, WASHINGTON,  
 D.C. IN THE EVENT IT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE, CONTACT SHOULD BE  
 MADE AT THE FOUNDATION FOR POSSIBLE TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS. CONTACT  
 HAS BEEN MADE AT THE DALTON SCHOOL, NEW YORK CITY, AND IT WAS  
 ASCERTAINED THE RECORDS OF THIS SCHOOL WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL  
 JANUARY FIFTH. IT WAS LEARNED TODAY THAT THE RECORD ON TIMOTHY HOBSON,  
 MAINTAINED AT THE US NAVAL RECORDS CENTER, GARDEN CITY, LI, NY, HAD  
 BEEN FORWARDED AT THE REQUEST OF THE NAVY IN WASHINGTON, DC, TO WASH-  
 INGTON, DC. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE AT GARDEN CITY, ADVISED THAT THE

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FBI IN WASHINGTON HAD REQUESTED THE NAVY TO HAVE THIS FILE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON. PREVIOUSLY IT HAD BEEN ASCERTAINED BY THIS OFFICE THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMEN SIGNED BY TIMOTHY HOBSON IN THIS FILE. A SUBPOENA WAS ISSUED IN ORDER TO SECURE THIS SPECIMEN. IT WAS FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS THIS CASE. MRS. LENA NIXON, EIGHT THREE THREE JEFFERSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY, SISTER OF GENOA MORSE, FORMER MAID FOR HISS IN WASHINGTON CONTACTED. SHE ADVISED THAT HER SISTER HAD WRITTEN HER ASKING THAT SHE SECURE A MAID FOR THE HISS FAMILY IN NEW YORK CITY. SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS UNABLE TO RECOMMEND ANYONE TO THEM AND THAT SHE HAS NO IDEA OF WHO THE MAID WAS THAT THEY SECURED FINALLY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF THE PRESENT MAID FOR THE HISS FAMILY IN ORDER THAT SHE MAY BE INTERVIEWED.

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M W. Supers

By W. J.

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cc: Mr. Karel

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Mohr.....
Mr. Pennington.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK

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FOR THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. ASAC BELMONT, NEW YORK, JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE. RENYTEL JAN. THIRD, LAST, RE FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN AND HIS ATTENDANCE AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BALTO. RECORDS AT JOHNS HOPKINS REFLECT INSLERMAN FIRST ENTERED THE UNIVERSITY JULY THIRTY, THIRTYEIGHT, RECEIVING HIS DEGREE JUNE SIX, THIRTYNINE. HE REENTERED THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AT JOHNS HOPKINS SEPT. THIRTYNINE, STUDYING AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS UNTIL MAY, FORTY, AND AGAIN FROM SEPT. FORTY, STUDYING THE SAME COURSES UNTIL MAY, TWENTYTHREE, FORTYONE.

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Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. DeLoach .....  
Mr. Mohr .....  
Mr. Bishop .....  
Mr. Casper .....  
Mr. Callahan .....  
Mr. Conrad .....  
Mr. Felt .....  
Mr. Gale .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Sullivan .....  
Mr. Tavel .....  
Mr. Trotter .....  
Mr. Tele. Room .....  
Mr. Holmes .....  
Miss Gandy .....

WASHINGTON AND NEWARK FROM WASH FIELD 1-4-49 9:45 AM URGENT

DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEWARK

W. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. WOODSTOCK  
TYPEWRITER, SERIAL NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR FOUR THREE TWO, WAS REPAIRED IN  
SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT FOR PAUL KELLER IN WASHINGTON, DC. KELLER  
RESIDING SIX ONE TWO SEVEN RODGERS AVENUE, MERCHANTVILLE, NEW JERSEY.

NEWARK WILL INTERVIEW KELLER AND IF TYPEWRITER PURCHASED BY HIM IN WASHINGTON,  
DC, SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH THIRTYONE, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT WILL OBTAIN SPECIMENS  
FROM SAME AND FORWARD TO FBI LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH DOCUMENTS TURNED  
OVER BY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. NY ORIGIN. SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF REPORT TO  
BUREAU AND THREE COPIES TO NY, ONE ATTENTION MR. T. J. DONEGAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT  
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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CC - New York by Mail

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD
FROM : H. B. FLETCHER
SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS;
ALGER HISS
PERJURY;
ESPIONAGE

DATE: January 3, 1949

- Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
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Miss Gandy

At 5:00 p.m. Mr. Vincent Russo of the Department called over and made reference to the Bureau's memorandum suggesting that arrangements be made with HUAC to secure the five rolls of microfilm for further comparison with the film recovered from Felix Inslerman. Mr. Russo stated that he had called Congressman Nixon of the Committee, who stated that the film would be made available and that Agents should contact Mr. Stripling of the Committee at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow for the purpose of obtaining the film. Congressman Nixon stated that one of the Committee's investigators would remain with the film during the time that it was being examined. I informed Mr. Russo that we would arrange to get in touch with Mr. Stripling of the Committee at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

At 5:30 p.m., ASAC Belmont, New York, called and stated that Inslerman had appeared before the Grand Jury today. He was represented by former Assistant U. S. Attorney Louis Bender and Mr. Inslerman, on the advice of his attorney, refused to talk. He also would not give up his cameras and it now appears that he has three different cameras, one Lica, one box camera, and a German camera. Mr. Belmont stated that Mr. Donegan had spent considerable time trying to persuade Bender to permit Inslerman to talk. Donegan will make further attempts along this line tomorrow as he is of the belief that it would be very important to get Inslerman to break down. If he fails to persuade Bender, it appears that Mr. Donegan will seek a search warrant to recover the cameras of Inslerman. Mr. Belmont stated that he would immediately advise the Albany Office of the status of the Inslerman matter.

At 5:45 p.m., Mr. Belmont called back and stated that the Agents had just reported in on the attempt to interview Frederick V. Fields. Fields furnished a prepared statement to the Agents and he asked of the Agents a statement as to what Laurence Duggan had said. This, of course, was refused and he stated that he would not be interviewed other than to furnish the prepared statements because the FBI had been blacking his name nationwide by an intentional leak. It appears that Drew Pearson has knowledge of the statements of Duggan so far as it relates to Fields. The interviewing Agents promptly challenged Fields, stating that the FBI had not leaked any information, and he then said that the Department of Justice did. Mr. Belmont is transmitting by teletype the complete statement of Fields, having in mind the possibility that Fields will release it to the press.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER  
FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN  
SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 4, 1949

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
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- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Mr. Vincent P. Russo of the Department called at 10:45 A.M. and referred to an arrangement which he had effected with Congressman Nixon of the HCUA to obtain the microfilms in this case for examination by the FBI Laboratory. Mr. Russo advised that he had just received a telephone call from Congressman Wood of Georgia who stated that Mr. Stripling of the HCUA had told Mr. Wood of Mr. Russo's interest in obtaining these films. Mr. Russo stated that Congressman Wood pointed out to him that at the present time there is no HCUA and, therefore, no one has authority to release the films. Mr. Russo stated that Congressman Wood was careful to explain that he wanted the Department to understand that he was not engaging in any obstructionist tactics but unfortunately, because of the situation, nothing could be done regarding these films at this time. The Congressman related that it is expected that the HCUA will be reconstituted between now and the end of this week and that he, Wood, undoubtedly would be the chairman. At such time as this occurs Mr. Wood told Mr. Russo he would call him and see that the films are made available.

*Retaker*  
*JBT*  
*F.L. Jones*

Mr. Russo stated that he would follow Congressman Wood in connection with this matter.

*JOHN, S.*

In view of this, I called Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the Washington Field Office and told him to discontinue efforts to obtain these films from Mr. Stripling, who, you will recall, upon contact this morning explained that it was impossible to release the film until the express approval of Mr. Wood had been received.

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*Same old "run around" from this outfit.*

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Memorandum to the Director

notes. The Bureau files do not indicate what if anything Mr. Berle said at the time the notes were obtained by the Bureau, but it is doubtful that he would have been able to contribute materially to a clarification of the notes in 1943 after a lapse of almost four years from the date of his original interview with Chambers.

Attachment

of course hind-sight is better than fore-sight but we should learn from this incident & not have any recurrence in other cases & situations.

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