





FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

December 10. 1948

John Edgar Hoover, Director 9

Lt.C: Weshington Field

There follows the report of the FHI Laboratory on the executation of the evidence received from your office on December 10. 1948.

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Examination requested by:

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Reference:

Letter on letterhead of "Office of the Solicitor denoval, implication, D. C. dated hely 11, 1936 bearing known typesetting openings, beginning. "I horowith tendor by resignation", and signed "ALLER HISS".

RESULTS OF MANAGEMENT

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Examination requested by: SAC, Washington Field

Date of reference communication: Memo. 12-10-48

Date received: 12-10-48

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Specimens submitted for examination

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Reurlet attention FEE Laboratory January 21, last, enclosing a letter dated October 20, 1948, from Alger Hiss to the Nov. J. Gillespie frastronz.

The letter to Rev. Armstrong is enclosed herewith in accordance with your request. You should incorporate the portionat portions of this lotter in your next investigative report.

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Director, FBI

SAC, New York

SUBJECT:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Et Al;

PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.

Re Bureau teletype January 18, 1949 to New York. In accordance with reference teletype there are being enclosed herewith for the Chicago office two photographs of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, Wa: DAVID CARPENTER, for exhibition to

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CC: Chicago (Air Mail Special Delivery)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: Director, FBI January 24, 1949

SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was.;

ALGER HISS. ET AL PERJURY

ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to Albany teletype to the Director and SACS, New Newark and Washington Field Office dated January 19, 1949.

The above teletype states that HANS'INSLERMAN, the brother of FELIX INSLERMAN, resides at East Borne Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey and is alleged to be employed as a Civil Service employee of the U.S. Army as a radio engineer at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

As a matter of possible interest, HANS INSERMAN holds amateur radio station and operator's license W2CPL with an address at 237 East Borne Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey. Due to the ease of transmission of information over extreme distances by way of amateur radio, the above is being called to your attention. RECORDED - 61

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R, IS DASH R. CHAMBERS PRESENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM ONE PM UNTIL SIX THIRTY PM TODAY AND ASSISED WEFO AGENTS DURING THIS TIME. FIVE FORMER MAIDS OF ALGER HISS HAD OPPORTUNITY OF VIEWING CHAMBERS. BUT ONLY ONE RECOGNIZED HIM. CLAUDIE CATLETT, MAID FROM APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE UNTIL SOMETIME IN THIRTYEIGHT OR THIRTYNINE. RECOGNIZED HIMAND ASSOCIATED HIM WITH HESS RESIDENCE AT TWENTYNINE ZERO FIVE P STREET. NORTHWEST. SHE SAYS THAT SHE MAY HAVE SEEN HIN AT THE OTHER APDRESSES. BUT DOES NOT RECALL IT AND WOULD NOT HAVE PAID ANY ATTENTION TO HIM AFTER SEEING HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME. DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE MAIDS. CHAMBERS AND CATLETT SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME RECALLING INCIDENTS OF MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE FERTAINING TO THE HISSES. CATLETT RECALLS. RED RUG IN CLOSET OF HISS RESIDENCE ON THIRTIETH STREET AND RECALLS THAT MRS. HISS DID: NOT USE THE RUG AT THIS ADDRESS, AND MRS. HISS STATED THAT IT WAS NOT WHEN MISS MOVED TO THE VOLTA PLACE ADDRESS ROOM OF TIMOTHE HOBSON WHICH ROOM IS LECATED IN ATTIC. CHAMBERS BELIEVES THIS RUG IS THE ONE HE PRESENTED TO HISS. CATLETT RECALLS AN INCIDENT WHEREBY AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN INQUIRED FOR ALGER OF PRISCILLA HISS WHEN THE HISSES RESIDED ON VOLTA PLACE. NORTHWEST DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON. - CATLETT RECALLS THAT HISSES AND THAT THE MAN CAME THERE TWICE IN THE EVENING INQUIRING FOR THEM. TO STATE THAT THIS MAN WAS WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, BUT DEFINITELY RECALLS INCIDENT AS SHE CONSIDERED A VISIT OF THIS NATURE UNUSUAL. FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION. THIS

PRODUCTIVE DURING CONTINUED SEASON OF THRETYEIGHT. WHO CONDUCTING HEADIATE ENVISITENTION TO DEFINITELY ESTA LISH TENURE OF CATLETTS SERVICE AS MAID.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 65 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 1, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, etal

PERJURY

ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet January 3, 1949 and Butel to Philadelphia, New York and Newark January 24, 1949:

There is transmitted with this letter photographic copies of ALGER HISS which photographs were taken on August 21, 1934 by Harris and Ewing, local photographers, 1313 F Street, W., Washington, D. C. DEFERRED PROOF

The attached copies were reproduced by the Bureau Photographic Laboratory and were made from photographs which were furnished by CLAIRE GRAMLING, Assistant Manager, Harris and Ewing. To date this office has been unable to obtain photographs of HISS during the period around 1937, however, in the event such photographs are located they will be immediately made available to the Bureau and the interested offices. ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE

Enclosures

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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1emoran um • united states government DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: January 28, 1949 GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD 93911 JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.; ALGER HISS, et al PERJURY: ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet 1/13/49 requesting this office to obtain from the State Department the personnel file, administrative file, and any other files relating to the employment of AIGER HISS, such as annual and sick leave.

Attention is directed to the letter dated December 20, 1948 from this office transmitting six expense vouchers obtained from the State Department, five of which were submitted by ALGER HISS and the other by his brother DONALK HISS.

Enclosed herewith is expense voucher #4097, dated June 30, 1945 which was submitted by ALGER HISS in connection with his attendance at the United Nations conference in San Francisco, California. This was made available to Special Agent J. J. CANAVAN, by Mr. W. E. BESSER, Finance Division, State Department. He advised that no other expense vouchers which HISS might have submitted could be located. DEFENDENCEORDEN

It is requested that when this voucher has been reviewed by the Bureau that it be returned to this office.

The State Department has been requested to furnish the leave records of AIGER HISS and these will be transmitted as soon as received.

The State Department personnel and Security files pertaining to HISS have already been furnished to the Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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of DONALD HISS. K390 Typewritem latter dated June 20, 1944, to Mr. H.HACH ALLACH, beginning "Dear Hilliam: In respect to the securities in...", signed in ink Divided Hiss.

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Memorandum • united states government

Director, FBI

DATE: January 28, 1949

ATT. FBI Laboratory SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL

PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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There are enclosed herewith two typewritten specimens typed by DONALD and CATHERINE HISS and obtained from the file of the Gruntal and Company, 30 Broad Street, New York City, a stock brokerage firm. These specimens are to be compared with the questioned specimens in this case and are to be returned to this office so that they can be returned to Gruntal and Company.

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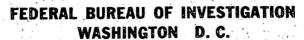
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Director, FBI

DATE: 1/28/49

FROM

K391.

SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al

PERJURY

ESPIONAGE - R

Re Baltimore letter to Bureau dated 1/19/49, regarding the possibility of obtaining additional typewritten specimens pertinent to this case from the correspondence between ALGER HISS and EDWARD WILLIAM CASE, real estate agent of Westminster, Maryland.

The results of such investigation by the Baltimore Office are set out in the report of SA WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER, dated 1/28/49 at Baltimore. Such investigation has developed that there was probably only one typewritten letter from HISS to CASE, that letter being dated 5/28/36, beginning, "I have delayed answering your letter . . . " and ending ". . . . it will not inconvenience you to keep them until then "A photostatic copy of this letter was enclosed to the Bureau with the report of SA H. EDGAR LENTZ, dated 9/10/48, at Baltimore, in the case entitled, "J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, wa; ALGER HISS; PERJURY," Baltimore file 74-6.

It is requested that the Laboratory compare the photostatic copy of the above described letter with the questioned documents in instant case. It is possible that the Laboratory, even in the absence of the original, may be able to determine whether there is any possibility that this letter could have been written on the same typewriter as the questioned documents. If such determination cannot be made and this letter cannot be positively eliminated by the Laboratory without access to the original, the New York Office may be able to obtain the original which is believed to be presently in the possession of Mr. EDWARD C. McLEAN, attorney for ALGER HISS, who is associated with the law firm, Debevoise, Plimpton, and McLean of New York City. The original letter was probably forwarded to Mr. McLean by Mr. WILLIAM L. MARBURY, Baltimore attorney for HISS.

The examination is requested as outlined herein because Mr. AMARBURY has already told Baltimore agents that if he had the original letter, he did not think he would turn it over to the Bureau and, likewise, would not accommodate the Bureau if he were in Mr. McLEAN's position. Accordingly, if the Laboratory can make a satisfactory identification or elimination by using the photostatic copy which is already available, no need will arise to make a possible issue of obtaining the original.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

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FEDERAL DUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO Director, FBI DATE: January 31, 1949

FROM GALSAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT:

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL PERJÜRY, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R Bufile #74-1333

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Rebutel to all SAC'S dated 1-11-49, and teletype from Kansas City dated 1-25-49. DEFERRED RECORDING

Referenced teletype from Kansas City reflects that O. S. TREGLER, Ozark Typewriter Company, Springfield, Missouri, advised that he had sold Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E to DON MATTHEWS, Yellville, Arkansas, on February 10, 1940. The Kansas City Field Office requested that this office locate this typewriter and obtain specimens of the type of the machine.

Mr. DON MATTHEWS, editor of the Mountain Echo, Yellville, Arkansas, produced records which reflect that he purchased the above mentioned typewriter from the Ozark Typewriter Company, Springfield, Missouri, through Mr. O. S. TRAYLOR on May 27, 1936. Mr. MATTHEWS stated he has purchased typewriters from Mr. TRAYLOR on various occasions, and that ordinarily the purchase price of the typewriters secured by him has been paid off in advertising in the Hountain Echo. Mr. MATTHEWS stated that the most recent typewriter purchase made by him was that of Woodstock typewriter No. N529067 which he purchased June 20, 1939.

He stated that typewriter No. 5N172213E was presented by him to his daughter, Mrs. GLENN PYE, either on July 14, 1937 or sometime in 1939. Mr. MATTHEWS stated that his daughter maintained typewriter No. 5N172213E at his residence in Yellville, Arkansas since the time he presented it to her, and that it has never been in the possession of any person outside his family. He declared that he had purchased this typewriter with the understanding that it was a new typewriter, and that it had never been used by any other individuals, and was not a reconditioned typewriter.

Specimens of the type of Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E were taken from this typewriter and are being forwarded herewith to the Bureau Laboratory for comparison with known typewriting specimens of the typewriter that is believed to have formerly been in the possession of ALGER and PRISCILLACHISS, as is indicated in referenced teletype from the Bureau.

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Mr. MATTHEWS stated he would maintain possession of Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E at his office in Yellville, Arkansas, and that he will make it available to the representative of this Bureau at any time that such request is made of him. Mr. MATTHEWSadvised that since the above typewriter has been in his possession, no repair work of any nature has been made upon it, although it has been cleaned on a few occasions.

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:

Exhibit No. 1 is the original page of the letters of the alphabet and figures, small case type, samples of Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E.

Exhibit No. 2 is a carbon copy of Exhibit No. 1.

Exhibit No. 3 is one page of large case characters, typewriter No. 5N172213E.

Exhibit No. 4 is a continuance of Exhibit No. 3.

Exhibit No. 5 is one page of characters of Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E, prepared by removing the ribbon of the typewriter and placing carbon on the outside of the page of Exhibit No. 5.

Exhibit No. 6 is a sheet of bond paper which was placed beneathExhibit No. 5 during the preparation of Exhibit No. 5.

Exhibit No. 7 is an original copy of miscellaneous paragraphs prepared on Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E.

Exhibit No. 8 is carbon copy of Exhibit No. 7.

The carbon paper used in the preparation of the above exhibits is being forwarded herewith for any value which it may have in conducting the requested examination.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

February 2, 1919

To:

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There follows the report of the PH Laboratory on the secuciontal of evidence required from your effice on January 25, 1949.

Re:

MAT DAVID MITTANER CHANGES with alliance of al Perjuny; Explanage of E Internal Security - E

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Examination requested by:

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FBI FILE NO.

Examination requested:

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Specimens:

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The conclusion was remained that the machine which was used to type 1363 was not used to type 46 through 469. It was also concluded that 1363 was not typed on the machine which was used to type 45.

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Director, FBI

DATE: 1-26-49

FROM

SAC, Newark

SUBJECT:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was. Etal.

PERJURY: ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Enclosed herewith are three pages of typewriter specimens from a Woodstock typewriter, property of Rev. Father JAMES FINLEY, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which is in the possession of MRS. FRANK BOWEN, 54 Beach Street, Jersey City, New Jersey. A thorough examination of this typewriter has failed to reveal a serial number.

DEMERRED RECORDING

It is requested that these specimens be compared with the documents available in the captioned case. A copy of the Laboratory report should be furnished the New York and Washington Field Offices.

It is pointed out that the ratchet mechanism for line spacing is broken on the typewriter, which accounts for the unevenness of spacing between the lines. It is also noted that the letter "e" on the typewriter will not make a legible impression.

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CC New York Washington Field

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Director, FBI

DATE: February 2, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT:

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, etal

PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

In response to a teletype request from the St. Paul Office under date of January 31, 1949, there are being forwarded to the Omaha Division as enclosures to this letter, three photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and one of Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. These photographs are to be exhibited to Mrs. WILLIAM D. WERTZ of McCook, Nebraska, in connection with the interview of her as requested by the St. Paul Office.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February 2, 1949

FROM

Mr. D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS: ET AL

ALGER HISS

PERJURY - ESPIONAGE - R

During the present interrogation of Chambers he has furnished the following information which concerns his obtaining photos of blue-prints of submarines in 1933 from persons connected with the Electric Boat/Company at New London, Connecticut.

Chambers states that sometime in 1933, with the approval of "Ulrich" his superior in Soviet Intelligence, he went to New Haven, Connecticut, with "J. Peters" who introduced him to one "Wofsie," who has since been identified by Chambers as Isadore Wofsie, formerly state chairman of the Communist Party in Connecticut, and presently employed by the "Morning Frieheit." Wofsie drove Chambers to New London and introduced him to "an Italian Communist," whose name he recalled as something like "Mariano," who was employed by the Electric Boat Company. (New York teletype dated 1-20-48)

Mariano is believed to be identical with Joseph Jiulietti, with aliases, Joseph Guilietti, Guiseppe Guilietti, Guiseppe Guilietti, Guiseppe Guilietti and Joe Joliet, who was a subject in an espionage case in connection with obtaining blueprints from the Electric Boat Company at New London, Commecticut, the investigation concerning which was conducted in 1934. This case was closed without prosecution on July 3, 1934. Guilietti is now employed at the U. S. Navy Underwater Sound Laboratory at New London, having been cleared by the Civil Service Commission at Boston on July 1, 1948. (New Haven teletype January 27, 1949) (62-31468-7-13)

"Mariano" advised Chambers that he could, and allegedly did, secure blueprints of submarines. He also stated that any plans he could not himself obtain, would be secured by one "Darrow," whom Chambers also met. (New Morketeletype dated 1-20-48)

Darrow has been identified as Clayton B. Darrow, now deceased, who furnished information to the New York Office in the espionage case previously referred to concerning Joseph Jiulietti and the Electric Boat Company. (New Haven teletype dated 1-27-49) (62-31468-7-8)

After the initial meeting Chambers reported his success to "Ulrich," who ordered him to take a Leica camera on his next trip to New London and photograph the blueprints. This Chambers did, photographing material made available by "Mariano" in the latter's home. None of these photographs came out and as a result "Ulrich" made arrangements for one "Frank," an expert in photography who has not been identified, to handle the New London contact. He

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introduced "Mariano" as "Raymond" to "Frank." Chambers stated that he then dropped out of the operation. He recalls, however, that "Mariano" and "Darrow" came to New York once for a meeting at the Hotel Therese at which Chambers was present, which was arranged between them and "Ulrich." It was Chambers' recollection that Darrow reported his part in the operation to the local American Legion Officers in New London, Connecticut. Chambers stated that he had the impression, probably obtained from conversation with "J. Peters," that the Electric Boat venture was not very productive. (New York teletype dated 1-20-49)

The following data appears to partially substantiate Chambers' statements regarding this matter.

In April, 1934, Clayton B. Darrow, an employee of the Electric Boat Company at New London, Connecticut, advised Agents of the New York Division that about two years previous at the instigation of Joseph Jiuletti, a fellow employee, he secretly carried a blueprint from the plant and gave it to Jiuletti, who he believed, gave it to a man known as Wlack." (62-31468-7)

In a later statement dated May 4, 1934; Darrow admitted taking about twelve blueprints from the plant for "Joe Joliet" (Jiuletti) who furnished them to one "Eugene." Darrow saw "Eugene" several times and on one occasion he, Darrow, "Went to New York with "Joliett" on tickets furnished by "Jack" (Eugene) where he met the "chief" and presented some plans of my own to him in a hotel on 125th Street." Darrow stated that he later met a new contact man in place of "Eugene," who was identified only as having a vivid scar on his upper lip, continuing around the right corner of his mouth. (62-31468-8)

In his statements to agents of the New York Office, Darrow indicated that Zachary Baranoff and Frank W. Oraminski, employees of the Electric Boat Company, were also involved in obtaining material from the plant. (62-31468-7)

In further verification of this operation, Chambers was asked on January 25, 1949, by New York Agents as to the cover name he used. Without hesitation he replied, "Eugene." The facts furnished the New York Division by Darrow in 1934 were discussed with Chambers. He stated that Darrow had elaborated some of the facts beyond recognition, and stated further that he had no knowledge of the existence of a Communist Party cell in the Electric Boat Company in 1934. He stated he knew only "the Italian" (believed to be Joseph Jiuletti) and Darrow. The latter died of natural causes, February 17, 1940. Chambers stated, however, that Zachary Baranoff, Dudley Chapman and Frank Framinskyy (Draminski) who were subjects in the original Electric Boat Company case, are known to him. (New York teletype dated 1-26-49)

In the teletype to the Bureau dated January 27, 1949, pertaining to the Electric Boat Company case, the New Haven Division inquired concerning the desirability of having Zachary Baranoff interviewed. The Bureau files reflect that a loyalty investigation was conducted on Baranoff in June and July, of 1948. This investigation was based on a charge that Baranoff had been a member of Lodge #3029 of the International Workers Order during the years 1946 and 1947. The investigation disclosed that while Baranoff resided in New London, Connecticut,

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he had corresponded with the Russian National Mutual Aid Society of America, 629 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was further disclosed in the records of the Electric Boat Company, where Baranoff was employed from 1925 to 1936, that he was at one time under suspicion for possible "Red activities." However, the records at the Electric Boat Company do not indicate that the allegation was ever substantiated, or give the source of the allegation. No additional information was disclosed in the investigation which would reflect against Baranoff's loyalty to the United States. (121-8474-11-13)

By teletype dated January 31, 1949, the New York Division requested that Joseph Guiletti be thoroughly interviewed unless the Bureau advised to the contrary.

ACTION:

It is recommended that Joseph Guiletti, Zachary Baranoff, Frank Draminski, and Dudley Chapman be thoroughly interviewed-for any information which may assist in the development of instant case. If you agree, there is attached herewith a teletype to the New York Division, with copies to Boston and New Haven, authorizing such interviews, and instructing that they be carried out simultaneously.

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ECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FOR BI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUID FEDERAL DUREAU OF INVESTIGATES DATE 05-14-2010 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION Mr. Tolson..... 7 1249 TELETYPE CONF'TUO STATIONS WASHINGTON 65 AND NEVARK & FROM MY URGENT CLASS. & EXT. BY 10320 DIRECTOR AND SAC REASON - FCIN 11, 1-2. 4. REINTEL J. D. W. RE. DR. ISIDOS MILLER, WAS, ET AL., ESP R. WAS, ET AL, RERJURY, ESP DASH E, FEB. FIRST FORTY NINE. ISIDCE MILLER INTERVIEWED AT MYO AND STATEMENT TAKEN INSTANT DATE. IN GENERAL MILLER STATEMENT AGREES WITH FACTS RELATIVE TO PICATINNY ARSENAL CASE FURNISHED BY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. HOWEVER MILLER STATES THAT HE WAS INVOLVED THROUGH DR. PHILIP ROSENBLIETT. ROSENBLIETT IS KNOWN TO BUREAU IN MILLER STATES HE LET ROSENELIETT MOISCHE STERN AND NOSTWAG CASES. THROUGH DR. MORRIS GREENDERG UNOSE SISTER MARRIED ROSENCLIETT. AND GREENEERG HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE COLLEGE DAYS. Rosembleitt?. IN MINETEEN THIRTY THREE ROSENBERG ASKED MILLER TO MEET "A UNO WAS ENGAGED IN SOME UNITING OF THE OF TEXPLOTIVES AND WOULD MEED A GILL EXPERIENCED IN EXPLOSIVE CARACTERY TO TAKE DICTATION. l<u>ing knéw millers background and connections at Picatiphy arsemal.</u> MILLER MET THIS FRIEND DUT COULD NOT RECALL THE MAKE HE USED. VIEWED MINETEEN THIRTY ONE PHOTO OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND SAID CONFIDENTIAL REJENDLED ROSENDERGS FRIEND BUT NOT Kisseloff-1416

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

___SUBJECT:

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al

PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

In response to a teletype request from the St. Paul Office under date of January 31, 1949, there are being forwarded to the Los Angeles Office, as enclosures to this letter, one photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and one photograph of Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Other photographs in possession of this office have already been supplied the Los Angeles Office.

These photographs, together with the other photographs already in possession of the Los Angeles Office, are to be exhibited to RUTH S. TYLER, 835 West 9th Street, San Pedro, California, in connection with the interview of her as requested by the St. Paul Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Washington Field

February 3, 1949

There follows the report of the FDT Laboratory on the excisination of cylicance received from your office on February 2, 1949.

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Reference: Lotter dated February 1, 1949

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Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K393 Letter typowritten on letterhead stationery of Civilian Defence, Georgetown Area, Air Raid Headquarters, dated July 23, 1942, to Lr. JAMES JARDING, 4334 P Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., zignod ELIZADERI KNAPIR.

K32. Corbon copy of a typowritten letter from 1521 Thirty-fifth circot, Kachington, D. C., dated January 20, 1945, to Mr. M. H. GILL, 1100 H Street, Tashington, D. C.

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

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Enclosed herewith are two letters, one letter written on the stationery of the Civilian Defense, Georgetown Area, and is dated July 23, 1942, addressed to Mr. JAMES JARDINE, and signed ELIZABETH DRAPER. The other letter is addressed to Mr. W. H. GILL, dated January 20, 1945, and is unsigned. This is a carbon copy of the original letter.

K 393. K 394. You are requested to search the typing appearing in these letters against the known typing of the Woodstock Typewriter used to type questioned documents.

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These letters were obtained from Mrs. HENRY DRAPER (ELIZABETH DRAPER), 1521 - 35th Street, N. W., for many years president of the Georgetown Progressive Citizens Association, by Special Agents DONAED D. CONNORS and THOMAS J. BARRY, on January 31, 1949.

Mrs. DRAPER has advised that she has a faint recollection that PRISCILLA HISS did some typing for the Civilian Defense Organization and that it is remotely possible that PRISCILLA HISS did some typing for the Progressive Citizens Association although she held no official secretarial position in either organization.

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These letters should be returned to the Washington Field Office upon completion of the examination, for proper disposal by this office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Kashington Field

Februáry 3, 1949

There follows the report of the Fill Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 2, 1949.

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LAB. NO. Deleted Copy Sent Letter dated February 1, 1927 Letter 10-16-

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Examination requested:

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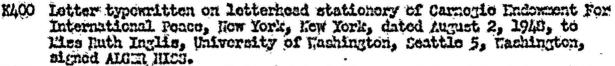
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signed ALGIR HISS.

KLO2 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 27, 1940, to Liss Buth Inglis, Department of Sociology, University of Tashington, Seattle 5, Machington, pigned ALGER HISS.

8403 Carbon copy of a three-page letter typowritten on letterhead stationary of Carnegie Endoment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated November 17, 1947, to Dr. Easten Rothwell, The Roover Institute

and Library, Stanford University, California, from ALGUA HISS.

KAOL Carbon copy of a Memorandum for Mr. Phillips, typowritten on a plain cheet of white paper, dated August 15, 1947, from A. H.

RAOS. A typowritten Komorandum of Understanding with Lies Inglis with Respect to Publication Aspects of the Lotion Picture as an Instrument of Education in International Affairs, signed ALGER HIGS.

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The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type K395 through K405 was not used to type G6 through C69. It was also concluded that none of the machines that typed K395 through K405 was used to type G5.

The submitted evidence will be returned to the Washington Field Office after photographic copies have been made.

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Director, FBI

Attn: FBI Laboratory

DATE: February 1, 1949

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBTRCT

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al

PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R 94032

There are being transmitted herewith, ten pieces of correspondence for typewriting examination by the FBI Laboratory, and comparison with questioned documents in instant case. This correspondence was obtained by Special Agent KENNETH F. CARROLL of the Washington Field Office, on January 31, 1949, and should be returned to this office upon completion of the examination, for proper disposal.

It is described as follows:

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- 1. Seven pieces of correspondence addressed to a Miss RUTH INGLIS, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, signed by AIGER HISS, and dated October 16, 1947, October 23, 1947, December 9, 1947, April 5, 1948, August 2, 1948, September 2, 1948, and October 27, 1948.
- 2. One letter addressed to "Dear EASTON", marked "Copy for Miss INGLIS", dated November 17, 1947, signed ALGER HISS.
- 3. One Memorandum for Mr. PHILLTPS, dated August 15, 1947, signed "A. H."
- 4. One Memorandum of Understanding with Miss INGLIS With Respect to Publication Aspects of the Motion Picture as an Instrument of Education in International Affairs, undated, and signed "ALGER HISS".

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

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John Edgar, Hoover, Director

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DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 1, 1949

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FROM C:

SAC, DENVER

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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Re Chicago teletype to Denver, et al. dated January 19, 1949, Bureau teletype to Denver, et al, dated January 24, 1949, and El Paso teletype to Denver dated January 28, 1949.

There are being transmitted herewith typewriter specimens secured from Woodstock typewriter Serial No. 156050 for examination in connection with the questioned specimens in captioned case.

According to the reference Chicago teletype, this typewriter was sent from the Woodstock Typewriter Company of Chicago to the Typewriter and Office Supply Company, 304 University Building, Denver, Colorado, on May 19, 1940. The former owner of the Typewriter and Office Supply Company referred to above was located by the El Paso Division and his records reflect this typewriter had been sold to Mr. A. W. MIINE, 4171 Irving Street, Denver, Colorado, on November 23, 1940.

Mr. ALEX W. MINE, 4171 Irving Street, Denver, cooperated with an Agent of this office and permitted the specimens to be obtained.

Mr. MINE mentioned that he purchased the typewriter secondhand, and he believes his wife has had some repair work done on it and at the present time, it is not in very good operating condition.

It is suggested that the Laboratory furnish the results of the examination to the office of origin, New York, the Bureau and Denver.

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REPORT of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

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February 3, 1949

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by:

Reference: Letter dated February 1, 1949 Deleter 10 16

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Examination requested:

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RESULTS OF EXACULATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type K406 was not used to type Q6 through Q69. It was also concluded that K406 was not typed on the machine which was used to type Q5.

The submitted evidence is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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ice Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

: Director, FBT ATT: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: February 1, 1949

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: SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was; ETAL.

PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R.

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated January 26, 1949.

DEPERTMED RECONDING Enclosed herewith are four pages of typewritten specimens that were secured from the Royal typewriter in the possession of CYNTHIA JONES. Royal typewriter is a portable, number G-1062356. This typewriter is presently in the office of the law firm that is representing ALGER HISS and the specimens were secured in this law office.

It is desired that these specimens be compared with all the questioned and known specimens in this case and particularly, that these specimens be compared with the questioned documents known as Q5.

At the conclusion of such examination, if the results are negative, you may destroy these typewritten specimens.

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THE ADDRESS OF GEORGE SILVERMAN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT, FORTYNINE, PROFESSOR SCHAPIRO WAS INTERVIEWED IN HIS OFFICE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND RELATED THAT AT CHRISTMAS TIME IN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, CHAMBERS CONTACTED HIM AT THE UNIVERSITY AND REQUESTED HIM TO PURCHASE FOUR EXPENSIVE ORIENTAL RUGS. AT THIS TIME HE TURNED OVER TO SCHAPIRO SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH. CHAPIRO RELATED THAT HAD NO INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF ORIENTAL RUGS AND HE IN TURN SOLICITED HE THE AID OF E. SHOEN, AN INTERIOR DECORATOR AND ARCHITECT AND A FRIEND OF SCHAPIRO. SHOEN THEREAFTER RECOMMENDED THAT THESE RUGS COULD BE PURCHASED AT THE MASSACHUSETTS IMPORTING COMPANY, TWO SEVEN SIX FIFTH AVENUE, NYC. SHOEN GAVE SCHAPIRO A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION IN CONNEC-PA TION WITH THE PURCHASE OF THESE RUGS. AS A RESULT THEREOF, SCHAPIRO PURCHASED FOUR RUGS. INVESTIGATION AT THE MASSACHUSETTS IMPORTING COMPANY REFLECTED A SALES TICKET DATED DECEMBER TWENTYTHIRD, THRITY SIX, BILLED TO E. SHOEN, FIFTEEN EAST FIFTYTHIRD STREET, FOR FOUR BOKHARA RUGS AT A COST OF EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTYSIX DOLLARS AND SEVENTYONE CENTS. THE SALES TICKET INDICATES A CHECK FOR SIX HUN-· DRED DOLLARS AND CASH FOR THE BALANCE WAS PAID FOR THESE RUGS. THIS COMPANY WAS ALSO IN POSSESSION OF A SALES TICKET DATED DECEMBER TWENTY NINE, THIRTYSIX, INDICATING DR. MEYERASCHAPIRO, TWO SEVEN NINE WEST END OF PAGE TWO

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FOURTH STREET, AS THE PURCHASER AND THE PERSON TO WHOM THESE RUGS SHOULD BE SHIPPED. THE TICKET DATED DECEMBER TWENTYNINE BEARS THE SIGNATURE OF MRS. MEYER SCHAPIRO WHICH IS A DEFINITE INDICATION THAT INSTANT RUGS WERE SHIPPED TO THE SCHAPIRO-S NY ADDRESS. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORIGINAL SALES TICKET BEING MADE OUT IN THE NAME OF E. SHOEN, THE PROPRIETORS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS IMPORTING CO. ADVISED THAT THE ORIGINAL TICKET WAS MADE OUT TO SHOEN IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SCHAPIRO WAS UNKNOWN TO HIM. HOWEVER, AFTER PAYMENT FOR THESE RUGS WAS MADE, THE SALES TICKET DATED DECEMBER TWENTYNINE WAS MADE OUT IN THE NAME OF DR. MEYER SCHAPIRO. THE TICKET DATED DECEMBER TWENTYNINE, THIRTYSIX, ALSO INDICATES THAT THE RUGS WERE DELIVERED BY THE MASSIS EXPRESS CO. SCHAPIRO, AS WELL AS HIS WIFE, HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND ARE WHOLLY UNABLE TO RECALL THE RECEIPT OF THE RUGS AT THEIR HOME OR THEIR RESHIPMENT. MRS. SCHAPIRO. AS WELL AS HER HUSBAND, BOTH INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SIGNATURE APPEARING ON THE DELIVERY TICKET IS THAT OF MRS. MEYER SCHAPIRO. INVESTIGATION AT MASSIS EXPRESS COMPANY FAILS TO REVEAL ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING INSTANT DELIVERY AND AS A MATTER OF FACT

THE EXPRESSMAN WHO DELIVERED INSTANT RUGS IS NOW DECEASED.

BELIEVED IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY INFORMATION FROM SCHAPIRO THAT THESE

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RUGS, WHICH WERE DELIVERED TO THE SCHAPIRO HOME, WERE RESHIPPED TO WASHINGTON BY AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS OF AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS, NYC, RELATE THAT ALL TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THIS DE-LIVERY HAS BEEN DESTROYED. THEY POINTED OUT THAT IT IS, THEIR PRAC-TICE TO DESTROY DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS AFTER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AND RECEIPTS AT THE OTHER END AFTER A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS. SCHAPIRO HAS A SOMEWHAT DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT AT THE TIME HE CONTRACTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF THESE RUGS, HE SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED THE RUG COMPANY TO SHIP THEM TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IT IS ALSO HIS RECOLLECTION THAT AT THE TIME OF CHAMBERS-S ORIGINAL CONTACT WITH HIM THAT CHAMBERS TOLD HIM TO DELIVER THESE RUGS TO A MR. SILVERMAN OR SILVERMASTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE OFFICIALS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS IMPORTING COMPANY HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND A DILIGENT SEARCH OF THEIR RECORDS HAS PRODUCED NOTHING OTHER THAN THE ABOVE DISCUSSED SALES AND DELIVERY TICKETS. IF THE RUGS WERE ACTUALLY DELIVERED IN NEW YORK CITY ON DECEMBER TWENTYNINE, THIRTYSIX, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THEY WOULD HAVE REACHED WASHINGTON BEFORE SOMETIME IN JANUARY, THIRTYSEVEN. THIS IS OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE BECAUSE ALGER HISS CLAIMS THAT HE NEVER SAW CHAMBERS SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY

CHAMBERS, WHEN INTERVIEWED, RELATED THAT SOMETIME

IN JANUARY OF THIRTYSEVEN. BY PREARRANGEMENT, HE ACCOMPANIED ALGER HISS IN THE LATTER-S AUTOMOBILE TO A PARKING LOT NEAR A RESTAURANT JUST OUTSIDE OF COLLEGE POINT, MARYLAND. THEREAFTER, BY PREARRANGEMENT. SILVERMAN DROVE UP TO THIS PLACE IN HIS CAR AFTER WHICH CHAMBERS GOT OUT OF THE HISS AUTOMOBILE, TOOK THE RUG WHICH WAS IN THE SILVER-MAN CAR AND HANDED IT TO HISS. ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME DISCREPANCY AS TO THE MANNER IN WHICH HISS ACTUALLY PHYSICALLY OBTAINED THIS RUG. HE TACITLY ADMITS HE ACTUALLY RECEIVED IT FROM CHAMBERS. REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS TO DETERMINE, IF POSSIBLE, THE INDIVIDUAL IN THAT COMPANY WHO WOULD HAVE HANDLED DELIVERIES TO SILVERMAN-S RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IN JANUARY OF THIRTYSEVEN SO THAT HE CAN BE INTERROGATED RELATIVE TO ANY RECOLLECTION HE MIGHT HAVE OF THIS TRANS ACTION OR ANY INDEPENDENT RECORD THAT HE MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE KEPT IN THIS REGARD. FROM ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION, ALGER HISS IN POSSESSION OF HIS RUG AND THE ONE DELIVERED TO WADLEIGH, ACCORDING END OF PAGE FIVE

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TO THE LATTER, IS IN STORAGE AT THE FIRM OF NESHAN G. HINTLIAN,

CONNECTICUT AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D.C., A RUG DEALER. SINCE WADLEIGH

HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE, IT IS FELT THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO OB
JECTION TO TURNING THIS RUG OVER TO AGENTS OF THE WFO. UNLESS.

ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, WFO IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN

POSSESSION OF THIS RUG. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFORMATION CONCERN
ING THE RUG WAS AT FIRST BELIEVED TO HAVE SOME BEARING ON THE TESTI
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IT DOES NOT APPEAR AT LEAST ON THE RECORD THAT

INDICATE A POSSIBILITY THAT HE PERJURED HIMSELF. HOWEVER, THIS MATTER

WILL BE GONE OVER IN DETAIL WITH T. J. DONEGAN AND THE BUREAU WILL

BE ADVISED THEREOF. THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE TESTIMONY BEFORE!. "

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PURJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. RENYTEL JANUA FOURTEEN, NYTEL JAHUARY TWENTYEIGHT, AND BULET TO WFO DATED FEBRUARY TWO, LAST. FOLLOWING IS FOR INFO OF PHILADELPHIA. IN INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERS, JANUARY FOURTEEN AT NY. HE RELATED FOLLOWING STORY. IN CONNECTION WITH ORIGINAL UNDERGROUND APPARATUS OPERATED BY HAROLD WARE, WHICH INCLUDED DOWALD HISS, CHARLES KRAMER, VICTOR PERLO. HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR., LEE PRESSMAN, AND NATHAN WITT, EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD HIS OWN SEPARATE CELL CONSISTING OF TEN TO TWENTY PERSONS WHO WERE EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS GOVT AGENCIES IN DC. AT THIS TIME, THESE INDIVIDUALS WELL NOT ABSTRACTING ANY DOCUMENTS FROM THE VARIOUS GOVT AGENCIES BUT WERE PLACED THERE SO THAT THEIR SERVICES MIGHT BE USED IN THE EVENT AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE. ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN HAROLD Ware's cell was joh Herrman, ascertained by this office to be john Herriahn, who was A MEMBER OF THE CP AND WHO, AT ONE TIME WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB IN NYC AT THE TIME CHAMBERS WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CLUB. HERRYANN WAS MARIN THREE TATRIX WELL ACCEPTED NOVELS AND WAS HERBST. WHO HAD BEEN THE AUTHOR C CONSIDERED A LEADING LIGHT IN THE LITERARY WORLD. HERRYANN AND HIS WIFE IN APPROXIMATED NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE AND THIRTYSIX, RESIDED IN AN APARTMENT ON THE LEST SIDE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE BETWEEN MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE AND DUPONT CIRCLE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC. IT IS NOTED THAT NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE AND MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE INTERSECT AT DUPONT CIRCLE. SCHETTIME IN ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, IN A CONVERSATION BETWEEN HERRMANN AND CHAUBERS, THE FORMER STATED THAT A FAMELY BY THE NAME OF SILVERMAN, WHICH CONSISTED OF A WIFE, HUSBAND AND CHILD, WAS RESIDING ON TWENTYEIGHTH STREET IN WASHINGTON, DC, NEXT

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DOOR TO THE ABSIDENCE OF ALCHE AND PRINCILLA HISS. THIS STEVENMAN IS FOR ITENTICAL WITH A. CHOSE EXLUERNAS HENTEONED PROTECTED IN THIS CASE. FURTHER, THAT J. POTES HAD INSCRIPTED HARGED WARE AND JOHN HERSBERN EATE ONE EVENING TO GO TO THE STEVERSAN MOCRESONS AND ARBANCS TO TAKE SILVERMAN COT OF HIS HOUSE AND GET HIE ANALY FROM WASHINGTON. DG. AS A MARYER OF PACT. HERMANH AND WANT ACCOMPLISHED THIS BUT CHANDERS DOES NOT RECALL WHERE THE TOOK SILVERGE. AS EXPLANATION OF THIS UNUSUAL SITUATION, CHAPTERS RETATED THAT BEENAME TOLD HIM THAT PRESES OR SCHECKE IN THE PARTY HAD POOND OUT THAT SILVERNAR AND DAVID I A RELES, PRESENT ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN HOMESTELL MOTS AND THAT WRITE THIS APPETR WAS GOING ON. SILVENIAN HAD BEEN WRITING to helm and important him of activities of the underground apparatus in washington. THAT WILES. IN AN EXPOST TO GET STEPSEME PROVIDE PARELY, HAD THERATERED TO KEPOSE THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE CP DEFENDENCE ONE IN VASILIANTON. CHARDERS HAS NO PRETERN THE CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT BUT MALE THE REMARK THAT IT IS SOMETIMES A CUMMON PRACTICE TO ACCIBE A PARTY NUMBER OF SOME SCANDILOUS CONTROL IN ORDER TO SURAR RING. CHARGING RAS NO PURTIES INFO CONCERNING THE TREMETT OF SILVENIAN NOR THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF John Resemble and his vide. Hitel Jamesky two collected replected charges for their STATED THAT THEN HE PIEST APERIAND DOCUMENTS FROM ALORS HISS. HE PROTOCOMPHED THESE DOCUMENTS HIMSELF EITHER AT HIMSE OR AT THE HOME OF HIR MARK. HE STATED THAT TERIMANN IND BERN REQUIRE TO MARKINGTON FO HE AN ASSISTANT TO HAROLD HARE IN THE LATUS, CHAMPING STATED THAT ROBERT COS RECEIPED DOCUMENTS FROM HARRY DELTER WHITE GAVE THEM TO HER AND HE TOOK THEM TO HERMANING APP IN VASHIBITION AND PROTOGRAPHED IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HERHEREN AND EXCUST BE LOCATED AND THOROUGHLY INTERVISION

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RELATIVE TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS APPARATUS. ALSO FURNISH MY ANY INFO AVAILABLE
RE SILVERIAN AND HIS LOCATION. HERBST' HOME LISTED AT ERVINA, PENNSYLVANIA. FOR
FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF HERBST, REFERENCE WHO'S WHO IN NUMETEEN FORTYEIGHT-FORTYNINE,
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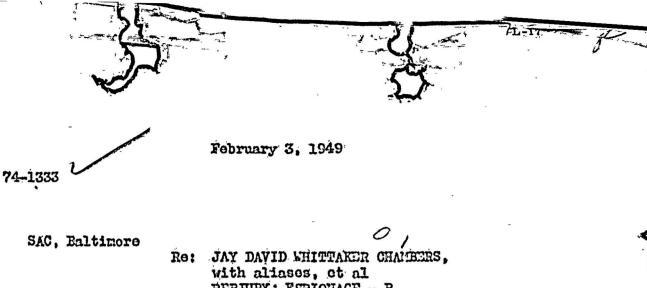
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Reference is made to Laboratory Report , in connection with the abo entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to you office.

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DASH R. FOR INFORMATION NEW YORK, 4 REURTEL JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN LAST, FELIX A. INSLERMAN IN MARCH FORTYTWO APPLICATION AT REPUBLIC AVIATION CORPORATION, FARMINGDALE, N. Y. GAVE NAME OF HERBERT BUSCHERS, TOWSON, MD. AS REFERENCE. BUSCHERS ADVISED HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH INSLRMANS ARRANGED BY BUSCHERS MOTHER-IN-LAW, MRS. REINHOLD SAUBERLICH, NINE NAUGHT SEVEN SUMMIT AVENUE, BRONX, N. Y., A NEIGHBOR OF ELIZABETH THE BUSCHERS VISITED SOCIALLY WITH INSLERMANS DUR-INSLERMANS MOTHER. BUSCHERS VERIFIED INSLERMANS POSSESSION OF ING THIRTYNINE AND FOLY. CONSIDERED MRS. INSLERMAN A EXPENSIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT. DOMINATING TYPE, TALENTED SINGER, BUT POOR HOUSEKEEPER. INSLERMAN DESCRIBED AS QUIET. ELLAN STUDIOUS AND AMBITIOUS THAT RAY E. BARRICH ROOMED WITH INSLERMANS AT SIX ROSELAND AVENUE IN RAY E. BARRICK, SEVEN FOUR TWO FIVE BROOKWOD AVENUE. KENWOOD. MARYLAND, AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER, GLENN L. MARTIN COMPANY, AND CLOSE FRIEND OF INSLERMANS, INTERVIEWED JANUARY THIRTYONE. BARRICH STATED HE ROOMED WITH INSLERMANS FEBRUAR NINE, FEEX NINETEEN FORTY TO AUGUST FIVE. NINETEEN FORTY. ADMITTED HE FIRSTMET INSLERMAN IN FALL OF THIRTYNINE WHEN BOTH ATTENDED JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BALTIMORE. BARRICK EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH ATTENDANT NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

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ABOUT INSLERMAN, AND INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE THAT HE COULD GIVE FELIX. EXTENSE BARRICK EXPRESSED STRONG ADMIRATION FOR MUSCIAL TALENTS OF MRS. INSLERMAN AND MINIMIZED INSLERMANS PHOTOGRAPHIC ABILITY. CANOT RECALL ANY CONVERSATIONSWITH INSLERMANS RE THEIR BACKRGRÖUND AND ACTVITIES PRIOR TO LATE THIRTYNINE. REFERENCES LISTED BY INSLERMAN WHEN APLYING FOR JOB AT GLENN L. MARTINS INTERVIEWED BY BALTIMORE OFFICE, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED.

PERSONNEL RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY WARD CO., BALTIMORE, REFLECT ELIZABETH ALICE RYNDERS, TWO ONE ONE THREE CALLOW AVENUE, EMPLOYED AS ADJUSTER, OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX TO MARCH TWO NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. REASON FOR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT LISTED AS HEALTH. FILE REFLECTS RYNDERS BIRTHDATE FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN NINETEEN FIFTEEN AND MARITAL STATUS AS SINGLE. RYNDERS BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH ELIZABETH INSLERMAN. PRESENT EMPLOYEES CANNOT RECALL ELIZABETH RYNDERS.

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The attention of the Louisville Division is directed to Butel to all SACS, January 10, 1949, in regard to the above captioned matter. The Washington Field Office is conducting an intensive investigation to interview all former neighbors of AIGER and PRISCILLA HISS when the latter resided in Washington, D. C.

Information has been received from Mr. JAMES S. ROBB that Mr. and Mrs. HART FOSTER were neighbors of AIGER and PRISCILLA HISS between the years of 1936 and 1939. During this time, the HISSES resided at 1245 - 30th Street, N. W. and 3415 Volta Place, N. W., both Washington, D. C.

Investigation at Washington, D. C. reflects that HART FOSTER, as of 1946, resided at 225 South Ashland Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

The Louisville Division is requested to locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. HART FOSTER for all information in their possession concerning ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. They should be specifically asked if they know the identity of any maid that the HISSES employes, as well as the identity of friends and associates.

There are enclosed herewith to the Louisville Division, photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, which should be displayed to Mr. and Mrs. FOSTER.

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ACTIVE FOR MANY YEARS AROUND NEW HOPE, PA. AND LAMBERTVILLE, AND STOCKTON,
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BY MRS. GEORGE CRESSLER THAT IN ADDITION TO BREEN FAMILY RESIDING IN STONE TENANT HOUSE OF THOMAS MARSHALL NEAR NEW HOPE, PA. THAT SHE RECCALLED ANOTHER BREEN FAMILY CONSISTING OF A YOUNG COUPLE, WITH NO CHILDREN, WHO PURCHASED AND REMODELED A COTTAGE LOCATED ON A LANE BEHIND HOME OF FRED JUSTIN OF NEW HOPE, PA. JUSTIN ACTUALLY FRED C JUSSEN. THOMAS MARSHALL NEVER HEARD OF ANYOTHER

BREEN FAMILY EXCEPT DAVID BREEN. WALTER YATES, RURAL MAIL CARRIER

FOR MANY YEARS IN AREA WHERE MARSHALL AND JUSSEN RESIDE, NEVER HEARD

OF ANY BREEN FAMILY EXCEPT DAVID BREEN. FRED C JUSSEN PRESENTLÝ RESIDING CARE OF WILLIAM N. FITZPATRICK, PROBABLY A SON IN LAW, AT HADDONFIELD, NY. NEWARK WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FRED C. JUSSEN

AND DEVELOP ANY AVAILABLE INFO REGARDING DAVID BREEN FAMILY AS WELL AS INFO CONCERNING FAMILY PURPORTED TO HAVE PURCHASED COTTAGE

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COMFRINGATIONS SECTION Mr. Tolson CONF 3 STNS WASH AND WFO FROM NEW YORK BALTIMORE DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT RE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R RE SAN FRAN TEL TO BUREAU DATED TWO TWO FORTYNINE CONCERNING ASSOCI-ATES OF HISS ON NYE COMMITTEE. WFO SHOULD TRY TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THOSE MENTIONED IN REFERENCE TELETYPE. THE MISS/LEE MENTIONED IS A SUSPECT IN CASE FILE ENTITLED "UNSUB ALSO KNOWN AS LEE, EMPLOYED BY NYE COMMITTEE DURING MIDDLE THIRTIES, ESPIONAGE DASH RT. RECORDED - 6X SCHEIDT INDEXED - 61 31 FEB 8 1949 TWO COPIES WFO BOTH HOLB 11s 1949 Kisseloff-1445

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RETEL FROM NEW YORK, FEB. ONE LAST. DISCREET INQUIRY REVEALS LEONARD H. DE CAUX AND WIFE HAVE OCCUPIED RESIDENCE AT SEVEN NAUGHT ONE AND A HALF POINSETTA AVENUE, CORONA DEL MAR SINCE DECEMBER LAST AND NOW RECEIVE MAIL AT THAT ADDRESS. J. C. FURTHER INQUIRY RE DE CAUX AND ABRAMS UNKNOWN THIS VICINITY. WIFE DEEMED INADVISBABLE AT CORONA DEL MAR. WHICH IS SMALL RESORT

TOWN. REQUEST NEW YORK FORWARD NECESSARY INFORMATION FOR INTERVIEW.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE BALTIMORE TEL JAN EIGHTEEN LAST RELATIVE TO THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE HANDLING OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS IN THIS CASE. REFERENCE TEL INDICATED THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE IN THE POSSESSION OF OR WERE HANDLED AND EXAMINED BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS .. RICHARD F. CLEVELAND, WILLIAM D. MAC MILLAN, ARTHUR E. EMERICK, CHARLES C. G. EVANS, WILLIAM L. MARBURY. HAROLD ROSENWALD. T. EDWARD MC DONALD, FRANKLIN G. ALLEN. FOR THE PURPOSES OF PREPARING A SUMMARY REPORT IN THIS CASE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT BALTIMORE OBTAIN THE HOME ADDRESSES OF THE ABOVE MEN-TIONED INDIVIDUALS. IT IS FURTHER NOTED IN REFERENCE TEL THAT POSSIBLY FRANKLIN G. ALLEN. EMPLOYED BY THE MARBURY LAW FIRM, HAD HANDLED AND EXAMINED THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER ALLEN HANDLED OR HAD POSSESSION OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS SUTEL AT ONCE. RECORDED - 61

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHALBERS, WAS, ET AL, ESPIONAGE DASH R., INTERNAT SECURITY DASH R, PERJURY. AIGER HISS WAS ELECTED TO PHI BETA KAPPA WHILE AT JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BALTI., 1D. CONTACT MATIONAL HEADQUARTERS · OF PHI BETA KAPPA AT FIVE EAST FORTYFOURTH ST., NYC TO DETERIDE IF THEY HAVE TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM HISS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al

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ReBulet to Washington Field dated January 25, 1949 requesting an interview with Mr. HAROLD RUTTENBERG, Vice President of the Portsmouth Steel Company, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mr. RUTTENBERG was formerly Vice President at Portsmouth Steel but resigned during the latter part of December, 1948 to form a new company dealing in the buying and selling of steel at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. RUTTENBERG can be reached at the Schenley Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Referenced Bureau letter is enclosed to Pittsburgh with copies of this letter and the photographs forwarded with referenced letter are also enclosed for Pittsburgh.

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WILLIAM SPIEGEL TESTIFIED HE RENTED HIS BALTIMORE APT. TO DAVID CARPENTER FOR THREE MONTHS AT TWENTY DOLLARS PER MONTH, AT TIME ALLEGED BY CHAMBERS, BUT DENIED KNOWING REASON WHY CARPENTER RENTED APT. OR USE TO WHICH IT WAS PUT. STATED HE OCCASIONALLY SAW MAN WITH FOREIGN ACCENT VISITING APT. OPPORTUNITY WAS GIVEN THIS AM FOR CHAMBERS AGAIN TO VIEW BOTH WILLIAM AND ANNA SPIEGEL AND BOTH THERE-AFTER TESTIFIED THAT HE VERY MUCH RESEMBLED MAN SEEN IN THEIR APT. DURING TIME IT WAS RENTED BY CARPENTER BUT DID NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. CHAMBERS IS POSITIVE WILLIAM AND ANNA WERE TENANTS OF THAT APT. AS PREVIOUSLY ALLEGED. BOTH SPIEGELS DENIED CP MEMBER-SHIP OR KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF THAT DAVID CARPENTER WAS CP MEMBER. MAXIM LIEBER TESTIFIED VERY BRIEFLY. REFUSED TO ANSWER WHETHER HE KNEW CHAMBERS OR IF HE HAS EVER BEEN CP MEMBER. WILL RESUME HIS TESTIMONY FEBRUARY EIGHTH NEXT

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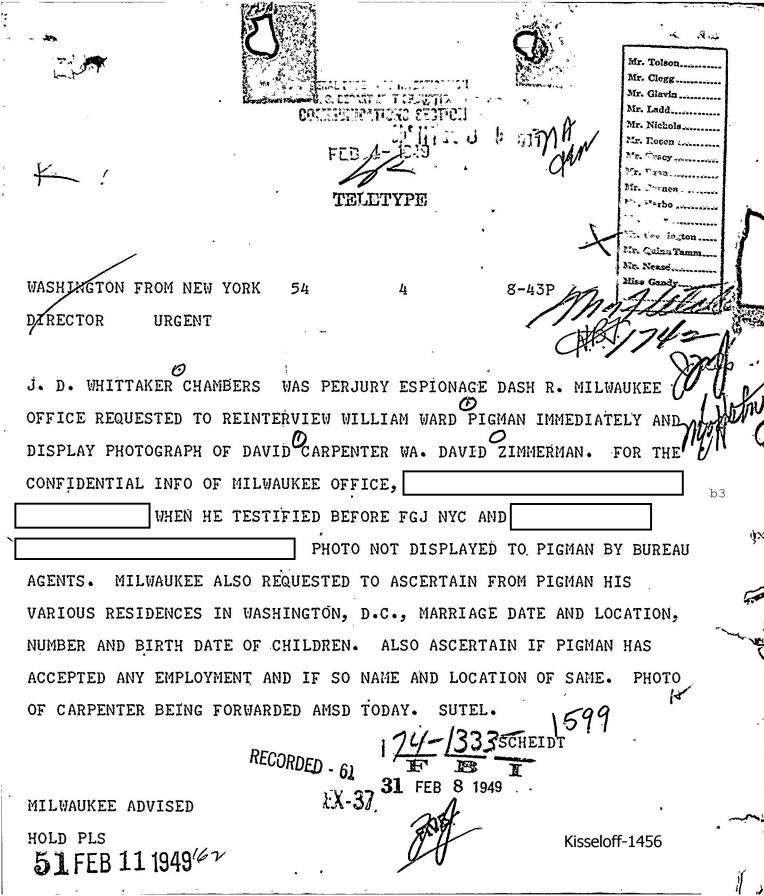
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE REPORT RE WILLIAM AND ANNA SPIEGEL. BACK GROUND INFORMATION OF BOTH PARTIES ALSO REQUESTED AS WELL AS DETAILS OF INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH THEM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FFB 4-WASH AND WFO NEWARK FROM NEW YORK DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE PHILA TEL TWO FOUR LAST RE INTERVIEW OF JOSEPHINE FRYE HERBST AT MONTCLAIR, NJ. UNLESS NEWARK HAS SOME REASON WHY THIS INTERVIEW SHOULD NOT BE CONDUCTED. IT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ALONG LINES REFLECTED IN REFERENCED TEL. BUREAU SHOULD ADVISE NEWARK IF THEY HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THIS INTERVIEW. SCHEIDT 31 FEB 8 1949 NK ACK AND DISC, WA HOLD PLS 50 NY R 8 NK Kisseloff-1461 60 FEB 101949

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RENYTEL FEBRUARY THREE RELATIVE TO CHRONOLOGY OF HANDLING ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND HOME ADDRESSES OF PERSONS IN BALTIMOREW WHO HANDLED SAME. HOME ADDRESSES OF PERSONS LISTED INREFTEL AS FOLLOWS. CLEVELAND, FOUR ONE ONE ZERO GREENWAY, MAC MILLAN, PINEHURST ON THE BAY, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD., EMERICK. WHOSE MIDDLE INITIAL IS "D" AND NOT "E", SEVEN ONE SEVEN MELVILLE AVE., EVANS, SIX ENGLEWOOD ROAD, MARBURY, FORTY THREE WARRENTON ROAD, MC DONALD, NINE FIVE FOUR ARGONEE DRIVE, ALLEN, ONE FIVE TWO SIX STONEWOOD ROAD, ALL BALTIMORE, MD. AS INDICATED IN MY TEL JANUARY EIGHTEEN, ROSENWALD ASSOCIATED WITH EDWARD C. MC LEAN AND BELIEVED TO BE EMPLOYED BY NEW YORK LAW FIRM OF DEBEVOISE. PLYMPTON AND MC LEAN AND TO RESIDE IN NEW YORK AREA. ROSENVALDS HOME ADDRESS W 1-1333-1605 NOT AVAILABLE HERE. proponed - 61

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ÉSP. R. REFERENCES MADE TO THE PUBLICATION ENTITLED "HEARINGS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EIGHTIETH CONGRESS" COVERING THE HEARINGS JULY THIRTYONE THROUGH SEPT. NINE, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. IN THE TESTIMONY OF LOUIS J. RUSSELL, PAGES ONE ONE ONE ONE ONE, AND ONE ONE ONE TWO, IT WAS REVEALED THAT ON JULY TWENTY THREE NINETEEN THIRTYSIX ALGER HISS SOLD A CAR TO THE CHERNER MOTOR CO., ONE SEVEN EIGHT ONE FLORIDA AVE., NORTHWEST, AND ON THE SAME DATE THIS CAR WAS RETITLED TO ONE WILLIAM ROSEN, FIVE FOUR NAUGHT FIVE THIRTEEN ST., NW. WFO IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN AND FURNISH NY OFFICE WITH PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THESE TWO CHANGES IN TITLE AND TO INTERVIEW THE PERSONS IN CHERNER MOTOR CO. WHO ARE IN POSITION TO TESTIFY TO THIS TRANSACTION.

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FEB. THREE THIS OFFICE RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM WFO.

IN INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERS, JANUARY FOURTEEN AT NY HE RELATED FOLLOW
ING STORY IN CONNECTION WITH ORIGINAL UNDERGROUND APPARATUS OPER
ATED BY HAROLD WARE WHICH INCLUDED DONALD HISS, CHARLES KRAMER,

VICTOR PERLO, HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR., LEE PRESSMAN AND NATHAN WITT.

EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD HIS OWN SEPARATE CELL CONSISTING OF

TEN TO TWENTY PERSONS WHO WERE EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS GOVT. AGENCIES IN

D. C. AT THIS TIME THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT ABSTRACTING ANY

DOCUMENTS FROM THE VARIOUS GOVT. AGENCIES BUT WERE PLACED THERE SO THAT THEIR SERVICES MIGHT BE USED IN THE EVENT AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE.

ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN HAROLD WARE-S CELL WAS JOHN HERRMAN, RECORDED - 61 194-1333 - 100 7 ASCERTAINED BYWFO TO BE JOHN HERRMANNEWHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP

AND WHO AT ONE TIME WAS A MEMBER OF THE BORN REED CLUB IN NYC AT

THE TIME CHAMBERS WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CLUB. HERRMANN WAS

MARRIED TO JOSEPHINE HERBST WHO HAD BEEN THE AUTHOR OF TWO OR THREE
FAIRLY WELL ACCEPTED NOVELS AND WAS CONSIDERED A LEADING LIGHT IN

THE LITERARY WORLD. HERRMANN AND HIS WIFE IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN

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THIRTYFIVE AND THIRTYSIX RESIDED IN AN APARTMENT ON THE WEST SIDE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., BETWEEN MASSACHUSETTS AVE. AND DUPONT CIRCLE, NW, WASH., D. C. WFO NOTES THAT NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MASSACHUSETTS AVENUES INTERSECT AT DUPONT CIRCLE. SOMETIME ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYSIX IN A CONVERSATION BETWEEN HERMANN AND CHAMBERS, HERRMANN STATED THAT A. FAMILY BY THE NAME SILVERMAN CONSISTING OF HUSBAND, WIFE AND CHILD WAS RESIDING ON TWENTYEIGHTH ST. IN WASH. NEXT DOOR TO THE RESIDENCE OF ALGERJAND PRISCILLA HISS. MAN, ACCORDING TO WFO, IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH A. GEORGE SILVERMAN MEN-TIONED PROMINENTLY IN THIS CASE. FURTHER, THAT J. PETERS HAD INSTRUCTED HAROLD WARE AND JOHN HERRMANN LATE ONE EVENING TO GO TO THE SILVERMAN HOUSEHOLD AND ARRANGE TO TAKE SILVERMAN OUT OF HIS HOUSE AND GET HIM AWAY FROM WASH., D. C. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HERRMANN AND WARE ACCOMPLISHED THIS BUT CHAMBERS DOES NOT RECALL WHERE THEY TOOK SILVERMAN. AS AN EXPLANATION OF THIS UNUSUAL SITUA-TION CHAMBERS RELATED THAT HERRMANN TOLD HIM THAT PETERS OR SOMEONE IN THE PARTY HAD FOUND OUT THAT SILVERMAN AND DAVID KAT NILES, PRESENT ADVISOR TO PRES. TRUMAN, HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN HOMOSEXUAL ACTS AND THAT WHILE THIS AFFAIR WAS GOING ON SILVERMAN HAD BEEN WRITING TO NILES AND INFORMING HIM OF ACTIVITIES OF THE UNDERGROUND APPARATUS IN WASH. THAT NILES IN AN EFFORT TO GET SILVERMAN FROM HIS FAMILY HAD THREATENED TO EXPOSE THE FACTS SURROUNDING CP

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UNDERGROUND IN WASH. CHAMBERS HAS NO FURTHER INFO CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT BUT HAS REMARKED THAT IT IS A COMMON PRACTICE TO ACCUSE A PARTY MEMBER OF SCANDALOUS CONDUCT IN ORDER TO SMEAR HIM. CHAMBERS HAS NO FURTHER INFO CONCERNING IDENTITY OF SILVERMAN NOR THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF JOHN HERRMANN OR HIS WIFE. NY TEL JAN. TWENTYEIGHT REFLECTED CHAMBERS FURTHER STATED THAT WHEN HE FIRST RE-CEIVED DOCUMENTS FROM ALGER HISS HE PHOTOGRAPHED THESE DOCUMENTS HIM-SELF EITHER AT HISS HOME OR AT THE HOME OF HERRMANN. HE STATED THAT HERRMANN HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO WASH. TO BE AN ASSISTANT TO HAROLD WARE IN THE APPARATUS. CHAMBERS STATED THAT ROBERT COE RECEIVED DOCUMENTS FROM HARRY DEXTER WHITE AND GAVE THEM TO HIM AND HE TOOK THEM TO HERRMANN-S APARTMENT IN WASH. AND PHOTOGRAPHED THEM. SUGGESTED THAT HERRMANN AND HERBST BE LOCATED AND THOROUGHLY INTER-VIEWED RELATIVE TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS APPARATUS AND THAT NY BE FURNISHED ANY INFO AVAILABLE RE SILVERMAN AND HIS LOCATION. HERBST-S HOME WAS LISTED IN ERWINNA, PA. FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF HERBST 10 1 2 0 m m

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SET OUT IN WHO-S WHO IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT DASH FORTYNINE UNDER NAME JOSEPHINE FREX HERBST. INQUIRY ERWINNA, PA. REFLECTS THAT HERRMANN AND HERBST ARE SEPARATED, THAT HERRMANN HAS NOT BEEN IN ERWINNA FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS. POSTMASTER ERWINNA RECEIVED NOTIFICATION APPROX. ONE MONTH AGO FROM HERBST THAT HER ADDRESS WAS FORTYSEVEN SOUTH FULLERTON AVE.; MONTCLAIR, N. J. NY OFFICE SHOULD CLEAR THIS INTERVIEW AND INSTRUCT NEWARK IF INTERVIEW SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. WFO HAS REQUESTED SUTEL OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW IN ORDER THAT SILVERMAN INVESTIGATION BE CONCLUDED THERE.

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THAT SIMULTANEOUS INTERVIEWS BE HELD IN NEW LONDON OF SUBJECT, FRANK

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HAVEN CONTEMPLATES INTERVIEWING ITS SUBJECTS TUESDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY

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YORK, DATED JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN LAST ENTITLED JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL, PERJURY, ESP R WITH WHICH WERE TRANSMITTED PHOTOS OF

JIULETTE SO THAT SAME MIGHT BE SHOWN TO CHAMBERS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER

OR NOT JIULETTE IS IDENTICAL WITH THE QUOTE MARIANO UNQUOTE INDIVIDUAL

WHO, ACCORDING TO CHAMBERS, FURNISHED HIM WITH SUBMARINE PLANS IN

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R. IS - R. PAUL L. BANFIELD. HEALMASTER. LANDON SCHOOL. BETHESDA. MARYLAND. WHERE TIMOTHY HOBSON ATTENDED SCHOOL NINETEEN THIRTYSIX TO FORTY, ADVISED HE HAD VAGUE RECOLLECTION PRISCILLA HISS FORMERLY TAUGHT SCHOOL AT LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE IN MYC. SUGGEST CHECK AT THIS SCHOOL TO VERIFY POSSIBLE FORMER EMPLOYMENT UNDER NAMES PRISCILLA HISS, PRISCILLA FANSLER, OR PRISCILLA HOBSON.

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J.D. WHITTAKER CHAMDERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R RE FOLLOWING TEL SENT BY WASHINGTON FIELD ON FEB. SECOND LAST TO DIRECTOR AND OMAHA. QUOTE SETH THOMAS, JUDGE, EIGHTH CIRCUIT, FORT DODGE, IOVA, WAS AN ATTGRNEY AND SUPERIOR OF ALGER HISS AT DEPT OF AGRICULTURE DURING PERIOD HISS WAS EMPLOYED THERE. JANUARY TEN LAST TO ALL SACS. OMAHA REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THOMAS WITH REFERENCE TO THIS MATTER AND IN ADDITION, IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THOMAS CAN FURNISH ANY INFO AS TO HISS-ASSOCIATES WHILE EMPLOYED IN DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, IN PARTICULAR WITH REFERENCE TO ALLEGATIONS THAT HISS WAS INVOLVED IN A CP UNDERGOUND MOVEMENT IN WASHINGTON DURING THAT PERIOD. THOMAS SHOULD BE QUESTIONED AS TO ANY INDIVIDUALS HE MAY HAVE MET THROUGH HISS OR AT HISS RECORDED : 64 - 7/6/1232 - 1/6 RESIDENCE, IF HE VISITED THERE. CIRCUIT JUDGE SETH THOMAS, EIGHTH CHA SOLICITOR FOR DEPT OF AGIRCULTURE FROM APRIL TWENTYTHREE TO SEPT. ALGER HISS WAS AN ATTORNEY IN THE LEGAL DEPT OF THE FARM ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION OF DEPT OF AGRICULTURE WHEN JUDGE THOMAS ACCEPTED POSITION AS SOLICITOR. ALGER HISS WAS ORIGINALLY

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EMPLOYED BY AND WORKED UNDER DIRECTION OF JEROME FRANK UNTIL LATE IN THIRTYFOUR OR EARLY IN THIRTYFIVE WHEN LEGAL DEPT OF FARM ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION WAS COMBINED WITH LEGAL DEPT. OF SOLICITORS OFFICE AND ALL THE LEGAL DEPTS WHERE PLACED UNDER SUPERVISION OF JUDGE THOMAS. JEROME FRANK IS PRESENTLY CIRCUIT JUDGE IN CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, NYC, NY. JUDGE THOMAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH ALGER HISS PRIOR TO TIME ALL LEGAL DEPTS CAME UNDER HIS SUPERVISION. THROUGH HIS INFREQUENT CONTACTS FOR THE SHORT TIME AFTER THE CHANGE, JUDGE THOMAS FOUND ALGER HISS TO BE QUIET, VERY INTELLIGENT, COOPERATIVE AND A COMPETENT ATTORNEY. HE FOUND HIS WORK TO BE VERY CREDITABLE AND RECEIVED NO REPORTS THAT WOULD DISCREDIT HIM IN ANY WAY. JUDGE THOMAS DID NOT LEARN OF ANY OF HISS ASSOCIATES OR RECUPVE ANY INDICATION WHATSOEVER OF HISS BEING INVOLVED IN A CP UNDERGROUND MCVEMENT AT THAT TIME OR LEARN OF HIS ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL VIEWS OR AFFILITATIONS. JUDGE THOMAS DID NOT MEET ANY INDIVIDUALS THROUGH HISS AND WAS NEVER AT HIS RESIDENCE. IN FACT, . WAS NOT WELL ENOUGH ACQUAINTED WITH HISS TO KNOW WHETHER HISS WAS MARRIED OR WHERE HE RESIDED AT THE TIME. IF DEEMED ADVISABLE SUGGEST NEW YORK INTERVIEW CIRCUIT JUDGE JEROME FRANK, NYC AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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REQUESTING BOSTON OBTAIN FROM PROFESSOR RICHARD HINKLEY FIELD, OF HARVARD UNIV., THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES,

BUSINESS, SOCIAL OR OTHERWISE, OF ALGER AND PRISCILLED HISS INASMUCH AS THEY MAY HAVE RECEIVED TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS. PROFESSOR FIELD AD-

VISES THAT HE BELIEVES THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE THE ONES

WITH WHOM HISS WOULD BE MOST LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT SINCE HIS

GRADUATION FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. WILLIAM HAVODREY, JR., DEAD-

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PRESIDENT OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, HANOVER, N. H.,

NAUGHT FOUR WEST OAKDALE ROAD, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AND EDWARD G.

SCHANDLER, TWENTY SIX ELÉVEN ETNA STREET, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. FOR

THE INFORMATION OF OFFICES RECEIVING LEADS IN THIS CASES, THE FORE-

GOING INDIVIDUALS ARE ALL GRADUATES OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE,

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MASSACHUSETTS, AND ARE ATTORNEYS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIES. THE

OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS TELETYPE WILL INTERVIEW THE INDIVIDL LOCATED IN THEIR TERRITORY FOR ANY TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL EMANATING
FROM ALGER OR PRISCILLA HISS, ANY MATERIAL OBTAINED SHOULD BE FORWARBED TO THE LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH SIXTY FOUR DOCUMENTS
FURNISHED BY CHAMBERS, AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY, FOR EXAMINATION.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK OFFICE, PROFESSOR FIELD
STATES THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE ALGER HISS QUOTE DID NOT
TYPE AT ALL END QUOTE. HE BELIEVES ANY CORRESPONDENCE OF A PERSONAL
NATURE EMANATING FROM HISS WOULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, OR, IF TYPED
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CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL FEB. THREE LAST AND NEW HAVEN TEL CENTITLED AS ABOVE FEBRUARY FOUR, FORTYNINE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF JOSEPH JIULETTE FURNISHED WITH NEW HAVEN LETTER JAN. TWENTYSEVEN LAST DISPLAYED TO CHAMBERS INSTANT DATE. CHAMBERS STATES THE NINETEEN THIRTYSIX PHOTOGRAPH DOES NOT RESEMBLE THE INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM HE WAS IN CONTACT AT ELECTRIC BOAT COMPANY, NEW LONDON. THINKS THAT THE ONE HE CALLED

"MARIANO" HAD A MORE ITALIAN LOOK, WAS NOT AS HEAVY LOOKING, DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITATIVE LOOK THAT NINETEEN THIRTYSIX PHOTOGRAPH INDICATES. STATED MARIANO WAS A NERVOUS, EXCITABLE MAN WHO GESTURED A GREAT DEAL. ONLY THING IN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX PHOTOGRAPH WHICH APPEARS TO JIBE IS THE HAIR. THE FORTYEIGHT PHOTOGRAPH WAS ALSO

DISPLAYED AND CHAMBERS STATED HE MIGHT "READ.A LIKENESS INTO THAT PHOTO". HE SAID THE PHOTOGRAPH, HOWEVER, DOES NOT JIBE WITH MY IDEA

OF WHAT "MARIANO" LOOKED LIKE. POSSIBILITY, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED

TO NEW HAVEN THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER ITALIAN INVOLVED IN ADDITION

TO JIULETTE. IT IS POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THESE PHOTOGRAPHS

MAY NOT BE GOOD PICTURES. BOSTON BEING FURNISHED NECESSARY INFOR-

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RE NY TEL FEB FOUR CONCERNING SPECIMEN OBTAINED BY WFO FROM MRS. HEWRY

ABBOTT, WHICH SPECILEN FBI LAB IDENTIFIES AS HAVING BEEN TYPED ON

WOODSTOCK IN QUESTION. LIRS. JAMES DICKEY, WHOSE ADDRESS APPEARS ON PAGE

SEVEN THREE REPORT SA COURTLAND J. JONES WFO, JAN TWENTY EIGHT LAST, IS

elected secretary of bryn have club of Washington, D. C. Her term of office

LASTS FROM MAY ONE, FORTY EIGHT UNTIL MAY ONE NEXT AND AS SUCH SHOULD HAVE

LAWFUL CUSTODY OF ALL RECORDS OF CLUB. MRS. HENRY ABBOTT. ON HER OWN

VOLITION, PROBABLY DUE TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF THIS CASE, SECURED FROM

MRS. DICKEY THE MINUTES OF THE CLUB FOR THE YEAR MRS. ABBOTT WAS PRES-

WHEN AGENT CONTACTED MRS. ABBOTT, SHE ADVISED SHE HAD SUCCEEDED

PRISCILLA HISS AS PRESIDENT OF CLUB. WHEN AGENT QUESTIONED HER RE

SPLCIMENS, SHE PRODUCED MINUTES FOR HER TERM AS PRESIDENT, REMOVED

SPECIMEN IN QUESTION AND FURNISHED IT TO AGENT. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, IT

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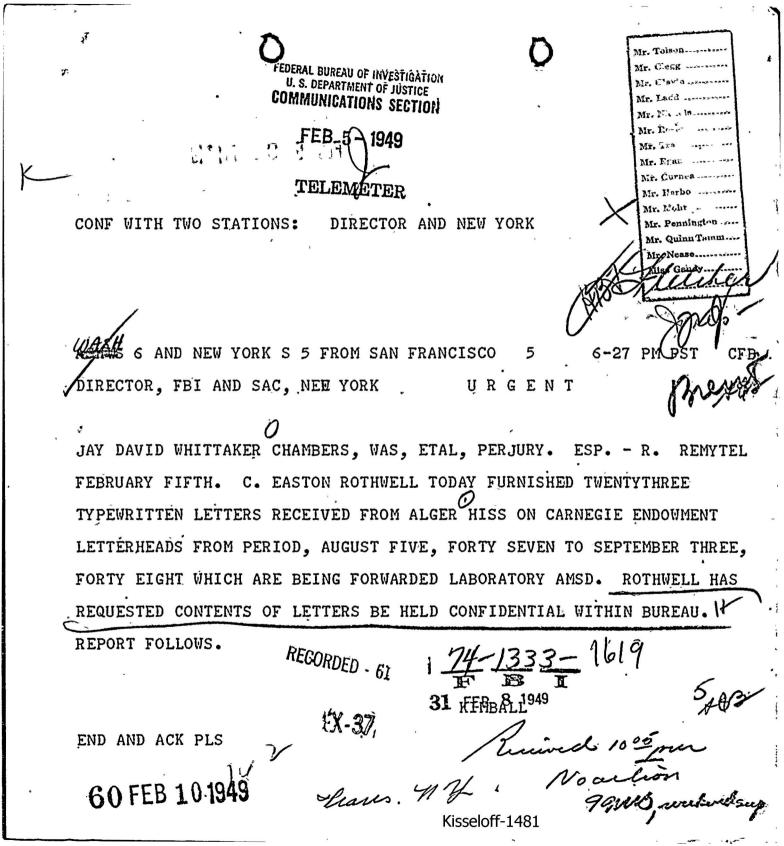
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JUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Mr. Tolson COMMUNICATIONS SECTION FEB 5-1949 Mr. hohr Mr. Peter raton Mr. Culnn Tamm... WASK'S 4 AND NEW YORK S 4 FROM SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK URGENT JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP DASH R. REMYTEL FEBRUARY FOUR LAST. C. EASTON ROTHWELL TODAY CONTACTED THE OFFICE AND ADVISED HE HAD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WOULD MAK E AVAILABLE CORRESPONDENCE FROM ALGER HISS IN EVENT SUBPOENA FOR ROTHWELL BE CONTEMPLATED. SUGGEST THIS BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PERING REINTERVIEW. 31 FEB 8 1949 END AND ACK PLS Received 7 40 pm 60 FEB 10194



Director, FBI

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was. et al

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Agents of the New York Office are currently taking the statement from CHAMBERS relative to his activities in Soviet Intelligence. In this connection, he has furnished information which relates specifically to the recruitment of ARVID WERNER JACOBSON for Soviet Intelligence in 1933.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF "I recall that Max Bedacht told me that he had a man waiting in New York who should be introduced to Ulrich, who apparently would know just what purpose this individual was to serve. I mentioned this to Ulrich and from his reaction he apparently knew the nature of the operation and asked that I meet this individual and give him my opinion as to the fitness of this individual for underground work in a dangerous European country. As a result of Ulrich's instructions I got in touch with Max Bedacht. It was then arranged that I would meet Bedacht at the Automat on Broadway near Astor Place. Upon my arrival I observed Bedacht with a young fellow. Shortly after entering the Automat, Bedacht introduced me to his companion, whose name he stated was Arvig acobson. After the introduction Bedacht left. I talked to Arvid for some period of time and subsequently made a report to Ulrich. I informed Ulrich that the young fellow appeared to be a poor prospect; that he was high-strung, and generally probably not suited for the type of work that he would encounter in the underground in a foreign country. also informed Ulrich that as a result of my conversation with Arvid I learned that he was a Finnish-American and had been a schoolteacher in Michigan. I pointed out that Arvid had two fingers missing. Any kind of deformation or nutilation is considered a drawback in underground since it leaves to easy didentification. In spite of my objections to Arvid as a poor prospective for underground activities, Ulrich decided to meet this individual and talk to him. At the time of my first conversation with Arvid I arranged a second meeting with him and on the occasion of this second meeting Ulrich and myself o met Arvid. This occurred in Bryant Park immediately behind the New York Public Library near 42nd Street. I left Ulrich and Jacobson alone and this was the last time I ever saw the latter individual. I did later read in the New York papers of his involvement in an espionage case and his arrest and trial in Finland. Max Bedacht subsequently told me that Arvid Jacobson had been recruited for underground work by one Mrs. Morton. Mrs. Morton, Bedacht said, was the pseudonym for the wife of Otto Kussinev. Otto Kussinev, I knew, had been for many years a leader in the Communist International. Later

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"I learned that during the winter war between Russia and Finland, Kussinev was the head of the so-called Terijoki government, which the Russians tried to foist upon the Finns. Kussinev's daughter, Herta Kussinev, is now the dominant force in the present government of Finland. At the time of Bedacht's conversation with me he said that Mrs. Morton had been working for some time under this alias as underground operator in Michigan".

It is noted that JACOBSON'S version of his recruitment, as furnished agents of the Detroit Office, is substantially that he, through the Finnish Federation in New York, met a Finnish woman who offered a teaching position to him in Karelia and included in the deal JACOBSON was to study at the University of Helsenki. JACOBSON has indicated that he accepted the proposition because of the advantages of further education.

For the information of the Detroit Office, CHAMBERS furnished the following information concerning Ulrich:

"During the length of my operations in the underground (1932) Sherman introduced me to an individual who I knew only as Ulrich or Walter. During my association with this individual I referred to him both as Ulrich and Walter. However, for the purpose of this statement I will refer to him hereinafter as Ulrich. The following is a description of Ulrich as I recall him: age 40 to 50 in 1932; born Kerch, Russia; height five feet five inches or five feet six inches; eyes brown; hair gray; face bony with an impish look; marital status married; wife's name BLAINE or HARIA, who spoke English with an accent and also spoke Russian".

an informant of the New York Office, beginning	
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sumably the same individual known to CHAMBERS as ULRICH. He was known to as WALTER. described WALTER as follows: 5.5"; a Russian Jew;	
hair black, bushy, iron gray at temples; eyes brown; calm peaceful expression:	
characteristics formerly in the Russian Navy and Merchant Marine, spoke	
English with a fluent accent.	

CHAMBERS also stated that it was his impression that ULRICH had been connected with the Russian Merchant Marine.

Supplementary to the statement quoted above, CHAMBERS stated that the circumstances of his meetings with JACOBSON were such that JACOBSON certainly knew he was going into underground work.

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A photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, taken in 1931, is furnished the Detroit Office. There is also enclosed a photograph of MAX BEDACHT taken in 1947. No photograph of BEDACHT contemporary with the period in question is immediately available.

The Detroit Office is requested to immediately interview JACOBSON for his version of the meetings with BEDACHT, CHAMBERS and ULRICH. In this connection, JACOBSON should be requested to furnish a description of ULRICH.

For the information of the Detroit Office, consideration is being given by Special Assistant to the Attorney General, T.J. DONEGAN, to the issuance of a subpoena requesting JACOBSON to appear before the Special Grand Jury now meeting in New York. MAX BEDACHT was recently before the Grand Jury.

A summary of the results of the interview should be furnished the Bureau and New York by teletype.

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Transmit the following message to:

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R

There are enclosed herewith for the New York and Ealtimore Offices, two photographic documents, one dated July 15, 1946, and the other dated June 30, 1941, which are affidavits sworn by Franklin Victor Reno, in which he stated that he was not a member of any organization which would strike against the Government; and, further, that he was not a member of any organization or political party which advocates the overthere of the United States Government by force or violence.

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Mr. Tolson. RAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Tr. Clegg COMINUNICATIONS SECTION Mr. Glavin JAN 28 1949 WASH FROM NEW YORK 42 7-41 28 DIRECTOR URGENT JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL. PERJURY, ESP R. CHAMBERS INTERVIEWED TODAY FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE HOURS. CHAMBERS PLANS TO LEAVE NYC AT FOUR THIRTY PM FOR HIS HOME IN WESTMINSTER, MD. ORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, CHAMBERS WILL REPORT TO WASH FLD 74-1333-1623 OFFICE LATE MORNING FEB. FIRST, NEXT. SCHEIDT HOLD PLS RECORDED - 130 Kisseloff-1487 COFFR 9-1949

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MURIEL SMITH ANDERSON, WHARTON, NJ, STATES SHE WAS APPROACHED IN ABOUT

NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE BY HEIMAN YADOWITZ, LABORATORY ASSISTANT, PICC-ATINNY ARSENAL, AND ASKED IF SHE DESIRED TO PERFORM STENOGRAPHIC WORK FOR A FRIEND OF HIS IN NYC ON WEEKENDS. JADOWITZ LATER BROUGHT MAN NAMED BROWN, WHO MRS. ANDERSON HAS IDENTIFIED AS BEING WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

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TO HER HOME IN DOVER AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR HER TO WORK ON SATURDAY MORNINGS. SHE DID GO TO NY FOUR SATURDAYS, THREE OF

WHICH SHE PERFORMED TYPING DUTIES, USUALLY COPYING MATERIAL FROM LIB

- RARY BOOKS, AND THE FOURTH FOUND NO ONE AT BROWNS OFFICE. SHE BECAME SKEPTICAL AND WHEN CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY BY BROWN SHE TOLD HIM

SHE DID NOT DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE WORK. SHE WAS LATER CONTACTED BY

JADOWITZ AS TO REASONS FOR PERCENCE DISCONTINUING HER WORK. SHE WASKE

LAZXX MET NO ONE OTHER THAN BROWN AT THE OFFICE AND RECALLS HE OCCUPIED

A SMALL GLASS EMPANELED OFFICE AMONG MANY OF THE SAME TYPE IN AN UN-

RECALLED LOCATION IN NY. JADOUITZ WAS TYPE INTERVIEWED AT ARSENAL

PRIOR TO SECURING OF ABOVE INFO IRECORDED FO 30 TO THENTIFY THE MILLER OF

MISS SMITH AND DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE SEAT OF ABOVEED JABOVITZ PRESENTLY

AT UNKNOWN ADDRESS IN MY BUT WILL BE INTERCITATED TOMORROW MIGHT AT

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HIS HOME IN DOVER. SHOULD CHAMBERS BE ABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFO CON-CERNING JADOWITZ, REQUEST IT BE FURNISHED NEWARK BEFORE INTERVIEW.

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TO ALL SACS JANUARY TEH, LAST, RE HANDLING OF HISTART MATTER. LT. GLIPH

G. CARTEE WAS COMMANDING OFFICER, STARTIMORE COLLEGE, WHEN THATTHY HORSON

WAS IN MANY THERE FROM MARCH ONE, NUMETICAN FORTYFOUR TO OCTOBER THEOTYFIVE,

FORTYFOUR. HORSON IS SON OF MRS. PRISCILLA HORSON MISS BY FORMER MARRIAGE

AND WAS REMEASED FROM MANY AS A HOMOSEXUAL. INTERVIEW BARTLE FOR ANY THEO

IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING HORSON AND IN PARTICULAR IF HE IS IN RECEIPT

OF ANY TYPERRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE THAT COULD HAVE EMANATED FROM HISS HOME.

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MOBSON, SON OF MES. PRISCILLA HOBSON HASS BY FORMER MARRIAGE, WAS IN HAVY
AT UNION COLLEGE, FROM HOVEMBER ONE, NUMETEEN FORTYFOUR TO JULY THENTYSIX,
FORTHFIVE, UNDER COMMAND OF LT. F. B. ANDREEN. ANDREEN NOW RESIDING ONE
SIX TWO TAYLOR AVENUE, FT. SMELLING, ST. FAUL, MINNESOTA. INTERVIEW ANDREWN
FOR ALL THEO IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING HOBSON, IT BEING OBSERVED THAT
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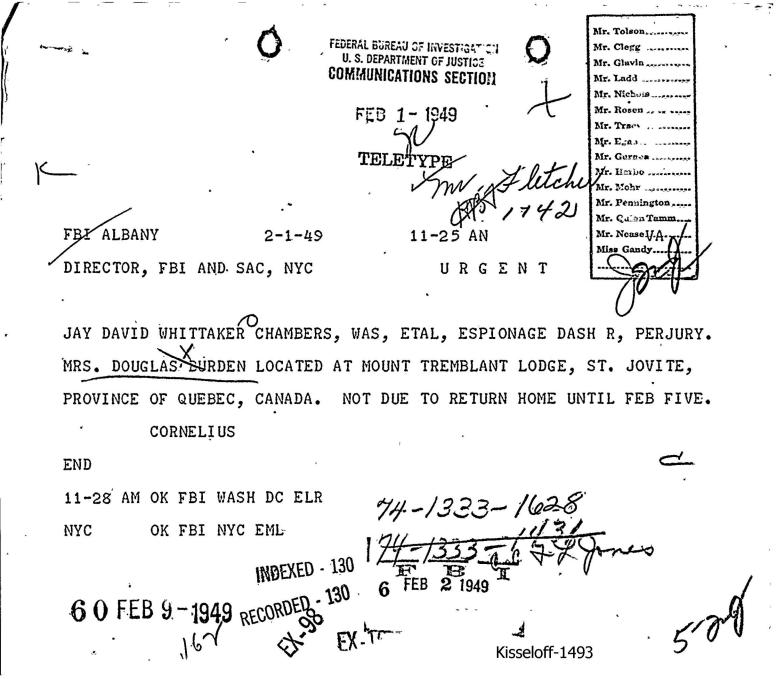
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Reference is made to a telephone call from Miss Arlene Willey, of your Office, on January 27, 1949, with reference to the enclosures to my memorandum to you dated January 26, 1949. Pursuant to Miss Willey's request there are being transmitted herewith two additional photostatic documents, one dated July 15, 1946, and the other dated June 30, 1941, which are affidavits signed by Franklin Victor Reno.

cc - The Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Alexander M. Campbell Criminal Division

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CONCERNING OTHER ASSOCIATES OF HISS OR WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. PHOTOGRAPH OF CHAMBERS EXHIBITED TO MRS. SORTWELL WHO STATES SHE NEVER OBSERVED HIM AT ANY TIME.

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UNITED ES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 8, 1949

Attention: FBI Laboratory : SAC, New York

FROM : SAC, N

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.

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There is forwarded herewith one (1) Eastman Kodak folding camera, "Century" Model, case No. 126, in accordance with the telephonic instructions of the Bureau on this date.

The above camera was obtained this date from the premises of J. W. RYNDERS, 909 Summit Avenue, Bronx, New York, under a search warrant issued in the Southern District of New York on January 6, 1949.

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DATED NOVEMBER FIVE FORTY SEVEN TO BOSTON AND NY WHEREIN SUMMARY INFORMATION AND ALLEGATIONS RE FIELD-S ACTIVITIES SET FORTH. BOSTON WILL LIKEWISE INTERVIEW RAYMOND BRAGG, UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE RE KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN HISS AND NOEL FIELD AND BETWEEN FIELD AND CHAMBERS. HISS, ACCORDING TO CHAMBERS AND MASSING ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT FIELD FOR SOVIET OR COMINTERN APPARATUS IN WASHINGTON, DC. PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS WITH BRAGG SET FORTH IN BUREAU MEMORANDUM DATED NOVEMBER FIVE FORTYSEVEN TO BOSTON IN FIELD CASE.

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Mr. H. B. Fletcher

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DATE: January 6,

FROM . Mr. L. Whitson Fur subject: JAY-DAVID-WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et al.

· There is attached herewith, a copy of a letter which has been directed to the Philadelphia Division requesting an interview with Mrs. Frances Fussell of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania concerning information she has of activities of Alger Hiss while in the State Department, particularly concerning an incident in connection with the return of certain Yugoslav ships to Yugoslavia by this country.

ACTION:

It is recommended that this material be transmitted to the Tiaison Section with instructions to review the State Department file which concerns/the incident referred to in instant letter.

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January 6, 1949

Director, FBI

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The following information was made available to the Eureau by D. Vincent Burley who received the information from tree Francos Tuesoll of Swarthcord, Pennsylvania. Ers. Russell, who was formorly employed in the Central European Unit in the State Repartment, is now a member of the technical staff of the Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation. I'm. Fussell was not informed that this information would be furnished to the Burday, however, Mr. Eurley advised that in the event a further check was desired, it was his belief that she would have no hositation in furnishing any other details evailable.

lira. Fussoll stated that early in the mock of Docember 12, 1948 she had a conversation with a man who is presently employed in the CZ Unit in the Ctate Department and with whom the formerly worked. In 1947 the and this man and several others were working on the problem of the Tugoslav ships which had been seized by the United States at the end of the war in the Danube River and which were being withheld from Tugoslavia. The Yugoslava had made several desands that the chips be returned but the State Department had adopted the position that the ships should not be returned until Russia and hor satellities had agreed to the opening of the Danube Divor to international commercial shipping. She stated that this position had been unanimous in the Central European Unit in the State Department. Krs. Pussell recalled that she and the others working on the problem were dusbfounded last Cotober or Lovember (19k7) when an order was issued by Prosident Trumin diresting that the ships be returned to Yugoslavia forthwith.

According to Mrs. Pussell, no one in the State Department knew the reason for this order until the official with whom i're. Fuscell talked had recently had occasion to review the State Department file on this Yugoslay shipping question. was then noted that a penciled mescrandum by Alper Hiss appeared in this file. It soons that the Yugoslave, in another attempt to got their ships back, had appealed to the United Eations and the United States official (I believe the here was Minant but I am not sure) in the United Rations Committee, which had the matter up for discussion, checked with the State Department to determine the United States position in the matter. This official telephoned Hr. Hiss in the State Department. Hiss arranged for Acting Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, to come in on the telephone conversation. Er. Actions outlined to the United States representative at the United Hations headquartors the State Department position to the offect that the ships would be held until liusaia agreed to open the Danube. The penciled memorandum of Er. Hiss sumarizes this convergation and there was a note then written by Hiss to the effect that he mad unalterably opposed to the State Department position and that he would do all in his power to new that it was changed.

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The next document noted in the file was a copy of the letter which Provident Trumen had signed ordering the ships returned to Yugoslavia. This letter was propared by Alger Liss.

You are instructed to promptly interview irs. Puscell at Ewarthmore, Tennsylvania for any additional data she may have concerning this particular incident and also for any relative data she may have concerning instant case. A check of the Etate Tepartment file concerning this particular incident is being made by Europu lisison.

cc: Now York

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

Director, FBI

DATE:

1/26/49

FROM

SAC, Boston

SUBJECT:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, W.as; ALGER HISS ET AL

PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY (R), ESPIONAGE (R)

Reference is made to Boston teletype to the Bureau, New York and Baltimore, requesting Baltimore to cover the undeveloped lead to interview GARDNER LACKSON as set forth in the report of Special Agent MAHLON C. COLLER at Detroit, Michigan, dated January 10, 1949.

For the information of the Bureau, Mr. JACKSON has a forwarding address of 6 West Kirke Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, and accordingly, Baltimore has been requested to handle this interview. DEFERMED TROOPED

A copy of the report of Special Agent Mahlon C. Coller dated January 10, 1949 is being forwarded as an enclosure with a copy of this letter to the Baltimore office.

Baltimore is advised that the Bureau by teletype dated January 14, 1949 authorized the Boston office to conduct this interview.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Reference is made to New York teletype dated January 21, 1949,

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 26, 1949

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL;

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reporting the results of an interview that day with CHAMBERS by the New York Agents. In this teletype it was stated that CHAMBERS had related on that day that sometime during the latter part of 1948, he had received a letter from an individual whose name he did not recall but who probably was a contributing editor of "The Farm Journal", published in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. CHAMBERS stated that this letter had been turned over by him to his attorney, Mr. RICHARD F. SLEVELAND, in Baltimore, to assist in the investigation of ALGER HISS in connection with CHAMBERS' defense in the HISS-CHAMBERS libel suit. According to CHAMBERS, the letter in question indicated that the individual connected with "The Farm Journal" had considerable knowledge of ALGER HISS. The Baltimore Office was requested to interview Mr. CLEVELAND and obtain from him all information concerning the contributing editor of "The Farm Journal", and particularly, to obtain from Mr. CLEVELAND or from this individual himself, any letters that may have been written by HISS to him so that they could be compared by the Laboratory with the questioned documents in this case.

discovered that the individual from whom CHAMBERS had received the above mentioned letter was Mr. ROBERT CRUISE McMANUS, addresses shown as Hopewell, New Jersey and 168 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. Mr. MACMILLAN also had in his possession a confidential investigative report made by NICHOLAS SAVEZZANA, a private investigator and employed by Mr. DANIEL A. DORAN, to Mr. HAROLD RAMEDINA, Jr., member of the New York law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore. Attached or enclosed with this report was an exhibit containing typewritten copies of all correspondence between McMANUS and ALGER HISS, such correspondence being dated in August and September, 1948 William No originals of the McMANUS-HISS correspondence were available, so Agents were unable to ascertain whether the letters from HISS to McMANUS in the original were handwritten or typewritten. It is possible that the originals of the letters from HISS to McMANUS are on the stationery of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York City, as McMANUS, in addressing HISS, addressed him at the Carnegie Endowment in New York City.

On January 25, 1949, in the absence of Mr. RICHARD F. CLEVELAND who

This out of the city, Agents of this office interviewed Mr. WILLIAM DE MACMILLAN, Wan associate of Mr. CLEVELAND in representing Mr. CHAMBERS, at 2500 O'Sullivan Building, Baltimore, Maryland. After reviewing their file, Mr. MACHILLAN

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cc - New York, Newark, Philadelphia

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In the absence of Mr. CLEVELAND, Mr. MACMILLAN was uncertain as to whether or not he should permit Agents to review VEZZANA's investigative report and the above mentioned exhibits without first consulting MEDINA. When Agents explained the fact that Mr. CHAMBERS had originally suggested contacting Mr. CLEVELAND for this information and also explained the nature of the investigation contemplated, Mr. MACMILLAN voluntarily turned over the report and exhibits to the Agents. The Agents presumed that VEZZANA's investigative report was turned over to them for the purpose of reviewing that portion of the report concerning McMANUS. Because Mr. MACMILLAN became engaged with a client at the time this report was turned over to Agents, Agents were permitted to review the report and exhibits in another office where Mr. MACMILLAN was not present. Accordingly, much of the information set out below was obtained in at least a semi-surreptitious manner during a limited period of time available to Agents. However, the manner in which much of the following information was obtained should be borne in mind by other offices when conducting subsequent investigation, particularly in view of New York teletype dated January 25, 1949, which indicates that HAROLD R. MEDINA, Jr. has decided to supply information developed by VEZZANA in connection with his investigation of HISS, not only to the Bureau but also to Mr. EDWARD C. MCLEAN, New York attorney for ALGER HISS, which position by MEDINA occasioned the decision on the part of the New York Office to have no further contacts with MEDINA or VEZZANA.

VEZZANA's report reflected the results of investigation conducted by him regarding HISS during the early part of November, 19h8. The numerical page sequence of VEZZANA's report extended from pages 50 and 60, on up, a possible indication that there were at least 50 pages of investigation regarding HISS previously reported by VEZZANA. Evidently, the completed report of all investigation conducted regarding HISS by VEZZANA is in MEDINA!s possession at New York City, and copies of same undoubtedly in the possession of VEZZANA and DORAN. Apparently, as is the case in the instant segment of VEZZANA's report which was reviewed by Agents, the balance of VEZZANA's report may contain information of value to the Bureau's investigation, or at least valuable investigative leads, such leads probably along the line of proving that ALGER HISS was or is a member of the Communist Party, as that was the chief objective of VEZZANA's investigation in connection with CHAMBERS' defense in the libel suit. 1635

According to VEZZANA's report, McMANUS is a writer for "The Farm Journal", the location of "The Farm Journal" not indicated, and has been interested for years in exposing Communism in the farm belt and in agriculture generally. McMANUS has written several articles along this line in the past and has already successfully defended himself in a libel suit which developed as a result of such writing. McMANUS contemplates a further series of articles regarding Communism in the farm belt and possibly a book also. McMANUS represented himself as being anxious to assist CHAMBERS in his defense in the libel suit brought by ALGER HISS because, McMANUS stated, he disbelieved HISS' testimony before the H.C.U.A. and thinks HISS is or was a Communist. McMANUS related the following additional information regarding HISS to VEZZANA.

Sometime in the late 1920's or early 1930's, McMANUS lived in Washington, D.C. with ALGER HISS and a third party who was not named. This apparently was just prior to the marriage of ALGER HISS and PRISCILLA HISS. Therefore, McMANUS claims to know ALGER HISS quite well, at least as of that period. In correspondence with ALGER HISS, McMANUS pointed out that during the early 1930's, it was considered "fashionable" to be a Communist from the standpoint of idealism without any suspicion of disloyalty to the United States, on the part of a rather large segment of Government workers in Washington, D.C. McMANUS pointed out to HISS in the correspondence that he thought ALGER HISS was also among that "fashionable group" at that time. Therefore, in later correspondence, McMANUS expressed surprise that ALGER HISS was not smart enough to admit membership in the Communist Party during the early 1930 period, as a youthful indiscretion which he had subsequently outgrown.

In this correspondence, McMANUS also pointed out to ALGER HISS that HISS was at least a Socialist. He refreshed HISS' memory on an incident in Washington which apparently occurred on the day when PRISCHIA HISS joined the Socialist Party. McMANUS inferred that there might have been some confusion on this occasion and that PRISCHIA HISS had actually joined the Communist Party. In any case, McMANUS told VEZZANA that he thought PRISCHIA HISS had probably in the beginning influenced AIGER HISS to join the Communist Party.

McMANUS subsequently followed the career of ALGER HISS to the present. In his first letter to ALGER HISS, which was dated August 5, 1948, McMANUS stated that an un-named confidential source had turned over to McMANUS an account of a purge of Communists from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the Department of Agriculture, by Mr. CHESTER DAVIS. McMANUS told HISS in this letter that he was contemplating writing a series of articles regarding Communism in agriculture and enclosed a copy of this memorandum regarding the purge of the A.A.A. by McMANUS asked ALGER HISS for his comments on this memo-CHESTER DAVIS. randum and stated that he wanted such comments, in all fairness to HISS, because ALGER HISS was a part of the story and would have to figure in the writings of McMANUS about Communism in agriculture. HISS replied to McMANUS and stated that the memorandum regarding the agriculture purge had probably been written by some members of the conservative old guard in the Department of Agriculture and stated that it was inaccurate in many respects.

During subsequent correspondence, McMANUS requested and finally obtained, after some stalling tactics on the part of ALGER HISS, a personal interview with HISS which evidently occurred sometime during the latter part of August, 1948. As a result of this direct personal meeting and conference between HISS and McMANUS, McMANUS prepared about a 10-page memorandum, each page of which is divided into two columns. In the left column, headed "Add", McMANUS set forth some facts but mostly conclusions and personal opinions, which would tend to prove that HISS was a Communist. In the right-hand column on each page, headed "Subtract", McHANUS set out counteracting evidence or facts favorable to HISS opposite many of the items appearing in the left-hand column. McMANUS wrote to HISS and enclosed a copy of this 10-page memorandum, requesting the comments of HISS regarding same. HISS in reply endeavored to refute some of the points made by McMANUS but, according to McMANUS, quibbled about minor details and did not even undertake to refute some of the more substantial points made by McMANUS.

In concluding the 10-page memorandum mentioned above, McMANUS said that it was his opinion that HISS fitted into one of the three categories set out below:

- (1) That HISS is an outstanding, patriotic American, and is the victim of unjustified persecution;
- (2) Or, HISS is a poor, innocent sucker who has been used as a tool by the Communist Party;
 - (3) Or, HISS is a clever, highly intelligent and perhaps the most dangerous agent in this country of JOSEF STALIN.

These conclusions are not in the exact wording of McMANUS.

In the "agriculture purge" memorandum mentioned above, some of the other persons mentioned as victims of the purge by Mr. DAVIS and as close associates of ALGER HRSS, who incidentally resigned shortly after the purge, were JOHN ABT, LEE PRESSMAN, NATHAM WHIT, GARDNER JACKSON, ABT FORTES and others, all of whom were described as oright, young New Deal lawyers, who had been made available to Government service by JEROME FRANK and FELIX FRANKFURTER. McMANUS in his correspondence with HISS told HISS that he was getting in touch with these other victims of the purge and associates of HISS to obtain their reactions also.

McMANUS also informed VEZZANA that after considerable effort he had succeeded in contacting GARDNER JACKSON, supra, now described by McMANUS as an anti-Communist and who is presently located with the Welch Grape Juice Company at Columbus, Ohio, his home, however, being in Choquit, Massachusetts. McMANUS pointed out that JACKSON, in addition to being a former employee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, had also been an employee of Farmers' Union and an employee of "P.M.", the New York newspaper. It was evident that JACKSON was cooperative, at least to some extent, with McMANUS, and it should be noted that ALGER HISS guessed GARDNER JACKSON as a suspected author of the memorandum on the "agriculture purge". According to McMANUS, JACKSON told McMANUS on the telephone that he thinks ALGER HISS is a Communist.

McMANUS also indicated that he had written a letter to Mr. CHESTER DAVIS, former head of the A.A.A., enclosing a copy of the "agriculture purge" memorandum and requesting the comments of Mr. DAVIS. It was indicated that Mr. DAVIS can presently be located in care of the Federal Reserve Bank at St. Louis, Missouri. According to McMANUS,

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Mr. DAVIS replied and indicated in his letter that the "agriculture purge" memorandum very accurately reflected the situation. Portions of this letter from Mr. DAVIS, McMANUS withheld from VEZZANA for reasons of confidence. It is possible that McMANUS withheld other information from VEZZANA in view of VEZZANA's status as a private investigator.

McMANUS related to VEZZANA, according to the latter's report, that he was not entirely "philanthropic" in desiring to help Mr. CHAMBERS. McMANUS suggested an exchange of information between himself and VEZZANA along mutually helpful lines. In fact, McMANUS suggested to VEZZANA that in return for the assistance of McMANUS, McMANUS would appreciate the opportunity to consult with Mr. CHAMBERS for confirmation of information in his possession and for additional information which McMANUS in turn would use in writing his articles. Apparently, no such collaboration between McMANUS and CHAMBERS was ever arranged.

It is suggested that McMANUS be interviewed immediately for any and all information in his possession regarding ALGER HISS, especially for facts or evidence which might assist in proving that ALGER HISSis or ever was a member of the Communist Party, and for leads which might result in developing such evidence. The above detailed information is set out so that the Agents interviewing McMANUS cannot be misled by McMANUS as to the nature and extent of the information in his possession regarding HISS. McMANUS may be entirely cooperative and furnish all the information set out above and additional information, which would preclude the necessity of revealing the source of the above information. It is also possible that McMANUS may endeavor to make a deal with Bureau Agents for exchange of information along the same lines as the deal he endeavored to make with VEZZANA.

In his investigative report, VEZZANA reported other investigation in addition to the McMANUS angle, which may be helpful to the Bureau in conducting further investigation regarding ALGER HISS. As indicated above, this additional information from VEZZANA's report was obtained by Agents surreptitiously without the knowledge of Mr. MACMILLAN. VEZZANA conducted investigation during the early part of November, 1948, at both Frenchtown, New Jersey, and New Hope, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of locating the cottage occupied by the CHAMBERS family in about 1936, at which time CHAMBERS was using the name DAVID BREEN. In view of the fact that the Newark and Philadelphia Offices are currently conducting investigations along these same lines, the following information is set out from VEZZANA's report as of possible assistance the these offices.

This investigation conducted by VEZZANA at Frenchtown, New Jersey, and New Hope, Pennsylvania, was based on information furnished by CHAMBERS, which information is evidently identical with that furnished by CHAMBERS to Bureau Agents which has occasioned the current Bureau investigations at these locations. The basic facts supplied by CHAMBERS resulting in VEZZANA's investigation were that CHAMBERS had occupied a cottage in the vicinity of Frenchtown with MAXIN LEIDER for a two-month period during the middle 1930's, during which period Mrs. HISS visited CHAMBERS at this cottage near Frenchtown, New Jersey.

Investigation at Frenchtown, New Jersey

VEZZANA in his report recounted his investigative efforts including his contacts with several hotel operators and real estate men in the vicinity of Frenchtown, New Jersey, which resulted in his locating the cottage occupied by CHAMBERS in a small village known as Smithtown, Pennsylvania, located in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, approximately three or four miles outside Frenchtown, New Jersey. VEZZANA also attempted to locate an individual named BUCO (phonetic) who, according to CHAMBERS, was the real estate agent who had rented the cottage. / VEZZANA determined that the owner of the cottage occupied by CHAMBERS was a Mrs. NORMA/BROWN, 1131 South 46th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. His inquiry at this address reflected that Mrs. BROWN had just left Philadelphia on a trip to Arizona and further investigation by VEZZANA turned up Mr. JOSEPH R. ROUCOT, undoubtedly the RUCO (phonetic) mentioned by CHAMBERS. BOUCOT was located by VEZZANA residing at 143 West Coulter Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who upon interview, advised VEZZANA that Mrs. NORMA BROWN, the owner of the cottage, was his sister, and further, that he, BOUCOT, had acted as a real estate agent for the cottage then owned by BOUCOT's uncle during the years 1934-38. BOUCOT was unable to identify-current photographs of either HISS or CHAMBERS exhibited to him by VEZZANA. BOUCOT stated, however, that his sister, Mrs. NORMA BOUCON BROWN, supra. had actually lived in a cottage adjacent to the one occupied by CHAMBERS and could probably furnish the desired information. He advised VEZZANA that Mrs. NORMA BOUCOT BROWN was then residing at 734 Park Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, care of her son, PAUL BROWN. BOUCOT pointed out to VEZZANA that if inquiry were made at the address of PAUL BROWN, care should be taken that Mrs. NORMA BOUCOT BROWN be asked for, since the wife of PAUL BROWN was also named NORMA BROWN. BOUCOT further advised that

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Mrs. NORMA BOUCOT BROWN was actually en route to an undisclosed address in Arizona. It is pointed out that this investigation was conducted early in November, 1948, and the possibility exists that Mrs. NORMA BOUCOT BROWN has now returned to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Investigation at New Hope, Pennsylvania.

VEZZANA's report reflected investigation conducted by him to locate the real estate agent who had rented a cottage to CHAMBERS as DAVID EREEN, the alias being used by CHAMBERS at the time, which was probably in the middle 1930's. CHAMBERS recalled, according to VEZZANA's report, that in obtaining this cottage in the vicinity of New Hope, Pennsylvania, he was required to list a reference and had given as a reference ALGER HISS.

VEZZANA located the cottage five miles out of New Hope, Pennsylvania, and determined the owners to be Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS WARSHALL, New Hope, Pennsylvania. Interview with the MARSHALLS reflected that the BREENS had occupied the cottage probably in 1936 at a time immediately preceding the birth of CHAMBERS' second child. The MARSHALLS recalled that Mrs. BREEN (Mrs. CHAMBERS) had during the period of occupancy, advised them that Mr. BREEN (Mr. CHAMBERS) was in Chicago.

VEZZANA further learned through the MARSHALLS that during the period of occupancy, the BREENS had a maid named MAUD. Through further conversation with the MARSHALLS and subsequent investigation, VEZZANA identified NAUD as Mrs. MAUD STANSON, nee SAMSEL, who was at that time residing in care of an aunt, MAUD SAMSEL, River Road, Lahaska, Pennsylvania. At least insofar as the report reviewed by Agents was concerned, VEZZANA never interviewed Mrs. MAUD SWANSON. With regard to her, he did learn however, that while working for the BREENS,

The above incident of MAUD's

during her employment by the BREENS is mentioned because it may serve to refresh her memory of the period when she worked for the BREENS, during subsequent interview with Bureau Agents.

Further investigation was conducted by VEZZANA to locate the real estate agents since the allegation is that the name ALGER HISS was given to them as a reference by CHAMBERS in connection with renting the cottage at New Hope, Pennsylvania. Mr. THOMAS MARSHALL, owner of the

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cottage, advised VEZZANA that the only real estate agents he had used were a Mr. PITCOCK and a Mr. ROBERTS, recalling further that he, MARSHALL, had insisted that a reference be given by any prospective tenant for the cottage. He pointed out that either PITCOCK or ROBERTS would possibly have this information and that although PITCOCK was at the present time seriously ill, the information might possibly be available at his office. There was no further mention of Mr. ROBERTS and no further indication in VEZZANA's report that further investigation along this line was conducted, at least with any positive results.

In his investigative report, VEZZANA also set out the results of an interview regarding HISS with BEN/STOLBERG, Hotel Chelsea, 222 West 23rd Street, New York City. The only pertinent information developed by VEZZANA in this interview was to the effect that STOLBERG had learned from LOUIS BUDENZ that in an executive meeting of the Communist Party, HISS had been characterized as all right and a person who could be relied upon. It is believed that the Bureau has obtained similar information regarding HISS directly from BUDENZ.

In this same investigative report, VEZZANA also set out the results of an interview regarding HISS with JAXLOVESTONE who apparently defected from the Communist Party about 1929, International Ladies Garment Union Building, 1710 Broadway, New York City. In this interview, LOVESTONE stated that he had met HISS subsequent to his defection from the Communist Party but did not mention the circumstances under which he had met HISS. LOVESTONE furnished no information to VEZZANA, according to his report, which would indicate that HISS was or is a member of the Communist Party. Apparently, during this interview, LOVESTONE was rather evasive with VEZZANA, even though VEZZANA pointed out in his report that LOVESTONE had cooperated with Cravath, Swaine and Moore in connection with several previous libel suits involving Time, Inc.

In view of the attitude of HAROLD R. MEDINA, as indicated above from New York teletype of January 25, 1949, it is possible that the same attitude with reference to the Bureau may develop in the relationships of the Baltimore Office with CHAMBERS' Baltimore attorneys, RICHARD F. CLEVELAND and WILLIAM D. MACMILLAN. With this thought in mind, the above information is set out in detail because this source of information for the Baltimore Office may subsequently be terminated also. In view of the circumstances under which the above material was

obtained, it is contemplated that the information will probably not be set out in an investigative report in the same manner or in as great detail.

The possibility exists that the complete reports of the investigation of VEZZANA may contain investigative leads of considerable value to the Bureau. It is suggested therefore, that the Bureau may desire, despite the fact that the New York Office contemplates no further contacts with VEZZANA, to contact VEZZANA for a copy of the report of his complete investigation regarding HISS, for the New York law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore. As an alternative, it is suggested that the Bureau may desire to convey this information to Mr. THOMAS J. DONEGAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General at New York City, with a view to having Mr. DONEGAN issue a subpoena duces tecum for VEZZANA's appearance with the investigative reports before the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al SUBJECT: PERJURY; ESP - R; IS - R

January 31, 1949

There are being transmitted herewith, photographs of both Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for the benefit of the Savannah and Cleveland Divisions, together with a large photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for the Savannah Division, as per Washington Field Office teletype of this date.

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Dear Sir:

Ir. ANTHONY L. MICHEL, attorney, law firm of Gardner, Carton and Douglas, 33 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, voluntarily advised Special Agent ROBERT J. MILSON, incidental to interview this date, that EDWARD C. AC LEAN of the law firm Debevois, Plimpton and Mc Lean, which firm is representing ALGER HISS in instant case, had advised him by letter of recent date that he was planning to contract for the services of HERSERT J. ALTER. 100 North La Salle Street, who is an expert on handwriting and typewritten documents. Mr. MICHEL advised that C LEAN had instructed him to make preliminary arrangements with MALTER and that MC LEAN had indicated in his letter that he was going to contact a Mr. MEARON of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for services in a like capacity.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Pittsburgh Office inasmuch as the Eureau may desire to determine the identity of the r. FEARON mentioned in IC LEAN's letter to LICHEL.

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Rerep of Special Agent JAMES FREW, dated January 28, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN V. RENO was employed by WPA from September 10, 1935 to June 30, 1947. This latter date is in error, and should read 1937.

It is suggested that the necessary correction be made in copies of the above report received by your "

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cc - New York (Spec. Del.) (1 - Mr. T. J. DONEGAN,

Special Assistant to the Attorney General, NYC)

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RICHARD T. BELL, 1235 Wisconsin Avenue, advised Agent HAWKINS that he was organist in charge of the choir at Christ Church. He stated he had received a letter from Dr. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG who stated he had been contacted by HISS as to his (ALGER'S) son's attendance at the church and participation in the choir. BELL stated he did not answer the letter as he could not recall anyone named HISS. He stated he remembered TIMOTHY HOBSON being in the choir "off and on" about 1935-36. He was not acquainted with either ALGER or PRISCILLA or CHAMBERS.

Mr. AUSTIN KNIGHT, 2303 South 26th Street, Arlington, Virginia, advised Special Agent CARL DeTEMPLE that he was a member of the choir at Christ Episcopal Church and recalled TIMOTHY HOBSON singing in this choir for about two years about eight or ten years ago. He states that to the best of his recollection he knew HOBSON about one year prior to their membership in the same Boy Scout troop and that this association took place while both were members of the choir. It might be noted that twelve years is the minimum age for Boy Scout membership and that KNIGHT having been born in 1926, could not have belonged before 1938. He stated that he could not specifically recall TIMOTHY HOBSON being involved in an accident during their association. HOBSON was injured by an auto in February, 1937. KNIGHT did not know that HOBSON was the step-son of ALGER HISS nor did he know ALGER, PRISCILLA or CHAMBERS.

Philadelphia teletype of January 20, 1949, reflects interview with Reverend J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, who stated he only vaguely recalls ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS but states he had visited their home on one or two occasions as a parson.

In view of the fact that it appears HISS may attempt to discredit CHAMBERS! testimony by reference to the statements he has made that HISS was forbidden to attend church, it is suggested New York may desire to point out the information in this letter to Special Assistant to the Attorney General, T. J. DONEGAN.

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al ESPIONAGE - R. PERJURY

There of Special agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON, January 14. 1949, at Chicago; Illinois regarding interview of Mr and Hrs. GEORGE H. willi. The ELACKWELLA made available a Carbon of PV CI a letter from HISS addressed to Reverend J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG dated October 20, 1948. In this letter HISS states he is engaged in demonstrating that statements by CHAIDERS are untrue. He states that one of these "fantasies" was that HISS was forbidden to go to church and that the time to which CHAMBERS would be referring would begin in early Winter of 1935, and extend for a year or two. HISS stated that this coincided with the forting whom he mayed the 2995 E Street in Georgetown which would be about the time Reverent. ARMSTROLG came to Christ Church.

HISS believed that either in the Spring or Fall of 1935. her and his wife began occasionally to attend Christ Church services and that about that time TIN (TIN TOBSON) became one of the choir boys. HISS cartimum in the letter that their interest in Christ Church continued as they attended regularly, but that TIM ceased his activities in the choir because-of-a-serious accident on February 19, 1937. HISS asked Reverend ARMSTRONG to write him concerning the attendance of Mr., and Mrs. HISS at the Christ Church and TIMMY's activity in the choir.

In testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, CHAMBERS was asked: "Did he go to church?

> "Mr. CHAMBERS: He was forbidden to go to church. "Question: Do you know whether he was a member of a church?

"Mr. CHAMBERS: I don't know."

Reverend JOHN R. ANSCHUTZ, Christ Episcopal Church, Georgetown, D. C., advised Special Agent HERBERT'S. HAWKINS that he had been with this church since November, 1944, and that although he did not know the HISSes personally he had heard from members of his congregation, just who hercould not recall, that the HISSes had probably attended some sermons at the church and that ANTHONY HISS had attended Sunday School for a time. A systematic search of the church records failed to disclose any record or correspondence of the HISSes and Reverend ANSCHUTZ stated this indicated they had no official connection with the church.

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cc: New York

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