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Title: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS with aliases ALGER HISS, ET AL	Character of Case: PERJURY; ESPIONAGE (R); INTERNAL SECURITY (R)
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DETAILS:

Re: INTERVIEW WITH MRS. RICHARD I. STRUNSKY -  
the former NAOMI BARTENOFF  
220 School Street, Somerville, Massachusetts

The report of Special Agent Edwin O. Johnson at Denver, Colorado, dated December 24, 1948, reflects that in a signed statement NORMAN C. PIXLER of Denver, Colorado, stated that sometime during the latter part of 1942 DWIGHT SPENCER introduced EUGENE VERVALEN and himself to a NAOMI BARTENOFF, who was an employee of the Social Security Board. PIXLER said he remembered NAOMI BARTENOFF telling him she had known PHILIP RENO in Washington and had attended a Communist summer camp somewhere in Virginia or Maryland when PHILIP RENO was present in the camp.

Mrs. RICHARD I. STRUNSKY advised Special Agents RICHARD W. DOW and FREDERICK M. CONNORS on January 24, 1949 that her maiden name was NAOMI BARTENOFF. She said she resided in Washington, D. C., from 1935 to 1941 or 1942 as a student at the American University and also as an employee in Government work, principally for the Social Security Board. She said in 1943 or 1944 she worked for a period of approximately six months at Denver, Colorado, for the Social Security Board.

Mrs. STRUNSKY advised she hardly knew PHILIP RENO at all. She said she had never met or heard of him at Washington, D. C. She said she met him through mutual friends at Denver, Colorado; whose names she stated she was unable to recall.

Mrs. STRUNSKY said she had no recollection of ever having attended a Communist party or Marxist camp. She had never received any information which would indicate that PHILIP RENO was a Communist or had ever attended a Communist summer camp. She said that she had never been affiliated with the Communist Party herself and she could not recall making any statement to anyone reflecting that PHILIP RENO had visited such a camp or that she had observed him at a Communist summer camp.

Re: INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR JOSEPH ESREY JOHNSON,  
Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts,  
Co-Employee of ALGER HISS at the State Department

A teletype from Washington Field to Boston dated January 18, 1949 requested Boston to interview JOSEPH ESREY JOHNSON, co-employee of ALGER HISS at the State Department.

Special Agent JOSEPH A. SMITH conducted the following investigation on January 25, 1949.

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Professor JOSEPH ESREY/JOHNSON, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, furnished the following information,

JOHNSON first met ALGER HISS sometime between September, 1943 and the following spring. He met HISS in an official capacity. At the time JOHNSON was on the InterAmerican Desk of the Division of American Republics and ALGER HISS was Special Assistant to STANLEY HORNBECK who was then political adviser on Far Eastern Affairs, U. S. State Department.

HISS became the immediate superior of JOHNSON on December 20, 1944. At this time HISS was Deputy Director or Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Special Political Affairs in the State Department and JOHNSON was Acting Chief of the Division of International Security Affairs.

JOHNSON and HISS were in constant close association just prior to the Yalta Conference in the drafting of the "Proposed Declaration on Liberated Areas." This proposal was subsequently agreed to at that conference with some modifications and published subsequently thereto. JOHNSON said that HISS, at that time, was in favor of a firm policy in the interests of United States security in regard to Russia. HISS was particularly in favor of doing what could be done to promote democracy as it is understood in the United States in these liberated countries, primarily the Balkans.

JOHNSON stated there was a second proposal of a confidential nature which was not adopted at the Yalta Conference in which HISS manifested the same attitude.

On HISS's return from the Conference JOHNSON spoke to him of the proceedings and HISS was in favor of a firm policy toward Russia.

JOHNSON and HISS worked closely together on the United States policy regarding international control of atomic energy in 1946. During this period ALGER HISS was in complete accord with a policy of firmness which would insure no steps be taken which would weaken United States security.

In the spring of 1946 when JOHNSON was a United States representative in the United Nations there was an attempt by the Soviet Union to make part of the UN Charter meaningless through use of the veto. HISS backed JOHNSON consistently and successfully in blocking the attempt.

Mr. JOHNSON stated he was in regular close contact with ALGER HISS until JOHNSON left the State Department in January of 1947. He has since met him occasionally but has never discussed the charges against HISS with him.

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JOHNSON stated that in his association with HISS he never had any reason to question HISS's loyalty to the United States. He had never known any associates of HISS or activities of HISS which favored the Soviet Union in any way.

Of his own knowledge Professor JOHNSON never knew of any associations of ALGER HISS with CHAMBERS. He never knew of any documents being illegally abstracted from the State Department for transmission to unauthorized persons, nor did he ever know of any Communist activities or sympathizers in the State Department.

Professor JOHNSON had no knowledge of any activities of ALGER HISS prior to the time he first met him.

JOHNSON had been a visitor at the home of ALGER HISS and met his wife on about three occasions. He had never noticed a typewriter while there. He had never heard politics discussed during the time of his visits and had received no typewritten material from HISS.

JOHNSON was unable to identify any of the other individuals mentioned as subjects in instant case.

Re: INFORMATION CONCERNING ZACHARY BARANOFF

New Haven teletype to Boston dated January 25, 1949 requested Boston to furnish New Haven with photographs and a description of BARANOFF.

Records of the Boston Navy Yard reflect BARANOFF began work at this place in April, 1939 and with the exception of a six-month layoff in 1946 had worked there continuously. No description was available in the personnel records of the Navy Yard.

SAMPSON H. SMITH, criminal investigator, Security Office, Navy Yard, Boston, furnished photographs of ZACHARY BARANOFF to the Boston Office on January 28, 1949. On the same day copies of these photographs were sent to the New York and New Haven offices for their information.

Re: INFORMATION CONCERNING JOSEPH ~~JULIETTI~~, with aliases

New Haven teletype to the Bureau, New York and Boston dated January 27, 1949 requested Boston to furnish information concerning JOSEPH ~~JULIETTI~~ with aliases JOSEPH ~~GUILIETTI~~, GUISEPPE ~~GUILIETTI~~, GUISEPPE ~~GIULIETTI~~,

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JOE JOLIET available in the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Boston, Massachusetts

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service were made available by Mr. PHILIP CAMARA. Petition number 1500-P-131732, United States District Court at Boston dated April 14, 1931 reflected GIUSEPPE GIULIETTI, 33 Felton Street, Hudson, Massachusetts, was born September 18, 1896 at Mondaveo, Italy. He declared his intention to become a citizen at New London, Connecticut, on June 28, 1924. GIULIETTI married his wife ELENA on November 30, 1922 at New London. He furnished his last foreign address as Mondolfo, Italy.

He arrived at the Port of New York from Havre, France, under the name of GIUSEPPI GIULIETTI on April 29, 1913 on the vessel Hudson. GIULIETTI claimed continuous residence in the United States from that time and residence in the county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, from August, 1929.

GIULIETTI furnished as witnesses ABBOTT C. JOSSELYN, machinist, 52 Church Street, Hudson, Massachusetts; and THOMAS R. SARGENT, 19 Gates Avenue, Hudson. Both witnesses claimed to have known GIULIETTI since 1925, being fellow employees of La Pointe Machine Tool Company at New London and Hudson.

GIULIETTI was admitted to citizenship at Boston on July 20, 1931.

Re: RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION

The Laboratory examination reflects K357 and K358 are not identical with Q6 through Q69.

By letter dated January 21, 1949 Boston made available to the FBI Laboratory the following letters emanating from ALGER HISS:

1. K357 - a two-page typewritten letter dated December 24, 1946 on Department of State, Washington, stationery, to RICHARD H. FIELD, Professor of Law, Harvard University, Cambridge, and
2. K358 - a typewritten letter on the stationery of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace dated August 31, 1948 to Mr. CHARLES CURTIS, attorney-at-law and a member of the firm of Choate, Hall and Stewart, 30 State Street, Boston.

The Laboratory by letter dated January 25, 1949 advised that it had been concluded that the machines which were used to type K357 and K358 were not used to type Q6 through Q69.

It was further concluded that none of the machines used to type K357 and K358 was used to type Q5. The submitted evidence is being returned to Boston by the Laboratory as soon as photographic copies have been made, at which time they will be returned to the individuals who furnished them.

Re: INVESTIGATION AT PETERBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO  
LOCATE 1937 GUEST REGISTRATION OF ALGER HISS  
AND WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

ALBERT BATES, the present owner of The Tavern, Main Street, Peterboro, New Hampshire, was reinterviewed on January 25, 1949 at which time he said that the large iron safe which was referred to by Mr. Bishop, a former owner, as having contained the guest registrations of The Tavern had been sold by him just after he took ownership. He said he had cleaned out the safe prior to turning it over to the new owner. Mr. BATES said it possibly may have contained the guest registrations for the year in question but he had no recollection. BATES said that the former owners had accumulated a great number of unnecessary things and he had thrown them away "right and left" upon taking ownership. He said he may have destroyed the old records at that time. Mr. BATES has made a complete search of The Tavern. The only old registrations he had were bound volumes, the majority of which were dated prior to 1900. There is nothing in the bound volumes later than 1921. BATES said that two of the old registration books dating back to about 1880 had been turned over to Major A. Goyette, the owner of the Goyette Museum.

Major A. GOYETTE, owner of the Goyette Museum, Peterboro, New Hampshire, advised that he had been offered the registrations of The Tavern and had selected two or three bound volumes dating back to 1880, which he was keeping at the museum for historical purposes. He had nothing at the museum dated in the 1900's.

A review of the Peterboro Transcript, a weekly newspaper, at the Town Library was made by reporting agent to ascertain if the names of HISS and CHAMBERS had been published as guests of Peterboro during the pertinent period. It was noted that not all visitors to Peterboro had been listed nor did it appear to be the practice of the Peterboro Transcript to list the guests at The Tavern as they were mentioned only infrequently.

A review of the papers for the month of August, 1937 failed to disclose the name of ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

The report of Special Agent MAHLON C. COLLIER at Detroit, Michigan, dated January 10, 1949 in instant case, set out an undeveloped lead for Boston to interview GARDNER JACKSON, a newspaper man with home at Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Investigation reflected that JACKSON has a forwarding address of 6 West Kirke Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, and accordingly, Baltimore was requested to conduct this interview. by teletype dated January 26, 1949, a copy of which was forwarded to Washington and New York.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

BOSTON DIVISION

AT HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Will interview JOHN SLOAN DICKEY, President of Dartmouth College, on February 7, 1949 as stated in Boston teletype to New York and Washington dated January 28, 1949.

AT PETERBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Will continue investigation to locate 1937 registration of ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and will obtain photographs of known tourist homes in the year 1937 in order that they may be submitted to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. This was requested by New York teletype dated January 27, 1949.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>SAN ANTONIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/18/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/10/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES C. KENNEDY</b>
TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY INTERNAL SECURITY - R ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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- RUC -

REFERENCE: Baltimore letter to the Bureau dated 12/28/48.

**DETAILS:**

RE: MISS ANNA HISS  
Austin, Texas  
SISTER OF ALGER HISS,  
POSSIBLE RECIPIENT OF TYPEWRITTEN  
CORRESPONDENCE FROM ALGER OR PRISCILLA HISS

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*CC: AG Campbell  
1-31-49  
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**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED**

**HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED**

At Austin, Texas: DATE 7/27/77 BY SP7 msc/ep

Miss ANNA HISS, 3403 Hollywood Avenue, advised that after her interview with Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Baltimore, Maryland, that she had returned to her home in Austin, Texas, and since her arrival had made an exhaustive search through all the correspondence

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHOENIX</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-23-49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-26,27-49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LEO S. BRENNERISEN</b> <span style="float: right;">elb</span>
TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R PERJURY</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

MR. and MRS. JAMES S. ROBB, Sonoita, Arizona, were neighbors of ALGER HISS and family in Washington, D. C., from 6-36 to 6-38. Visited in each other's homes. The ROBBS unable to recall if HISS owned auto or typewriter. Also unable to recall "GEORGE CROSLY" or identify pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. ROBBS state they know of no information reflecting unfavorably upon HISS' loyalty.

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Washington Field letter to Phoenix, 1-24-49.  
Phoenix teletype to Bureau, Washington Field,  
New York, and Detroit, 1-27-49.

**DETAILS:**

MR. and MRS. JAMES S. ROBB, operators of the dude and cattle ranch Hacienda Los Encinos, Sonoita, Arizona, explained that MR. ROBB, while still single, had moved to 1247 - 30th Street, NW, Washington, D. C., in approximately June, 1936. For the next four months, ROBB had shared his residence with KENNETH BANGHART, presently a news commentator for NBC in New York City, and JOHN B. BAYARD, formerly employed by the Bureau of Aeronautics, United States Department of Commerce.

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JAMES ROBB stated BAYARD is believed to be presently working for the SHEFLIN Engineering Company of Detroit, Michigan, an airport engineering and development company. ROBB stated BANGHART and BAYARD were both acquainted with ALGER HISS, his wife, PRISCILLA HISS, and TIMOTHY HISS, then ten years of age, who had moved next door to ROBB at 1245 - 30th Street, NW, Washington, D. C., either immediately before or after June, 1936. ROBB at that time was employed by American Airlines. In October, 1936, he married his present wife.

ROBB stated BANGHART and BAYARD departed from the 30th Street address, and during the next year ROBB advised he and his wife exchanged visits on several occasions with the HISSSES next door and often conversed with them over the back fence. From October, 1937, to about June, 1938, ROBB and his wife resided at the Colonial Apartments in the 1300 block of 30th Street, NW, Washington, D. C., and continued their casual friendship with the HISS family.

Both MR. and MRS. ROBB related they knew of no information reflecting unfavorably upon the loyalty of HISS. They were unable to recall if HISS had owned an automobile or a typewriter. Both stated they had never heard of the name "GEORGE CROSLY" and were unable to identify pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS taken in 1931 and 1936. The ROBBS stated they had never met CHAMBERS.

MR. and MRS. ROBB stated the only people they had ever seen visiting the HISS home were individuals mutually acquainted with the HISS and ROBB families who lived in the immediate neighborhood. These included JEFFREY MAY, an employee of the Security Exchange Commission in 1936, and his wife, then a professor at ~~Goucher's~~ Women's College in Baltimore, Maryland, and MR. and MRS. HART FOSTER. According to the ROBBS, both MR. and MRS. FOSTER were employees of the FHA. They believed the MAYS and FOSTERS were probably still residing at Washington, D. C.

By referenced teletype, Detroit was requested to locate BAYARD and interview him concerning the 1929 Black Ford roadster and exhibit pictures of CHAMBERS. By the same teletype, New York City was advised of BANGHART's acquaintanceship with HISS, and Washington Field was advised of MAY's acquaintanceship with HISS.

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TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ETAL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

EUGENE HENRY HOERTH states made trips to residence of FELIX INSLERMAN in Summers of 1936 through 1940; unable to furnish any information concerning activities of INSLERMAN or his acquaintances. Rev. JAMES B. EDWARDS, owner of Woodstock typewriter repaired in Washington, D. C., presently at Bellevue Hospital, NYC. Specimens of type secured from Woodstock typewriter in possession of Mrs. FRANK BOWEN, Jersey City, N. J. Mrs. BROWN, who rented cottage near Frenchtown, N. J., determined to reside in Phila., Pa. Application for employment of CHAMBERS with Federal Telephone and Radio Corp., Nutley, N. J., no longer on file. HANS INSLERMAN and his wife, ANNA ELIZABETH INSLERMAN, have been registered voters in Monmouth County, N. J., since 1944 with no party affiliation. PAUL TAMER, brother of HARRY TAMER, determined to reside at West Englewood, N. J. and employed as Chief Chemist, Hackensack Water Works, Oradell, N. J. Whereabouts of HARRY TAMER can be secured through PAUL TAMER. HERBERT FEIS, Institute for Advance Study, Princeton, N. J., will not be available until about January 28, 1949.

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INTERVIEW WITH EUGENE HENRY HOERTH RE FELIX INSLERMAN

By teletype of January 17, 1949 the New York Office advised that EUGENE HOERTH, a cousin of ELIZABETH INSLERMAN, was believed to have visited at Baltimore, Maryland.

HOERTH, who resides at 192 Fabyan Place, Newark, New Jersey, and who is employed by the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, 92 Washington Street, Newark, was interviewed concerning any visits he may have made to the INSLERMAN home in Baltimore, Maryland. He stated that he visited the INSLERMANS in Baltimore in the Summers of 1936 through 1940 and that these visits were of durations of more than a week each. He believed he possibly missed visiting in one year during this period. HOERTH could furnish no information concerning any espionage activities on the part of INSLERMAN and stated that he met none of INSLERMAN's acquaintances during his stay in their home other than the other tenants in the three or four family dwelling in which they resided. He was unable to recall the names of any of these individuals and stated that he has now forgotten even the address.

He related that FELIX INSLERMAN is interested in photography and he recalls that he did develop some of his own pictures but he cannot recall ever having seen any of the developing material in the INSLERMAN home. He has <sup>SEEN</sup> one or more cameras in the INSLERMAN home but is unable to further identify these items. He stated that on the occasion of each of his summer visits he went with the INSLERMAN family on sight-seeing trips to Washington, D. C., but he cannot recall INSLERMAN ever having transacted any business in Washington or separating himself from the presence of the others in the group. He knows of no employment of INSLERMAN in Baltimore other than that of the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Corporation, although he vaguely recollects that INSLERMAN was a draftsman for possibly another employer. He denied ever having met or seen WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He stated the last visit he made to the INSLERMANS was in Cambridge, New York, in October or November of 1945. HOERTH pointed out that he was only fourteen years of age in 1936 and that the visits were made in connection with his Summer vacation from school.

HOERTH stated he was born January 3, 1922 in New York City, although his parents, HENRY and MARIA HOERTH, actually resided in Newark, New Jersey. He furnished their present address as Route #1, Box 126, Old Bridge, New Jersey. Other relatives furnished by HOERTH are his wife, ANTOINETTE SCHWAB, and a sister, JUNE KUBICHEK, 29~~th~~ 5th Street, Newark, New Jersey, whose husband is JOHN KUBICHEK. HOERTH stated he had received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army as a Pfc. October 12, 1945 after having been inducted October 23, 1942 under Army Serial Number 12164428.

It should be noted that HOERTH adopted a smug and condescending attitude during the interview and gave the definite impression that he was making no effort

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to recall anything of value. There is no previous information in the files of the Newark Office concerning HOERTH or any of his relatives.

FANSLER-HISS TYPEWRITER

1. Woodstock typewriter in possession of Rev. JAMES B. EDWARDS

Washington Field Office teletype of January 18, 1949 advised that a Woodstock typewriter, no serial number given, was overhauled for JAMES B. EDWARDS by Leon Typewriter Company, Washington, D. C. EDWARDS present address was furnished as 144 Woodridge Avenue, Leonia, New Jersey.

It was ascertained from Mrs. JAMES EDWARDS, SR. that Rev. JAMES B. EDWARDS is presently acting chaplain at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, and that the typewriter is in his possession there.

2. Woodstock typewriter in possession of Mrs. FRANK BOWEN

A Woodstock typewriter, property of Rev. Father JAMES FINLEY, Assistant Pastor, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was located in the possession of his sister Mrs. FRANK BOWEN, 54 Beach Street, Jersey City, New Jersey. The typewriter was thoroughly examined but no serial number could be located. It was determined to be equipped with pica type and typing specimens were taken and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory by letter of January 26, 1949.

COTTAGE NEAR FRENCHTOWN, NEW JERSEY, OCCUPIED BY CHAMBERS & HISS IN 1935

By teletype of January 18, 1949 the New York Office advised that CHAMBERS had moved to a cottage near Frenchtown, New Jersey, on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River in August 1935 which was occupied for two months and which was also occupied by PRISCILLA and ALGER HISS. The cottage had been rented by MAXIM LEBER from a Mr. BOUCOT (phonetic), Frenchtown, New Jersey, who had a sister Mrs. BROWN. It was determined from Mr. E. R. HUMMER, Real Estate Agent, Frenchtown, New Jersey, that in the early part of 1948 he had been contacted by a Mrs. BROWN in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of collecting past due rents on cottages owned by her on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River. Mr. HUMMER recalled that a Mr. BOUCOT (phonetic) had some interest in these cottages and it was his recollection that BOUCOT was confined to an institution. Mr. HUMMER related that he did collect some rent on these cottages but due to the amount of work involved he had discontinued the area and destroyed all of his correspondence with Mrs. BROWN. He stated that he had recently been in the vicinity of the cottages on other business and noted that a "For Sale" sign of McLOY or MALOY, Real Estate Agency of Doyleston, Pennsylvania, was posted on the property. He stated that it would be necessary for the Real Estate Agent to have a communication from the owner to post such a sign and the agent would be in a position to furnish the identity and whereabouts of Mrs. BROWN.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

Application for Employment with Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation

By teletype of January 19, 1949 New York Office advised that CHAMBERS had made application for employment with Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation in 1942.

Mr. RAY SPROW, Plant Protection Manager of the above Concern, advised that it is the practice of the Company to destroy applications after a period of six months if the applicant has not been employed. A search of the applicant files and the employee files of the Company failed to reveal any information concerning CHAMBERS.

HANS INSLERMAN

By teletype of January 20, 1949 the New York Office advised that HANS INSLERMAN had registered as a Communist voter in the years 1933 and 1934 while residing in New York City. NY REPORT OF S.A. JOSEPH M. KELLY, 1-2-49 omit  
P. 32 STATES HANS REGISTERED IN 1933 + NO RECORD FOR 1934 AS BORN

A check of the records of the County Board of Elections, Monmouth County, New Jersey, was made by SA REGINALD G. VINCENT. The records reflect that HANS INSLERMAN and his wife ANNA ELIZABETH INSLERMAN registered October 9, 1944 from their present address of 237 Eastbourne Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey, with no party affiliation. They have voted in five elections since registration. HANS INSLERMAN indicated his last place of registration was New York City.

HARRY TAMER

By teletype of January 24, 1949 the New York Office advised that HARRY TAMER had been identified by CHAMBERS as one of his early associates in the Soviet Espionage Apparatus and that he had been a Communist Party member in 1926 an apprentice printer in the establishment while the Daily Worker was printed. According to the teletype HARRY TAMER is believed to be related by marriage to SAM SHOYET who is believed to have been a Russian Espionage Agent and whose whereabouts are unknown. He was also reported to be the brother of JOSUHA TAMER who maintained a cover apartment for the apparatus in Brooklyn, New York between 1933 and 1935 and who is reported to have returned to Russia about 1935.

Mr. GUNTHER EGGERS, former Postmaster, New Milford, New Jersey, advised that PAUL TAMER, the brother of HARRY TAMER, currently resides at 706 Northumberland Road, West Englewood, New Jersey, and is employed as Chief Chemist of the Hackensack Water Works, Oradell, New Jersey. Mr. EGGERS recalled that PAUL TAMER originally rented Box #94 at the New Milford Post Office for his brother HARRY TAMER because HARRY TAMER had encountered difficulty in receiving mail. At that time HARRY TAMER was a stamp collector and believed by Mr. EGGERS to be an invalid. The present whereabouts of HARRY TAMER are unknown to Mr. EGGERS and the Post Office Box is presently being used by PAUL TAMER.

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ALGER HISS

Efforts to Interview Mrs. HERBERT FEIS

By teletype of January 21, 1949 the New York Office advised that HERBERT and RUTH FEIS had been mentioned by LAWRENCE SMITH as being friendly with ALGER HISS.

Efforts to contact HERBERT FEIS at the Institute for Advance Study, Princeton, New Jersey, revealed that he was in Washington, D. C. on business and his exact whereabouts in Washington were not known. It was anticipated that he would return approximately January 27th or January 28, 1949.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will interview Rev. JAMES B. EDWARDS, Assistant Chaplain, Bellevue Hospital, concerning the Woodstock typewriter in his possession which was overhauled by Leon Typewriter Company, Washington, D. C. An examination should be made in conformance with previous instructions in this case. This lead has been set out by teletype of January 19, 1949.

NEWARK OFFICE

AT ORADELL, NEW JERSEY

Will upon the receipt of complete background information from the New York Office interview PAUL TAMER, Chief Chemist, Hackensack Water Works, concerning Soviet Espionage activities and from him ascertain the whereabouts of his brother HARRY TAMER who should be similarly interviewed.

AT LAMBERTSVILLE, NEW JERSEY

Will upon receipt of photographs of CHAMBERS interview WATSON ROBERTS who, according to the records of THOMAS MARSHALL, New Hope, Pennsylvania, was the Real Estate Agent who rented a stone tenant house on a farm in June 1936 to CHAMBERS who used the name DAVID BREEN. CHAMBERS is believed to have resided there until about April 1937. ROBERTS should be questioned concerning BREEN's friends and associates and photographs of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS should be exhibited. He should be questioned in an effort to locate a real estate agent named WOOD who is reported to have had something to do with this transaction or it should be determined from him whether the transaction was handled by ROBERTS alone. ROBERTS is believed to be presently residing with a married daughter whose last name is EVERETT.

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Will report the results of Lab. examination of typing specimens taken from the Woodstock typewriter in the possession of Mrs. FRANK BOWEN, 54 Beach Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

AT PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Will interview HERBERT FEIS, Institute for Advance Study, and his wife RUTH FEIS, Battle Road Circle, and from them obtain any typewriting specimens emanating from any member of the HISS family. It should be determined if any typewriter was known by them to be located in the HISS residence. FEIS is former Economics Supervisor of State Department and he and his wife have been reported by LAWRENCE SMITH as being friendly with ALGER HISS.

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TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ETAL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

EUGENE HENRY ROSETH states made trips to residence of **HELIK INSLERMAN** in Summers of 1936 through 1940; unable to furnish any information concerning activities of **INSLERMAN** or his acquaintances. Rev. **JAMES D. EDWARDS**, owner of Woodstock typewriter repaired in Washington, D. C., presently at Bellevue Hospital, NYC. Specimens of type secured from Woodstock typewriter in possession of Mrs. **FRANK BOWEN**, Jersey City, N. J. Mrs. **BROWN**, who rented cottage near Frenchtown, N. J., determined to reside in Phila., Pa. Application for employment of **CHAMBERS** with Federal Telephone and Radio Corp., Nutley, N. J., no longer on file. **HANS INSLERMAN** and his wife, **ANNA ELIZABETH INSLERMAN**, have been registered voters in Monmouth County, N. J., since 1944 with no party affiliation. **PAUL TAMER**, brother of **HARRY TAMER**, determined to reside at West Englewood, N. J. and employed as Chief Chemist, Hackensack Water Works, Oradell, N. J. Whereabouts of **HARRY TAMER** can be secured through **PAUL TAMER**. **HERBERT FEIS**, Institute for Advance Study, Princeton, N. J., will not be available until about January 28, 1949.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File 74-1333.  
 New York teletype to Bureau and Newark dated 1-17-49.  
 New York teletype to Bureau, Newark, Washington Field and Philadelphia dated 1-13-49.  
 Washington Field teletype to Newark dated 1-18-49.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-31-49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-21-48 1-5, 27-49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>MARVIN B. PASH, SA</b>
TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WHITAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

H. N. WEBSTER, Southwestern Zone Manager, Woodstock Typewriter Co., Dallas, Texas, advised in 1946 he closed the Philadelphia Office of the Woodstock Typewriter Co. and personally supervised the destruction and burning of all records of that office which he described as service records, customers invoices, etc. Old sales book which he described as loose-leaf book known as the Daily Machine Report was discontinued prior to War and were probably destroyed.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Philadelphia, dated 12-20-48

Teletype to Philadelphia, dated 12-21-48

Teletype from New York City, dated 1-5-49

Teletype to New York City, dated 1-6-49

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cc A. B. G. Campbell  
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**DETAILS: At Dallas, Texas:**

Mr. H. N. WEBSTER, Southwestern Zone Manager, Woodstock Typewriter

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2 - Dallas			
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Company, Dallas, Texas, advised that in 1946 he closed out approximately eight Eastern offices of Woodstock Typewriter Co., which included the Philadelphia, Pa. office. Mr. WEBSTER stated that all old records such as repair records, letters, etc. were destroyed. He also mentioned the Daily Sales Agency Book which was maintained up until 1939 to 1941, he was not sure of the latter date, but was sure that the same was discontinued prior to World War II, which book listed the sale of typewriters. All of the above records, according to Mr. WEBSTER were burned at his personal direction and he was helped in the destruction of these records by JOHN GALLAGER, who was manager of the Woodstock Philadelphia Agency at this time. All of these records, including the loose-leaf book known as the Daily Machine Report were probably destroyed if same had not been found at the Woodstock Typewriter Co., Woodstock, Illinois. WEBSTER further stated the above procedure was used by him and the company of destroying these old records due to the shortage of filing space at that time.

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Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York and Newark, 1/21/49.

Washington Field letter to Bureau, 1/27/49.

New York letter to Bureau, 1/28/49.

Report of SA PAUL R. ALKER, 1/31/49, Newark.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

One copy of this report is sent for information purposes to the Washington Field Office inasmuch as BEN TILLMAN MOORE, a cousin of ALGER HISS, was a fellow employee with HISS on the U. S. Senate Munitions Committee in 1934.

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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH ESTHER M. AUERBACH STAVIS AND MORTON STAVIS  
RE PHILIP RENO AND FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

An interview with ESTHER and MORTON STAVIS was held concerning their knowledge of any espionage activities on the part of PHILIP RENO, who had been a subordinate employee of Mrs. STAVIS with the Social Security Board from 1937 to 1940 and was also active in the union covering employees of that organization, in which union MORTON STAVIS and ESTHER STAVIS were active. Confidential Informant T-1 has advised that Mrs. MORTON STAVIS was known to be a member of the Communist Party in 1946. She was contacted at her residence, 175 Shelley Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, by the writer and Special Agent CARLTON C. LENZ on January 28, 1949. She stated that she was acquainted with PHILIP RENO and that he had been employed as her subordinate with the Social Security Board in Washington, D. C. She stated she was not acquainted with his brother, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, and in fact did not know he had a brother. At this point in the interview, Mrs. STAVIS asked the purpose of the inquiry and was advised that the agents had been instructed by the Department of Justice to interview her concerning any connection between PHILIP RENO, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. She stated that she desired to talk with her husband before answering any questions, and she placed a call to his office only to find that he was out. She then advised agents that she did not approve of the methods of the FBI prying into the private affairs of people and wire tapping. She stated that "they" came into the Social Security Board and questioned people, upsetting everything. When asked who "they" were, she said the Dies Committee and was advised that the Dies Committee and the FBI are not associated with one another. She departed from the room at this point to feed her children and returned to answer a telephone call from her husband. She advised him of the visit of the agents and its purpose and told him she did not feel that she should answer these questions and desired the advice of counsel. She stated that if she had her way she would throw the agents out. This latter statement was not made in a threatening manner but more as a figure of speech. Upon hanging up the telephone, she advised that her husband had told her she did not have to answer any questions and that she did not desire to do so. Agents then departed from the STAVIS residence.

MORTON STAVIS, husband of ESTHER M. AUERBACH STAVIS, has likewise been reported as having been a member of the Communist Party to the personal knowledge of Confidential Informant T-1 in 1946. Upon entering Mr. STAVIS' private office, agents identified themselves, and STAVIS asked to see the credentials in order that he could make a note of the full name and credential

numbers of the agents, which record he did make. He was then asked whether he had been acquainted with PHILIP RENO while employed by the Social Security Board and stated that he had known him. He stated that his acquaintanceship was confined to the Social Security Board and the union and did not extend outside of this sphere. He did state that he had met RENO at some social gatherings but declined to elaborate on this statement. At this point in the interview, STAVIS stated he did not desire to continue unless he had a witness present. He was asked if the witness had been acquainted with PHILIP RENO, to which he answered he was not. He was then asked the purpose of the desire for a witness, to which he replied that he desired to have someone present who could verify the statements he made. STAVIS was advised that this would not be necessary but upon his insistence WILLIAM ROSS MOORE, his law partner, was allowed to sit in on the remainder of the interview. STAVIS stated he did not know any of the associates of PHILIP RENO and was not acquainted with his activities outside of the Social Security Board and Local 10, United Federal Workers of America. He denied knowing that RENO had a brother and likewise denied ever having known of any connection between WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and PHILIP RENO. He was asked if he could furnish the names of any individuals working for the Social Security Board or active in Local 10, UFWA, who might have been better acquainted with RENO, to which he replied that he had no intention of furnishing the FBI a list of names of any kind and that he felt that this would be a violation of union procedure; that he doubted that any other name he furnished would be in a position to provide more information than he and that he does not approve of the methods of the FBI. He related that in this connection he has already placed himself on record concerning his feelings. He related that his acquaintanceship with PHILIP RENO was from about 1938 until RENO left Washington in 1940, during which period RENO was president of Local 10, UFWA, in which STAVIS stated he was quite active. He was questioned as to whether or not RENO was a member of the Communist Party at that time, to which he replied in the negative.

INVESTIGATION AT PICATINNY ARSENAL, DOVER, NEW JERSEY, TO IDENTIFY  
IZ MILLER AND MISS SMITH

By teletype of January 26, 1949 the New York Office advised that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had stated that sometime in 1933 he was introduced to one Dr. IZ MILLER by "ULRICH", who was CHAMBERS' superior in the espionage apparatus. CHAMBERS recalled that the purpose of the meeting was to develop a new source in the Arsenal since MILLER had lost his job and a plan was formulated by which a girl from the Arsenal would be employed by CHAMBERS. CHAMBERS recalled that a Miss SMITH, who resided with her parents in Dover, was employed by him as a part-time secretary in New York, at which time he used the name DICKSON. CHAMBERS believed this girl saw through the scheme and quit, having worked only three times on Saturdays. Investigation at Picatinny Arsenal was conducted by Special Agent CLARK D. TOMPKINS. The following persons at the Arsenal were interviewed

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concerning the identity of IZ MILLER with negative results:

Mrs. MILDRED CROSS, secretary to the Civilian Chief of Public Information and Intelligence; Mrs. EVELYN GLICK, Chief of Mail and Records Section; Mrs. MURIEL ELAINE ANDERSON, clerk-typist.

The records made available by Captain DURWARD E. BEYTON, financial and security officer, and RALEIGH T. CURTIS, Civilian Chief of Public Information and Intelligence Section, revealed that ISADORE MILLER of 931 Avenue St. John, New York City, who was born in 1890, was employed as a laboratory assistant from August 27, 1911 to April 23, 1912. The records mentioned that MILLER was re-employed as a laboratory assistant from April 22, 1918 until September 7, 1918, at which time he apparently resigned without prejudice. On his re-employment card, MILLER's birth date was given as 1891 rather than 1890. His address at this time was given as 124 East 6th Street, New York City.

Mr. SOL LIVINGSTON, research chemist at the Arsenal since 1916, who resides at 170 South Morris Street, Dover, New Jersey, stated that he remembered ISADORE MILLER having worked at the Arsenal as a laboratory assistant and that MILLER was injured at the Arsenal sometime during 1917 or 1918 as a result of an explosion of a piece of ammunition. The accident, according to LIVINGSTON, resulted in MILLER's losing one of his eyes, and it was as a result of this accident that he left the Arsenal, to the best of LIVINGSTON's recollection. LIVINGSTON believed that he had returned to the Arsenal in 1920 or 1921 for a short period of time, but this is not borne out by the personnel records. It was LIVINGSTON's impression that MILLER left the Arsenal to secure a better position with a firm of consulting engineers in New York City. He did not hear from MILLER until sometime in 1942 or 1943, when he was contacted from New York by MILLER asking if he would testify as an expert witness for the firm he was associated with. This testimony was in connection with a case being handled by the law firm of SABBATINO AND TODARELLI, 233 Broadway, New York City. Upon receiving the necessary clearance at the Arsenal, LIVINGSTON testified in the case, and this is the last time he has heard from MILLER. Mr. LIVINGSTON advised that his association with MILLER was always on an official level and that he did not get to know him very well because of their different personalities. He could furnish no information indicating any subversive activities on the part of MILLER. LIVINGSTON recalled that Mrs. MURIEL ANDERSON, nee SMITH, had done some work for MILLER, but he was unable to recall the nature of the work or the original source of this information.

Mr. WARREN ANDERSON, chemist at the Arsenal for the last forty years, was interviewed after it had been determined that his wife, MURIEL ELAINE ANDERSON, had been MURIEL ELAINE SMITH before her marriage and had resided in Dover, New Jersey, with her parents. He recalled ISADORE MILLER during the entire time of

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MILLER's employment with the Arsenal and stated that all of his contacts were of an official nature and he had no knowledge of any subversive activities. He denied any knowledge of a Miss SMITH being hired by MILLER to do any stenographic work for anyone.

Mr. HERMAN AARONSEN, research chemist at the Arsenal since 1919, who resides at 23 Myrtle Avenue, Dover, New Jersey, advised that MILLER was last known by him to be working for a Dr. GROSVENOR who had a firm of consulting engineers located in the Chemist Club Building, 52 East 41st Street, New York City. AARONSEN stated he met MILLER through a Mr. JADOWITZ, an employee in the Analytical Laboratory at the Arsenal who knew and had worked with MILLER at the Arsenal, and considered him a good person to know because of his competency in the field of chemistry and also because of his strong business connections. AARONSEN recalled meeting MILLER about fifteen years ago at the Chemist Club and stated he has only seen him two or three times since in New York. He explained that he is not at all familiar with MILLER's background or his personal history, and he considered him merely a casual friend and one whose only mutual interest was the field of chemistry. He saw MILLER last about three years ago. During conversations with MILLER, the discussion was taken up with generalities and their mutual friends at the Arsenal.

Mr. HEIMAN JADOWITZ, an employee of the Analytical Laboratory, 31 Sanford Street, Dover, New Jersey, stated he has been employed at the Arsenal since 1913, and he first met MILLER when the latter was working at the Arsenal in 1917 or 1918. He believed MILLER had left the Arsenal to secure a better position in New York City. JADOWITZ recalled MILLER indicating that he was doing some translation work while at the Arsenal, and to the best of JADOWITZ's recollection, it was translating from German to English. JADOWITZ could offer no specific information in this respect. JADOWITZ states he has not seen MILLER over ten years and that the last visit took place when he stopped by the Chemist Club in New York City to pay a social call. JADOWITZ likewise disclaimed any knowledge of a Miss SMITH being hired by MILLER to do part-time work.

Mrs. MURIEL SMITH ANDERSON was reinterviewed by the writer and Special Agent CLARK D. TOMPKINS at her home in the presence of her husband, WARREN ANDERSON, at which time she readily admitted that in about 1933 she had been approached by HEIMAN JADOWITZ to do part-time stenographic work for a friend of his in New York City. She stated that JADOWITZ subsequently brought a Mr. BROWN to her home in Dover, at which time an agreement was reached whereby she would do part-time stenographic work for Mr. BROWN on Saturdays. She stated that she went to New York on three Saturdays and did copy work for him, generally copying from books she secured from the library at his instructions. She could



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only recall that one subject pertained to cotton. She was unable to furnish the text of this subject. She related that on the fourth Saturday she found no one in Mr. BROWN's office and returned to Dover. She stated that Mr. BROWN called her a few days later in Dover to determine if she was coming the next Saturday, and she advised him she was not and hung up. She stated that she had previously become suspicious of the arrangement because she was not doing stenographic work but doing what any typist could do. She stated she could not put her finger on any activity but the whole situation aroused her suspicion. She stated that BROWN occupied one of several glass-impneled offices in a building in New York City, the location of which she could not recall. She stated that after the above telephone conversation with BROWN, JADOWITZ contacted her for the purpose of ascertaining her reasons for severing this relationship. Mrs. ANDERSON definitely identified the photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as being Mr. BROWN and stated that this is the only person she met during her employment by Mr. BROWN. A statement encompassing the above information is being prepared for Mrs. ANDERSON's signature. It is noted that HELMAN JADOWITZ was previously interviewed at the Arsenal and denied knowledge of anyone having worked for Mr. MILLER or been employed under the above circumstances, and efforts to recontact him on January 30 revealed him to be in New York City. He will be reinterviewed at his home.

The personnel history statement on file at Picatinny Arsenal reflects that Mrs. MURIEL ELAINE ANDERSON was born January 28, 1906 at Dover, New Jersey. Her mother, Mrs. EDITH HELOISE SMITH, 70 Liberty Street, Dover, New Jersey, and her father, were both born in the United States. She has three sisters, ELSIE THORSEN, age 47, Dover, New Jersey; RUTH WILLIAMS, age 33, Dover, New Jersey; and FAITH GARRISEN, age 31, Dover, New Jersey. She attended grammar school from 1911 to 1919; high school from 1919 to 1922; and business college from 1922 to 1923. All of these schools were located in Dover. She married WARREN ANDERSON January 29, 1934, after which she moved from 70 Liberty Street to 28 Princeton Avenue in Dover and lived there until March, 1937, when they moved to their present address, 72 Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey.

INTERVIEW WITH HERBERT AND RUTH FEIS RE ALGER HISS AND  
FANSLER - HISS TYPEWRITER

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES H. FIGDON, JR.

Mr. HERBERT FEIS, economist, Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that he was formerly an economist for the State Department at Washington, D. C. up until October, 1943, when he resigned. He also advised that to the best of his recollection he first met

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ALGER HISS about 1933 and Mrs. PRISCILLA HISS a few years later.

He advised that he has never received at any time any handwritten or typewritten communication whatsoever from ALGER HISS or any member of HISS' family nor does he have any such communication in his possession. He further advised that his association with ALGER HISS was friendly and cordial on a business basis mainly since about 1933 and that he and his wife were only casually associated with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. Also, according to FEIS, he has visited in two of ALGER HISS' residences in Washington, D. C., but he did not recall seeing a typewriter in either of these residences. He further advised that he and his wife have a warm personal friendship with DONALD and CATHERINE HISS. FEIS advised that STANLEY FORNBECK, United States Ambassador to Holland, HARLEY POTTER, presently employed in the State Department at Washington, D. C., and LEO PASBOLSKY, presently employed at the Brookings Institute at Washington, D. C. were all more friendly with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS than he and his wife were.

Mrs. RUTH S. B. FEIS of Battle Road Circle, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that with the exception of several handwritten notes which she has received from CATHERINE HISS, DONALD HISS' wife, she has never received any other handwritten or typewritten communication from ALGER HISS or any member of his family. She also advised that the only time she was ever in ALGER HISS's home was when she visited in two of his residences which he maintained in the Georgetown Section of Washington, D. C., and she did not recall seeing a typewriter in either of these residences.

INVESTIGATION TO ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHAMBERS AND HISS  
DURING RENTAL OF HOUSE NEAR NEW HOPE, PENNSYLVANIA, BY CHAMBERS IN  
1936 - 1937.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES H. HIGDON, JR.

Philadelphia teletype on January 21, 1949 advised that the records of THOMAS MARSHALL, New Hope, Pennsylvania, reflected that a stone tenant house on his farm was rented from June, 1936 until approximately April, 1937 to DAVID BREEN through a real-estate agent named WATSON ROBERTS. MARSHALL identified 1934 photograph of CHAMBERS as identical with BREEN. It was also reported that there was a real-estate agent named WOOD who may have had some connection with the rental of this property to BREEN.

Mr. WATSON T. ROBERTS, No. 2 Buttonwood Street, Lambertville, New Jersey, employed as a night watchman for the Paramount Hosiery Company, Lambertville, advised that he formerly handled the rental of a stone house on the estate of

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THOMAS MARSHALL near New Hope, Pennsylvania. This rental was handled by him on a seasonal basis.

He recalled that one season some years ago he rented this stone house to a man named DAVID BREEN. He advised that he has no records pertaining to this rental and that his memory is failing and that he would be unable to recall within ten years approximately what year he rented this property to BREEN. He further advised that he saw BREEN on only one occasion and that he knew nothing about BREEN's associates or friends. He was unable to identify photographs of CHAMBERS as being identical with BREEN. He also was unable to identify photographs of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS as persons he knew or could recall having seen at any time. He advised that he knew of no one except THOMAS MARSHALL who would be able to recall BREEN or anything about BREEN's associates or friends while BREEN resided in the stone house on the Marshall Estate. ROBERTS also advised that he handled the rental of this property to BREEN personally and that he was not acquainted with any real-estate name with the last name of WOOD.

ROBERTS' daughters, Mrs. DOROTHY MORENO, who presently resides with her father, and Mrs. ESTHER EVERETT, 116 Clinton Street, Lambertville, advised that they were both residing with their father in New Hope, Pennsylvania, in 1936 and 1937. Neither woman could furnish any information of value. Mrs. MORENO recalled that her father had rented a house on the Marshall Estate to a man named BREEN over ten years ago, the exact number of years ago she could not recall, but that she had never seen BREEN nor did she know anything about his associates or friends. Mrs. MORENO and Mrs. EVERETT were unable to identify photographs of CHAMBERS and ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS as anyone they could recall having seen at any time and they also advised that they were not acquainted with any person by the last name of WOOD who was in the real-estate business at New Hope, Pennsylvania, or the nearby vicinity.

INTERVIEW WITH BERNARD L. FALK AND MARGARET FALK RE ALGER HISS

By letter of January 27 the Washington Field Office advised that Mr. and Mrs. BERNARD L. FALK formerly resided in Apartment 21 at 2831 - 28th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. during the time ALGER HISS occupied Apartment 42 of the same building from July 1, 1934 to June 28, 1935. During this period WHITTAKER CHAMBERS reportedly occupied the apartment for about the last six weeks of the lease. BERNARD L. FALK and MARGARET FALK, 621 Doremus Avenue, Glen Rock, New Jersey, advised that they lived at the above-mentioned address from August, 1934 to about November, 1935. They stated that they resided on the first floor of the building (not the ground floor) in the first apartment and that until about two or three weeks before leaving in November, 1935 they did not know any of the other occupants of the apartment building. They were

unable to identify photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or ALGER HISS as persons they had known at any time in the past but they were able to recall that two bachelors lived in an apartment on the top floor. They could not recall the source of this information and stated that they never to their knowledge saw either of the bachelors. They were unable to furnish the identity of anyone else in the building who may have been acquainted with HISS or CHAMBERS.

INTERVIEW WITH PAUL TAMER REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ESPIONAGE  
ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF JOSHUA TAMER, HARRY TAMER, AND SAM  
SHOYET

PAUL TAMER, who is also known by the names of PETIA TAMER and PRINEAS TAMER, 706 Northumberland Road, West Englewood, New Jersey, who is employed as chief chemist for the Hackensack Water Works, Oradell, New Jersey, was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent CLARK D. TOMPKINS on January 29, 1949 at his residence. At that time he was confined to his bed with a bad cold. He stated that he was born in Odessa, Russia, September 11, 1900 as PETIA TAMER and was naturalized in the United States District Court, New York City in 1929 or 1930. He married BESSIE LOCHSPINE TAMER, who was born in Dnieper-petrovsk, Russia in 1896. The exact date of Mrs. TAMER's birth was not known to her. She was naturalized in the United States District Court, New York City about 1928 or 1929. TAMER furnished the names of his parents as ABRAHAM and HANNAH TAMER, now deceased, and brothers as JOSHUA (usually called CHIKA) and HARRY. He stated that he has sisters, FANNIE and BESSIE. He related that he, his father, mother and JOSHUA arrived in Boston, Massachusetts from Russia about two weeks before the start of World War I in 1914 and that HARRY and BESSIE had preceded them. He stated that FANNIE was the first to arrive in the United States and that she came from Paris, at which place she became acquainted with SAM SHOYET, who she later married in the United States. He stated that he left Boston in about 1924 and moved to New York City after completing college and that the rest of the family arrived in New York about a year later. For a short time they all resided together on Prospect Street in the Bronx and then his father bought the property at 1673 - 55th Street in Brooklyn, which he described as being one side of a two-story duplex dwelling. He stated that all of the family resided at this address until his father died in 1926. PAUL TAMER stated that he left this residence in 1927 and moved to a rooming house on 110th Street near 7th Street in New York, which has since been demolished. He and his wife then moved to 35 West 110th Street and then to West 108th Street about 1930. They then moved to New Milford, New Jersey, and then to Central Avenue in Leonia, New Jersey, where they resided from 1933 to 1938. They have lived at their present address since 1938. He related that SAM SHOYET returned to Russia about 1930 and was followed by FANNIE SHOYET in about 1931. From 1931 until 1932 their daughter, ANSIA SHOYET, stayed with

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PAUL TAMER and his wife until she completed Hunter College and then she left for Russia to join her parents. According to TAMER, SHOYET died of typhus fever in Russia during the past war, but his sister and niece still live in Moscow. He furnished their address as A. SHOYET, Kapelski Per No. 13, Moscow. He recalled that SAM SHOYET lived in Paris as previously stated, but he has no knowledge of him ever having lived in any other foreign cities other than Moscow. He never knew SHOYET to be employed by the Russian Government or to have engaged in espionage activities and stated that he always knew him to be a printer. He remarked that SHOYET had interested HARRY TAMER in printing and secured him a job with the same firm which employed SHOYET and which printed the Daily Worker. He stated he could not furnish the identity of any of the friends of SHOYET. TAMER recalled that SHOYET had a brother, name unknown, who came to this country sometime later than SAM SHOYET and lived in Boston. He last saw this individual about 1920 and to his knowledge SAM SHOYET did not see him after he departed from Boston. (The following description of SHOYET's brother was furnished:

Age	About 60 if living
Height	5'6"
Weight	180
Peculiarities	Round face, large protruding lips.

With reference to HARRY TAMER, he stated that he is married to DIANA LOCHSHINE, the sister of his own wife, and currently resides at 89 Thayer Street, Manhattan. HARRY TAMER resided at 1673 - 55th Street in Brooklyn until this property was sold by his mother, the exact year not recalled but believed to be between 1929 and the early 1930's. He related that HARRY TAMER to his knowledge has never engaged in espionage activities and remarked that he has been suffering from a chronic cardiac condition since birth and is presently an invalid and stamp collector. He stated that he originally interested HARRY TAMER in stamp collection and rented a post box for him in New Milford, New Jersey, because he was having trouble receiving his mail intact at his place of residence. He stated that he, PAUL TAMER, is presently using this box and it is no longer used by his brother. According to PAUL TAMER, JOSHUA TAMER and his wife, ROSE, moved to an elevator apartment in Brooklyn shortly before the sale of the family residence and later moved to Manhattan. He was unable to furnish the addresses of either of these residences but believed the Brooklyn apartment to be in the 40's. He related that JOSHUA TAMER and his wife returned to Russia sometime between 1935 and 1937 and are still residing there. He denied knowledge of any espionage activities on the part of his brother. He stated that his mother died in 1935 prior to which the family residence had been disposed of. TAMER was unable to identify the photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as anyone he had previously known and was also unfamiliar with the names ULRICH, HERMAN or VALENTINE MARKIN, WALTER or ARTHUR WALTER. He stated that if photographs of the latter individuals were exhibited to him he might be able to

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identify them. ( At this point in the interview, TAMER asked that it be terminated inasmuch as he was ill and felt that he was exhausting himself. He stated that upon his recovery he will be glad again to submit to interview. It is noted that TAMER gave the impression as being cooperative but reluctant to furnish any information which might embarrass him.)

Mrs. BESSIE LOCHSHINE TAMER stated that her father, BORIES, and mother, SARAH, are now deceased and that she has one brother, MORRIS LOCHSHINE, presently residing at 11409 Stonewood, Cleveland, Ohio, and a sister, Mrs. DIANA TAMER, the wife of HARRY TAMER, residing at 89 Thayer Street, Manhattan, New York.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will interview Mrs. ELLEN T. ARNWINE, daughter of WATSON T. ROBERTS, for any recollection she might have of CHAMBERS as DAVID BREEN who rented a house on the Thomas Marshall Estate in Pennsylvania in 1936 until 1937 through her father. Photographs of ALGER HISS, PRISCILLA HISS and CHAMBERS should be exhibited to her. This lead was set out by teletype January 29, 1949.

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will, if deemed advisable, interview HARRY TAMER, 89 Thayer Street, Manhattan, concerning his connection with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and espionage apparatus and his knowledge of such activities on the part of his brother, JOSHUA TAMER, and his brother-in-law, SAM SMOYET. It is noted that HARRY TAMER suffers from a chronic cardiac condition and may be interviewed if not excited. Information secured which can be verified through PAUL TAMER should be furnished the Newark Office with photographs of known espionage agents. This lead was set out by teletype of January 29, 1949.

Will ascertain from WHITTAKER CHAMBERS the connection between himself and HELMAN JADOWITZ who introduced MURIEL SMITH ANDERSON to CHAMBERS when ISADORE MILLER desired him to secure part-time stenographic assistant from Picatinny arsenal with the purpose of developing a source of information in the Arsenal.

Will interview ISADORE MILLER, who can be located through a firm of consultant engineers under the direction of Dr. GROSVENOR, Chemist Club, 52 East 41st Street, New York City, concerning his part in the apparatus as described in New York teletypc of January 26, 1949.

NEWARK OFFICE

AT DOVER, NEW JERSEY

Will interview HELMAN JADOWITZ, employee of Picatinny arsenal, 72 Sanford Street, concerning his connection with CHAMBERS, it being noted he secured Mrs. MURIEL SMITH ANDERSON a job with CHAMBERS in 1943, at which time CHAMBERS used the name BROWN or DICKSON.

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AT WEST ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Will reinterview PAUL TAMER to develop more completely the background of the TAMER family and exhibit to him photographs of known espionage agents to be furnished by the New York Office.

\*AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Will report the results of Laboratory examination of typing specimens taken from the Woodstock typewriter in the possession of Mrs. FRANK BOWEN, 54 Beech Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.



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- a photograph of membership cards maintained at the State Headquarters of the Communist Party, 38-40 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey, made available on February 28, 1946 to Special Agents FRANK M. RAISBECK, CHARLES L. SMITH, WILLIAM H. ROCKETT, and MAURITZ E. GAHLON by Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Prior to interview with ESTHER M. AUERBACH STAVIS and MORTON STAVIS, both of whom were known to this Office as members of the Communist Party, authority for the interview was secured from Mr. H. B. FLETCHER of the Bureau by telephone.

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TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases,                  ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY                  ESPIONAGE - R                  INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ESTHER M. AUERBACH STAVIS admitted being acquainted with PHILIP RENO and denied that she knew his brother, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO but refused to answer any further questions. ESTHER STAVIS is a known Communist Party member. MORTON STAVIS, husband of ESTHER STAVIS, an attorney and also a CP member, denied any knowledge of espionage activities on the part of RENO and denied knowledge that he was a CP member. He likewise stated he did not know PHILIP RENO's brother. Investigation at Picatinny Arsenal revealed ISADORE MILLER employed in laboratory 1911-12 and 1918 but believed presently working for consultant engineers under direction of Dr. GROSVENOR at the Chemist Club located 52 West 41st Street, N.Y.C. Mrs. MURIEL ELAINE ANDERSON, nee SMITH, states she was employed as a part-time stenographer by a man named BROWN in New York in about 1933, to whom she was introduced by HEIDMAN JADOWITZ, a fellow employee at Picatinny Arsenal.. She identified photographs of CHAMBERS as being BROWN. States resigned when she became suspicious of the job. HERBERT and RUTH FEIS unable to furnish any information concerning ALGER HISS or the Fansler-Hiss typewriter. WATSON ROBERTS, real-estate agent who rented house to CHAMBERS as DAVID BREEN in 1936 unable to identify CHAMBERS or ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS. Contact with his daughters likewise negative. PAUL TAMER denies knowledge of espionage activities on the part of HARRY and JOSHUA TAMER or SAM SHOYET. Background information on TAMER family secured. JOSHUA TAMER presently in Russia and SAM SHOYET died there during the last war. HARRY TAMER presently resides New York City.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. LADD *DL*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS  
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DATE: February 10, 1949

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

Reference is made to memorandum of February 8, 1949, in which it is set out that Mr. Vincent Russo of the Department had stated that arrangements had now been made with Chairman Wood of the HCUA to meet with him at 3:30 p.m., Friday, February 11, 1949, for the purpose of securing the film in the possession of that Committee for further Laboratory examination. You inquired as to why it was necessary to send an Agent at all, having in mind that Mr. Russo will explain why the film is desired.

This matter has been further discussed with Mr. Russo today, and Inspector Fletcher further pointed out to him the inadvisability of having an Agent appear at the time this matter is discussed by the Committee. It was explained to Mr. Russo that in the past the Committee has always had one of their investigators bring the film to the Bureau and remain with the film during the time it was being examined. At no time in the past has the film ever been turned over to the custody of an Agent of the Bureau.

Mr. Russo stated that he would handle this matter personally and would arrange to secure the film. If possible, he will take possession of the film and bring it to Inspector Fletcher, and if other arrangements are necessary, he will advise.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

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FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

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At 4:55 p.m., Mr. Vincent Russo of the Department called in and stated arrangements had now been made with Congressman Wood of the HCUA to meet with him at 3:30 p.m., Friday, February 11, for the purpose of picking up the pumpkin film recovered by that Committee from Chambers.

Over a month ago a memorandum was addressed to the Department, setting out that it was desirable that the film be again obtained from the Committee for further Laboratory examination. The examination contemplated involves a comparison of the film recovered from Felix Inslerman with that recovered from Chambers by the HCUA to see if they were taken on the same camera. If the Laboratory examination is positive in this regard, it is believed that the results of the examination will be of utmost help in securing a statement from Inslerman, who up to this time has refused to furnish any information incriminating himself. Inslerman was named by Chambers as one of the photographers involved in this case.

Mr. Russo stated that Congressman Wood wished to make the film available at 3:30 p.m., Friday, February 11. Mr. Russo advised that he would drop by the office about 3:15 p.m. and if an Agent would accompany him they would recover the film. Congressman Wood requested that an Agent accompany Russo. After discussing this matter a little further, Mr. Russo explained that he is to appear before Congressman Wood and the Committee to explain why the film is desired. I told him it would be inadvisable for a Special Agent of the Bureau to go into the Committee to explain why the film should be made available. It was finally agreed that the Agent should remain outside the Committee room and when the film is obtained by Russo, it will be turned over the Agent so that it could be handled.

Mr. Russo also advised that Congressman Wood stated he had an appointment on Friday at 2:30 p.m. with the Attorney General; at 3:00 p.m. with the Director and, of course, at 3:30 p.m. with Mr. Russo.

This matter will be followed with Mr. Russo until the film is obtained for the necessary examination.

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JAY DAVID WHITAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL; PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.  
IS-R. RE WFO LET JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT LAST, ADVISE RESULTS OF  
INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE SENFT AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 24, 1949

*WJ* FROM : SAC, Indianapolis

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN  
SECURITY MATTER - C

*For file*  
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Recently, Mrs. A. L. H. DARRAGH, 1815 Bergan Street, South Bend, Indiana, advised one of the resident agents at South Bend she had noticed in the December 20, 1948, issue of Time Magazine, Page 20, that WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN of 702 East North, Appleton, Wisconsin, either had testified or was scheduled to testify in the CHAMBERS-HISS inquiry at New York City. She had the following information to offer for whatever value it might be to the Bureau.

**DEFERRED RECORDING**

She stated that she had attended the Austin High School, Chicago, Illinois, with PIGMAN's wife, ALICE PIGMAN, being unable to recall her maiden name. Originally, both had taken an active part in the Campfire Girls Organization and as a result of this, both have kept in contact with mutual acquaintances through high school, college, and subsequent thereto. She maintains a diary and has for a number of years. In April 1935, she was delegated to attend a conference at Washington, D. C., and on April 18, 1935, she was taken to dinner at the Y. W. C. A. by WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN and his wife. Her notation, based upon her dinner and subsequent discussions with WILLIAM PIGMAN, in the diary for that date reflected, "My - He must be a Communist." She cannot recall specifically the reasons for such notations but generally recalled that he made numerous disparaging remarks about the DAR, which at that time was holding its Continental Congress at Washington, D. C. He was vicious in his attack on the DAR, as well as various other patriotic organizations.

Mrs. DARRAGH also recalled that he was intense in his treatment and ridicule of anything having to do with the American democratic form of government. She said he acted like one fully indoctrinated with the principles of Communism. She also recalled that if she had not been a guest of WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN and his wife, she would have left the table because she was "so shocked and enraged". She was quite apologetic regarding her details concerning the incident, as there was little space in her diary for entries. She also stated that a guardian of the Campfire Girls group, one RALPH H. MOORE, 232 North Humphrey Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, had gone to Washington, D. C. the following year and had come into contact with PIGMAN and his wife. She said he had also concluded that PIGMAN was a Communist. She could furnish no information relative to the reason MOORE had concluded this.

Copies of this letter have been designated for the Chicago, Milwaukee, and Washington Field Divisions for their information.

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cc: Chicago  
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. REBUTEL  
JAN. EIGHTEEN LAST REQUESTING FILE CHECK AT INS RE CHARLES FRANCES CHASE.  
FILES OF INS REFLECT NO RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL NAMED CHARLES FRANCES CHASE UNDER  
THAT NAME OR ALIAS OF JOHN SHERMAN.

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell  
Criminal Division

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1-31-81 BY 10320 Pw/les

There are transmitted herewith the following additional reports in connection with instant investigation:

Report of:

- Special Agent Wesley A. Anderson dated January 14, 1949 at Chicago, Illinois
- Special Agent James M. Tennant dated January 20, 1949 at New Haven, Connecticut
- Special Agent William C. Tower dated January 25, 1949 at Seattle, Washington
- Special Agent V. Walsler Prospere dated January 26, 1949 at Memphis, Tennessee
- Special Agent Robert J. Wilson dated January 27, 1949 at Chicago, Illinois
- Special Agent Hubert P. Small dated January 27, 1949 at St. Louis, Missouri
- Special Agent David Edwin Todd dated January 27, 1949 at San Francisco, California
- Special Agent Edmund V. Radell dated January 27, 1949 at Omaha, Nebraska
- Special Agent James L. Kirkland dated January 27, 1949 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Special Agent Mahlon F. Collier dated January 28, 1949 at Detroit, Michigan
- Special Agent Norman S. Higson dated January 28, 1949 at San Diego, California
- Special Agent Maurice A. Taylor dated January 28, 1949 at Washington, D. C.
- Special Agent John J. O'Toole, Jr. dated January 28, 1949 at Albany, New York
- Special Agent Leo S. Brenneisen dated January 28, 1949 at Phoenix, Arizona
- Special Agent Jesse F. Parr dated January 28, 1949 at Baltimore, Maryland
- Special Agent Howard A. King dated January 28, 1949 at Indianapolis, Indiana

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Special Agent Courtland J. Jones dated January 28, 1949 at Washington, D. C.  
Special Agent Leon O. Prior dated January 29, 1949 at Miami, Florida  
Special Agent James T. Haverly dated January 30, 1949 at New Haven, Connecticut  
Special Agent Marvin B. Pash dated January 31, 1949 at Dallas, Texas  
Special Agent Paul R. Alker dated January 31, 1949 at Newark, New Jersey  
Special Agent Lambert G. Iander dated January 31, 1949 at Washington, D. C.

As other reports are received, they will be made available to you promptly.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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Director, FBI

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ET AL  
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Reurtel February 1, 1949, requesting authorization to interview Senator Millard E. Tydings and Justice Stanley Reed. Authority is granted to interview Justice Reed, however, an interview with Senator Tydings is not desired at this time.

cc - New York

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, SWAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVIEW SENATOR MILLARD E. TYDINGS WHO WROTE LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL CUNNING, AUGUST 7, 1935, ENDORSING HISS WARPLY. HE RELATED HISS INTIMATELY KNOWN TO ONE OF HIS CLOSE FRIENDS WHO IS OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. ALSO REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVIEW JUSTICE STANLEY REED, WHO WAS SOLICITOR GENERAL DURING PERIOD ALGER HISS EMPLOYED IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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*JLH*

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

RENYTEL JANUARY THIRTYONE, LAST, SUGGESTING INTERVIEW WITH DR. FRED  
BLOSSOM. REFERENCE IS MADE TO CASE ENTITLED QUOTE FREDERICK AUGUSTUS  
BLOSSOM, AKA, IGE UNQUOTE, AND TO LETTER DATED DECEMBER SEVENTEEN,  
NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, IN CASE ENTITLED, QUOTE ALEKSANDRA PAVLOVNA LEWIS,  
WAS, IS - R UNQUOTE, REPORTING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN SHURA LEWIS AND  
BLOSSOM. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER BLOSSOM SHOULD BE  
INTERVIEWED AND TO CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF HAVING HIM SUBPOENAED BEFORE  
GRAND JURY.

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SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW YORK

Transmit the following message to:

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CHAMBERS

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R. RE LA TEL  
FEBRUARY NINE, LAST. LA SHOULD ATTEMPT TO RENT A LEICA CAMERA SIMILAR  
TO THE ONE NOW IN POSSESSION OF CRANE FOR HIS USE. CRANE'S LEICA  
CAMERA SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU FOR APPROPRIATE  
EXAMINATION. RE STATEMENT MADE BY CRANE WHERE HE RECALLED CHAMBERS  
MENTIONING PERSONS IN YOUNGER SET OF STATE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING NAME  
OF ALGER HISS,\* HE SHOULD BE CLOSELY QUESTIONED CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE  
OF ALGER HISS' OPERATION IN ESPIONAGE AND THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HISS AND  
CHAMBERS. ANY OTHER INFORMATION HE MIGHT HAVE TO SUPPORT PERJURY  
INDICTMENT AGAINST HISS SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM HIM. NEW YORK SHOULD  
INSTRUCT ALBANY OFFICE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MARGARET GUTELIUS.

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cc - Washington Field Office (By Special Messenger)

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Reference is made to WFO teletype dated February 7, 1949, and to the report of SA Jesse F. Farr, Baltimore, Maryland, dated January 28, 1949, in which the Bureau was requested to grant authority to the WFO to interview Hans G. Hertz, astronomer, at the U. S. Naval Observatory.

Reference report reflects that, according to Mrs. Mary Knottles, a close friend of Franklin Victor Rene, the latter has corresponded with Hertz with reference to jobs for himself and Mrs. Knottles. Mrs. Knottles had indicated that Rene had apparently been friendly with Hertz for quite some time.

In view of the possibility that Hertz may be in a position to furnish information concerning the activities of Rene, the WFO is authorized to conduct an interview with him.

cc: SAC, New York  
SAC, Baltimore

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. RE BALTIMORE REPORT DATED JANUARY 28, 1949. REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW HANS G. HERTZ, ASTRONOMER, U. S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS ETAL PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R, RE FELLA A. INSLEMAN  
 RETEL BALTIMORE TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON DATED FEB ONE LAST. CLARENCE  
B. MASON AKA BUD, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEER WITH U.S. GEOLOGICAL  
SURVEY. MASON STARTED EMPLOYMENT AS RODMAN IN BRISTOL, VA MARCH ONE, NINETEEN THIRTY  
FOUR AND BEEN WITH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY EVER SINCE. PERSONNEL FILE SHOWS ADDRESS  
EIGHTEEN NAUGHT FIVE QUINN ST, APT TWO NAUGHT THREE, ARLINGTON, VA. PRESENT ADDRESS  
TWO FOUR TWO FOUR NO. SIXTEENTH ST, ARLINGTON, VA. MASON TRAVELING WITH ABOVE  
ORGANIZATION IN FIELD FROM NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR TO FORTY FIVE. PERSONNEL FILE SHOWS  
MASON BORN JAN EIGHTEEN, NAUGHT FIVE IN BRISTOL, VA, BUT THIS COULD NOT BE VERIFIED  
BY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AS VIRGINIA KEPT NO BIRTH RECORDS BACK THAT FAR, BUT THIS DATE  
WAS CO DASH OBERATED BY CENSUS REPORT TAKEN IN BRISTOL VA DURING NINETEEN TEN WHICH  
LISTED MASON AS BEING FIVE YRS OLD DASH EDUCATION SHOWS ATTENDED DUKE UNIVERSITY  
NEW YORK ELECTRICAL SCHOOL AND A AB DEGREE FROM EMORY AND HENRY UNIVERSITY. PREVIOUS  
EMPLOYMENT SHOWS W.H. SCATES CO, IS SHEET METAL WORKER IN BRISTOL, VA, SIX MONTHS,  
FITZGERALD CORP, RICHMOND VA, CLERK, THREE MONTHS, CHRYSLER CORP, DET. MICH. AS A  
HEATER, AUTO ASSEMBLY, SIX MONTHS. PROF. BASEBALL PLAYER FOR SEVEN YRS DASH NO DATES  
GIVEN BUT ALL WERE PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. WIFE NAMED  
JOSEPHINE. IF BUREAU DESIRES MASON TO BE INTERVIEWED BALTIMORE SHOULD FURNISH  
SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND TO CONDUCT DESIRED INTERVIEW.

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RE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.  
RE WFO TEL FEBRUARY SEVEN LAST. BALTIMORE SHOULD FURNISH BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION RE CLARENCE R. MASON, AKA BUD MASON, AND HIS WIFE, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~,  
CONTACTS OF FELIX INSLEMAN, SO THAT WFO CAN INTERVIEW MASON IMMEDIATELY.

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CC: SAC, WASH FLD (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

SAC, NEW YORK (BY REGULAR MAIL)

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