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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,  
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DATE: December 10, 1948

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are copies of clippings from the Milwaukee Sentinel dated December 10, 1948, relating to testimony before the House Committee on un-American Activities, and also to the fact that WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN has been summoned to appear Friday, December 10, 1948, before that committee.

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PIGMAN has already been subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury at New York, but no mention of this subpoena appears in the newspaper articles.

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## Mystery Witness Silent On Leak to Russ

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—(P)—The Truman administration tonight asked—in vain—that House investigators step aside in the spy hunt and leave it to the Justice Department “for reasons of internal security.”

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, already smarting under President Truman's remark that it is only hunting headlines, promptly rejected the request.

“An utterly unreasonable attack upon the prerogative of the United States Congress,” snapped the committee in turning down a request from the Justice Department that it:

1. Stop interviewing witnesses, in the search for “leaks” of official documents to Russian agents, who have been called before the Federal Grand Jury in New York, or who might be called.

2. Refrain from issuing “any information which it has regarding said investigation.”

## New Witness Put on Stand

Only today the committee put on the stand a witness who also was under subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury. He was Henry Julian Wadleigh, a former State Department employe, who refused to answer committee questions as to whether he slipped secret papers to a Russian agent while he worked for the government. Wadleigh refused to answer nearly all questions posed to him, on grounds it might tend to incriminate or degrade him.

Wadleigh, Alger Hiss, a former State Department employe, and a third man from Wisconsin were named by Whitaker Chambers as sources he used a decade ago in getting secret U. S. documents while Chambers was a courier for the Reds.

For weeks the committee and the Justice Department have been at odds over who is treading on whose toes in the double-barreled investigation. Tonight's exchange heightened the feelings, which had been stirred up by Mr. Truman's news conference statement this morning that the House probe is still, in his opinion, only a red herring and the committee should leave the case to the Justice Department.

## Politics Charge Attacked

Committee leaders replied Mr. Truman actually was helping hide facts about how Communists obtained U. S. documents. The Committee is not playing politics, they

## Gag by U. S. Defied By Red Quiz Group



JULIAN WADLEIGH  
“I Refuse to Answer That Question”

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said in reply to Mr. Truman's observation that the House hearing is political in nature.

Tonight the Justice Department released copies of its letter to the committee, asking that it call off its full-fledged proceedings.

"Premature and ill-advised publicity," said an accompanying statement from Attorney General Clark, "can and will seriously impair the administration of justice, without any corresponding benefit to the country."

Clark said that, "unlike the committee, the Department of Justice recognizes its responsibility to proceed within the framework of the Constitution."

In mentioning "reasons of internal security" as cause for quieting the House Committee, the Department letter said that directly involved is "the successful prosecution of any case which might be developed."

## TURNED DOWN COLD

Acting Chairman Mundt, Republican of South Dakota, in reply turned the department down cold and said the committee will continue its investigation in the hope "major culprits" will be disclosed, apprehended and punished.

If the Committee gave in, Mundt said, eventually all future congressional investigations might be paralyzed.

In today's committee hearing, Witness Wadleigh refused to say even whether he knew his accuser, Chambers.

"I refuse to answer that question on grounds the answer might tend to incriminate or degrade me," said Wadleigh, who used to work on foreign trade matters for the State Department.

President Truman, in raising the "red herring" charge today, was repeating one he made during the political campaign—that the House spy hearing was designed to divert attention from shortcomings of the 80th Congress.

## SPEAKS SHARPLY

If the Committee had been in dead earnest, Mr. Truman said, it would have taken the matter to the Attorney General for prosecution. He added rather sharply that he has no intention of getting into a controversy with what he called this dead committee. (As now set up, the Committee has a Republican majority. The Democrats take control of Congress in January and all Committees will have a Democratic majority.)

But if Mr. Truman wanted no controversy with the Committee, its Republican members were quick to jump at it.

Rep. Nixon, Republican of California, called the President's

statement "a flagrant flouting of the national interests." He said Mr. Truman is "helping to keep the facts about the stealing of America's top secrets by the Communists from the American people."

## CHALLENGE ISSUED

Mundt called the President's attitude inconceivable, and added:

"If he considers the investigation a red herring, I challenge him to authorize us to publish the documents in toto in the press. The State Department says they are so startling that to release them even now would imperil the national security."

At bottom is a conflict over whether the House Committee or the Federal Grand Jury now sitting in New York is the proper vehicle for sifting charges that many secret documents were filched from State Department files in 1937-38. A cache of microfilms of these documents were found in a pumpkin on Chambers' farm last Thursday, after the Committee issued a subpoena to obtain any official papers Chambers might have.

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### EXPECT INDIOTMENT

Nixon said last night that the grand jury, operating under the Justice Department, will indict Chambers for perjury and that this will make it impossible to get at persons who worked with him "because the chief witness will be an indicted perjurer." Nixon called the whole proceeding part of administration efforts "to silence this committee."

The committee's chief investigator, Robert E. Stripling, appeared before the Grand Jury today, by request. Also on hand to testify were Alger Hiss, former State Department employe who Chambers said was a member of a "Communist apparatus," and his brother, Donald Hiss. Both the Hiss brothers have denied Chambers' charges against them and Alger Hiss has sued Chambers for \$75,000 in a libel case.

In today's open hearing of the Committee, Nixon read what he said were parts of testimony taken from Chambers by a subcommittee in New York last Monday.

It ran thusly:

"MR. NIXON: Mr. Chambers, I hand you herewith photographic copies of documents made from the microfilm which you submitted to the committee in response to a subpoena, the commit-

tee served upon you?"

MR. CHAMBERS: Yes, sir. (Mr. Chambers examines documents.)

MR. STRIPLING: The documents you are now examining are all documents from the State Department? They bear the stamp 'State Department, Assistant Secretary of State'?"

MR. CHAMBERS: Yes. I should think from the nature of these documents which I have examined, that they were turned over to me by Alger Hiss, and I should make the point right here, perhaps, that the same procedure that I have described above in the case of other photographs was also followed by Alger Hiss, in addition to the typed documents. There was, however, another active source in the State Department, Mr. Julian Wadleigh, who was then in the trade agreements division of the State Department, and it is possible some of these documents were from him."

### NOW UNEMPLOYED

Wadleigh, on the witness stand, said he had worked for the State Department from 1936 to 1943 and is now unemployed, living in a Washington suburb, Vienna, Va. Forty-four years old, he is a tall, bushy haired man.

He talked freely of his background—born in Greenfield, Mass., educated mostly abroad, worked for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration after he left the State Department, and served as an economist for the Italian government.

But his replies stopped cold when the Committee members and its staff members started asking questions about "leaks" and associates.

Drumming the witness table with his fingers, Wadleigh refused to answer on "incrimination" grounds whether he had ever been in Alger Hiss' home. He said he saw Hiss "in the course of my work" but could not recall any specific instance of turning over any documents to Hiss from his own office in the Trade Division.

He gave the same refusal to answer when asked this question by Rep. Herbert, Democrat of Louisiana: "Have you at any time engaged in anything that would smack of espionage against the United States government?"

Louis Russell, committee investigator, got the same refusal to answer on this question: "Did you ever turn over to unauthorized persons any restricted information whatsoever?"

The same refusal greeted a question as to whether Wadleigh knew of any individual who ever identified himself to you as "Soviet agent."

## WISCONSINITE SUMMONED TO APPEAR TODAY

### Witness Worked in Standards Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—(INS)—William Ward Pigman, of Appleton, Wis., a former employe of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, has been ordered by the House Committee on Un-American Activities to appear before it tomorrow as its third and last "mystery" witness in the Hiss-Chambers spy probe.

A committee spokesman told INS tonight Pigman was named by ex-Communist Whittaker Chambers, in executive hearings, as another government employe who provided him with secret data a decade ago. During Pigman's employment at the Bureau of Standards, it was doing considerable research in radar and the proximity fuse.

Pigman was found in Appleton by committee investigators. He is a research chemist and instructor in organic chemistry at the Institute of Paper Chemistry there.

The committee, summoning Pigman by wire, asked him to appear here at 1 p. m. (CST) tomorrow for an open hearing. If he ignores the wire, he will be subpoenaed.

## GAVE NO AID, PIGMAN SAYS

William Ward Pigman, 38, Appleton, chemist, who has been summoned to appear today before the House un-American Activities Committee, denied last night he had ever given information of a secret nature to anyone. When asked whether he had ever done so, Pigman declared emphatically:

"I have never given such information to anyone."

Asked whether he would answer the summons, Pigman said:

"The situation is complicated and I don't care to answer."

Pigman was with the Bureau of Standards at Washington, D. C., from 1930 to 1938 and from 1939 to 1944 doing research in sugar. He was asked:

"While an employe of the bureau did you ever relay any information of a secret character or any confidential information to an agent of the Communist Party?"

Pigman said "No."

Again, he was asked: "Did you at any time ever give secret or confidential information to any Communist sympathizers?"

"My answer is no," he said.

Pigman said he was anxious to co-operate with the committee "in any way possible." He would not say, however, whether he would answer the summons to appear before the committee.

## GIFTS BY RED SPY REVEALED

Sentinel Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—Three government officials accused in connection with the Russian spy ring received gifts of a Russian rug apiece, Whittaker Chambers, confessed former Red spy, has testified.

One recipient, he said, was Alger Hiss, former high State Department official.

Chambers told the House Committee on Un-American Activities the rugs were presented by Col. Boris Bykov, whom he has named as head of the Soviet military intelligence in this country.

It was also learned that:

1. Plans for secret war weapons were stolen from the Bureau of Standards and handed over to the Russian agents.

2. Chambers said he gave one rug to an alleged member of Elizabeth Bentley's spy ring, Miss Bentley, former Communist agent, revealed this man's name in her testimony in August.

3. Another alleged rug recipient was a top Treasury Department official whose name has not been made public because "he is beyond the jurisdiction of the committee," according to the House spy probes.

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.  
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Re teletype from Philadelphia to Milwaukee and Cleveland dated December 10, 1948, at 1:12 p.m., and letters from Milwaukee to the Laboratory and the Director of this date.

Subsequent to the preparation of referenced letters and receipt of referenced teletype, Mr. R. E. PERRY, Secretary of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, received a letter from Mr. HARRY L. MARTIN of Philadelphia, making further suggestions as to possible sources of typewriter specimens in this case. As a result thereof, Mr. PERRY was able to locate four more letters which are described in detail in the letter attached hereto directed to the Laboratory.

These letters came from the claims file of THOMAS L. FANSLER in the Claims Department of the company. Mr. JOSEPH T. GALLAGHER, Superintendent of that department, has made them available for use in this case and they have been forwarded to the Laboratory. Mr. GALLAGHER has attached his name to the back of each one, together with the date. The other initials appearing on the back thereof are those of investigating Agents. Photostatic copies of these letters are enclosed with the copy for Philadelphia for their investigative use.

It will be noted that the document designated K-12 is a letter signed by PRISCILLA HISS, the wife of ALGER HISS, and dated June 8, 1940, at Washington, D. C. This has been included only because the possibility exists that MRS. HISS or someone else for her may have typed this letter on questioned typewriter. It is also noted, however, that the letter is somewhat in form style which MRS. HISS appears to have filled in in pen and ink.

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MARTIN in his letter furnished three additional policy holders, the files of which were examined by Agents with negative results. In addition, he suggested there might be correspondence in the personal correspondence file of the deceased president and the deceased Superintendent of Agencies who were close personal friends of FANSLER. Part of the personal correspondence of these two men has been preserved and Mr. JOHN L. HUGHES, Assistant Superintendent of Agencies, caused a search to be made with negative results.  
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The other suggestion by MARTIN was to review all the policy files on policies written by FANSLER. Mr. PERRY advised that this would be impossible as no separate file is kept for each agent writing insurance. The only possible way this could be done would be to institute a review of all policies ever written by the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company subsequent to 1927.

Thus, unless Mr. MARTIN can furnish the names and/or policy numbers of additional policies, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company officials contacted feel that they have exhausted the practicable sources of typewriter specimens in this case.

Mr. JOHN L. HUGHES, Assistant Superintendent of Agencies, found a record in the files of his office indicating that one THOMAS FRANCIS GRADY made an application for a position as agent with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company dated December 9, 1930. This application revealed that he resided at Garrett Road and Lincoln Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. His business address was West Disinfecting Company, 49th and Grays Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was born January 20, 1901, at Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He was married and had one child. He stated his previous employment was that of "salesman of typewriters". He has the following references:

ALEX R. GAUL, 4740 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
JAMES MULRINE, 4912 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
CLARENCE PEPPER, Dencla Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Previous addresses were given as 309 South 40th Street, Philadelphia, and Wingate Hall, 50th and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was discharged by the company in April, 1932.

During the time of GRADY's employment as an Agent, he took out five life insurance policies, all giving the Garrett Road address or the address of the General Agent of the company in Philadelphia. The last of these policies lapsed in 1933, and therefore the company has no more recent addresses than given above.

For the information of the Bureau and office of origin, at least three letters in the handwriting of PRISCILLA HISS addressed to Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company were found in the claims file of her father, THOMAS L. FANSLER. They are available for use in this case at any time.

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# Call Appleton Man in Red Spy Inquiry

## Chemist Pigman Summoned to Washington After Chambers Tells of 'Leak' Source

An Appleton chemist, William Ward Pigman, has been called to Washington to be questioned Friday by the house committee on un-American activities in connection with its espionage probe. The committee sent Pigman a telegraphic summons late Thursday after declining to identify an Appleton man it said had been named by Whitaker Chambers, former Communist courier, as one of three sources of United States secrets which he obtained for transmission to Russian agents.

The chemist reportedly left Appleton late Thursday in answer to the summons. His wife, Alice, said there that he was "on his way to Washington."

In New York, where a federal grand jury is investigating espionage, a government source said that Pigman had been summoned to testify before the grand jury.

Pigman, 38, is a former employe of the national bureau of standards, which tests some of the government's most secret weapons and military devices. He is a research worker and instructor in organic chemistry at the Institute of Paper Chemistry in Appleton. He worked for the bureau of standards in Washington on two occasions, from 1930 to 1938 and 1941 to 1944. He worked for the Corn Products Co. of Argo, Ill., in 1944 and 1945, and joined the paper institute in 1946.



William Pigman

**May Be Heard in Secret**  
A native of Chicago, Pigman received degrees from George Washington university and the University of Maryland. He studied at the University of Leipzig from 1938 to 1940.

A poll of readers of the Chemical Bulletin has rated him one of the 10 outstanding chemists working in carbohydrate chemistry.

In Washington, the house committee said that Pigman had been summoned to appear at 1 p.m. (central standard time) Friday. Robert E. Stripling, chief committee investigator, told a reporter the committee had a reply but he declined to say whether Pigman would appear as a witness.

Representative Mundt (Rep., S. D.), acting chairman of the committee, said that if Pigman was

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willing to co-operate, he would be questioned at length behind closed doors. If not, Mundt said, there would be public hearings at which the witness could refuse to answer questions.

Chambers has named Alger Hiss and Henry Julian Wadleigh; both formerly in the state department, as two of the suppliers of secrets.

#### Wadleigh Refuses to Answer

Hiss, now head of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, has denied all.

Wadleigh, now unemployed and living at near-by Vienna, Va., was a witness Thursday. He chose not to answer most questions thrown his way.

Answers, he said, might tend to incriminate him.

Wadleigh did say that he had access to "some kinds" of confidential information while he was a state department economist from 1936 to 1943.

Representative Nixon (Rep., Calif.) told him that the statute of limitations would prevent his prosecution for handing over secret papers to Russian agents if he had stopped doing so before 1939.

But that assurance didn't convince Wadleigh he ought to talk. He said his lawyer had told him the statute of limitations isn't "iron clad."

To Mundt's question, "What interpretations do you expect the American people to place on your refusal" to testify, Wadleigh replied:

"I cannot speculate on what interpretations, rightly or wrongly, may be made. I have to let my statements stand."

It was brought out that Wadleigh already had been questioned by FBI agents and had appeared before a New York grand jury investigating espionage.

#### Hid Papers for 10 Years

The stolen documents turned over to the house committee by Chambers were hidden in the dumb waiter  
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## Espionage

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shaft of a Brooklyn (N. Y.) house for 10 years, the committee was told Friday.

Nathan L. Levine, a Brooklyn lawyer and nephew of Mrs. Chambers, said that Chambers gave him a sealed package at a time when he was "in morbid fear of being liquidated by Communists" and asked him to hide it and to give it to Mrs. Chambers in case anything happened to Chambers. If anything happened to both, Levine said, Chambers told him that "you, an attorney, would know what to do."

Levine said that he never knew what was in the package and that he turned it over to Chambers at the latter's request about three weeks ago.

#### Friends' Secrets Turned Up

Vital military secrets of friendly nations turned up Thursday among stolen government papers uncovered in the house committee's spy hunt.

Chambers has yielded to the committee some of the papers he obtained, in the form of photographs or copies. Most of them came from the state department and are dated 1937 and 1938.

It is known that they contain information on such touchy subjects of the times as:

Whether Britain was going to specialize on cruisers or battleships as the backbone of her fleet.

The placing of Chinese orders for bombers in France.

The size of Chinese troop movements during her war with Japan.

Argentine sales of large quantities of linseed oil to the Germans at fancy prices. Linseed oil is a strategic war material.

#### Quiz Mrs. Hiss in New York

Germany was getting ready then to move against Austria. Some of the papers deal with the Austrian Anschluss and with other behind the scenes maneuvers in diplomacy and international politics.

The committee showed signs of

heeding the advice of the department on whether it should or shouldn't publish the texts of the 10 year old documents. Some probably will be turned loose and the rest withheld.

In New York Friday, Mrs. Priscilla Hiss, wife of Alger Hiss, appeared to testify before the grand jury probing alleged Communist spying.

Chambers had said Mrs. Hiss copied some of the documents which he accused her husband of taking from government files.

Hiss accompanied his wife to the grand jury witness room.

As Mrs. Hiss began her testimony, it was learned that Hiss had been subpoenaed to appear before the house committee in Washington Saturday.

His subpoena was in defiance of a justice department request that the committee not question witnesses who have appeared before the jury. However, Hiss indicated he would not go to Washington if the jury held a Saturday session in New York.

Stripling appeared before the grand jury Thursday. Before returning to Washington, he declined any comment except to say, "I was a witness—for an hour."

A government spokesman said that Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley, confessed former Soviet spy, would be called before the jury next week.

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## Will Politics Save the Spies?

The way things are shaping up in Washington, there is grave danger that every spy who stole secrets from the United States—and there must have been a number of them—will go scot free. A split among government forces, and a split among the people, lets criminals get away.

It happens often in cases involving political offenses—vote frauds and the like. A charge is made and the evidence seems pretty clear. But the rascal immediately cries persecution and the people line up politically in two groups. The man who has betrayed democracy simply walks out while the groups fight each other. It is an old method of escape that too often succeeds.

Isn't this what is happening in the spy cases? The congressional committee and the department of justice are at loggerheads. They are interfering with each other, with the worse offender the department of justice. It does not seem to us that Atty. Gen. Clark is very keen about getting to the bottom of this spy business.

President Truman, who could be of great help to the nation now, continues his stubborn attitude of unfriendliness to the congressional committee. He persists in calling the investigation a red herring. What is being brought up is red, all right, but it looks a lot bigger than a herring. It is something that involves the very safety of this country. If the president were helpful, we would be more hopeful.

Mr. Truman in his latest comment skillfully tries to make the investigation a political issue. He refers to the investigators as a "dead committee" and says that the people hold with him on the red herring business. Is that true? Were the people voting on whether congress should investigate spies?

It seems to us that the effect of this comment will be to split the people. Talk to some of his supporters and you find that they are lining up now, in just this way.

What is the sense in this? Will we form two political lines and let the spies walk between them—unharmd? Is that what this country wants?

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JAY DAVID WHITAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, ESP. R. HARRY L. MARTIN

TODAY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MRS. THOMAS C. FOX, NEE ANN C. COYLE

FORMERLY SECRETARY OF FANSLER-MARTIN PARTNERSHIP DURING PORTION OF

NINETEEN TWENTY EIGHT THRU THIRTY OR THIRTY ONE. MRS. FOX WAS UNABLE

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NINE AND WHO SUBSEQUENTLY WAS EMPLOYED BY NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE

INSURANCE CO. GRADYS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE DESIRED. MARTIN HAS SENT

PERSONAL LETTER TO R. E. PERRY SECRETARY NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL AT

MILWAUKEE GIVING ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AS TO LOCATION OF LETTERS POSS-

IBLY PREPARED ON INSTANT WOODSTOCK, ALSO FURNISHED CARBON COPIES OF TWO

LETTERS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARED ON THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER AND

WHICH INCLUDE REFERENCE TO SEVERAL POLICY NUMBERS. MILWAUKEE ADVISED

OF ABOVE. VICTORY TYPEWRITER CO. OF PHILA. TOOK OVER LOCAL AGENCY OF

WOODSTOCK TWO YEARS AGO AND HAS NO RECORDS OF SALES BY PREVIOUS AGENCY.

THESE RECORDS MAY BE AVAILABLE IN CHICAGO OR WOODSTOCK, ILL. HORACE

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OFFICE ADVISED AND IS CHECKING RECORDS OF WOODSTOCK. PARENTS OF THOMAS GRADY WHO SOLD NEW WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER TO FANSLER MARTIN BELIEVED RESIDING IN OR NEAR WOONSOCKET, R. I. BOSTON SHOULD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE GRADY-S PARENTS AND DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF SON THOMAS. LOCAL PRESS HAS CONTACTED MARTINS ATTORNEY FOR INFO RE WOODSTOCK. THE ATTORNEY HAS DECLINED TO FURNISH INFO TO PRESS WHO IN TURN DECLINED TO SAY WHERE THEY HAD RECEIVED INFO RE WOODSTOCK AND ATTORNEY-S IDENTITY SAYING ONLY IT WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM NY. ATTORNEY THEN CALLED HORACE SCHMAHL IN NY. SCHMAHL DENIED HAVING GIVEN INFO TO PRESS BUT ADMITTED HE HAD CALLED HEAD OFFICE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL AT MILWAUKEE FOR INFORMATION.

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WASHINGTON, BALTIMORE AND PHILADELPHIA FROM WASH FIELD 12-10-43 11:00 AM  
DIRECTOR AND SAOS, BALTIMORE AND PHILADELPHIA

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J. W. B. TRAVEL COMPANY, INC., WASH, DIST. CO. - P. CAROL BROWN,  
WASHINGTON, DC, CONTACT HIGH RAB CAROL BROWN IN CONNECTION WITH TRAVEL WITH  
HOTEL BROOKS TRAVEL COMPANY, BALTIMORE. BALTIMORE OFFICE MAY I BE  
TO CHECK HOTEL BROOKS FOR TRIP COMPANY'S HIGH RAB FROM WASH DC  
WHICH CO. IS TRIP TRIP TRIP ON A CONTACT FOR THE TRIP. PHILADELPHIA FROM WASH  
ATTENDED BANK BANK COLLEGE, BANK BANK, PENNSYLVANIA. PHILADELPHIA OFFICE  
CONSIDER AVAILABILITY OF CHECKING SCHOOL AND ALBANY SCHOOL FOR SCHOOL  
COMPLETION.

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WASHINGTON, BALTIMORE AND PHILADELPHIA FROM WASH FIELD

12-10-48

11:00 AM

DIRECTOR AND SACS, BALTIMORE AND PHILADELPHIA

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*J. J.*

J. D. WITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, INT. SEC. - R. CREDIT RECORDS,  
WASHINGTON, DC, REFLECT HISS HAD CHANGE ACCOUNT IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN WITH  
HOTZLER BROTHERS FURNITURE COMPANY, BALTIMORE. BALTIMORE OFFICE MAY DESIRE  
TO CHECK HOTZLER RECORDS FOR TYPED CORRESPONDENCE EMANATING FROM HISS' HOME  
WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ON WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. PRISCILLA HOBSON HISS  
ATTENDED BRYN MAWR COLLEGE, BRYN MAWR, PENNSYLVANIA. PHILADELPHIA OFFICE  
CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF CHECKING SCHOOL AND ALUMNI RECORDS FOR SIMILAR  
CORRESPONDENCE.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT:

DATE: *DL* December 10, 1948

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

Peyton Ford called me this morning and advised that Jack Puerifoy had informed him that Noel Fields was at the Hotel Palace, Prague 2, Czech., as late as October 1948.

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WASHINGTON 14 AND NEW YORK 4 FROM BOSTON

DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE NY  
TEL CALL TODAY. MRS. JOHN ALFORD, FIVE FIVE A CHARLESFIELD ST., PROV-  
IDENCE, R.I., ADVISED MRS. ALGER HISS, WHOSE BROTHER THOMAS FANSLER  
WAS MRS. ALFORD-S FORMER HUSBAND, TELEPHONED HER AT PROVIDENCE, SATURDAY  
LASTING WHEREABOUTS OF ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT OF BOOK PUBLISHED IN  
NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. MRS. ALFORD STATES SHE WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED  
NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR AS ART ADVISOR CARNEGIE CORPORATION, NYC. SHE  
COLLABORATED WITH THEN SISTER-IN-LAW, MRS. HISS, IN WRITING BOOK WHICH  
WAS PUBLISHED BY CARNEGIE CORPORATION PRINTED IN PHILADELPHIA, PRINTER-S  
NAME UNKNOWN, BUT WHOSE IDENTITY WOULD BE KNOWN TO ROBERT LESTER, SEC-  
RETARY, CARNEGIE CORPORATION. ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT GIVEN TO PUBLIC  
STENOGRAPHER, ANSONIA HOTEL, NYC FOR FINAL DRAFTING AND ORIGINAL MAN-  
USCRIPT RETURNED TO MRS. ALFORD, AND ITS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN  
TO HER. SHE BELIEVES MANUSCRIPT DESTROYED BY HER LONG AGO. PART OF  
ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT DEALING WITH FOGG MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HARVARD  
UNIVERSITY, SENT TO FOGG MUSEUM, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

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THIS PART OF MANUSCRIPT WAS NOT RETURNED TO MRS. ALFORD BY FOGG MUSEUM,  
AND THAT SECTION OMITTED FROM BOOK CONTENT. WHEREABOUTS OF THIS PORTION  
OF MANUSCRIPT UNKNOWN AND MRS. ALFORD BELIEVES THE ORIGINAL SECTION SENT  
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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : J. E. Milnes *JEM*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: December 10, 1948

Time of Call: 10:50 p.m.  
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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Dean Schedler of the Department of Justice called at 10:50 p.m., December 9, 1948. He said that he had just received a call from the AP and from the caller he learned that the HUAC had just located a "third key witness" in Appleton, Wisconsin. He wanted to know if we knew who it was. I asked him if he had the man's name and he said that he did not get it. I then asked him if it was Pigman. He then wanted to know who Pigman was and at the same time turned to Alexander Campbell who was present and asked if he ever heard of the name. Campbell apparently indicated that he had a vague recollection of it.

Schedler then inquired into the identity of Pigman. I informed him that a William Ware Pigman of Appleton, Wisconsin had apparently been subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury in New York City on December 10, 1948, however, it did not appear that he would arrive there until Saturday, since he was not leaving Appleton until tomorrow night. Mr. Schedler then said that if the HUAC had him that "we will have to head him off". He said that he would confer with Mr. Campbell and would call me back, but he had not called at the time I left for home.

You recall that I advised you concerning the above matter.

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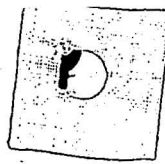
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DIRECTOR AND SACS, BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, INT. SEC. - R, ELEANOR NELSON,  
IS - C. Remy PREVIOUS TELETYPE INSTANT DATE. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED  
THAT SUBSEQUENT TO CONTACTS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, NELSON  
RECONTACTED JOSEPH FORER AND STATED THAT SHE HAD ALREADY BEEN SERVED A SUBPOENA  
TO APPEAR BEFORE GRAND JURY IN NYC, MONDAY, DECEMBER THIRTEEN, NEXT.  
SHE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH MILT FREEMAN SO JOE FORER SUGGESTED THAT SHE  
SEE HAROLD GAMMER OF THE FIRM OF PRESSMAN, WITT, AND CALMER, IN NYC.  
NELSON ADVISED SHE MAY GO TO NEW YORK TOMORROW, DECEMBER ELEVEN, AND SEE  
SOMEONE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER TWELVE.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: December 10, 1948

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY;  
ESPIONAGE - R

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

With reference to the surveillance of Henry Julian Wadleigh, I was informed at midnight, December 9, 1948, that either Wadleigh had not returned to his home or if he had he had already retired at the time the surveillance was taken up. I instructed that the surveillance be discontinued and picked up again in the morning.

This is to record that Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office reported as a result of the surveillance that Wadleigh boarded the 8:00 a.m. train to New York and the surveillance was being continued by Two Special Agents from the WFO. Agent Delavigne was instructed to furnish this information to the New York Office so that they can handle any necessary surveillance after the arrival of Wadleigh in New York.

At 11:20 a.m. today I phoned ASAC Lally, Baltimore, and advised him that he was authorized to serve the subpoena on Eleanor Nelson at the time she is interviewed today. He stated the subpoena had been received and the Agents would handle this matter promptly.

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Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Misc. Staff	.....

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*Mr. Fletcher*

*J. J.*

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DIRECTOR AND SAC WASHINGTON URGENT

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, INT. SEC. R. RE WFO TEL TODAY.  
CREDIT MANAGER, HUTZLER BROTHERS, BALTO., ADVISES HIS FILES CONTAIN NO  
CORRESPONDENCE EMANATING FROM THE HISS RESIDENCE. ALL CHARGE ACCOUNT REC  
ORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR THIRTYSEVEN HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : J. E. MILNES *JEM*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
 PERJURY;  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: December 10, 1948

Time of Call: 12:00 midnight

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

SAC Johnson, Milwaukee, called. He stated that Westbrooke Steele, Director of the American Paper Institute at Appleton, Wisconsin, called Special Agent LeGrand tonight and informed him that he had received an inquiry from the Associated Press concerning William Ward Pigman. They asked him if he knew that Pigman had been called to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Steele said that he hadn't. Thereafter, Johnson listened to the 10:00 p.m. news broadcast and heard the commentator say that the HUAC had indicated that a telegram had been sent to an unidentified man in Appleton, Wisconsin directing him to appear before it and stating that if the person didn't appear that a subpoena would be issued for him. After hearing this, SAC Johnson called Steele and asked him if he knew anything about the telegram. Steele didn't know then. He later called Johnson and said that he had learned that Pigman had been called out of a meeting this evening and the telegram was delivered to him.

SAC Johnson didn't know whether Pigman was going to New York in response to the Grand Jury Subpoena which had been served on him this afternoon by the marshal or to Washington, D. C., in response to the HUAC's instructions. He wanted to know what to do. I told him to do nothing and that unless I called him back shortly thereafter to refrain from taking any action.

You will recall that I advised you of the foregoing. Since Mr. Johnson said that he was sending the above in by teletype which was also going to New York I called Night Supervisor Albert G. McGrath and advised him of the instructions given to Johnson.

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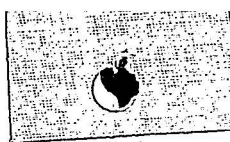
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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY - R,  
ELENOR NELSON, IS - C. RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ON AFTERNOON OF  
DECEMBER TEN, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT HAD CONTACTED ARTHUR STEIN, HEAD OF  
UPWA, AND REPORTED THAT SHE HAD BEEN ASKED FOR AN INTERVIEW BY FBI AGENTS.  
SHE STALLED OFF AGENTS UNTIL EVENING OF DECEMBER TEN AND ASKED STEIN TO  
RECOMMEND A LAWYER. STEIN SUGGESTED SHE CONTACT JOSEPH FORER OR DAVID  
REIN. ANOTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED THAT SUBJECT THEN CONTACTED  
JOSEPH FORER AND TOLD HIM OF CONTACT BY FBI AGENTS AND THAT SHE HAD AVOIDED  
GOING HOME TO AVOID MEETING AGENTS. FORER STATED THAT HIS FIRM WOULD NOT  
CARE TO HANDLE HER CASE INASMUCH AS IT WAS INVOLVED IN THE CASE OF HENRY J.  
WADLEIGH. NELSON STATED THAT SHE DID NOT DESIRE TO TALK TO FBI AGENTS SINCE SHE  
FEARED SHE WOULD BE CALLED TO TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY SITTING IN NYC. FORER  
STATED HE WAS SURE SHE WOULD BE SUBPOENAED AND ADVISED HER NOT TO TALK TO FBI.  
NELSON STATED SHE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH MILT FREEMAN, AN ATTORNEY WITH LAW FIRM OF  
ARNOLD, FORTAS, AND PORTER AND WOULD CONTACT HIM ON A PERSONAL BASIS. IF FREEMAN  
DECLINES TO ACT ON HER BEHALF, SHE WOULD BE IN TO SEE FORER OR REIN DECEMBER ELEVEN.  
FORER AND NELSON ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING SERVICES OF MAURICE  
BRAVERMAN AND ALLAN ROSENBERG BUT FORER DID NOT THINK THEY SHOULD HANDLE NELSON'S  
CASE IN VIEW OF THEIR CONNECTION IN THE PAST AS ATTORNEYS IN CASES INVOLVING ALLEGED  
COMMUNISTS. IN CLOSING, NELSON STATED THAT WHEN RECONTACTED THIS EVENING BY FBI

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SHE WOULD TELL AGENTS THAT SHE HAD NOTHING TO SAY TO THEM.

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Clyde Tolson

WHO INTERVIEWED HIM ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN. INGRAM UNABLE TO SUPPLY THE NAMES OF ANYONE WHO COULD CORROBORATE INSTANT STORY. INGRAM ADVISED HE HAD BEEN DRUNK FOR A WEEK AND WAS OBSERVED DRINKING BEFORE INTERVIEW. INGRAM ADMITS BEING ARRESTED NUMEROUS TIMES ON INTOXICATION BUT FOR NO OTHER OFFENSES. COPY OF SIGNED STATEMENT AND COMPLETE FACTS BEING FORWARDED AMSD TODAY.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REBUTEL  
 DECEMBER EIGHT. INFORMANT QUOTES HOWARD BROOKS, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE  
 DIRECTOR, UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE, BOSTON, MASS., AS STATING  
 NOEL H. FIELD WAS IN PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA TWO WEEKS AGO FURNISH-  
 ING THE ADDRESS AS CARE OF KAREL HASPL, KARLOVA EIGHT, PRAGUE, CZECHO-  
 SLOVAKIA. FIELD HAS MAILING ADDRESS, TWENTYONE RUE DE CONTAMINES, GENEVE,  
 SWITZERLAND. INFORMANT UNABLE TO STATE WHETHER FIELD IS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
 AT PRESENT TIME. RUC.

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS; PERJURY. ESPIONAGE - R. REURTEL DECEMBER FIFTEEN, LAST, RE INTERVIEW WITH HORACE A. INGRAM. INGRAM SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REINTERVIEWED TO ASCERTAIN HIS EMPLOYMENT AND RESIDENCES DURING NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN OR THIRTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME CLAIMED WAS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES AS ALLEGED BY HIM AT TIME PREVIOUS INTERVIEW. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INGRAM SHOULD BE FURNISHED BUREAU IN EFFORT TO LOCATE POSSIBLE FINGERPRINT RECORD SINCE POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED IN AN INSTITUTION DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. ABOVE INFORMATION DESIRED SINCE IT APPEARS INGRAM'S STORY MAY BE FABRICATION. SUTEL.

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*John*

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REURTEL  
 DECEMBER FOURTEEN. HORACE A. INGRAM OF CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA,  
 INTERVIEWED AT KIMBALL HOTEL, ATLANTA, GA., NIGHT OF DECEMBER FOURTEEN  
 FORTYEIGHT AND SIGNED STATEMENT TAKEN AT ATLANTA FIELD DECEMBER  
 FIFTEENTH, FORTYEIGHT. INGRAM STATED THAT IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN  
 OR THIRTYEIGHT, EXACT DAY AND MONTH UNKNOWN, HE WAS APPROACHED BY TWO  
 MEN ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C. ONE OF THE MEN GAVE  
 HIM TWENTY DOLLARS TO DELIVER TWO LETTERS IN BROWN MANILA ENVELOPES,  
 ABOUT TWELVE BY TWELVE, IN WASHINGTON, D. C. THAT SAME DAY AND THAT  
 ON THE SAME DAY ALSO GAVE HIM TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO DELIVER THE SAME  
 TYPE SEALED BROWN MANILA ENVELOPE TO AN ADDRESS IN NYC. INGRAM  
 ADVISED HE DELIVERED ALL THREE ENVELOPES AND THAT WHEN HE DELIVERED  
 THE ENVELOPE IN NYC THE NIGHT OF THE SAME DAY HE DELIVERED IT TO THE  
 OTHER MAN WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE TIME HE WAS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE  
 LETTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. INGRAM STATED HE HAD RECEIVED NO OTHER  
 MONEY FROM ANYONE AND HAD DELIVERED NO OTHER LETTERS FOR ANYONE OTHE  
 THAN THESE TWO UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS, THAT HE ONLY MADE ONE TRIP TO NY  
 AND ONLY DELIVERED A TOTAL OF THREE LETTERS, TWO IN WASHINGTON, D. C  
 AND ONE IN NYC. INGRAM ADVISED THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE PICTURE IN  
 A NEWSPAPER OF THE MAN WHO ASKED HIM TO DELIVER THESE LETTERS AS  
 ALGER HISS. INGRAM DENIED GIVING INSTANT STORY OR TELLING ANYONE

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ABOUT HIS SINCE THE DAY IT HAPPENED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AGENT  
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DIRECTOR URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., - PERJURY, IS-R. LAWRENCE DUGGAN,  
PRESENTLY DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION,  
INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE IN SCARSDALE, NY, TODAY. ADVISED THAT  
HE KNEW ALGER HISS FAIRLY WELL FROM ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR ON.  
SAW HIM INFREQUENTLY. NEVER WORKED IN SAME SECTION WITH HIM,  
THOUGH BOTH WERE IN STATE DEPT. DID NOT KNOW HISS, AS A COMMUNIST,  
OR AS A MEMBER OF A CP FRONT. DID NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT THAT ALGER

HISS EVER ENGAGED IN SOVIET ESPIONAGE. WAS NEVER APPROACHED BY  
ALGER HISS TO WORK IN THE INTEREST OF THE SOVIETS, OR THE COMMUNIST  
INTERNATIONAL. ALSO KNEW DONALD HISS BUT WAS NEVER APPROACHED BY  
HIM OR DID HE KNOW THAT HE WAS A COMMUNIST OR A CP FRONTER.  
DUGGAN STATED HE KNEW NOEL FIELD VERY WELL BOTH AS A COWORKER AND  
A NEIGHBOR SINCE THEY LIVED IN THE SAME APARTMENT HOUSE DURING NINE-  
TEEN THIRTY THREE DASH THIRTY FIVE. NEVER APPROACHED BY NOEL FIELD.  
TO WORK FOR SOVIETS OR COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL. NEVER SUSPECTED  
THAT NOEL FIELD WAS IN THIS BUSINESS. IS PRETTY CERTAIN THAT ALGER

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~~HEDE~~ ~~MASSING~~ AS ~~HEDE~~ <sup>GUMPERZ</sup> GUMPENTY BUT CANNOT RECALL CIRCUMSTANCES. MAY HAVE BEEN THROUGH NOEL FIELD. DENIES THAT HEDE MASSING EVER PROPOSITIONED HIM OR SAID ANYTHING THAT HE RECOGNIZED AS A REQUEST TO COOPERATE WITH HER IN SOVIET OR COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL WORK. IS SURE THAT HE NEVER MET ANYONE AT THE INSTIGATION OF HEDE MASSING AT ANY PLACE. CANNOT RECALL INCIDENT WHEN HEDE WENT TO HIS HOUSE IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. DUGGANS WIFE RECOGNIZED HEDE AS SOMEONE SHE MET, BUT COULD NOT PLACE WHERE. COULD NOT RECALL INCIDENT BUT DID RECALL THAT THE DUGGANS HAD A HOUSE IN WASHINGTON IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. DUGGAN DENIES THAT HE WAS EVER A MEMBER ~~OF THE C.P. OR ANY~~ ~~OTHER FRONT~~ OR THAT HE EVER DID *ANY WORK ON BEHALF* OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL OR THE SOVIETS OR ANY FOREIGN POWER. DUGGAN RECALLS THAT HE WAS APPRAACHED TWICE TO DO SOMETHING IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AT THE STATE DEPT. IN THE INTEREST OF THE SOVIETS OR THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL. THE FIRST TIME WAS BY FREDERICK VANDERBUILT <sup>V</sup>FIELD, A PROMINENT WEALTHY, PROCOMMUNIST, WHO WAS A CLASS MATE OF DUGGANS AT HARVARD IN NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN. FREDERICK FIELD CALLED DUGGAN IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX OR THIRTY SEVEN WHEN DUGGAN WAS AT THE STATE DEPT. AND INVITED DUGGAN TO MEET HIM IN HIS HOTEL AFTER WORK.

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DUGGAN WENT TO THE HOTEL AND HAD A DRINK AND HAD A CONVERSATION WITH  
FIELD AND FIELD SAID SOMETHING WHICH INDICATED TO DUGGAN  
THAT HE, FIELD, WANTED DUGGAN TO DO SOMETHING AT THE STATE DEPT.  
WHICH WOULD BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE SOVIETS OR THE COMMUNIST IN-  
TERNATIONAL. DUGGAN RECOGNIZED THIS PROPOSITION OF FIELD AND ANS-  
WERED IN SUCH A WAY THAT FIELD DID NOT PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER.  
DUGGAN CANNOT RECALL JUST WHAT THE REQUEST OR PROPOSITION WAS.  
HE IS SURE IT WAS NOT SO DEFINITE AS A REQUEST TO REMOVE PAPER FROM  
THE DEPT. FILES. DUGGAN STATED THAT HE SUSPECTED THAT FIELD WAS A  
COMMUNIST AT THE TIME. THE SECOND INSTANCE OCCURRED WHEN DUGGAN  
WAS APPROACHED BY HENRY ~~X~~ COLLINS/A SUBJECT IN THE SILVERMASTER CASE/  
IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN OR THIRTY EIGHT, PROBABLY IN JUNE. DUGGAN  
HAD KNOWN COLLINS SOCIALLY FOR A FEW YEARS. ON THIS DAY THEY HAD  
LUNCH AND WERE TAKING A WALK WHEN COLLINS MADE A STATEMENT WHICH  
DEFINITELY INDICATED TO DUGGAN THAT COLLINS WANTED HIM TO DO SOMETHING  
FOR THE SOVIETS OR THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL. DUGGAN CANNOT  
REMEMBER JUST WHAT WAS SAID, BUT SO ANSWERED THAT COLLINS  
DID NOT FOLLOW THE MATTER FURTHER. DUGGAN STATED THAT THE REQUEST  
WAS NOT TO TAKE ANY PAPERS FROM THE STATE DEPT. FILES. DUGGAN STATED  
THAT HE DID NOT KNOW COLLINS AS A COMMUNIST OR MEMBER OF CP FRONTS.  
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DUGGAN STATED HE KNEW HARRY DEXTER WHITE BUT ONLY IN THEIR GOVT. WORK. DID NOT RECOGNIZE PHOTOS OF ELIZABETH BENTLEY, ANATOLI GROMOV, JOSEPH GREGG, VASSILI ZUBILIN, PAVEL KLARIN, WILLY BRANDES, CHARLES ALKIN, BERNARD REDMONT, WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMANN, N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, AND PAUL MASSING. DUGGAN DID NOT KNOW WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. HE KNEW HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH AS A COWORKER IN STATE DEPT. DID NOT KNOW HIM AS A COMMUNIST OR A MEMBER OF ANY CP FRONT OR AS A PERSON ENGAGED IN ANY ACTIVITY IN BEHALF OF THE SOVIETS OR THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL. (H) THE NAME HAROLD WILSON WAS NOT KNOWN TO DUGGAN.

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WID ACK PLS

*cc Mr. Fletcher*

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

December 10, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

I talked to Russell Turner in Fulton Lewis' office. Fulton seldom comes to the office anymore and makes his broadcast from a studio in his home in Maryland. Russell told me Fulton is devoting about 70% of his time to making a church organ which he is giving to his church and which will be dedicated on his Christmas Eve program. Fulton has scoured the country for the parts and Turner stated he has done quite a job on it.

In the course of the conversation the Hiss-Chambers case came up. He was wondering if there were any angles on it. I told him that, of course, speaking strictly for his own information and guidance and not for quotation, as both he and Fulton very well knew, the Bureau had been investigating this entire matter over a period of years and that we did not have the authority or the power to take action; that we should not have this authority or power, but that our reports had been communicated to higher authorities and, of course, it was up to them to take the action; that everything we had secured on Hiss had been communicated to the State Department as well as other individuals in the Washington Communist underground, but this had been going on for a period of years. He wanted to know if we were doing anything special at the moment and I told him that since most recent developments with the production of the microfilm by Chambers, the Grand Jury in New York had intensified its activities and we were running out a lot of leads and the like; that so far as we were concerned the microfilm merely tended to corroborate what he had told us years ago and what we had reported years ago; that we had endeavored to secure corroboration from Chambers when he was first interviewed several years ago and on subsequent occasions; that he had never told us about the microfilm and in fact had stated he did not have any of the documents. I further told Turner that in connection with the Washington underground that we, of course, were fully cognizant of the deficiencies of the law, the difficulties of presenting evidence and corroborating information which we had and which we believed to be true; that the Director's position had been that it was inadvisable to go to

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Memo for Mr. Tolson

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the Grand Jury until we knew we had a case; however, notwithstanding this, the case was presented to a Grand Jury; and that from that time on the Director has advocated that if the Grand Jury were unable to secure corroboration, they should issue a report on their findings so that the American public would know what has been going on and would know what the FBI has been doing, because we ourselves could not make our reports known to the public. I told him this might be an excellent idea for Fulton to undertake. Turner got very much excited about this and stated he was sure Fulton would like nothing better than to undertake a campaign such as this to bring out full disclosures of what the FBI has done.

I further told him we are in a very awkward and difficult position; that obviously we could not talk about the case or about what we had done because the action to be taken was not within our province. He said he thoroughly understood this. I emphasized this is the point Fulton should endeavor to get across as much as he can. He said Fulton has already commented along these lines but that it would not be amiss to do it again which he will do.

Respectfully,

  
L. B. Nichols

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DIRECTOR AND SAC U R G E N T

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R.  
REMYTEL TODAY. WIDOW OF WALTER I. TIBBETTS ADVISES ALGER HISS  
UNKNOWN TO HER AND INQUIRY REVEALS HER LATE HUSBAND-S BUSINESS  
CORRESPONDENCE IS DESTROYED.

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*F Jones*

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AS, PERJURY ISR. ANONYMOUS SOURCE ADVISED LAST EVENING THAT HORACE W. SCHMAHL, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR EMPLOYED BY EDWARD G. MCLEAN, ATTORNEY FOR ALGER HISS, HAD IN HIS POSSESSION PAPERS BELONGING TO WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. SCHMAHL INTERVIEWED IN NY OFFICE TODAY STATES THAT HE DID HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION COPIES OF THE DEPOSITIONS TAKEN FROM WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND ALGER HISS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LIBEL SUIT. ALSO THAT HE HAD SEEN COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE FURNISHED TO THE ATTORNEYS AT THE TIME OF THE DEPOSITION WHICH DOCUMENTS WERE REPORTED BY CHAMBERS TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO HIM BY HISS. SCHMAHL DENIED HE HAD ANY PAPERS IN HIS POSSESSION BELONGING TO CHAMBERS AND STATED THAT HE HAS NOT TOLD ANYBODY HE HAD THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEPOSITIONS OR THAT HE HAD SEEN THE COPIES OF THE REFERRED DOCUMENTS. SCHMAHL WAS ADVISED THAT HE SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY INFER OR STATE THAT HE IS CONNECTED WITH THE FBI OR THE JUSTICE DEPT. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION OR ANY INVESTIGATION.

SCHMAHL OFFERED THE INFORMATION THAT IN THIRTY-SIX MRS. WHITTAKER

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CHAMBERS HAD USED THE NAME OF MRS. JAY CHAMBERS, WHO AT THE TIME WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN THE WIFE OF MR. JAY CHAMBERS, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN THE TREASURY DEPT. SCHMAHL CLAIMS HE GOT THIS INFO IN A CREDIT REPORT IN BALTIMORE AND THAT MRS. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS HAD USED THE NAME OF MRS. JAY CHAMBERS IN CERTAIN PURCHASES IN WASH. SCHMAHL-S OPINION WAS THAT THIS INFO CONCERNING JAY CHAMBERS WHICH WAS USED AS TO HIS PERSONAL HISTORY COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY SOMEBODY IN THE TREASURY DEPT. OR THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. WASH FIELD REQUESTED TO CHECK PERSONEL RECORDS ON JAY CHAMBERS, ALSO CREDIT AGENCY IN WASH., DC TO ASCERTAIN IF INFO AVAILABLE THERE AS REPORTED BY SCHMAHL. BALTIMORE ALSO REQUESTED TO CHECK CREDIT RECORDS IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN THIS INFO FURNISHED BY SCHMAHL IS AVAILABLE AS STATES. SCHMAHL ADVISED TODAY HE IS GOING TO PHIL AND THIS INFO IS BEING FURNISHED TO PHIL IN EVENT ANY ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS TAKE PLACE WHICH HAVE OCCURRED THERE DURING THE PAST WEEK CONCERNING SCHMAHL-S INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING SPECIMAN OF ALGER HISS TYPEWRITER. SCHEIDT

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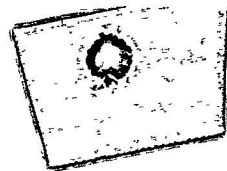
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DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

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F. L. Jones*

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE NEW YORK  
TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND BOSTON, DECEMBER TEN LAST. PROFESSOR PAUL

SACHS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, PRESENTLY IN NEW YORK CITY BUT HIS WIFE DOES NOT KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS. STATES HE WILL RETURN LATE SUNDAY NIGHT AND CAN BE CONTACTED MONDAY, DECEMBER THIRTEEN. BOSTON IS ALSO CONTACTING WIDOW OF ~~WALTER I. TIBBITTS~~ WALTER I. TIBBITTS AT WINCHENDON, MASS., FOR POSSIBLE TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE SENT TIBBITTS BY HISS. OFFICIALS AT EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, BOSTON ~~ADVISE~~ ADVISE A SEARCH FAILS TO DISCLOSE ANY CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN HISS AND TIBBITTS IN COMPANY FILES.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H.B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : E. Hyatt Mossburg *EHM*

SUBJECT: W. David Whittaker Chambers  
Perjury: Espionage-R

DATE: 12/11/48

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SA Doneland New York Office telephonically advised at 7:15 PM that the following teletype had been received by the New York Office from the Denver Office and no copy designated for the bureau.

" Remytel 12-10 last Franklin V. Reno voluntarily appeared at this office today stating that he would give additional information which he had not given on interview 12-10 last. In substance Reno admitted that he gave restricted documents to one "Carl" or "Krauss" whom he thinks might have been Chambers but is in no position to know for certain. He further explained that one "Bernie" accompanied him from Baltimore to Philadelphia where "Bernie" introduced him to "Carl" probably early June 1937. "Carl" requested "intelligence information" from Reno whom he knew would be soon employed at The Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Reno agreed, knowing that it was Soviet Union espionage work. Thereafter, Reno met Carl on an estimated 4 to 7 times in Wash, D.C., generally on a designated street by prearranged appointments. On one or two occasions Philip Reno brother of Franklin acted as an intermediary between Carl and Franklin Reno. Franklin Reno did not desire to give signed statement but indicated he will cooperate. Report follows. Reno expects to arrive in NY by plane night of 12 -12 next and will contact US attorney Monday morning next. "

*F. L. Jones*

At 7:50 PM ASAC Belmont at NY telephonically advised in connection with with the above information that he had instructed the Denver Office to inform Franklin V. Reno to report to the New York Office Monday morning and that they would escort him to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Belmont stated that representatives of the press were present in large numbers in the Federal Building and that he didn't want to take any chances.

Mr. Belmont also advised that he recommended against giving the information contained in the above teletype to Mr Campbell in the Criminal Division. He stated that he had been informed by Mr. Donegan that an article in a New York paper today indicated that Campbell may have discussed ~~the~~ ~~XXXXX~~ Julian Wadleigh's testimony before the Grand Jury with the press. Belmont stated that Donegan said that the furnishing of the above information to him was sufficient and it was not necessary that it be given to ~~Mr~~ Mr Campbell.

You will recall that I advised you of the above.

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JAY DAVID WHITAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RETEL WFO  
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APPOINTMENT IN RESERVE DATE JAN. FIFTEEN, TWENTYSIX ~~1946~~ *1946*  
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BUREAU, NEW YORK, AND PHILADELPHIA FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 12-11-48

12:30 pm

DIRECTOR AND SACS, -----URGENT-----

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE<sup>MR.</sup> IN CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN TYPED MATERIAL TRACEABLE TO ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS FOR COMPARISON WITH DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY CHALBERS TO DISTRICT COURT BALTIMORE, SUGGEST NEW YORK CITY DISCUSS WITH MR. T. H. DONEGAN ADVISABILITY OF CONTACT WITH FRANCIS THAYER HOBSON FIRST HUSBAND OF PRISCILLA HISS. TESTIMONY OF CHAMBERS AND HISS BEFORE HCUA INDICATES CONSIDERABLE BITTERNESS EXISTS BETWEEN MRS. HISS AND HOBSON. DURING LATE NINETEEN THIRTIES HOBSON CONTRIBUTED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS MONTHLY TO MRS. HISS FOR THE SCHOOL EXPENSES OF THEIR SON TIMOTHY HOBSON, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT HOBSON OR HIS ATTORNEY MAY HAVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM MRS. HISS DURING THIS PERIOD. HOBSON BELIEVED EMPLOYED BY FIRM OF WILLIAM MORROW AND COMPANY, PUBLISHING FIRM IN NEW YORK CITY. SUGGEST PHILADELPHIA CONTACT GEORGE SCHOOL NEAR DOYLESTOWN OR NEWTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA WHERE TIMOTHY HOBSON ATTENDED SCHOOL IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN FOR TYPED CORRESPONDENCE EMANATING FROM HISS FAMILY.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H.B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : E. Hyatt Mossburg *EHM* *RS*

SUBJECT: J. David Whittaker Chambers  
Perjury: Espionage-R.

DATE: 12/11/48  
8:22 PM

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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*X* SA Halsey Smith (WFO) telephonically advised that Julian Wadleigh, whom you will recall was one of the persons named by Chambers who had furnished him with confidential information, was calling the field office and desired to furnish information in connection with the captioned case. SA Smith advised he was not familiar with the facts in this particular case.

*J. L. [Signature]*

I advised Smith to transfer the call to the bureau and I would talk to Wadleigh. Smith called back in a couple of seconds and advised that Wadleigh had been cut off or hung up. I then ~~called Supervisor Delavaigne in the WFO~~ told Smith to call Supervisor Delavaigne (WFO) and see that Wadleigh was immediately recontacted.

*9:00 PM*

Smith subsequently called back and advised that Wadleigh had been recontacted at once by SA Zander. The substance of Wadleigh's call was that he wanted to go on record as answering a question previously asked of him. Wadleigh advised that in 1937 or 1938 he had received a rug from Chambers as a gift at New Years. Smith was unable to advise me of who had asked this question of Wadleigh but he advised that a teletype summary was now being prepared by agent Zander and would be sent to the bureau and the New York Office.

You will recall that I advised you of the above information.

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell  
Criminal Division  
Director, FBI

December 13, 1948

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Pursuant to a telephonic request of Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department on Sunday, December 12, 1948, you are advised that the meeting between Whittaker Chambers and Adolph A. Berle, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of State, occurred in Washington, D. C., on September 2, 1939. This information was obtained from Mr. Berle during the course of an interview had with him by a representative of this Bureau on September 3, 1948. At this time Mr. Berle also stated that Isaac Don Levine accompanied Mr. Chambers when Chambers had his conversation with Mr. Berle.

Mr. Whearty stated that this information should be made available to you and to Mr. Donegan in New York City for use in connection with the Federal Grand Jury on December 13, 1948.

The above information was furnished to the New York Office of this Bureau early this morning with instructions that it be made available to you and Mr. Donegan.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *W.F.*  
FROM : J. R. JONES *R.J.*  
SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: December 12, 1948

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 11:47 a.m. on Sunday, December 12, 1948, Mr. Ray Whearty, First Assistant, Criminal Division, Justice Department, contacted writer by telephone. He advised that he has been assisting Mr. Campbell and Mr. Donegan before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City. He is in Washington today (Sunday, 12/12/48) only and will be at his office - extension 180, Justice Building.



Continuing, Mr. Whearty related that at noon on Saturday, December 11, 1948, Henry J. Wadleigh advised Mr. Alex Campbell of the Department that he had loaned Hiss a portable (again no information as to make or date) which was later sold by him, Wadleigh, to Mrs. Pittman B. Potter of Washington, D. C. (It is noted by writer that the current Washington telephone directory lists a Pitman B. Potter, address: Avenel, Silver Spring, Maryland; telephone, Sligo 8197).

Mr. Whearty requested that Mrs. Potter be immediately located and interviewed relative to the acquisition of the portable typewriter and that specimens be taken from the machine if available. In the event it is no longer in her possession its disposition should be determined and if she is in possession of any documents prepared on this machine it is the Department's desire that same be secured.

In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Whearty advised that Mr. Campbell was very desirous of determining the exact date on which Chambers, in company with Mr. Isaac Levine, visited Mr. Adolf Berle, then with the State Department. Whearty

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suggested that the date was probably in 1939. Whearty volunteered in this connection that this appearance by Chambers before Berle may constitute a withdrawal from the conspiracy on his, Chambers, part.

The essence of the above was relayed to Mr. Fletcher who instructed the writer to determine the date from Supervisor Floyd Jones and to request Supervisor Delavigne of Washington Field to immediately cause Mrs. Potter to be interviewed along the lines suggested by the Department.

Supervisor Floyd Jones advises that the date of the Chambers-Berle interview was September 2, 1939. This date was furnished by Mr. Berle to SAC Carson on September 3, 1948, it being noted that Mr. Berle at that time corrected information previously given to the House Un-American Activities Committee to the effect that the meeting was in the last week of August, 1939. Berle also stated that Mr. Levine was present, as against his earlier statement to the HCUA that Levine was not present. (Bureau file 100-25824-50 p.5)

Mr. Delavigne of Washington Field was contacted at noon, December 12, 1948, and requested to cause the interview of Mrs. Potter as outlined above. He advised that this case is assigned to Special Agent Zander of Washington Field and that Zander would be instructed to proceed immediately.

NOTE:

Mr. Whearty requested that the date of the Berle-Chambers interview be made known to Mr. Campbell and Mr. Donegan in New York prior to the opening of the Monday, December 13, 1948, session of the Federal Grand Jury (at 10:00 a.m.). He also expressed the desire that as much of the information as could be elicited from Mrs. Potter be forwarded to the gentlemen named at the earliest possible moment. He also requested that a memorandum be sent to the Department in this matter.

Addendum at 4:20 p.m. December 12, 1948

Supervisor Delavigne of Washington Field relayed to the writer instructions of Mr. Fletcher that the interview of Mrs. Potter be deferred. Mr. Delavigne advised that he had already arranged with Special Agent Zander of Washington Field in this connection.

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materials there in lab  
from Hamilton School,  
per HRP.  
D.J.*

*Telephonically furnished Belmont  
9:45 a.m. 12/12/48 WAB*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Washington Field

December 13, 1948

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 13, 1948.

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Re: JAY DAVID VEITTAUER CHARGERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 74-94  
FBI FILE NO. 74-1322  
LAB. NO. D-68478 M

Examination requested by: Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated December 13, 1948

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K2E Three pages containing purported known typewriting from Mrs. HISS' typewriter beginning "Ten years old on September 19, 1936." and ending "... Christopher for a while and still offish."

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the typewriting specimens listed above as K2E were written by the same typewriter that was used to write specimens K2 through K2D previously submitted.

Specimen K2E is returned to the Washington Field Office with photographic copies being retained.

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Allen Weinstein & William A. Reuben  
by letters 7-24-74 & 7-8-74 respectively

2-New York  
1-Philadelphia  
1-Baltimore

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December, 12, 1948

FROM : SAC, WFO

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

Attention: FBI Laboratory

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Transmitted herewith are three pages of typewritten material entitled "Description of Personal Characteristics of TIMOTHY HOBSON" dated September 9, 1936 which were secured from the Landon School, Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Maryland. Mr. BANFIELD, Headmaster of the Landon School advises that his records reflect TIMOTHY HOBSON was an applicant for admission to the school during the fall term of the year 1936 and at that time Mr. Banfield requested Mrs. <sup>Mrs. KISS</sup> by letter to furnish by letter background characteristics of her son.

Mr. BANFIELD stated that the enclosed material was received in answer to this request and that his files reflect an acknowledgment showing receipt of this material.

The enclosure bore no cover letter and it is not signed.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosures with the <sup>questioned</sup> specimens of the Woodstock in question.

Following the examination the specimens should be returned to the Washington Field Office.

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CC New York City

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell  
Criminal Division  
Director, FBI

December 13, 1948

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

I thought you would be interested in the results of interviews conducted by this Bureau on December 10 and 11, 1948 with Franklin V. Reno, aka Francis V. Reno:

Reno was interviewed on December 10, 1948, at which time he denied any dealings with Chambers, J. Peters, or anyone else in connection with furnishing information while he was employed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He was served with a subpoena calling for his appearance before the Grand Jury, New York City at 9:00 a.m., December 15, 1948.

On December 11, 1948, Reno voluntarily appeared at the Denver Field Office of this Bureau stating that he desired to give additional information which he had not given when interviewed on December 10. In substance he admitted that he gave restricted documents to one "Carl" or "Krauss", whom he thought might have been Chambers, but he advised that he did not know for certain. Reno advised further that one "Bernie" accompanied him from Baltimore to Philadelphia where "Bernie" introduced him to "Carl", probably in the early part of June, 1937. He advised that "Carl" requested "intelligence information" from him and that "Carl" knew that he, (Reno) would soon be employed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Reno stated that he agreed to this request knowing that it was Soviet Union espionage work. Thereafter Reno advised that he met "Carl" on an estimated four to seven times in Washington, D. C., generally on a designated street by prearranged appointments. Reno also stated that on one or two occasions his brother, Philip Reno, acted as an intermediary between he and "Carl". Franklin Reno did not desire to give a signed statement but he indicated that he would cooperate.

The above information has been furnished to Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, New York City.

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**K** TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: CHAMBERS-HISS CASE

RS

DATE: December 13, 1948

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

Mr. Belmont called me on the afternoon of December 13 and advised that Congressman Nixon of the HCUA had appeared before the Grand Jury in New York, that he had refused to turn over the documents to the Grand Jury but stated that he would let them look over the documents at any time they wanted to but would not leave them.

Peyton Ford called me and furnished the same information and added that the Grand Jury following the refusal of Congressman Nixon, voted to make a demand for this material and he was served with a subpoena. He was then taken before a Federal Judge and stated that he did not want to be abhorrent but would have to take it back to the committee and then it would be turned over to the FBI. Accordingly, Congressman Nixon stated he would personally deliver the material to my office at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 14, 1948.

DML:dad

*Volunteer Chambers*

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ELEVEN, ONE FORTYSIX AM. RECORDS NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE  
CO. REVEAL THOMAS F. GRADY HAS HAD FIVE POLICIES THERE. THE FIRST,  
ON WHICH APPLICATION WAS DATED APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN, WAS  
WRITTEN BY THREE PHILADELPHIA INSURANCE AGENTS, NAMELY J. O. BATTERSBY,  
H. B. STAVERS AND W. L. COATES. ON THE APPLICATION FOR THIS POLICY  
GRADY LISTED HIS OCCUPATION AS QUOTE SALESMAN WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER  
COMPANY UNQUOTE. THE SECOND POLICY IN THIS COMPANY TAKEN OUT BY  
GRADY WAS DATED JAN. TWENTY NINE, THIRTY, AND THE INSURANCE AGENT WHO  
SOLD HIM WAS H. L. MARTIN, PHILADELPHIA. ON THE APPLICATION FOR THIS  
POLICY GRADY LISTED HIS OCCUPATION QUOTE SALESMAN FOR DISINFECTATION  
COMPANY UNQUOTE. THE OTHER THREE POLICIES WERE WRITTEN BY GRADY  
HIMSELF, ONE IN NINETEEN THIRTYONE AND THE OTHER IN THIRTYTWO AT  
THE TIME HE HIMSELF WAS AN AGENT FOR NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE  
CO. UPON REINTERVIEW TODAY GRADY NOW SAYS THAT HE WAS MISTAKEN IN  
SAYING THAT THE TYPEWRITER SOLD TO MARTIN WAS TIED IN WITH THE  
PURCHASE OF AN INSURANCE POLICY BY HIMSELF. THE POLICY FIRST MENTIONED  
SOLD TO GRADY BY THREE MEN WAS THE ONE IN WHICH GRADY APPLIED HIS  
COMMISSION ON A TYPEWRITER TO THE PREMIUM OF THE POLICY. HE STATES  
THAT THESE MEN HAD OFFICES TOGETHER IN PHILADELPHIA AND PURCHASED  
THE TYPEWRITER TOGETHER. GRADY STILL SAYS, HOWEVER, THAT INDEPENDENT

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OF ANY POLICY BEING TIED TO THE DEAL HE RECALLS SELLING HARRY MARTIN A TYPEWRITER. THE ONLY WAY HE CAN FIX THE DATE IS THAT HE RECALLS A LADY BY THE NAME OF COYLE WORKED FOR MARTIN AS HIS STENOGRAPHER AND FURTHER THAT THE TIME WAS NOT LONG AFTER MARTIN RESIGNED AS CASHIER FOR C. B. AND H. M. TAYLOR, THE GENERAL AGENTS FOR NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL IN PHILADELPHIA. HE RECALLS THAT MARTIN AND FANSLER HAD BEEN SELLING INSURANCE TOGETHER BUT A SHORT TIME AT THE TIME OF THE SALE OF THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. HE CANNOT RECALL WHEN HE LEFT THE EMPLOY OF WOODSTOCK, BUT DOES RECALL HE NEXT WORKED FOR WEST DISINFECTING CO. IN PHILADELPHIA, THEN FOR NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., AND AFTER THAT AGAIN WORKED FOR WEST, BUT IN CONNECTICUT. THE DATES OF THESE EMPLOYMENTS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY FIXED. WESTBROOK STEELE, AMERICAN PAPER INSTITUTE IN CHEMISTRY, APPLETON, WIS., TODAY ADVISED THAT WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN ON DEC. NINE, FORTY EIGHT, TOLD AN ASSOCIATE AT THE INSTITUTE, JOHN W. GREENE, THAT WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER HE PLAYED AROUND A LOT WITH A PINK AND RADICAL GROUP, BUT HE DIDN-T KNOW WHAT HIS SUBPOENA TO NY WAS ABOUT.

JOHNSON

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*Chief Mr. Decker*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
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WASHINGTON, CHICAGO, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA FROM WASH FIELD

DIRECTOR AND SACS

U R G E N T

J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE LOCATION OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. GGO IMMEDIATELY RECONTACT WOODSTOCK FACTORY OFFICIALS AND SECURE SERIAL NUMBERS OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITERS MANUFACTURED NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY. RANGE OF NUMBERS FOR EACH YEAR OF THIS PERIOD SHOULD BE OBTAINED AND FURNISHED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE.

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*Hotel*

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

*Mr. J. J. [unclear]*

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WASHINGTON 6 AND NEW YORK 5 FROM BOSTON

12-13-48

DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK.....U R G E N T

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RMYTEL TODAY.  
CHECK OF PRIVATE FILES OF PROFESSOR PAUL J. SACHS, THE FILES OF THE  
FOGG ART MUSEUM AND DISCREET INQUIRY FAILS TO DISCLOSE MANUSCRIPT OF  
BOOK BY PRISCILLA HISS AND ROBERTA FANSLER. R U C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

DATE: December 13, 1948

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

Mr. Vincent P. Russo of the Department called at 9:20 A.M. today and advised that Assistant Attorney General Campbell called him from New York this morning stating that Wadleigh had been interviewed by Special Agent Lambert Zander of the Washington Field Office yesterday, December 12, 1948. Mr. Campbell wanted Mr. Russo to furnish him with the substance of the results of this interview.

After contacting Mr. Zander and determining that practically all of the information obtained through this interview (which consisted of a phone call received by Zander at his residence last evening from Wadleigh in the Union Station) had been furnished to the New York Office by teletype last night; a copy of which was available in the Bureau, I called Mr. Russo back and gave him the substance of this information. I also pointed out to Mr. Russo that apparently the New York Office had furnished this material to Mr. Campbell in New York.

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell  
Criminal Division  
Director, FBI

December 13, 1948

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

In connection with efforts that have been made to obtain samples of typewriting that was written on the typewriter in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Alger Hiss in Washington, D. C. during 1936 - 1938, I thought you would be interested in the following information.

You may recall that Timothy Hobson is the son of Priscilla Hiss by her first marriage. Investigation has disclosed that Timothy Hobson attended the Landon School, Bethesda, Maryland, during the fall term of 1936.

Mr. Paul L. Banfield, headmaster of the above school, made available on December 12, 1948 three pages of typewritten material entitled "Description of Personal Characteristics of Timothy Hobson", bearing the date September 9, 1936. He also made available a handwritten letter dated September 1, 1936, bearing the signature of Priscilla Hiss which referred to an application for admission to the Landon School of Timothy Hobson for the fall term of the school year 1936. He also made available a carbon copy of a letter directed by him as headmaster of the school to Alger Hiss, 1245 30th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., dated September 3, 1936. This letter acknowledged the application for registration of Timothy Hobson. The letter in part read as follows:

"If you can find the time I would appreciate you sending me a written statement of your ideas of the boy. Our masters study these before school opens, and find them a great help in the early stages of acquaintanceship."

In addition, Mr. Banfield made available a handwritten letter bearing the date September 9, 1936, signed by Alger Hiss which is quoted as follows:

"My dear Mr. Banfield, enclosed is the description of Tim's personality. I should like to bring him out during the afternoon of September 19 and to have a look at the school and to meet you, if you will be available then. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall assume this will be all right. Sincerely,  
Alger Hiss."

Deleted Copy Sent *Joseph S. ...*  
by Letter *4275*

An examination has been made by the FBI Laboratory and a comparison has been made between the three pages of typewritten material entitled "Description of Personal Characteristics of Timothy Hobson" bearing the date September 9, 1936, and the 65 pages of documents turned over by Whittaker Chambers during the course of a civil hearing in Baltimore, Maryland on November 17, 1948. It was concluded that the typewriting specimens appearing on the three pages of typewriting entitled "Description of Personal Characteristics of Timothy Hobson" dated September 9, 1936, were written by the same typewriter that was used to write the documents turned over by Chambers described by the FBI Laboratory, Q-6 through Q-69.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
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Mr. Banfield stated that he is willing to testify that he wrote the letter to Alger Hiss dated September 3, 1936 and that in response to this communication he received the handwritten letter from Alger Hiss dated September 9, 1936. With regard to the typewritten pages entitled "Description of Personal Characteristics of Timothy Hobson", he advised he is willing to testify that these three pages were in his files in a bound folder and that in this folder were the three typewritten pages along with the aforementioned material, all of this material being bound together in the single folder relating to Timothy Hobson, along with other material pertaining to Timothy Hobson which does not appear to be of value to this investigation.

Mr. Banfield expressed a desire that a subpoena be served upon him in the event it is necessary for him to testify regarding this matter.

Mr. Banfield stated that attorneys for Hiss and Chambers have called upon him to see the file on Timothy Hobson and that he refused to allow them to see the file. Mr. Banfield further stated that he was particularly desirous of not having any of the information furnished by him to be made available to the House Committee on un-American Activities, feeling that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the only agency entitled to this information.

FLJ:dhb  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: *[Signature]* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was  
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DATE: December 13, 1948

Remylet dated December 12, 1948, attention FBI Laboratory, which transmitted three pages of typewritten material entitled, "Description of Personal Characteristics of TIMOTHY HOBSON", bearing the date September 9, 1936. This material was secured from Mr. PAUL L. BANFIELD, Headmaster, Landon School, Bethesda Post Office, Washington, D. C.

Transmitted herewith is a handwritten letter dated September 1, 1936, bearing the signature of PRISCILLA HISS referring to an application for admission to the Landon School of TIMOTHY HOBSON for the fall term of the school year 1936. There is also transmitted herewith a carbon copy of a letter directed to ALGER HISS dated September 3, 1936, from PAUL L. BANFIELD, Headmaster, acknowledging the application for registration of TIMOTHY HOBSON. This letter in part reads as follows:

"If you can find the time I would appreciate you sending me a written statement of your ideas of the boy. Our masters study these before school opens, and find them a great help in the early stages of acquaintanceship."

In addition, there is enclosed a handwritten letter bearing the date September 9, 1936, and the signature of ALGER HISS. This letter reads as follows:

"My dear Mr. BANFIELD, enclosed is the description of TIM's personality. I should like to bring him out during the afternoon of September 19 and to have a look at the school and to meet you, if you will be available then. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall assume this will be all right. Sincerely, ALGER HISS."

Mr. BANFIELD stated he is willing to testify that he wrote the letter to ALGER HISS dated September 3, 1936 and that in response to this communication he received the handwritten letter from ALGER HISS dated September 9, 1936. With regard to the three typewritten pages entitled "Description of Personal Characteristics of TIMOTHY HOBSON", he advised he is willing to testify that these three pages were in his files in a bound folder and that in this folder were the three typewritten pages along with

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the aforementioned material, all of this material being bound together in the single folder relating to TIMOTHY HOBSON, along with other material pertaining to TIMOTHY HOBSON which does not appear to be of value to this investigation.

Mr. BANFIELD expressed a desire that a subpoena be served upon him in the event it is necessary for him to testify in open court regarding this matter.

He was most cooperative and expressed a desire to assist the Bureau in any manner possible. It is interesting to observe that Mr. BANFIELD stated that both the attorneys for ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS have been to see him, asked to see the file of TIMOTHY HOBSON, and specifically inquired if there were any typed material that could have emanated from the HISS home. Mr. BANFIELD refused to allow these men to see the file.

Mr. BANFIELD stated that due to the attendance of TIMOTHY HOBSON at the Landon School, he became personally acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. HISS and has held them in high regard. However, he is willing to testify as described above.

Mr. BANFIELD stated that he was particularly desirous of not having any of the information furnished by him to be made available to the House Committee on Un-American Activities in any form. In this regard, he indicated he feels that only the Federal Bureau of Investigation is entitled to this information. Agents were required to sign a receipt indicating that this material would be used only in investigations concerning the national security of this country.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. H. MOSSBURG *E.H.M.*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
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DATE: December 13, 1948

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

*RS*

The following is a copy of a teletype sent from the Denver Office to the New York Division at 5:26 P.M., Mountain Standard Time on December 10, 1948:

"Witness Francis Victor Reno states his correct name is Franklin Victor Reno and denies any dealings with Chambers, J. Peters, or anyone else in connection with furnishing information while at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He was served with subpoena calling for his appearance SDNY 9:00 A.M., December 15, next."

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*H.B. Fletcher*  
*J. [unclear]*

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, INT. SEC. - R. JACK D. NEAL OF STATE DEPARTMENT WHO HAS HITHERTO CONFIDENTIALLY FURNISHED THIS OFFICE WITH PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF ORIGINAL STATE DEPT DOCUMENTS FROM WHICH THE PARAPHRASINGS FURNISHED BY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS TO THE BALTIMORE OFFICE WERE OBTAINED, ADVISED THIS MORNING THAT IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ATTY GENERAL HAS LIKEWISE REQUESTED PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

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cc: Mr. Fletcher

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*J. Edgar Hoover*

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP R. RENYTEL DEC NINTH, FORTYEIGHT, SETTING OUT INFO RECD FROM CHAMBERS IN SIGNED STATEMENT SIGNED DEC NINTH, FORTYEIGHT. CHAMBERS IN TALKING OF THE UNKNOWN PHOTOGRAPHER KEITH MENTIONED THAT HE LEARNED EITHER FROM KEITH OR THROUGH BYKOV THAT THE FORMER WAS CONNECTED WITH A WHITE RUSSIAN NAMED SVIASHNIKOV /PHONETIC/. WHO WAS A BALLISTICS EXPERT EMPLOYED IN GOVT SERVICE IN WASH DC AROUND NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. THE WFO SHOULD CHECK WITH BUREAU BALLISTICS EXPERTS AND ANY OTHER BALLISTICS EXPERTS IN THE GOVT SERVICE WHO HELD SUCH POSITIONS AT THAT TIME IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY, IF POSSIBLE, SVIASHNIKOV. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL LEADS THIS CASE BE COVERED SO THAT ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD APPEAR BEFORE THE GJ CAN APPEAR PRIOR TO ITS EXPIRATION WEDNESDAY, DEC FIFTEENTH. ALSO IMPERATIVE ALL FBI REPORTS THIS CASE REACH NY IN TIME FOR GJ CONSIDERATION. WFO TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO COVER ABOVE LEAD.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RETEL BOSTON TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK DECEMBER TEN LAST. PROFESSOR PAUL J. SACHS UNABLE TO RECALL BOOK BY PRISCILLA HISS AND ROBERTA FANSLER ENTITLED RESEARCH IN FINE ARTS IN THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE U.S.A. A PRINTED COPY DISCLOSED IT WAS PRINTED FOR THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION IN NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR BY WILLIAM F. FELL COMPANY, PRINTERS, PHIL., PENN. PROFESSOR SACHS STATES A MANUSCRIPT WAS QUOTE CONSIDERED VERY SACRED BY HIM AND HE COULD NOT CONCEIVE OF NOT HAVING RETURNED IT UNQUOTE. PROFESSOR SACHS IS HAVING HIS PRIVATE FILES AS WELL AS THE FILES OF THE FOGG ART MUSEUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, DISCREETLY AND THOROUGHLY CHECKED THIS DATE. HE ADVISED THAT IF THE MANUSCRIPT IS BY ANY CHANCE AVAILABLE, THE BUREAU MAY HAVE IT.

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : O. E. Coleman *OEC*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
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DATE: 12/13/48

*McGuire*

*F.L. Jones*

At 1:57 AM this date JIM DONOVAN of the United Press telephoned to advise that reports were being circulated that the FBI and the House Committee on Un-American Activities were hunting for a typewriter used by Mrs. Alger Hiss to type the secret documents recently turned up in this case. DONOVAN further advised that another "report" was that the FBI had recovered this typewriter and had so advised the HCUA. DONOVAN desired confirmation of the story from the Bureau and left his telephone number, EXecutive 3430, for a return call.

On instructions of Mr. John J. McGuire, no return call was made to Donovan and when he called again at 3:15 AM he was advised that his telephone message had been relayed to the appropriate Bureau authorities.

Action: None. Above for information.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. AT THE TIME  
MRS. ALGER HISS WAS INTERVIEWED, SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD WRITTEN A  
BOOK AND COLLABORATED IN WRITING THIS BOOK WITH HER SISTER, ROBERTA

FANSLER. THIS BOOK WAS PUBLISHED UNDER A GRANT OF THE CARNEGIE  
CORP., NYC. EFFORTS MADE TO LOCATE AN ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT OF BOOK,  
SOME OF WHICH MRS. HISS CLAIMED WAS TYPED AND THE REST IN HANDWRITING,  
UNSUCCESSFUL IN NYC. CARNEGIE CORP. ADVISES THE BOOK WAS PUBLISHED  
UNDER A GRANT TO THE COLLEGE ART ASSOCIATION, SIX TWO FIVE MADISON,  
AVE., NYC. IT WAS PRINTED FOR THE CARNEGIE CORP. IN NINETEEN THIRTY  
FOUR BY WILLIAM F. FELL CO., PRINERS, PHILA, PA. PHILA OFFICE  
CONTACT THIS CO. TO ASCERTAIN IF ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT IN THEIR POSS-  
SESSION. IF MANUSCRIPT IS LOCATED, IT SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU  
BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS IN ORDER THAT LABORATORY MAY COMPARE IT WITH  
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TO : MR. LADD

DATE: December 13, 1948

FROM : V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

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

RS

There are attached six photostatic copies of State Department documents which the Un-American Activities Committee intend releasing to the press very soon. These documents are some of those appearing in the microfilm recovered from Whittaker Chambers. The Committee submitted copies to the State Department requesting clearance so that they may be published.

Mr. Samuel D. Boykin informed Mr. Roach that the State Department was willing to clear these documents for publication providing Mr. Peyton Ford, of the Department of Justice, concurred. According to Mr. Boykin, the decision is now before Mr. Ford. Mr. Boykin is of the opinion that Ford will clear the Committee's request and that these documents will appear in the press soon. Boykin desired that the Bureau receive copies so that we may be informed as to what may be expected to appear in the press.

Mr. Roach has checked these particular documents with Mr. Jack Neal, of the State Department, and it has been determined that they were previously supplied to us last week. While in discussion with Mr. Boykin on this matter, he informed Mr. Roach that the Attorney General had made a request of the State Department for all of the original State Department documents in this case. Mr. Boykin did not know the reason for the Attorney General's request but stated undoubtedly the State Department would comply with it.

Mr. Boykin also mentioned that the comments of the President branding the entire procedure as a "red herring" were causing considerable embarrassment to the State Department in view of the fact that Congressman Nixon, of the Committee, had recently displayed the documents to and had briefed Undersecretary Lovett on the entire matter as known to the Committee, with the request that Mr. Lovett bring the true facts of the case to the attention of the President. This, according to Boykin, Lovett promised to do.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, W/S, PERJURY, IS - R. PERSONNEL RECORD OF PRISCILLA

HISS AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS REFLECTS SHE ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, SUMMER SCHOOL, IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. RECORDS AT COLLEGE PARK NEGATIVE. SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, IN LD CALL TO BALTIMORE, OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFO. PRISCILLA PAMBLER HISS OF ONE ONE SEVEN FRONT ST., CHESTERTOWN, MD., ATTENDED COURSE IN GENERAL CHEMISTRY, UNDER DR. VANDEN BOSCH OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. HER ADDRESS WAS LATER REFLECTED AS ONE TWO FOUR FIVE DASH THREE NAUGHT STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC. THE ABOVE FILE IN POSSESSION OF MRS. FLORENCE STAFFORD, REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, LOMBARD AND GREENE STREETS, BALTIMORE, MD. SUGGEST FILE BE REVIEWED FOR ANY INFO OF VALUE AND IN PARTICULAR FOR ANY TYPED MATERIAL THAT MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY MRS. HISS. SUGGEST DR. VANDEN BOSCH BE INTERVIEWED FOR POSSIBLE LOCATION OF ANY TERM PAPERS, ETC. WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY MRS. HISS. FORWARD ANY SPECIMENS FOUND TO BUREAU LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, IS - R. MR. FRANK BAUGHMAN ADVISES  
 SVIASHNIKOV UNKNOWN TO BUREAU BALLISTICS EXPERTS. ONE VLADIMIR V. DE SVESHNIKOFF,  
 AKA WOLDMAR W. SVESHNIKOFF, MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH SVIASHNIKOV (PHONETIC), DESCRIBED  
 BY CHAMBERS AS FORMER CONTACT OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT KEITH. THIS INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO  
 AS QUOTE LIEUTENANT UNQUOTE, EMPLOYED FEBRUARY SEVEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETEEN TO  
 JUNE THIRTY, NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY, BUREAU OF STANDARDS AS ASSISTANT PHYSICIST,  
 ENGAGED RESEARCH INVESTIGATION OF GUN EROSION AND GENERAL METALLURGICAL INVESTIGATIONS.  
 DISCONTINUED DUE REDUCTION FORCE BUT SHORTLY THEREAFTER OFFERED JOB JUNIOR PHYSICIST  
 WHICH DECLINED IN VIEW CONTEMPLATED TRIP TO VISIT MOTHER IN RUSSIA OF SEVERAL MONTHS  
 DURATION. PERSONAL HISTORY FORMS REFLECT BORN FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED  
 EIGHTYNINE, MOSCOW. EDUCATED IN PUBLIC HIGHSCHOOLS, MOSCOW, NINETEEN NAUGHT SEVEN,  
 GRADUATED UNIVERSITY OF MOSCOW, NINETEEN ELEVEN, SPECIAL AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE  
 COURSE, NINETEEN FOURTEEN. ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE JULY, NINETEEN FOURTEEN,  
 ARTILLERY OFFICER, GRADUATED ARTILLERY SCHOOL, NINETEEN FIFTEEN. SENT U. S. AS  
 SPECIALIST IN EXPLOSIVES, NINETEEN SIXTEEN. WAS INSPECTOR MUNITIONS PLANTS, U. S.  
 AND CANADA. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS LISTED METALLURGIS PHYSICIST, CRISTALLOORAPHIST.  
 GAVE AS PERSON TO NOTIFY, FEBRUARY ELEVEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY, SOCIETY OF  
 RUSSIAN OFFICERS, NYC. ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN TWENTY NAMED RUSSIAN EMBASSY.  
 STATED PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED NINETEEN EIGHTEEN AS SPEAKER FOR U. S. FUEL ADMINISTRATION.

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NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTYSEVEN TO NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTYNINE, AT U. S. NAVY YARD AND NAVAL STATION, CAVITE, P.I. FILE INDICATES SERVICE FOR ABRASIVES INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT WITH NORTON COMPANY, WORCESTER, MASS. AND ABRASIVES COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, PA. ALLEGEDLY HELD CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION, USA RESERVE CORPS, WHICH RESIGNED APPARENTLY IN PREFERENCE TO FACING BOARD OF INQUIRY IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN REQUESTS MADE BY SVESHNIKOFF FOR DOCUMENTS. FURTHER CHECK BEING MADE MID AND OFFICE OF PERSONNEL, WAR. CURRENT DIRECTORIES INDICATE SVESHNIKOFF RESIDING RESIDENCE HERBERT R. BRETT, OFFICE SECRETARY, BRITISH EMBASSY, FOUR THREE THREE FIVE RENO ROAD, NW. BRETT EMPLOYED AS SECRETARY TO AIR ATTACHE, BRITISH EMBASSY, SINCE ABOUT NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY. AN INTERESTING COINCIDENCE, PEARL BRETT, DIVORCED WIFE OF HERBERT BRETT, TOGETHER WITH ALMA VON STEINER, RENTED APARTMENT AT (THREE NAUGHT ONE MONTGOMERY STREET, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND) IN LATE NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, (TO ROBERT HARRIS AND MARGARET LOUISE BANKS, SUBJECT OF RECENT ESPIONAGE - R CASE,) BEARING THEIR NAMES. THIS RENTAL SECURED THROUGH PLACING NAMES ON FILE WITH RED CROSS AT NAVY HOSPITAL WHERE BANKS WAS RECUPERATING AND CONSIDERED ENTIRELY COINCIDENTAL.

*WFO has been instructed to interview him on 12-14-48 per HB Fletcher. JH*

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# Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. J. E. MILNES *JEM*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: December 13, 1948

Time of call: 9:28 P.M.  
12-13-48

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

*JEM*

ASAC Belmont called. He said that he had been talking to Mr. Donegan and Mr. Donegan wanted Special Agent C. J. Jones of the Washington Field Office and Supervisor R. C. Feehan to appear before the grand jury tomorrow at the earliest possible time. Mr. Belmont also wanted to know the exact date that Alger Hiss commenced working at the State Department. Mr. Belmont said that the headmaster of the school where Hiss' stepson attended need not appear at this time.

Through the Washington Field Office and Mr. Harbo I arranged for SA Jones and Supervisor Feehan to go to New York tonight. They have reservations on the Pennsylvania Railroad and will occupy Uppers No. 9 and 10 of car 1027 on the train that departs at 1:00 A.M. They will arrive in New York at 6:00 A.M. and will report to Mr. Belmont when he arrives in the office.

Supervisor Feehan is taking the following documents with him: K-32 and the questioned and known handwriting of Alger Hiss. In addition, he is taking copies of Q-9 through Q-69 which are copies of the documents received by the Bureau from the Attorney General.

Special Agent Jones is taking the following documents with him: Letter from Hiss to the headmaster, letter from Mrs. Hiss to the headmaster, letter from the headmaster to Mr. Hiss, and the three page memorandum concerning Timothy. Both Agents were cautioned to carefully guard the documents.

In connection with the date that Hiss commenced working for the State Department, Supervisor F. L. Jones advised that he was quite certain that it was the day after he left the Department of Justice. He said that he would check it in the morning and would advise you so you could advise Mr. Belmont in accordance with his request. Kisseloff-8733

I advised Special Agent Albert G. McGrath of the New York Office concerning the foregoing.

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LOGERMAN SHOTWELL, FORMERLY STENO TO FANSLER-MARTIN IN TWENTYSEVEN  
AND PART OF TWENTYEIGHT, NOW STATES THAT SHE WAS MISTAKEN ABOUT A  
ROYAL TYPEWRITER BEING IN OFFICE-- THAT IT WAS A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER  
AND HAD BEEN THERE PRIOR TO THE FORMATION OF FANSLER-MARTIN WHILE  
FANSLER WAS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ANOTHER PERSON. MRS. SHOTWELL LIKE-  
WISE STATES IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE TYPEWRITER WAS TRADED IN FOR A  
NEW ONE DURING TWENTYSEVEN OR TWENTYEIGHT, BUT THAT SHE CANNOT RECALL  
THIS FACT. DOES NOT RECALL THOMAS GRADY. LETTER OBTAINED TODAY FROM  
FREE LIBRARY, PHILA., WHO THEN EMPLOYED DAISY FANSLER, SISTER OF  
PRISCILLA HISS, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ON THOMAS FANSLER-S WOOD-  
STOCK TYPEWRITER. THIS LETTER, DATED DECEMBER SIX, THIRTYONE, HAS  
BEEN FORWARDED TO LAB FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. NO CORRESPONDENCE  
AVAILABLE BRYN MAWR COLLEGE RE PRISCILLA HISS OR GEORGE SCHOOL RE  
TIMOTHY HOBSON. RE MILWAUKEE TEL TODAY. THOMAS GRADY ON REINTERVIEW  
ATTEMPTS TO FIX DATE OF SALE OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER BY FANSLER-MARTIN BY RECALL-  
ING STENO COYLE EMPLOYED BY FANSLER-MARTIN. IT IS POINTED OUT THAT  
GRADY COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN COYLE AT TIME OF SALE SINCE HE RESIGNED

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FROM WOODSTOCK DECEMBER THREE, TWENTYSEVEN, WHEREAS COYLE DID NOT BEGIN EMPLOYMENT UNTIL FALL OF TWENTYEIGHT. HOWEVER, COYLE WAS STILL MARTIN-S STENO IN GENERAL AGENCY WHEN HE, GRADY, PURCHASED LIFE INSURANCE POLICY IN NINETEEN THIRTY AND LATER WHEN HE, GRADY, WAS EMPLOYED BY NORTHEASTERN MUTUAL IN EARLY NINETEEN THIRTIES.

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DATE: December 13, 1948

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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*JAMES F.*

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Late Saturday afternoon Fred Mullen of the UP called me to advise that the UP had received word that former Secretary Byrnes upon hearing of the ugly rumors pertaining to Alger Hiss had referred the matter to the Bureau for inquiry and that the Bureau had subsequently cleared Hiss. I told Mullen that we had never cleared Hiss and that any such statement was absolutely without foundation.

Secondly, Mullen stated that they understood John Foster Dulles prior to appointing Hiss as head of the Carnegie Peace Foundation and upon hearing the same ugly rumors had referred the matter to the Bureau and the Bureau in this case had likewise given Hiss a clean bill of health. I told Mullen that this, too, was absolutely without foundation.

cc: Mr. Ladd

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re: Memo. for the Criminal Division concerning Chambers-Hiss case (re Typewriter).

*Whittaker*

Mr. Ladd says this information was not being sent to the Attorney General because all of the information in this case has been sent direct to the Criminal Division.

He said if you wish, however, memoranda will be sent to the Attorney General also.

*Whittaker*  
*J. Edgar Hoover*

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ISR, ESPIONAGE R. RE TELEPHONE CALL ASAC BELMONT TO INSPECTOR H. B. FLETCHER BUREAU THIS MORNING. ALSO REFERENCE CASE ENTITLED "ALEXANDER GREGORY-GRAFF BARMINE, IS-R". BUREAU FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE SEVEN SIX NINE FOUR NINE. BARMINE CONTACTED BY NY AGENTS DECEMBER TWELFTH RE FEDOR GOERGEVITCH KISELEV, WAS. RESULTS OF THIS CONTACT WILL BE FORWARDED IN REPORT FORM UNDER APPROPRIATE TITLE. WHEN CONTACTED, BARMINE ADVISED AGENTS HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED MORNING OF DECEMBER TWELFTH BY "MR. APPEL, AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE HCUA". ACCORDING TO BARMINE, THIS INVESTIGATOR INQUIRED IF FBI AGENTS HAD EVER QUESTIONED HIM WHETHER HE HAD EVER FURNISHED THE BUREAU ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING "HISS OR OTHERS". BARMINE STATED HE TOLD APPEL HE HAD NOT BEEN QUESTIONED BY FBI. REFERENCE TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN MR. MUMFORD OF BUREAU AND ASAC BELMONT OCTOBER TWENTY THIRD, FORTY SIX, RE ALEXANDER BARMINE, REQUESTING THAT NY AGENTS INTERVIEW BARMINE CONCERNING A LIST OF SOVIET AGENTS BARMINE ALLEDELY HAD SEEN ABROAD AND WHICH INCLUDED NAME ALGER HISS. REFERENCE NY LETTER TO BUREAU NOVEMBER FIFTH, FORTY SIX, ENTITLED "ALEXANDER GREGORY-GRAFF BARMINE, IS-R, REFER FIVE IS", SETTING FORTH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH BARMINE, DURING WHICH

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HE MADE NO MENTION OF SUCH A LIST OR OF HISS. IT WILL BE RECALLED BUREAU HAD INSTRUCTED THAT DURING INTERVIEW WITH BARMINE NO MENTION SHOULD BE MADE BY AGENTS OF LIST OR NAME OF HISS. HOWEVER, IN YESTERDAYS INTERVIEW, BARMINE INDICATED HE HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED GOVERNMENT WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING "HISS AND OTHERS" BUT NOTHING HAD EVER BEEN DONE ABOUT IT BECAUSE HE, BARMINE, HAD NO EVIDENCE. NY CONTEMPLATED REINTERVIEW OF BARMINE IMMEDIATELY, QUESTIONING HIM SPECIFICALLY REGARDING HISS AND THE ALLEGED LIST OF SOVIET AGENTS, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION PERTINENT TO INSTANT INVESTIGATION. BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO FURNISH NY WITH FULL INFORMATION CONCERNING AFOREMENTIONED LIST. BUREAU CLEARANCE ALSO DESIRED TO INTERVIEW BARMINE AND EFFECT SERVICE OF GRAND JURY SUBPOENA ON HIM IN EVENT SO DESIRED BY T. J. DONEGAN.

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THIRTEEN LAST. BY REFERENCED TELETYPE WFO ADVISED THAT PRISCILLA  
F. HISS ATTENDED U. OF MD. NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN AND REQUESTED HER FILE  
BE REVIEWED AT U. OF MD., BALTIMORE, MD., FOR ANY TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL  
PREPARED BY PRISCILLA HISS. TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMEN MADE BY PRISCILLA  
FANSLER HISS ON MAY TWENTYFIVE THIRTYSEVEN WHILE RESIDING AT ONE TWO  
FOUR FIVE THIRTIETH ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC, OBTAINED AND IS BEING  
FORWARDED BY SPECIAL MESSENGER TO BUREAU LAB THIS DATE FOR COMPARISON  
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE N.Y.

TEL DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST CONCERNING ASSOCIATE OF PHOTOGRAPHER  
 KEITH, NAMELY WHITE RUSSIAN NAMED SVIASHNIKOV PARENTHESES PHONETIC  
 END PARENTHESES. INQUIRY AT BALLISTICS RESEARCH LABORATORY,  
 ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, ABERDEEN, MD., REVEALS THAT ON MAY TWENTYNINE  
 LAST ONE VLADIMIR D. DE SVESHNIKOFF OF FOUR THREE THREE FIVE RENO  
 ROAD, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. APPLIED FOR A POSITION AT THE BALLISTICS  
 RESEARCH LABORATORY. HE WAS NOT EMPLOYED AT ABERDEEN BUT IS IS  
 UNDERSTOOD THAT HE SUBSEQUENTLY APPLIED FOR WORK JUST RECENTLY AT  
 EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, EDGEWOOD, MD. EFFORTS ARE PRESENTLY BEING MADE  
 BY BALTIMORE TO OBTAIN DE SVESHNIKOFFS APPLICATION AT EDGEWOOD  
 TO OBTAIN PERTINENT BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING HIM. IT IS QUITE  
 PROBABLE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH SVIASHNIKOV.  
 BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF FOREGOING ON AFTERNOON OF  
 DECEMBER FOURTEEN. RE NY TEL DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST RELATIVE TO  
 INFORMATION FURNISHED BY FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO WHO CLAIMED THAT HE  
 WAS INTRODUCED TO WHITTAKER CHAMBERS ONE QUOTE BERNIE UNQUOTE  
 WHOM RENO HAD MET THROUGH ONE QUOTE PADDY WHALEN UNQUOTE AT BALTIMORE,  
 WHALEN IS UNDOUBTEDLY IDENTICAL WITH PATRICK B. WHELAN,

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WAS, BUREAU FILES ONE HUNDRED DASH TWO EIGHT NAUGHT SIX THREE, ONE HUNDRED DASH TWO NINE NINE TWO FIVE, AND SIXTYFIVE DASH TWO TWO THREE TWO, A FORMER CP ORGANIZER IN BALTIMORE, NOW DECEASED. BALTIMORE FILE OF PATRICK WHELAN REFLECTS THAT HE WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH BERNARD H. ~~WEINKRANTZ~~, ALIAS BERNIE WEINKRANTZ, BUREAU FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH TWO FIVE TWO SIX TWO. THE QUOTE BERNIE UNQUOTE MENTIONED BY RENO MAY POSSIBLY BE IDENTICAL WITH BERNARD H. WEINKRANTZ. BALTIMORE FILE REFLECTS THAT WEINKRANTZ LAST RESIDED IN JULY FORTYSEVEN AT ONE EIGHT THREE FIVE JEFFERSON STREET, HOLLYWOOD SIXTEEN, FLORIDA, POST OFFICE BOX TWO TWO NAUGHT TWO. BALTIMORE DOES NOT HAVE PHOTOGRAPH OF WEINKRANTZ, HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED HE HAS FBI NUMBER ONE FOUR SIX FIVE SIX SEVEN THREE REFLECTING A TRAFFIC ARREST IN BALTIMORE AND ARREST IN HUDSON COUNTY, N.J. CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS.

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ALGER HISS, WITNESS, HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HEARINGS,

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION. FOLLOWING NEWSPAPER STORY SUBMITTED BY

REPORTER OF THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION FOUR FORTYFIVE PM THIS DATE

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NOTE TO DESK

A MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS RUSSELL INGRAM OF CARTERSVILLE VISITED THE PRESS ROOM LAST NIGHT AFTER TALKING TO CITY DETECTIVES. ACCORDING TO INGRAM CITY POLICE REFERRED HIM TO THE FBI WHO HE CALLED FROM THE PRESS ROOM AND RELATED THIS STORY ----

I WAS SITTING IN MY ROOM AT THE KIMBALL HOUSE EARLY TONIGHT MONDAY READING THE PAPER WHEN I SAW A FACE I WILL NEVER FORGET. IT WAS A PICTURE OF THE HISS BROTHERS AND I RECOGNIZED ONE OF THEM AS BEING A MAN WHO PAID ME TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO DELIVER SOME SEALED PAPERS FROM ONE HOUSE TO ANOTHER HOUSE IN WASHINGTON IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. I DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE MAN-S NAME WAS NOR DID I KNOW WHAT WAS IN THE ENVELOPE. I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE PAPERS WERE ABOUT. I WAS TOLD HOWEVER THE PAPERS CONCERNED MARITAL TROUBLES ONE OF THE MEN WERE HAVING. THE MAN WHO I TODAY RECOGNIZED AND WHO WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE PAPER AS HISS DID NOT ACTUALLY GIVE ME THE MONEY BUT HE WAS WITH A

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SMALL MAN WHO DID PAY ME. AFTER DELIVERING THE PAPERS I WAS DETAINED IN THE SECOND HOUSE FOR MORE THAN THREE HOURS DURING WHICH TIME I WAS QUESTIONED EXTENSIVELY AS TO WHETHER I KNEW THE MAN FROM WHOM I ORIGINALLY RECEIVED THE PAPERS. I WAS SLAPPED ACROSS THE FACE SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE PERIOD OF MY DETENTION. LATER I WAS ACCOSTED ON THE STREET BY THE SAME MAN /HISS/ WHO PAID ME THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO DELIVER ANOTHER SEALED ENVELOPE TO AN ADDRESS ON TWENTYFIFTH STREET IN NEW YORK. I MADE A SECOND TRIP TO NEW YORK LATER. I HAD NOT RECALLED THE INCIDENT AT ANY TIME UNTIL TODAY WHEN I SAW THE PICTURE IN THE PAPER. THERE IS NO DOUBT HOWEVER HE IS THE SAME MAN. ---- INGRAM TOLD ME THE SAME STORY HE HAD TOLD THE FBI A FEW MOMENTS EARLIER. THE FBI SHOWING INTEREST IN THE CASE TOLD THE MAN THEY WOULD MEET HIM AT HIS HOTEL AT NINE AM TODAY TUESDAY. INGRAM SAID HE HAD BEEN DRINKING BUT I COULD NOT TELL IT AND WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN HAD HE NOT TOLD ME. THIS MAY BE A PIPE DREAM BUT THEN IT MAY BE A GOOD STORY. SUGGEST HAVE SOME ONE CHECK FBI TODAY CONFRONT THEM WITH THE INFO. AND SEE WHAT THEY SAY. IT COULD BE A KEY TO THE CURRENT SPY PROBE UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON. END QUOTE.

MAN WHO REFUSED TO GIVE INFORMATION OVER PHONE, USING LAST NAME OF INGRAM CALLED ATLANTA DIVISION APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FIFTEEN PM, DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST. REFUSED TO DIVULGE INFORMATION OVER TELEPHONE. HAS NOT CONTACTED  
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OFFICE. SERGEANT I. A. THOMAS, NA, ON DUTY AT ATLANTA PD DETECTIVE BUREAU NIGHT OF DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST, HAS NO RECORD RE COMPLAINT. CLARK HOWELL, JR., REPORTER FOR ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, WHO BROUGHT INFORMATION TO OFFICE-S ATTENTION, EXPRESSED OPINION THAT INCIDENT WAS ATTEMPT TO GAIN PUBLICITY AND THAT CONSTITUTION NOT PLANNING STORY AT THIS TIME. NOTED THAT KIMBALL HOUSE IS THIRD RATE INEXPENSIVE HOTEL. NO COMMENT. NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY BUREAU.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, IS-R, ESP.-R. RE PHILA. TEL  
 DECEMBER FOURTEENTH CONCERNING WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. IT IS STILL  
 DESIRED THAT WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER, REPORTEDLY USED BY ALGER <sup>HISS</sup> AND  
 PRISCILLA HISS, BE LOCATED. PHILA. SHOULD EVALUATE COMPLAINTS  
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. PERJURY, IS-R, ESP. -R. CHAMBERS STATED IN BALTIMORE PRETRIAL DISPOSITION OF NOVEMBER FIVE LAST PAGES THREE NINETEEN TO THREE TWO SEVEN THAT ONE OF ACTIVITIES OF ALGER HISS WAS TO TRY TO DRAW NEW PEOPLE OF CULTURE TO CHAMBERS APPARATUS. AS RESULT HISS APPROACHED NOEL FIELD, LAWRENCE DUGGAN, ONE YOST, FIRST NAME BELIEVED TO BE JOHN, AND ONE TRUEBLOOD, ALL STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. EFFORTS RE FIELD CEASED WHEN LATTER ASCERTAINED TO BE MEMBER HEDA GOMPERTZ APPARATUS AND LIKewise DISCONTINUED RE DUGGAN WHEN LATTER FOUND TO BE CLOSE FRIEND OF FIELD. CHAMBERS STATES NO RESULTS REALIZED BY EFFORTS ON YOST AND TRUEBLOOD, HOWEVER HISS ENTERTAINED THEM AND WAS ENTERTAINED AT THEIR HOMES. HISS ALLEGEDLY DISCUSSED VARIOUS TANGENTIAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS SPANISH CIVIL WAR WITH YOST AND TRUEBLOOD, FOUND THEM TO BE UNSYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNIST CAUSE AND CEASED HIS EFFORTS. EFFORTS APPARENTLY MADE IN LAST HALF THIRTY SIX OR EARLY THIRTY SEVEN. FOLD NOW IN SWITZERLAND UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. DUGGAN INTERVIEWED DECEMBER TEN LAST COULD NOT RECALL RECRUITMENT EFFORT BY HISS. HENRY WADLEIGH STATES ONE

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CHARLES ~~YOST~~ KNOWN TO HIM IN STATE DEPARTMENT IN FORTY THREE, PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN AND TRUEBLOOD MAY BE EITHER OF TWO BROTHERS IN STATE DEPARTMENT ONE OF WHOM WAS A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER. PERSONAL RECOLLECTION OF AN AGENT THIS OFFICE THAT EDWARD TRUEBLOOD WAS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER. WASHINGTON FIELD AT STATE DEPARTMENT WILL ENDEAVOR TO FULLY IDENTIFY AND LOCATE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF YOST AND TRUEBLOODS. BUREAU WILL CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF AUTHORIZING THEIR IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW WITH VIEW TO ESTABLISH THEIR RECOLLECTION OF ALLEGED EFFORTS OF HISS TO RECRUIT THEM.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: December 14, 1948

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FROM : D. M. LADD

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SUBJECT:

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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I took a telephone call from Mr. Alexander Campbell in New York, where he is with the Grand Jury presenting the Gregory case. He stated that he wanted you to know that the New York Office was doing a grand job and he stated that he thought that they were making very real progress and were going to end up with an indictment in the Espionage case.

He inquired as to whether the Committee had produced the microfilm as Congressman Nixon had agreed he would.

I informed him of the developments as contained in my memorandum earlier today. He stated that from his standpoint this was very unsatisfactory; that Congressman Nixon had promised to produce all of the microfilm. He stated that he was going to wait a little while and if the film was not produced soon, he would go ahead with the action which he had started even though it might be the citing of Congressman Nixon for contempt.

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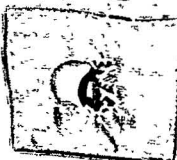
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, IS-R, ESP.-R. CHAMBERS STATED IN BALTIMORE PRE-TRIAL DEPOSITION OF NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, PAGES SEVEN FOUR EIGHT AND SEVEN SEVEN ONE TO SEVEN SEVEN FIVE, THAT HE ATTENDED A MEETING OF A CP CELL HEADED BY HENRY COLLINS AT THE HOME OF RICHARD POST IN ALEXANDRIA, VA. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE SEPARATED POST FROM APPARATUS HEADED BY COLLINS AND TOOK POST INTO HIS OWN APPARATUS, CONSISTING OF THE HISS BROTHERS, WHITE AND SILVERMAN. THEREAFTER, POST OBTAINED A POSITION IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND BECAME A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER. CHAMBERS STATED HE MAINTAINED INTERMITTENT CONTACT WITH POST, HOWEVER, THE LATTER NEVER FURNISHED ANY INFO WHILE A MEMBER OF THIS UNDERGROUND APPARATUS AND SHORTLY AFTER POST JOINED THIS GROUP, CHAMBERS ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH IT AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF POST-S SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES. POST BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH RICHARD HOWEL POST, FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SUBJECT OF LGE INVESTIGATION. BUREAU WILL CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF INTERVIEWING POST CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS BY CHAMBERS OF MEMBER SHIP WITH HISS BROTHERS IN APPARATUS. WASHINGTON FIELD WILL FOLLOW DESIRES OF BUREAU IN THIS MATTER.

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JAY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESP.- R. T. J. DONEGAN FURNISHED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF GJ ACTIVITIES INSTANT DATE. SA COURTLAND

J. JONES TESTIFIED RE SECURING TYPEWRITTEN LETTER, SIGNED BY ALGER HISS, DATED SEPTEMBER NINE, THIRTYSIX, FROM LANDON SCHOOL. SA FRANCIS D. O-BRIEN TESTIFIED RE TYPEWRITTEN LETTER, DATED JANUARY THIRTY, THIRTYTHREE, WRITTEN BY ALGER HISS AND MADE AVAILABLE TO SA O-BRIEN BY EDWARD MC LEAN, ATTORNEY FOR HISS. THEN, SA R. C. FEEHAN OF FBI LABORATORY TESTIFIED, FROM EXAMINATION, SIXTY-FOUR DOCUMENTS ORIGINALLY MADE AVAILABLE BY CHAMBERS WERE WRITTEN ON SAME MACHINE AS HISS'S LETTERS DATED JANUARY THIRTY, THIRTYTHREE AND SEPTEMBER NINE, THIRTY SIX. ESTHER CHAMBERS, WIFE OF WHITTAKER, TESTIFIED INDETAIL RE DATES AND PLACES OF ASSOCIATION OF HERSELF AND HUSBAND WITH ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS. ADOLF A. BERLE THEN TESTIFIED RE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIMSELF AND CHAMBERS IN SEPTEMBER, THIRTYTHREE. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO AND PHILLIP RENO THEN TESTIFIED AND APPARENTLY COMPLETED THEIR TESTIMONY ALTHOUGH BOTH ARE REMAINING IN NYC SUBJECT TO CALL ON INSTRUCTIONS

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FROM DONEGAN. ALGER HISS WAS LAST WITNESS AND WAS CONFRONTED WITH

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS, MENTIONED ABOVE. STATE

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WITH RESPECT TO LETTER TO LANDON SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER NINE, THIRTYSIX, THAT IT WAS WRITTEN EIGHTER BY HIMSELF OR HIS WIFE IN HIS HOME AND THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ON THE FANSLER MACHINE. HE WAS TOLD THAT SIXTYFOUR OF CHAMBERS-S DOCUMENTS, SAID BY CHAMBERS TO HAVE COME FROM HISS, WERE WRITTEN ON SAME MACHINE AND WHEN ASKED FOR EXPLANATION THEREOF, STATED HE HAD NONE BUT THAT IT APPEARS CHAMBERS MUST HAVE HAD ACCESS TO THAT MACHINE. APPARENTLY REALIZED HIS PREVIOUS DENIALS WERE SOMEWHAT SHAKEN, AND FINALLY DECLARED TO GRAND JURY THAT HE REALIZED HIS EXPLANATION MIGHT SOUND SOMEWHAT FANTASTIC BUT THAT THE GJ MUST REMEMBER CHAMBERS IS A FANTASTIC CHARACTER. DONEGAN STATED HISS DEMONSTRATED SOME ANNOYANCE, PROBABLY OCCASIONED BY HIS REALIZATION THAT ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS ARE SERIOUS FOR HIM, BUT STATES HISS CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN COOLNESS AND POISE IN AN AMAZING MANNER. ISAAC DON LEVINE, ROBERT T. MILLER AND MAURICE HALPERIN ALL APPEARED TODAY UNDER SUBPOENA BUT WERE NOT REACHED AND ASKED TO RETURN TOMORROW. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, APPROXIMATELY SIX THIRTY TODAY, ASSISTANT AG ALEX CAMPBELL WAS ASSURED BY CONGRESSMAN NIXON THAT LATTER-S COMMITTEE HAD VOTED TO BACK UP HIS PROMISE OF MAKING AVAILABLE ALL MATERIAL IN ORIGINAL FORM TO DEPARTMENT, AND HAD ALSO AGREED NOT TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE WITNESSES BEFORE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS CHANCE TO REACH

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THEM, AND NIXON ALSO STATED PRESS-RELEASE TO THAT EFFECT WAS ISSUED AT FIVE PM TODAY. HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH EXECUTED ADDITIONAL SIGNED STATEMENT TODAY. IN THIS STATEMENT, HE INDICATES THAT DOCUMENTS NOS. ONE TO FORTYEIGHT /MICROFILM DOCUMENTS/ WERE CONCERNED WITH THE IMPASSE WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN THE US AND GEMANY AT THAT TIME AND THAT THESE ARE THE ONLY DOCUMENTS THAT HE HAS ANY RECOLLECTION OF POSSIBLY HAVING SEEN, BUT IS NOT SURE WHETHER HE PASSED THESE DOCUMENTS TO CARPENTER OR CHAMBERS, IT IS HIS FURTHER RECOLLECTION THAT HE MIGHT HAVE DISCUSSED WITH CHAMBERS AND CARPENTER THIS PARTICULAR TYPE OF INFORMATION. STATES, IN CONNECTION WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENT OF SMALL LOAN MADE TO CHAMBERS, THAT SUBSEQUENT THERETO HE TALKED TO ELEANOR NELSON AND ADVISED HER THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY SMALL-TYPE BLACKMAIL ON PART OF CHAMBERS AND THAT SINCE LATTER PROBABLY HAD OTHER CONTACTS, WOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MONEY FROM THEM ~~IN LIKE MANNER.~~ IN LIKE MANNER. ASKED NELSON TO MAKE INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS SO. NELSON SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED WADLEIGH THAT SHE WAS UNABLE TO LEARN OF ANY OTHER SIMILAR INSTANCES AND WADLEIGH OBTAINED THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT NELSON CONSIDERED HIS CONVERSATION REGARDING THE LOAN A REFLECTION ON HIS RELIABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH WADLEIGH-S PREVIOUS STATEMENT RE GIFT OF RUG MADE TO AGENTS OF WFO, HE RELATED THAT THIS WAS AN EIGHT BY TWELVE BOKHARA RUG, WHICH *AH* DETERMINED WAS WORTH APPROXIMATELY TWO OR THREE

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HUNDRED DOLLARS AT THE TIME IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM AND THAT THIS RUG WAS STORED, IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE, IN A RUG STORE OPERATED BY NESHAN G. ~~X~~HINTLIAN ON CONNECTICUT AVE., WASHINGTON, DC AND IS STILL STORAGE. RELATES THAT THIS RUG GIVEN TO HIM, PROBABLY BY ~~X~~CARPENTER, BUT RECOLLECTION NOT CLEAR ON THIS. FURTHER, THAT AT TIME RUG WAS GIVEN TO HIM AS A NEW YEAR-S PRESENT, THE COMMENT WAS MADE THAT IT WAS PRESENTED TO WADLEIGH BY THE AUGHORITIES IN MOSCOW IN APPRECIATION OF HIS COLLABORATION. IN CONECTION WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENT MADE TO ALEX ~~Q~~MABBELL RELATIVE TO A LOAN OF HIS TYPEWRITER TO CARPENTER, HE DECLARED THAT THIS TYPEWRITER WAS SOLD ABOUT FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, FORTYONE, TO MARGARET HARDY, ~~EITHER~~ SHORTLY BEFORE OR AFTER HER MARRIAGE TO ~~P~~PITTMAN B. POTTER. HE RELATED THAT HE PURCHASED THIS TYPEWRITER IN TWENTYEIGHT OR TWENTYNINE IN LONDON, ENGLAND, AND THAT IT WAS A REMINGTON PORTABLE THAT HAD POUNDS, SHILLINGS AND PENCE ON THE KEYBOARD RATHER THAN DOLLARS AND CENTS. IN CONNECTION WITH JACK BRINTON, WHO WAS STATED BY THE BALTIMORE OFFICE TO HAVE BEEN AN ASSOCIATE OF PHILLIP RENO AND A COMMUNIST, RENO DECLARED TODAY THAT HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH BRINTON AT COLORADO UNIVERSITY IN ABOUT THIRTY SEVEN WHEN BOTH WERE STUDENTS THERE AND INTERESTED IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, TO SOME EXTENT. STATES THAT BRINTON SUBSEQUENTLY WENT TO

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WASHINGTON, DC, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CENSUS BUREAU DURING THIRTYEIGHT AND THIRTYNINE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY AT SEVERAL NEW DEAL AGENCIES, THAT HE MOVE TO BALTIMORE, MD. IN FORTYTHREE AND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE LONGSHOREMEN-S UNION IN THAT CITY, AND AT THAT TIME BECAME A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER OF THE CP, THEREAFTER SERVED TWO YEARS IN THE US ARMY AND IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE COLORADO FUEL AND IRON CO. IN PUEBLO, COLORADO. STATES THAT AT TIME HE, RENO, WAS READ OUT OF THE PARTY IN DENVER, COLORADO, HE WAS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF BRINTON AND THAT THIS ASSOCIATION EVENTUALLY LED TO BRINTON-S BEING READ OUT OF PARTY IN DENVER. ON INTERVIEW TODAY RE HIS ALLEGEDLY HAVING SEEN LIST IN EUROPE OF SOVIET AGENTS IN US, ALEXANDER ~~BARMINE~~ STATED HE NEVER SAW SUCH LIST AND ONLY INFO CAME TO HIM IN CONVERSATION IN EARLY THIRTYEIGHT WITH WALTER ~~KRIVITSKY~~ IN PARIS AFTER BOTH HAD BECOME DISAFFECTED. KRIVITSKY TOLD HIM HE KNEW THREE PERSONS IN US WORKING FOR RED ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND NAMED THEM AS GEORGE ~~MINK~~, ALGER HISS AND HARRY ~~DEXERT~~ WHITE. BARMINE SERVED WITH SUBPOENA AND WILL BE NOTIFIED OF POSSIBLE APPEARANCE THEREUNDER, ACCORDING TO DONEGAN-S WISHES. DENVER BEING REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRINTON.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
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ASAC Lally, Baltimore, called in at 2:55 p.m. today and made reference to New York teletype of yesterday relating to the results of an interview with Vince Reno. He stated that there was a reference made to a man by the name of "Bernie". Mr. Lally stated that possibly this person is identical with Bernard H. Weinkrautz, FBI #1465673, Bureau File #100-25262. Weinkrautz was known in 1947 to reside at 1835 Jefferson Street, Hollywood, Florida. He was a close friend of Paddy Whelan and was arrested with him in New Jersey in 1938 in connection with some gun charge. Mr. Lally suggested that we send a photograph of Weinkrautz to see if he could be identified with "Bernie".

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.  
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Bureau file 74-1333

Re Milwaukee letter to Bureau dated December 10, 1948, and Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia and New York dated December 13, 1948.

Mr. JOHN L. HUGHES, Assistant Director, Agency Department, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, made a further search in the policy files of THOMAS F. GRADY for the purpose of locating additional correspondence from the office of FANSLER and MARTIN during the pertinent period. On this date he furnished a letter on the letterhead of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company from the office of FANSLER and MARTIN at Philadelphia, Pa., dated January 29, 1930. This letter has been forwarded under separate cover letter to the Laboratory and identified therein as K-13, a copy of which has been furnished interested offices.

K-13 was attached to the application for insurance of THOMAS F. GRADY dated January 29, 1930, and described in referenced teletype. It is apparently typed on the typewriter in the office of FANSLER and MARTIN as of January 29, 1930. It is noted that the stenographer's initials are AC, probably being the initials of ANNE COYLE.

At this time investigation has indicated that THOMAS F. GRADY was employed by the West Disinfecting Company in Philadelphia.

Mr. HUGHES has advised today that he was mildly criticized by his superiors for furnishing the correspondence to the FBI in this case from their files without a subpoena. He stated that he personally did not think it was necessary and he had not been taken to task. ~~SECRET~~

In view of the criticism directed against HUGHES, he was advised that all original correspondence furnished by Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in this case would be returned to the files of that company prior to any trial or public hearing on the case, and that in the event these documents were needed for such purpose a subpoena would be issued to the proper person in the Northwestern Company, directing them to bring the correspondence with them.

In view of the fact that the correspondence furnished to date has come from several sources, no attempt will be made at this time to identify the persons who should be subpoenaed. If Milwaukee

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is kept informed of the identifications, if any, made by the Laboratory, it will at that time furnish the name of the person in the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company who would be the proper person to produce each document.

A photostatic copy of K-13 has been prepared and is enclosed to Philadelphia for investigative use.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *D.L.*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
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DATE: December 14, 1948

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(VLADIMIR DESVESHNIKOFF)

At 1:55 p.m. today, ASAC Lally of Baltimore called and advised Supervisor Whitson that Vladimir DeSveshnikoff, 4335 Reno Road, N.W., Washington, D. C., had applied for a job as a ballistics expert at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds on May 29, 1948, but had not been so employed. During the month of December, 1948, he filed an application for a similar position at Edgewood Arsenal. This application is on file there and an Agent from the Baltimore Office is en route to examine it.

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At 2:00 p.m., Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office was furnished the foregoing information and advised that they had verified Sveshnikoff's current employment at the Department of Vehicles and Traffic of the District of Columbia Government where he was doing drafting. He pointed out that authorization for an interview with Sveshnikoff had been predicated upon a previous report that he was <sup>self</sup> employed as a consultant and requested confirmatory authorization due to his present D. C. Government employment.

Pursuant to your instructions, Supervisor Delavigne was advised at 2:05 p.m. to proceed with the interrogation of Sveshnikoff.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was  
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When SA Courtland J. Jones of the Washington Field Office testified before the Federal Grand Jury at New York on December 14, 1948, he introduced into evidence four documents which were retained as exhibits. These documents, which will be described, are in the custody of Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

The documents are as follows:

Handwritten letter dated September 1, 1936 bearing the signature of PRISCILLA HISS, referring to an application for admission to the Landon School of TIMOTHY HOBSON.

A carbon copy of a letter dated September 3, 1936 from PAUL L. BANFIELD, Headmaster, Landon School, directed to ALGER HISS.

A handwritten letter dated September 9, 1936 directed to Mr. BANFIELD and bearing the signature of ALGER HISS.

Three pages of typewritten material entitled "Description of Personal Characteristics of TIMOTHY HOBSON", bearing the date September 9, 1936.

Mr. Donegan stated that the aforementioned exhibits will be returned to the Washington Field Office when the Grand Jury no longer needs them.

cc: Washington Field

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J.D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH R.

VLADIMIR V. DE SVESHNIKOFF INTERVIEWED WFO THIS EVENING. RELATED CAREER SOME DETAIL, STATING CAME U.S., NINETEEN SIXTEEN, MEMBER CZARIST MILITARY COMMISSION, RECALLED OCTOBER, NINETEEN SEVENTEEN, AND MANAGED RETURN U.S. VIA CANADA, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN. FOLLOWING U.S. RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA, MADE VISIT TO MOSCOW ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR TO VISIT MOTHER. DENIES BEING APPROACHED BY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS THERE. SVESHNIKOFF EXPLAINED DIFFICULTY LEADING TO RESIGNATION ON RESERVE COMMISSION IN THIRTY ONE, STATING ONE STEPANOFF, WHOM HE HAD KNOWN IN U.S. UPON ARRIVAL OF RUSSIAN MILITARY COMMISSION, HAD REQUESTED HIM TO PREPARE PAPER ON MECHANIZATION OF VEHICLES, PROMISING HIM SUM OF MONEY BELIEVED ABOUT THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS. SVESHNIKOFF STATED HE CONSIDERED PREPARING PAPER AND TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED FRIEND IN WAR DEPARTMENT HAVING GERMAN NAME NOT RECALLED TO ASSIST HIM SECURE SOME DATA. DECLARED HE DID NOT CONSIDER THIS ESPIONAGE WORK AND AFTER DIFFICULTY ENDING IN RESIGNATION RESERVE COMMISSION HE DID NOT DO ANYTHING TOWARD PREPARING PAPER FOR STEPANOFF. HE STATED STEPANOFF OPERATED ORDNANCE RESEARCH OFFICE, NYC, ADDRESS BELIEVED ELEVEN THIRTY FIVE BROADWAY QUESTION MARK AND HE BELIEVES HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH AMTORG ABOUT THAT TIME AND UNDERSTANDS SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO RUSSIA PERMANENTLY. FURNISHED POOR DESCRIPTION STEPANOFF,

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LATE FIFTIES, FIVE FEET EIGHT OR NINE INCHES, MEDIUM, SLENDER, GRAY HAIR, BELIEVED TO WEAR GLASSES. STATED HE SAW STEPANOFF ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS UPON PERIODIC RECREATIONAL WEEKEND VISITS TO NY. SVESHNIKOFF DENIED ACQUAINTANCE WITH KEITH STATING THAT HE NEVER KNEW ANYONE BY THIS NAME EXCEPT ELDERLY ATTORNEY FRIEND KEITH CARLIN PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON. UNDER QUESTIONING ADVISED THAT AFTER FAILING TO PREPARE PAPER CONCERNING MECHANIZATION OF VEHICLES FOR STEPANOFF HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL ONE NIGHT AT UNIVERSITY CLUB FROM INDIVIDUAL WHO ADVISED STEPANOFF SENT HIM AND MET THIS PERSON IN PARK ON FOURTEENTH STREET. THIS INDIVIDUAL REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TECHNICAL DATA ON MECHANIZATION AND MADE THREATS TOWARD SUBJECT AND REPRISALS AGAINST FAMILY IN MOSCOW. SVESHNIKOFF FURNISHED VAGUE DESCRIPTION THIS INDIVIDUAL AND DOUBTS HE COULD IDENTIFY HIM, AGE THIRTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT OR NINE INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, SPOKE RUSSIAN, WORE HAT, BELIEVES INTERVIEWED IN SPRING OR SUMMER. SVESHNIKOFF POSITIVELY DENIED ACQUAINTANCE BORIS BYKOV AND DECLARED NEVER HEARD NAME BEFORE. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST SVESHNIKOFF ADVISED HE HAS SISTER NATALIE SOMINICH, PRESENTLY RESIDING MOSCOW, WHO IS COLLEGE EDUCATED AND HAS RESPONSIBLE JOB IN NATURE OF ATTORNEY COUNSELOR. ALSO TWO BROTHERS DR. ARKADY SVESHNIKOFF WHO OPERATED HOSPITALS DURING WAR AND NICHOLAS SVESHNIKOFF WHO HOLDS MENIAL POSITION. SUBJECT PRESENTLY

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EMPLOYED DRAFTSMAN, DIVISION VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, DISTRICT GOVERNMENT,  
NEW DISTRICT BUILDING, WASHINGTON. NOW RESIDING ROOMING HOUSE AT TWO  
NINE THREE TWO PORTER, N.W., TELEPHONE WOODLEY NINE NAUGHT SIX EIGHT.  
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THOUSAND. NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND. NINE-  
TEEN ~~WXXX~~ TWENTY EIGHT, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND; NINETEEN  
TWENTY NINE, TWO HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND. NINETEEN THIRTY, TWO HUNDRED  
FORTY THOUSAND. NINETEEN THIRTY ONE, TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND.  
~~DEMAR~~ DEWOLF, SALES PROMOTION MGR., WOODSTOCK CO., ALSO ADVISED ~~XXXX~~  
ADVISED THAT HORACE ~~SCHMAHL~~ SCHMAHL CONTACTED HIM TELEPHONICALLY DECEMBER TEN  
AND HE DECLINED TO FURNISH ANY INFO TO SCHMAHL, STATING THAT COMPANY  
~~POLICY~~ POLICY ALLOWED ~~SXXX~~ DISSEMINATION ONLY TO GOVERNMENT REPRES-  
ENTATIVES. SCHMAHL TOLD DEWOLF THAT HE INTENDED TO MAKE ANY PERTINENT  
INFO AVAILABLE TO THE FBI IN NEW YORK BUT ~~DWXXX~~ DEWOLF DECLINED TO  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ~~Belmont~~ *JEM*

Time of call: 6:50 P. M.

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM : J. E. Milnes *JEM FO*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ASAC A. H. Belmont of New York called. He said that they would send in their daily teletype concerning this case this evening, however, he wanted the Bureau to know that the Department has sent up to New York two attorneys from Washington, D. C., namely a Mr. Russo and a Mr. Kneif (allegedly the Department's indictment expert). In addition to those two men, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Whearty and Mr. Stryne are also present.

He said that they were going to hold a conference tonight concerning the possibility of an indictment being returned by the Grand Jury. Mr. Belmont believed, although he was not positive, that a possible indictment had already been drawn up against Alger Hiss, charging him with perjury. He said that the attorneys were very optimistic about the matter and were highly elated over the evidence that the Bureau had secured which showed that the 65 documents were typed by the same typewriter on which the letter to the Headmaster of the Landon School was typed. Mr. Belmont stated that he would obtain more definite information concerning this matter tonight and would advise me as soon as he received it.

In addition to the foregoing, while Mr. Belmont was in Mr. Donegan's office, Mr. Campbell called Congressman Nixon. It seems that Mr. Nixon told Mr. Campbell that he had issued a press release at 5:00 o'clock saying that the House Un-American Activities Committee would not attempt to get anymore witnesses until the Grand Jury had completed its hearings. Mr. Belmont opined that this may be on account of the fact that up to this point, we have been getting witnesses just in advance of the House Committee having obtained them.

You will recall that I advised you and Mr. Ladd of the foregoing.

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Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
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DIRECTOR AND SAC

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. AS RESULT OF NEWS-PAPER PUBLICITY YESTERDAY, THIS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF NON-SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS CONCERNING USED WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITERS. UNLESS FURTHER INVESTIGATION INDICATES ADVISABILITY, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON THESE COMPLAINTS, UNLESS BUREAU ADVISES TO CONTRARY.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, NEWJURY, IS - R. RE ASAG BELMONT'S TELEPHONIC REQUEST TO WFO THIS MORNING. ALGER HISS BOB AT STATE DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER ONE, NINETEEN THIRTYEIX, AT REQUEST OF FRANCIS B. SAYNE, THEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF TRADE AGREEMENTS. IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SUCH EMPLOYMENT, HISS WAS EMPLOYED IN SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. WITH REFERENCE TO NAMES AND TITLES OF INDIVIDUALS IN A POSITION TO TESTIFY AS TO AUTHENTICITY OF STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS, THEY ARE JOHN L. DEWLEBOY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ADMINISTRATION, AND WALTER K. SCOTT, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION.

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

December 14, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Russell Wiggins, Managing Editor of the Washington Post, informed me confidentially that they had information although he was unable to state the source, but he thought it could be checked into, that Pricilla Hiss lived with her first husband named Hobson in Paris for a couple of years prior to marrying him and that her son, Timothy Hobson, was illegitimately born and that her early life could not bear very close scrutiny; that the theory has been advanced that Chambers knew of this and might have used this as pressure upon her to secure documents or to secure Hiss' cooperation. Wiggins did not see where this would be of any great value but thought it was something we should know about in the event it had not been called to our attention, and he emphasized he was passing it on as rumor as it had not been verified.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
 V. B. Nichols

CC - Mr. Ladd

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

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

DATE: December 14, 1948

Re New York tel. to Bureau, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington Field Offices dated December 11, 1948. Investigation at Washington, D. C. fails to substantiate allegations that JAY CHAMBERS was employed as a Senior Administrative Officer at the Treasury Department in 1936 or at any time. On December 13, 1948, the records of Stone's Mercantile Agency were checked under the following names, with completely negative results:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
 JAY CHAMBERS  
 J. V. DAVID CHAMBERS  
 JAY VIVIAN CHAMBERS  
 J. V. CHAMBERS  
 J. VIVIAN CHAMBERS  
 VIVIAN CHAMBERS  
 WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
 J. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

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Likewise, the records of The Credit Bureau were checked with negative results under the same names. However, the files of The Credit Bureau contain a credit report dated April 18, 1940, concerning JAY L. CHAMBERS (ANNA), 6414 Western Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, who was born September 26, 1892, white, married, and two children. He had resided at the above address since March 10, 1937, and was buying his home there through LESLIE E. MEASELL Real Estate Company for \$14,000.

JAY L. CHAMBERS formerly resided at 3822 Albemarle Street, N. W., from March 15, 1936 to March 10, 1937, renting from LESLIE E. MEASELL, 3205 Oliver Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. He previously resided at 4439 Fessenden Street, N. W. from September 15, 1935 to March 15, 1936, and prior to that at 3707 Reservoir Road, N. W. and at New Concord, Ohio. His wife was unemployed.

At that time (April 18, 1940), JAY L. CHAMBERS had been employed as a Senior Administrative Assistant in the United States Treasury Department, Accounts and Deposits, since June 22, 1935, an emergency appointment. He had formerly been employed by the Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, as Professor of Economics for five years. He had one daughter, LaROYSTON CHAMBERS, then employed by the WPA and living at home.

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Director, FBI  
Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was  
December 14, 1948

A foreign credit report from Zanesville, Ohio dated September 4, 1936, reflected that CHAMBERS then had a daughter 20 years old and two sons aged 14 and 16 years. Prior to his employment with the United States Treasury in Washington, D. C. JAY L. CHAMBERS had been employed by the FERA in Columbus, Ohio for one and onehalf years and prior to that, had been head of the Department of Economics and Business Administration for five years at Muskingum College. His reputation was excellent.

The records of the Bureau of Federal Supply, Treasury Department, reflect that JAY L. CHAMBERS, 6414 Western Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, was employed in the Main Treasury Building in Accounts and Deposits, from 1935 to January, 1945, when he went over to the Commerce Department as an Accountant and Consultant. He remained there until April 15, 1946, at which date he entered on duty as an Accountant with the Bureau of Accounts for the Fiscal Branch, Office of the Deputy Director, Bureau of Federal Supply, U. S. Treasury Department, in which position he is still employed.

The files of the Civil Service Commission fail to reflect any Treasury Department employment by J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases, but does verify the above noted information concerning JAY L. CHAMBERS.

It will be recalled that J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases, nee J. VIVIAN CHAMBERS, was born April 1, 1901, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He resided in ALGER HISS' apartment #42, at 2831 - 28th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. from approximately July 1, 1934 to June 28, 1935, and was employed by the National Research Project, WPA, in Washington, D. C. from October 18, 1937 as Editorial and Research Assistant until he was terminated January 31, 1938 to take effect February 13, 1938.

Accordingly, it is believed that the person referred to by HISS' lawyer's investigator is probably identical with JAY L. CHAMBERS, who is not identical with the subject of this case.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd *ph*

SUBJECT:

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	_____

With reference to the microfilm which Congressman Nixon of the HCUA advised the Court in New York on December 13 that he would turn over to the FBI this morning I desire to advise that at 9:40 AM today I received a phone call from Mr. Stripling, General Counsel of the Committee, at which time he referred to the agreement for the delivery of this film. Mr. Stripling stated that the Committee had a meeting at 10:30 AM this morning and that Congressman Nixon desired to tell the committee of the commitment prior to delivering the film and that, therefore, it will probably be around eleven o'clock before it is sent to the Bureau.

At 11:38 AM I received a phone call from Mr. Louis Russell, Investigator for the Committee, and he advised that two rolls of microfilm were being sent to the Bureau at this time by Mr. Wheeler, an investigator, who would deliver them to my office. I inquired as to whether these films had been developed. He stated that they had been "exposed" but that they could not do anything with them. I asked him if this was all of the microfilm. He advised that it was not, that there was a total of five rolls but that the Committee wanted to use the other three rolls to question other witnesses. I asked him when this would be sent to the Bureau and Mr. Russell stated it may come up later today or tomorrow.

I thanked him for calling but made no commitment.

DML:dad

ADDENDUM--12:00 Noon, 12-14-48

At 11:55 AM, Mr. William A. Wheeler, an investigator for the Committee, called at my office and in the presence of Inspector H. B. Fletcher exhibited three containers in which there was microfilm. He advised that one of the containers had been slightly opened when recovered and as a result had become light-fogged and the negatives therein were a complete blank. The other two contained photographs of Navy documents. They were already developed, however, according to Mr. Wheeler, they were not too clear due to the age of the film prior to the time the committee recovered it.

Mr. Wheeler stated that this material had been developed by a Mr. Schmidt of the Veterans' Administration. He advised he believed Mr. Schmidt was a former FBI Laboratory employee. I inquired whether there were any other microfilms or documents and

*Whittier Chambers*

*ph*

*Mr. Schmidt  
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Mr. Wheeler advised that there were two other rolls which the Committee had retained. I asked him when this would be made available to the Bureau. He stated he did not know but presumed when the first three were returned to the Committee.

Mr. Wheeler also advised that he was instructed that he should remain with the film in order that there would be continuity of possession. I advised him that this was agreeable.

Inspector Fletcher accompanied by Mr. Wheeler left at twelve noon to take the film to the Laboratory for a Laboratory examination, the film still being in the possession of Mr. Wheeler.

D. M. Ladd

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER

DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

With reference to the microfilm brought over this afternoon by the House Committee Investigator, Mr. Wheeler, he returned to my office at 4:20 PM and advised that he was returning the film, that the Laboratory had finished with it. I inquired as to when the Bureau would be able to have the other two rolls and he stated he could bring them back this afternoon or tomorrow morning. I suggested if possible that he bring them this evening in order that they might be processed. He stated that four of the rolls were Eastman films and the records of the Eastman Company reflected them to be manufactured in 1936, that one of the rolls which would be one of the two rolls he has not as yet brought over was manufactured by Dupont and, according to Mr. Wheeler, could have been made in either 1936 or 1944. Apparently the Dupont Company stated that this could not be determined without examining the film itself.

With reference to the material in the first three reels, Mr. Wheeler advised that the Committee had so far identified ten or twelve Navy documents in this first group and that he thought if we checked with ONI they would know which documents had been identified and could give us this information.

It is suggested that arrangements should be made to obtain this information from ONI. Also the Laboratory reports should be obtained immediately and forwarded to the Attorney General and the Criminal Division reflecting the results of this check. The Laboratory should also be requested to endeavor to determine the age of this film, i.e. when it was manufactured.

At 5:12 PM, Mr. Wheeler returned and brought with him one roll of film. He stated that he would have to get the other roll and bring that up later in the evening. Inspector Fletcher took him to the Laboratory where the film is being examined.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DML*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
 PERJURY  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 12-14-48

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

With reference to the microfilm brought over this afternoon by Mr. Wheeler of the HUAC, he returned to your office again at 6:12 p.m. and I escorted him to the office of Mr. Harbo so that the roll he brought in at that time could be processed. This last roll was identified as the DuPont film as to which there is a question as to whether it was manufactured in 1936 or 1944.

I pointed out to the Laboratory expert that he should check the film for identifying marks for the purpose of determining the age of the particular film.

I ascertained from Mr. Sizoo that the material would be so processed during the night that by morning there will be available three copies for such disposition as is deemed necessary and desirable. I also instructed that the memorandum covering the examination be available at the same time.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 14, 1948

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

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Mr. Ladd received a call from Mr. Stripling saying that Mr. Nixon agreed to bring the microfilms to the Bureau at 10 o'clock this morning, but the Committee is meeting at 10:30 and he wants to tell them of the commitment he made to the Grand Jury first. He is expected here between 11 and 11:30 am.

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*HBI Fletcher*

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The Attorney General

December 14, 1948

The Director, FBI 286

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Reference is made to the microfilm in this matter which has been in the possession of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Congressman Richard Nixon, of the House Un-American Activities Committee, advised the Federal Court in New York City on December 13, 1948 that he would turn this microfilm over to the FBI this morning. I desire to advise that at 9:40 AM today Assistant Director D. M. Ladd received a telephone call from Mr. Stripling, General Counsel of the Committee, at which time he referred to the agreement for the delivery of this film. Mr. Stripling stated that the Committee had a meeting at 10:30 AM this morning and that Congressman Nixon desired to tell the Committee of the commitment prior to delivering the film and that, therefore, it would be around eleven o'clock before the film was delivered to this Bureau.

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SENT FROM RESULT  
TIME 10:45 AM  
DATE 12-15-48  
BY [Signature]

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
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- Mr. Mohr
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm
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- Miss Gandy

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The FBI Laboratory is making a check of this film for identifying marks for the purpose of determining the age of the particular film.

When the FBI Laboratory examination has been completed, the results will be immediately made available to you and to Mr. Campbell.

You will be kept currently informed of any pertinent developments during the course of this investigation.

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cc: Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. PERJURY, IS-R, ESP.-R. REFERENCE PHONE CALL FROM BALITMORE OFFICE TO NEW YORK DATED DECEMBER FOURTEEN, FORTY EIGHT, RE SEARCH OF PERSONAL EFFECTS FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO INTERVIEWED THIS DATE IN PRESENCE OF BROTHER PHILIP RENO AT THE HOTEL COMMODORE, NYC. RENO DURING EMPLOYMENT AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, ABERDEEN, MD. COMMENCED WRITING A BOOK TENTATIVELY ENTITLED "EXTERIOR BALLISTICS UP TO NINETEEN FORTY FIVE" IN COLLABORATION WITH PROFESSOR EDWARD J. MC SHANE, NOW STATIONED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AND JOHN L. KELLEY, NOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. RENO MET KELLEY IN SUMMER OR FALL OF NINETEEN FORTY TWO WHEN LATTER COMMENCED RESEARCH AT ABERDEEN. RENO LIKewise MET MC SHANE IN NINETEEN FORTY TWO AT ABERDEEN AND WORKED WITH HIM AND KELLEY ON BALLISTICS IN SAME OFFICE AT PROVING GROUNDS. KELLEY CEASED EMPLOYMENT AT ABERDEEN NOVEMBER NINETEEN FORTY FIVE AND SINCE THAT TIME RENO HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH KELLEY AND MC SHANE FOR PURPOSE OF COMPLETING BOOK. HE ADMITS FROM TIME TO TIME HE FORWARDED RESTRICTED MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM ABERDEEN RESEARCH

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LABORATORY LIBRARY TO MC SHANE AND KELLEY IN ORDER THAT THEY MIGHT COMPLETE VARIOUS PHASES OF THEIR MATHEMATICAL CALCULATIONS AND OTHER MATERIAL FOR THE BOOK. THE MANUSCRIPT FOR THE BOOK WAS SUBMITTED TO RENO-S SUPERVISOR R. P. H. KENT FOR CLEARANCE PURPOSES IN ORDER THAT THE MATTER APPEARING THEREIN MIGHT BE CENSORED PRIOR TO EVENTUAL PUBLICATION. RENO IS WORKING AT THE PRESENT TIME ON AN INTRODUCTION FOR THE BOOK WHICH DEALS IN GENERAL WITH THE SCIENCE OF MOTION OF PROJECTILES. RENO ADMITS THAT FROM TIME TO TIME HE CHARGED OUT VARIOUS RESTRICTED MATERIAL FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES DURING HIS EMPLOYMENT AT ABERDEEN. HE FURTHER ADMITS THAT SOME MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CHARGED OUT IN THE USUAL MANNER. HE DENIES HOWEVER, THAT HE EVER FORWARDED ANY RESTRICTED SECRET OR CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL TO ANY PRIVATE, UNAUTHORIZED PERSON FOR SUBVERSIVE OR ULTERIOR REASONS. RENO RECALLED THAT HE MAINTAINED VOLUMINOUS NOTES AND RESEARCH BOOKS AMONG PERSONAL EFFECTS AT ABERDEEN OFFICE AS WELL AS CARE OF MRS. E. J. ~~EATON~~, BALDWIN MANOR, ABERDEEN, MD. HE BELIEVES THAT A QUANTITY OF THIS WAS PROCURED FROM THE RESEARCH BALLISTICS LABORATORY, ABERDEEN, MD. MOST OF THE MATERIAL PERTAINING TO BALLISTICS AND HIS OWN NOTES AND STUDIES OF VARIOUS PROJECTS WORKED ON HIM AT THE LABORATORY. RENO RECALLED THAT AFTER HIS DISCHARGE FROM UNIVERSITY HOS-

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PITAL, BALTIMORE, MD. ON OR ABOUT JULY THIRD, FORTY EIGHT, HE WENT TO HIS FORMER DORMATORY ROOM AT ABERDEEN AND PROCURED HIS CLOTHES TOGETHER WITH TWO BOOKS, ONE ENTITLED MATHEMATICS OF EXTERIOR BALLISTICS BY G. A. BLISS AND TABLE OF INTERVALS, A BOOK ON APPLIED MATHEMATICS, NEITHER OF WHICH BOOKS WAS OBTAINED FROM THE ABERDEEN LIBRARY. HE ADMITS THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY DATA HE TOOK PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR HIS RESIDENCE IN DENVER, COLORADO. RENO LIKEWISE RECALLED THAT AMONG HIS BOOKS AND PAPERS WERE VARIOUS PHOTOSTATS ENTITLED MATHEMATICAL THEORY OF AIR COMBAT, BY L. B. C. CUNNINGHAM. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE STUDY OF AIR COMBAT AND FOR THIS REASON HAD THE MATERIAL IN HIS POSSESSION, HAVING PROCURED SAME FROM RESEARCH LABORATORY. RENO ADVISED IT WAS COMMON PRACTICE FOR PERSONS AT THE RESEARCH LABORATORY TO RETAIN POSSESSIONS OF BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS FROM LIBRARY WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE USUAL CHARGE OUT PRACTICES. RENO FURTHER REITERATED THAT HE HAS NEVER ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY SINCE DISCONTINUING CONNECTIONS WITH WHITTAKER CHAMBERS IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN OR EIGHT. PHILIP RENO CORROBORATED HIS BROTHER-S STATEMENT THAT THEIR ONLY VISIT TO ABERDEEN WAS IN JULY, FORTY EIGHT AT WHICH TIME FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO TOOK HIS CLOTHES, SEVERAL SUITCASES AND

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THE DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL MENTIONED ABOVE. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF PATRICK ~~B. WHELAN~~, HUDSON COUNTY PD NUMBER FIVE THREE NINE, PHOTO DATED FEBRUARY SIXTH, THIRTY EIGHT, AS PADDY ~~WHELAN~~, WHOM HE KNEW IN BALTIMORE, MD. RENO FAILED TO IDENTIFY PHOTO OF BERNARD ~~WEINKRANTZ~~, HUDSON COUNTY PD NUMBER FIVE FOUR NAUGHT DATED FEBRUARY SIXTH, THIRTY EIGHT, AS BERNIE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BY HIM IN SIGNED STATEMENT.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS DENVER AND NEW YORK URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RETEL FROM NYC TODAY. JOHN WELLS BRINTON BORN OCT. TWELVE, NINETEEN TWELVE, BEACH, N. D. ATTENDED U. OF COLORADO, NINETEEN THIRTY TO THIRTYSEVEN. GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE, MAJORING IN ECONOMICS. WAS ASSISTANT IN ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN TO FORTY. AFFILIATED WITH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AFL, BUT DID NOT LEAD THE SAME. BRINTON NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION WORKERS UNION, CIO, AND ORGANIZER OF I. L. AND W. UNION, DOMINATED BY HARRY BRIDGES. THIS UNION OPENLY ACCUSED OF BEING COMMUNISTIC BY LABOR HERALD. BRINTON AND ROBERTA JONES AIDED IN ORGANIZING MONTGOMERY WARD FOR IL AND W., NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. BELIEVED TO BE ASSISTED IN ORGANIZATIONAL WORK BY AL LANNON, NEWLY APPOINTED SECRETARY, DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR, COMMUNIST PARTY. BRINTON CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNIST PARTY WHILE IN BALTIMORE, ASSISTED PARIOS FLEEZANIS, KNOWN COMMUNIST, IN HIS CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION TO CITY COUNCIL. HIS CAMPAIGN WAS SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY. PUBLIC LETTER BY BRINTON OPENLY PRO HARRY BRIDGES. BELIEVED TO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS OF AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION MOVEMENT, WASHINGTON, DC. RECEIVED COMMUNIST PAPER QUOTE DAILY WORKER UNQUOTE. BALTIMORE INFORMANTS ADVISE BRINTON REGARDED AS DEPENDABLE MAN

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BY AL LANNON, FORMER SECRETARY CP, DISTRICT NUMBER THREE, WHO STATED CP TRADE UNION GROUP IN BALTIMORE COLLAPSED ON DEPARTURE OF BRINTON. BRINTON ATTENDED ANTI-CONSCRIPTION MEETING SPONSORED BY AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION IN WASHINGTON IN NINETEEN FORTY. EMPLOYED NATIONAL RESOURCES PLANNING BOARD, WASHINGTON, DC, NINETEEN FORTYONE, AS JUNIOR ECONOMIST SELECTING SITES FOR DEFENSE PLANTS AND BY CENSUS BUREAU NINETEEN FORTYONE. BRINTON INDUCTED OCT. NINE, FORTYTHREE, ASN THREE SEVEN SEVEN ZERO FIVE NINE FIVE ONE. FORMER KNOWN RESIDENCES EIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE CEDAR ST., SILVER SPRING, MD., NINETEEN FORTY, ONE EIGHT ZERO ZERO N. LONGWOOD ST., AND THREE THREE THREE SEVEN WINDSOR AVE., BOTH BALTIMORE, MD., NINETEEN FORTYTWO TO FORTYTHREE. ALBINA BRINTON, HIS WIFE, BELIEVED TO HAVE COME TO BALTIMORE FROM ST. PAUL, MINN., WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COMMUNIST CONTROLLED LOCAL TWELVE UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICAN DECEMBER NINETEEN FORTYTWO. ALBINA, LAST NAME UNKNOWN IDENTIFIED AS REGULARLY ATTENDING CP MEETINGS IN BALTIMORE. MAIL ADDRESSED TO PHIL RENO IN CARE OF BRINTON ADDRESSED TO THREE THREE THREE SEVEN WINDSOR AVE., BALTIMORE. LAST ADDRESS OF BRINTON AVAILABLE TO BALTIMORE OFFICE THREE ONE HUNDRED WEST FORTIETH AVE., DENVER, COLORADO.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS  
NOW REVEAL SIXTYFOUR DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY GIVEN CHAMBERS BY HISS TYPED ON SAME  
MACHINE AS PURPORTED KNOWN TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS DESCRIBED BELOW.

K SEVENTEEN, TWO PAGE LETTER ADDRESSED TO WALTER L. TIBBETTS, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
DATED JANUARY THIRTY, NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE BEGINNING QUOTE ON READING OVER MY  
POLICY LAST WEEK UNQUOTE, UNSIGNED. K THIRTYTWO, THREE PAGES QUOTE DESCRIPTION  
OF PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TIMOTHY HOUSON UNQUOTE DATED SEPTEMBER NINE,  
NINETEEN THIRTYSIX ON THIRD PAGE, NO SIGNATURE. K THIRTYFIVE, LETTER ADDRESSED  
TO MISS FENA L. HELLINGS, PHILADELPHIA, POSTMARKED DECEMBER SIX, NINETEEN  
THIRTYONE, BEGINNING QUOTE DR. PELTZ, MY PHYSICIAN UNQUOTE, SIGNED DAISY FANSLER.  
K FORTY, LETTER ADDRESSED TO WALTER G. SCHELMER, NEW YORK, DATED FEBRUARY  
SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE, BEGINNING QUOTE THIS IS IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER  
OF FEBRUARY ELEVEN, NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE UNQUOTE, SIGNED ALGER HISS. K FORTYONE,  
LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. W. M. HILKEGIST, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS, UNIVERSITY OF  
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, MD., DATED MAY TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN, BEGINNING  
QUOTE I AM SHIPPING TO YOUR OFFICE TODAY UNQUOTE, SIGNED FRISCILLA FANSLER HISS.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 12-15-48

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY;  
ESPIONAGE - R

Time of call: 7:25 p.m.  
12-14-48

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
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- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In accord with your instructions, I phoned Mr. Peyton Ford of the Department at 7:25 p.m. to respond to his inquiry as to whether any of the documents furnished by Chambers were originals. I told him that all were copies, many of them were known to be paraphrased copies of State Department documents and none of them bore any official State Department stamp. I did tell him, however, that in the material described as the pumpkin papers there appeared to be photographs of seven State Department documents on six of which appeared the stamp of Assistant Secretary of State Sayre and on the seventh there appeared to be a State Department file number and a handwritten notation to the effect that it had been handed to the German Ambassador.

Mr. Ford stated that this responded to his inquiry because he had a faint recollection with reference to material furnished by Chambers that one or two of the documents were actually official papers. I told him this was not true.

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ONLY USING TRUEBLOOD. TRUEBLOOD ALLEGED TO HAVE STATED TO INFORMANT THAT FBI WAS CAUGHT WITH PANTS DOWN AT PEARL HARBOR, SAYING QUOTE WE IN STATE DEPARTMENT ARE CONVINCED THAT FBI DID A LOUZY JOB AT HAWAII UNQUOTE. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

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[REDACTED] ADVISED ON SEPTEMBER TEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, THAT PRISCILLA HISS, WIFE OF ALGER HISS, SPOKE TO WIFE OF DONALD HESS REGARDING A NURSERY WHICH THE LATTER CONDUCTED IN GEORGETOWN, DC. PRISCILLA SAID THAT AN EDDY TRUEBLOOD WHO LIVED IN BETHESDA WAS A CHILD OF THE AGE TO BE PLACED IN A NURSERY SCHOOL AND HAD ASKED ALGER ABOUT IT. CARLES W. YOST, PRESENTLY COUNSELLOR, U.S. LEGATION, VIENNA, AUSTRIA, LOCATED STATE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, DC, FROM NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE TO NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. INFO FILES REVEAL THAT DURING SUMMER NINETEEN FORTY, YOST WAS IN CONTACT WITH GERMAN EMBASSY, DC, APPARENTLY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS EXCEPT THAT ON AUGUST FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY, HE THINKED ULRICH VON GIERMATH, SECOND SECRETARY, GERMAN EMBASSY, FOR ASSISTANCE IN GETTING TWO RELATIVES OF HIS OUT OF POLAND. STATE DEPT PERSONNEL AND CONFIDENTIAL FILES REVIEWED ON TRUEBLOOD AND YOST. NO EVIDENCE OF SUSPICION DIRECTED TOWARDS EITHER EXCEPT MINOR CRITICISM OF TRUEBLOOD BY HIS SUPERIORS WHEN AT SOUTH AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC POST REGARDING QUOTE SOMEWHAT EXTREME POLITICAL VIEWS UNQUOTE. CRITICIZED IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE AT SANTIAGO FOR TENDING TO CONSORT EXCLUSIVELY WITH RADICALS. FILE REVEALED YOST HAS POLISH WIFE, POSSIBLY EXPLAINING ABOVE DESCRIBED CONTACT WITH GERMAN EMBASSY. TRUEBLOOD WAS NOT IN BROTHER IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND NO OTHER TRUEBLOOD TRACES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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JAS DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. REBULET DEC. THIRTEEN LAST. GEORGE LEROY ~~PIGMAN~~ HAS BEEN IN INDIANAPOLIS SINCE FORTYSIX AS EMPLOYEE OF CAA EXPERIMENTAL STATION AND HIS ONLY PRESENT ASSOCIATE OR FELLOW EMPLOYEE, WHO HAS HAD ANY ASSOCIATION WITH PIGMAN DURING PIGMAN-S EMPLOYMENT WITH THE BUREAU OF STANDARDS, WAS PELLEIVA ~~KANGAS~~. KANGAS IS ALSO EMPLOYED BY CAA AS A MATERIALS ENGINEER AND WAS THE SUBJECT OF AN LGE INVESTIGATION RECENTLY. KANGAS AND PIGMAN ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES OR FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON WHILE BOTH WERE EMPLOYED BY THE BUREAU OF STANDARDS DURING THE NINETEEN THIRTIES. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, KANGAS WILL BE INTERVIEWED AFTERNOON DEC. SIXTEEN. NO INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH PIGMAN-S PRESENT ASSOCIATES.

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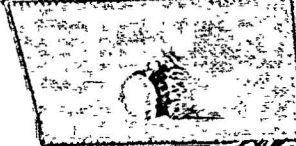
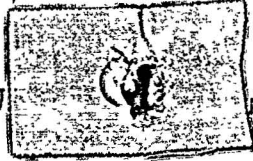
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PHOTOGRAPHER NAMED BY CHAMBERS. RECORDS ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND RE-  
FLECTED VLADIMIR V. DE SVESHNIKOFF APPLIED FOR POSITION IN BALLISTICS  
RESEARCH LABORATORY, ABERDEEN, MAY, FORTYEIGHT. HIS APPLICATION RETURNED  
TO HIM WITH SUGGESTION HE APPLY AT EDGEWOOD ARMY CHEMICAL CENTER.  
INQUIRY AMONG BALLISTICIANs AT BALLISTICS RESEARCH LABORATORY REVEAL  
THEY ARE NOT ACQUAINTED WITH DE SVESHNIKOFF. RECORDS EDGEWOOD ARMY  
CHEMICAL CENTER, MD., REFLECT DE SVESHNIKOFF APPLIED THERE APRIL  
THIRTY, LAST, FOR POSITION AS CHEMICAL ENGINEER. IN THIS APPLICATION  
HE STATED HE WAS BORN MOSCOW, RUSSIA, EIGHTEEN EIGHTYNINE, HEIGHT  
FIVE FEET EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYTWO POUNDS,  
MARITAL STATUS SINGLE, CITIZENSHIP UNITED STATES, EDUCATION ATTENDED  
SCHOOLS IN RUSSIA THROUGH NINETEEN EIGHTEEN AND GEORGE WASHINGTON  
UNIVERSITY, WASH, DC, IN NINETEEN FORTYTWO. NOW EMPLOYED SINCE APRIL  
FORTYSEVEN AS ENGINEER DRAFTSMAN BY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNDER  
SUPERVISOR J. F. MITTON. SELF EMPLOYED NOV. FORTYFIVE TO APRIL,  
FORTYSEVEN. SMALL WAR PLANTS COMPANY, JUNE, FORTYFOUR, TO NOV. FORTYFIVE,

*J. P. [Signature]*

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JOHN M. THORNE, INC., PENTAGON BLDG., OCT. FORTYTHREE, TO APRIL, FORTY  
FOUR. ENGINEERING MACHINERY CO., NYC, FORTYTWO TO FORTYTHREE. MC KNEW  
FAIRFAX AND CO., WASHINGTON, DC, NINETEEN THIRTYNINE TO FORTYTWO.  
SELF EMPLOYED WASHINGTON, DC, THIRTYTWO TO THIRTYNINE. BUREAU OF STANDARDS  
NINETEEN THIRTY TO THIRTYTWO. ADDL DETAILED INFO RE  
DE SVESHNIKOFF BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES BY  
SEPARATE LETTER.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: December 15, 1948

TO : MR. FLETCHER

Time of call:

FROM : J. E. Milnes *JEM* 7:03 P. M.

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

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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ASAC A. H. Belmont of New York called. He said that they had interviewed Franklin Victor Reno on numerous occasions in this case and he had furnished to them considerable information concerning his activities while at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland. Mr. Belmont said that they were well aware of Reno's arthritic condition and in view of this handled him very gingerly. They even transported him to and from his hotel at the times they interviewed him.

Today they recontacted him while he was at his hotel on call of the Grand Jury and displayed to him two pictures. It seems that during the time the Agents were interviewing Reno he indicated that he was contemplating committing suicide. The Agents immediately reported this matter and about 2:20 P. M. Reno called Supervisor Al Touhy and advised Mr. Touhy that he was considerably disturbed about the publicity that has arisen as a result of this case. He said that if he could stop the publicity, he would plead guilty and would supply additional information which he has not furnished before. Mr. Belmont said that it was quite apparent that Reno was mentally disturbed and considerably upset.

Immediately upon receiving the call from Reno, they contacted the Department of Justice attorneys and informed them of the suicidal statements made by Reno and his willingness to plead guilty. At their insistence, Mr. Stryne, one of the Departmental attorneys, came to the office and talked to Reno. Reno settled down but had nothing to say which had not been said before. After the interview was completed, Mr. Stryne sent Reno back to his hotel and told him to remain there until tomorrow morning at which time he was to be interviewed by Mr. Donegan who apparently wants to see him concerning this case. Mr. Belmont said that it appears that it is the Department attorneys' intention to interview Reno in the morning and then dismiss him so that he can return home.

I indicated to Mr. Belmont that in view of Reno's statements, they should have nothing further to do with him and that he should be handled by the attorneys. Mr. Belmont stated that they had not contemplated contacting him at any time in the future; however, he wanted the Bureau to know that Reno's remaining in New York at this time was at the expressed direction of the attorneys who were in complete charge of him.

Upon the receipt of the above information, I immediately advised Mr. Ladd who was present at the time.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was  
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(Baltimore File 74-1333)

DATE: December 15, 1948

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Re WFO teletype to Director and Baltimore, dated December 13, 1948  
and Baltimore teletype to Director, New York and Washington Field, dated  
December 14, 1948

By letter to the Director, dated December 14, 1948 the Baltimore  
Office forwarded a written letter written by PRISCILLA FANSLER HISS  
(Mrs. ALGER HISS) to Mr. W. M. HILLEGEIST, Director of Admissions,  
University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, dated May 25, 1937 for  
comparative analysis by the FBI Laboratory.

The above mentioned letter contained in substance an application  
for entrance into the summer school at the school of Pharmacy, University  
of Maryland for the session beginning June 7. (Official records on file  
at the Registrar's Office, University of Maryland, Lombard and Greene  
Streets, Baltimore, Maryland, reflect that PRISCILLA FANSLER HISS attended  
the summer session in the school of Pharmacy, University of Maryland, for  
an eight week course beginning June 7, 1937.)

The writer of the letter in question indicated her address in this  
letter as 1245 - 30th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

On December 14, 1948 Mrs. FLORENCE T. STAFFORD, assistant,  
Registrar's Office, University of Maryland, Lombard and Greene Streets,  
Baltimore, Maryland, furnished the above-described letter to Special Agent  
WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER. The initials of Agent PFEIFFER and Mrs. FLORENCE T.  
STAFFORD were placed on the reverse side of the above letter together with  
the date 12/14/48 for future identification of this letter by Mrs.  
STAFFORD in whose official custody the letter is maintained.

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Mrs. STAFFORD advised that she has been employed in her present  
position at the University of Maryland during the period prior to May 26,  
1937 (date of receipt of instant letter by the University of Maryland)  
to the present date. The above letter was originally received by Mr.  
W. M. HILLEGEIST, Director of Admissions, University of Maryland, Baltimore,  
Maryland on May 26, 1937 and was given to Mrs. STAFFORD in the registrar's  
office about June 1, 1937 and has been maintained in her official custody  
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Mrs. STAFFORD further advised that Mr. W. M. HILLEGEIST, while occupying the position of Director of Admissions, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, died about June 2, 1940.

Mrs. STAFFORD is willing to testify to the foregoing facts and can be served with a subpoena at the registrar's office, University of Maryland, Lombard and Greene Streets, Baltimore, Maryland.

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