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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS; WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R.
RE WFO TEL FEBRUARY ELEVEN, FORTYNINE. ATTORNEY THOMAS A.
ELIOT INTERVIEWED FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, FORTYNINE, AND ADVISES
HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH ALGER HISS SINCE APPROXIMATELY
NINETEEN THIRTYSIX BUT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY CHAMBERS FROM
PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED ALTHOUGH REPEATED IN DETAIL THE STORY
ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY JAMES H. ~~HOWE~~ REGARDING THE PERSON WHOM HE
MET AND WHO BORROWED MONEY FROM HIM. NO INDICATION THAT THIS
UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL WAS IDENTICAL WITH CHAMBERS AND NO
INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ELIOT RELATING *to*

THE ALLEGATIONS OF
THIS INVESTIGATION AS RESPECTS HISS OR CHAMBERS. ELIOT REGARDS HISS
AS RESPONSIBLE , LOYAL CITIZEN. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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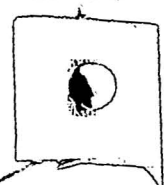
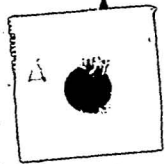
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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.

RENYTEL FEBRUARY NINE, LAST, INDICATING LAWRENCE R. BROWN RESIDED ONE FIVE FIVE EIGHT THIRTYTHIRD STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC, IN NINETEEN FORTY.

INVESTIGATION HERE NEGATIVE BUT CREDIT CHECK REFLECTS THAT BROWN MAINTAINS BANK ACCOUNT AT BANK OF MANHATTAN, LINCOLN BRANCH, NYC. NY LOCATE FROM BANK ACCOUNT AND SUTEL APPROPRIATE OFFICE TO INTERVIEW. BROWN FORMER MEMBER NYE COMMITTEE.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. DASH R.
IS-R. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY WAS ONLY GRAND JURY WITNESS TODAY AND
COMPLETED HER TESTIMONY. GJ SCHEDULED TO RECONVENE FEB. TWENTY
THIRD NEXT ON WHICH DATE HAROLD GLASSER WILL APPEAR. PHOTOSTATIC
COPIES OF DEFENSE MOTION PAPER AND AFFIDAVITS IN INSTANT CASE BEING
FORWARDED TO BUREAU TODAY.

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J. D. W. CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. WFO REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT LOCATION OF LOUIS SHUMAN THROUGH RECORDS OF BUREAU OF STANDARDS, WDC, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED IN CEMENT DIV. WITH WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN AND GEORGE PIGMAN. ANCHORAGE OFFICE STATES THAT ARTHUR THEURER, FORMER EMPLOYEE, BUREAU OF STANDARDS, STATED THAT SHUMAN VERY FRIENDLY WITH PIGMANS AND MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER INFO RE PIGMANS BACKGROUND AND ALLEGED ASSOCIATIONS WITH WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS ETAL ESPIONAGE DASH R. PERJURY.
REURTEL FEBRUARY NINE LAST. JULIA RANKIN WHO RESIDES AT ROUTE FOUR
GREENSBORO, N. C., NINETEEN FORTYTHREE, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED HOME
FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, GREENSBORO, N. C. AND IS NOT
IDENTICAL WITH JULIAN RANKIN, FORMER MAID OF HISS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WA, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE AND LSR.
 IT IS EXPECTED THAT WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WILL MAKE TRIP TO PETERSBORO AND THOMASTON SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF FEB TWENTYONE NEXT IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE GUEST HOUSES. BOSTON IS REQUESTED TO SECURE AND FURNISH NY WITH PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THE SECTIONS OF PETERSBORO TRANSCRIP DATED AUGUST FIVE, THIRTYSEVEN, AND AUGUST TWELVE, THIRTYSEVEN, DEALING WITH THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PLAY QUOTE SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER UNQUOTE AS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT OF F. M. CONNERS DATED JAN TWENTYFOUR, FORTYNINE.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESP DASH R. VICTOR
PERLO REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND DECLINED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AS TO
HIS COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES. HE DECLINED TO STATE WHETHER
OR NOT HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH ALGER HISS, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND OTHER
INDIVIDUALS NAMED BY CHAMBERS IN THE ABOVE INVESTIGATION.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. REBUTEL FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH. NINETEEN THIRTY REGISTRATIONS OF KNIGHT HOMESTEAD, PETERBORO, N. H., BEING FORWARDED BUREAU, FEBRUARY SEVENTEENTH, AMSD.

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cc-Mr. F. L. Hughes

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R.
 RE WFO TELETYPE FEBRUARY ELEVEN LAST. MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM F. EARLS,
 FORMER NEIGHBORS OF HISS IN WASHINGTON, FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFO.
 THEIR DAUGHTER, MARILYN EARLS, SEVENTEEN EAST EIGHTYFOURTH STREET,
 NEW YORK CITY, WAS BABY SITTER FOR HISS BUT PARENTS BELIEVE NEW YORK
 AGENTS INTERVIEWED HERE.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL, PERJURY, ESP. R.
RENYTEL FEB. FIFTEEN RE WILLIAM ROSEN. ON FEB. TWENTY FOUR L.A.
ADVISED DIRECTOR, NY, AND WFO THAT BEN MARGOLIS, ROSENS LA ATTOR-
NEY ADVISED THAT ROSEN LEFT L.A. THREE OR FOUR DAYS PREVIOUS TO
JAN. TWENTY FOUR TO RETURN TO WASH. D.C. WHERE HE COULD BE REACHED
CARE OF HIS WASH. ATTORNEY DAVID REIN, ONE ZERO FIVE K ST., NW,
WASH. D.C.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS ET AL, ESPIONAGE R, PERJURY. RE 1742
SEARCH FOR MAID JULIA RANKIN. SURVEY OF FLORIDA AVE. REFLECTS THREE NEGRO
CHURCHES IN VICINITY OF FLORIDA AND SEVENTH ST., NINTH ST., AND SHERMAN
AVE. WHICH ARE POSSIBILITIES. PRESENT AND PAST MINISTERS THESE CHURCHES,
CHURCH RECORDS AND CHURCH MEMBERS. COMPLETELY NEGATIVE RE RANKIN. NEIGHBORHOOD
INVESTIGATION THIS VICINITY NEGATIVE. REAL ESTATE AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS
NEGATIVE. D.C. CITY DIRECTORIES NINETEEN THIRTY TO DATE RECORD NO JULIA RANKIN.
ALL LIKELY RANKINS LISTED IN FORTY EIGHT DIRECTORY AND TELEPHONE BOOK CONTACTED
NEGATIVE. METROPOLITAN P.D. AND CREDIT RECORDS NEGATIVE. RECORDS D.C. HEALTH
CLINIC, FOOD HANDLERS PERMITS AND V.D. RECORDS NEGATIVE. RECORDS GOVT.
CAFETERIAS AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION NEGATIVE. RECORDS DOMESTIC EMPLOYMENT
AGENCIES, D.C. BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE NEGATIVE. IDENT. DIV. FBI CONTAINS
RECORD OF A JULIA RANKIN, GREENSBORO, NC. CHARLOTTE HANDLING. CHAMBERS WHILE
IN WASHINGTON ADVISED HE HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF JULIA RANKIN AND THAT MRS.
CHAMBERS HAD ONLY VAGUE RECOLLECTION. SUGGEST NEW YORK CONSIDER ADVISABILITY
OF RECONTACT MRS. CHAMBERS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. UNLESS ADVISED TO
CONTRARY NO OTHER INVESTIGATION RE RANKIN WILL BE MADE BY WFO.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY ESPIONAGE DASH R,
IS R. RENKTEL FEB EIGHT. JOHN HERRMANN HAS PO ADDRESS TAYLORS ISLAND,
MD, BUT IS PRESENTLY IN MEXICO CITY, CARE OF WELLS FARGO EXPRESS.

DATE OF PLANNED RETURN NOT KNOWN. THIS INFO, ACCORDING TO SISTER,
MRS. DONALD TEEL, ONE SEVEN ONE FOUR LINDBERG DRIVE, LANING.

BROTHERS ARE ROBERT C. HERRMANN, NINE TWO THREE BAY CIRCLE, CORONADA,
CALIF, AND RICHARD HERRMANN, TWO ONE EIGHT NORTH WASHINGTON,
LANING. RUC.

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NEW ORLEANS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP-R. RE

WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE FEBRUARY FOUR LAST CONCERNING ANDREE

EMEREE. WALTER WOHLKE, STATE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
U. S. D. I., SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT ANDREE EMEREE WAS
EMPLOYED FROM APRIL, THIRTYFIVE, TO JULY, THIRTYFIVE, IN WHAT WAS
KNOWN AS THE INDIAN DIVISION OF THE RURAL RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION
AT THE HURLEY-WRIGHT BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C. SHE WAS BROUGHT
INTO THE ORGANIZATION BY WARD ~~SHEPARD~~, THEN LAND PLANNING SPECIALIST OF
THE B. OF I. A., U. S. D. I. SHEPARD, EMEREE, AND AN UNKNOWN WOMAN
WITH INITIALS K. K. K. BECAME EMBROILED IN A LOVE TRIANGLE WITH THE
THE RESULT THAT SHEPARD SUFFERED A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND SHEPARD-S
WIFE WAS COMMITTED TO ST. ELIZABETH-S HOSPITAL. K. K. K. WAS REPORTEDLY
THE SECRETARY TO SHEPARD. WOHLKE COULD NOT RECALL ANY SMALL DARK JEWISH
WOMAN EMPLOYED AS THE SECRETARY TO ANDREE EMEREE IN THE INDIAN DIVISION
OF THE R. R. A., WHICH EMPLOYED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY OR THIRTY INDIVI
DUALS. WOHLKE IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF ANDREE EMEREE AS A GIRL
NAMED ANDREE, LAST NAME UNKNOWN TO HIM, REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTESS
AND DESCRIBED AS SEXY, STRIKING, ATTRACTIVE, UNMARRIED HUNGARIAN,

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AND WHEN THE NAME EMEREE WAS MENTIONED TO WOHLKE, HE BELIEVED SHE HAD USED THIS NAME. THE I. D. OF R. R. A. WAS DISSOLVED JULY NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS AND THE RECORDS OF THIS ORGANIZATION MAY BE FILED EITHER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY THE RURAL RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION AND LATER THE FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, OR AT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, SHOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ID OF THE R. R. A. WOHLKE SUGGESTED THAT ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS WERE AND MAY STILL BE IN EXISTENCE WHICH REFLECTED THE IDENTITIES OF THE EMPLOYEES AND THE POSITIONS HELD. WOHLKE SAID THAT OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO KNEW ANDREE EMEREE AND WHO MIGHT ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING HER SECRETARY WERE-ONE, THE UNKNOWN SECRETARY OF SHEPARD WHOSE INITIALS ARE K. K. K., TWO, H. M. ~~CRITCHFIELD~~, DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES, USDI, ROOM FOUR ONE SIX ZERO INTERIOR BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C., THREE, ~~MRS. HELEN GUEVAS~~, ~~NEE MANN~~, FORMERLY WOHLKE-S SECRETARY, REPORTEDLY RESIDING YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX. ORIGINALLY FROM A PROMINENT YAZOO FAMILY. HER HUSBAND IS A PHOTOGRAPHER. WASHINGTON FIELD SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW WARD SHEPARD, NOW RETIRED, AND REPORTEDLY RESIDING IN WASHINGTON, D. C. OR A NEARBY VIRGINIA TOWN, WHO CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH DR. JOHN H. PROVINSE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, USDI.

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WASHINGTON FIELD SHOULD ALSO INTERVIEW H. M. CRITCHFIELD. THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW MRS. HELEN QUEVAS. THE ABOVE INTERVIEWS SHOULD DEVELOP- ONE, THE IDENTITY OF THE UNKNOWN JEWISH SECRETARY TO ANDREE EMEREE, TWO, ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANDREE EMEREE, THREE, THE IDENTITY OF SHEPARD-S SECRETARY, K. K. K., SO SHE MAY BE INTERVIEWED. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE WHITTAKER CHAMBERS HAS STATED THAT ANDREE EMEREE PROVIDED HIS SUCCESSOR AS UNDERGROUND COURIER BETWEEN ~~J. PETERS~~ IN NEW YORK CITY AND THE HAROLD WARE ESPIONAGE GROUP IN WASHINGTON D. C., ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. THIS SUCCESSOR WAS THE SECRETARY OF ANDREE EMEREE AT THE USDI AND IS DESCRIBED AS QUOTE SMALL, DARK, AND JEWISH, UNQUOTE. PRIOR INVESTIGATION OF ANDREE EMEREE REFLECTS SHE WAS BORN IN HUNGARY, NOVEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN HUNDRED FIVE AND MARRIED EDMUND WILLIAM STEVENS IN NEW YORK CITY AUGUST ELEVEN, NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE, WHOM SHE DIVORCED IN MOSCOW IN THIRTYFIVE. SHE MARRIED ~~ROY HUDSON~~ IN THIRTY SIX. SHE IS A SISTER OF ~~ROBERT EMERY~~. SHE HAS USED THE NAMES ~~ANDREE XXX~~ ~~ANDRE EMBERY~~, MRS. ROY BANNERMAN HUDSON, ~~EDITH EMERY~~, MRS. ERNEST MISKOLCZY, ~~MARTHY ANDREA MISKOLCZY~~, ~~MARTHA A. CYOMROY~~, MRS. EDMUND WILLIAM STEVENS. SHE IS DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE

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HUNDRED FORTYFIVE LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, BLUE-GRAY EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, JEWISH. SHE NOW RESIDES AT FOUR FOUR SEVEN DASH FOUR FOUR NINE PAGE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO. SUTEL BUREAU, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY, OF RESULTS. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD RECEIVED COPY OF REPORT. NYC ORIGIN.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R, IS R. 1742
 REMYTEL FEB EIGHT LAST. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO REINTERVIEWED ALBUQUERQUE,
 NM, FOURTEENTH INSTANT, STATED HE HAD NOT CONTACTED AN ATTORNEY BUT
 DESIRED TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. STATES HE WAS NOT IMPLICATED IN ANY
 TYPE OF ESPIONAGE OTHER THAN WITH CHAMBERS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.
 HE STATED HE HAS NOT SEEN BERNIE SUBSEQUENT TO HIS DEALINGS WITH
 CHAMBERS, DOES NOT KNOW ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, BUT HAS BEEN INTRO-
 DUCED TO PERSON NAMED JESS WHO WAS SOME OFFICIAL IN CP AT BALTIMORE
 WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE JESSIE ZIMMERMAN. IDENTIFIES ALLEGED PROFESSOR
 OF JOURNALISM AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, FIRST NAME FRANCIS, AS FRANCIS
FRANKLIN, PROFESSOR, JEFFERSON SCHOOL, NYC. STATES INDIVIDUAL
 REFERRED TO AS BIG BEAR MAY HAVE BEEN PALMER WEBER FORMERLY ACTIVE
 IN CIO, PAC, NYC, STATES HE KNOWS BENJAMIN FIELD AS CP ORGANIZER IN
 BALTIMORE AND THAT HE ALSO HAS HAD PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH STANLEY
BLUMBERG AND STENASKLOF. STATES NONE OF THESE PERSONS WERE INVOLVED
 IN ESPIONAGE TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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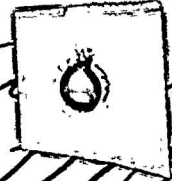
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J. D. W. CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY DASH ESP R. RE WASHINGTON
TEL FEB. FOURTEENTH INSTANT. SHIPMENT OF WADLEIGHS RUG TO NY NOT NECESS-
ARY AT THIS TIME. WILL ADVISE WHEN, IF ANY, SUCH DELIVERY NECESSARY.
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
ALGER HISS, ETAL
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R

DATE: February 14, 1949

Re: FRANKLIN RENO

Reference report of Special Agent JESSE F. FARR dated January 28, 1949 at Baltimore, Maryland.

Above report reflects that contained in an address book reported to belong to FRANKLIN RENO and furnished by Mrs. MARY E. KNETTLES, there appeared the following notation: "Mr. GARFINKEL, Computing Laboratory".

A lead was also set out in the above report for the Washington Field Office to interview HANS G. HERTZ.

Dr. HERTZ was interviewed on February 11, 1948 and he advised that he first met FRANKLIN RENO in December, 1946 when RENO and Dr. BORIS GARFINKEL visited the Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. Dr. HERTZ stated that he had become acquainted with GARFINKEL when both were doing graduate work at Yale University in 1940. Dr. HERTZ stated that he was aware that GARFINKEL was an employee of Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He stated that Dr. GARFINKEL has visited him about four times since 1946. Dr. HERTZ stated that he had never heard anything which would indicate FRANKLIN RENO was associated with the Communist Party.

He did state, however, that he has heard rumors that Dr. GARFINKEL had Communist leanings. Dr. HERTZ introduced the reporting agent to ERNEST GUENTHER REUNING, a fellow employee of HERTZ at the Naval Observatory. Mr. REUNING stated that he had met Dr. GARFINKEL through Dr. HERTZ and had had several conversations with him.

Mr. REUNING stated that he noted in all of their conversations GARFINKEL always defended Communism and Russia. Mr. REUNING stated that after two or three talks with GARFINKEL he became convinced that GARFINKEL was either a Communist or a fellow traveller. He stated that this feeling was so strong that he wondered why GARFINKEL continued to be employed at Aberdeen and even considered calling the FBI to report GARFINKEL.

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REUNING further stated that in November, 1948 he was visiting in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania and attended a party at the home of one of his former professors, Dr. VAN de KAMP. He stated he discussed GARFINKEL with Dr. DORRIT HOFFLEIT of Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts who was formerly an employee at Aberdeen during the war and who is still serving in an advisory capacity.

He stated that Dr. HOFFLEIT considered GARFINKEL to be a liberal thinker but had not talked to him to any extent. Mr. REUNING stated he urged Dr. HOFFLEIT to engage GARFINKEL in a political conversation so she could determine for herself whether he leaned toward Communism.

Mr. REUNING stated he has not had occasion to discuss the matter with Dr. HOFFLEIT since November.

The Washington Field Office files reflect no information regarding Dr. BORIS GARFINKEL or Dr. DORRIT HOFFLEIT.

It is suggested that Dr. BORIS GARFINKEL be thoroughly interviewed re his association with RENO.

No lead is being set out to have Dr. DORRIT HOFFLEIT interviewed at this time and it is being left to the discretion of the Baltimore office.

Please expedite.

cc - Baltimore (Special Delivery)

- New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: *H. H. [unclear]* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
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DATE: February 14, 1949

PHILIP RENO

Reference report of Special Agent EDWIN O. JOHNSON, in the above entitled matter, dated December 24, 1948 at Denver, Colorado.

In the above report a lead was set out for the Washington Field Office to locate and interview MARTIN KURASCH, who was reported to have been a fellow employee of PHILIP RENO at the War Labor Board in Denver, Colorado in 1943.

Investigation has disclosed that the above person is actually MARTIN KURASCH who was employed with WLB from 1942 to 1946 when he transferred to the Federal Housing Authority. He was later with the Office of Housing Expediter from where he was furloughed in March, 1948. He formerly resided at 1103 Trenton Place, S. E., Washington, D. C.

The Post Office records reflect that on February 1, 1949 a change of address was ordered for MARTIN KURASCH from ~~the above address~~ to 1546 Trinity Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The files of the Washington Field Office reflect that KURASCH was the subject of a Hatch Act investigation in 1942 because his name appeared in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. During above investigation informants advised that he associated with "so-called liberal groups" whose policies consistently coincided with the Communist Party line.

A loyalty investigation was ordered on KURASCH on June 1, 1948 but as he had already been furloughed from government service no actual investigation was conducted. In addition to the above information the original loyalty letter from the Bureau reflected that in 1942 MID had advised that it had received information to the effect that KURASCH was an

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alleged Communist. The above letter further reflected that the files of the Bureau indicated KURASCH had been associated with reported Communists.

For the information of the Pittsburgh Office WHITTAKER CHAMBERS named FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO as a person who had furnished him in 1937-38 with information about the activities of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds where RENO was employed from 1937 to 1948. PHILIP RENO is the brother of FRANKLIN RENO. Both RENOs in statements to New York Agents on December 13, 1948 admitted former membership in the Communist Party, FRANKLIN from about 1934 until 1938 and PHILIP from 1944 until 1948.

PHILIP was an employee of WLB in Denver, Colorado from December 1942 until May 1943 and the Denver Office has uncovered evidence of Communist Party activities in the WLB office in Denver during the pertinent period.

It is requested that KURASCH be thoroughly interviewed re Communist activities of PHILIP RENO and whether he knew of RENO associating with ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

New York is office of origin and one copy of the report reflecting the above investigation is to be specifically designated for THOMAS J. DONEGAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, New York City. Please expedite.

CC: New York
Pittsburgh (AMSD)

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. IS-R.
 RE LOS ANGELES TEL FEB. NINTH INSTANT, RE WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE.
 FOR INFO ALBANY OFFICE, UNSUB, KEITH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS WILLIAM
 EDWARD CRANE AND HAS BEEN AND IS PRESENTLY BEING INTERVIEWED BY LOS
 ANGELES. REFERENCED TEL REFLECTED THAT CRANE SAYS THAT ABOUT NINETEEN
 THIRTY TWO HE MET MARGARET GUTELIUS AT CP MEETING AT MILL VALLEY,
 CALIF., THAT DURING NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR-THIRTYFIVE CRANE AND GUTELIUS
 LIVED TOGETHER AS MAN AND WIFE WHILE GUTELIUS WAS ATTENDING MEDICAL
 SCHOOL AT UNIVERSITY OF CAL., BERKELEY, CAL., AND THAT CRANE LIVED
 WITH GUTELIUS IN NEW YORK CITY WHILE GUTELIUS WAS ATTENDING COLUMBIA
 UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL. CRANE SAYS GUTELIUS KNEW CRANE WAS IN
 SOME UNDERGROUND WORK AND ON ONE OCCASION GUTELIUS AND CRANE WENT
 OUT WITH COLONEL BYKOV TO A NIGHT CLUB IN NEW YORK. AN UNIDENTI-
 FIED NEWSPAPER CLIPPING, FOUND DURING SEARCH OF CRANE-S RESIDENCE,
 REFLECTED CRANE AND GUTELIUS WERE MARRIED BY GUTELIUS-S FATHER, A
 PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER. GUTELIUS PRESENTLY REMARRIED AND CRANE

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DOES NOT KNOW MARRIED NAME BUT ADVISES GUTELIUS-S HOME WAS IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. CRANE HAS ADMITTED DOING PHOTOGRAPHY WORK OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS FOR CHAMBERS IN UNDERGROUND APPARATUS. RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA, AT NEW YORK CITY, REFLECT ONLY ONE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER OF THAT NAME, STANLEY F. GUTELIUS, THREE EIGHT EIGHT MAGEE AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. ALBANY OFFICE WILL, WITHOUT AT THE PRESENT TIME DISCLOSING INQUIRY, ASCERTAIN FROM REVEREND GUTELIUS THE PRESENT ADDRESS AND MARRIED NAME OF HIS DAUGHTER, MARGARET, AND ADVISE THIS OFFICE OF SAID NAME AND ADDRESS, AND ALSO OF ANY INFO IN ALBANY FILES ON MARGARET GUTELIUS, AKA ~~MARGARET CRANE~~, OR ANY OTHER NAMES SHE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO USE. REBUTEL FEB. TEN, FORTYNINE UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU, NO INTERVIEW OF MARGARET GUTELIUS CONTEMPLATED UNTIL INTERVIEW OF CRANE BY LOS ANGELES IS COMPLETED. INASMUCH AS MARGARET GUTELIUS CAN THEN BE INTERVIEWED IN REGARD TO ALL FACTS FURNISHED BY CRANE.

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TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Search of attic of WOOD home, Thomaston, Conn. did not locate 1937 tourist register.

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REFERENCE:

New York teletype to New Haven, 2/10/49.

DETAILS:

At Thomaston, Connecticut

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Mrs. WESTBY has received a letter from her mother since Mrs. WOOD was contacted by agents of the Miami office, in which Mrs. WOOD indicated that in the unlikely event the desired register was still in existence, that it would be located in the attic of her home in Thomaston, Connecticut.

*cc AAG Campbell
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F. J. [unclear]*

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AT NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

Will interview JOHN C. MOORE, West Road, New Canaan, for information concerning HISS. (This is in accordance with New York teletype to New Haven of 2/14/49).

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FIFTEEN LAST REQUESTING INFO RE RAY WARNER AND SIDNEY SCHOSTECK.
REPORT OF SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS DATED FEB. ELEVEN LAST AT EL PASO,
TEXAS, INDICATES WARNER IDENTICAL WITH ROBERT E. RAY, OPEN PARTY ORGAN-
IZER IN DC NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE AND NINETEEN THIRTY SIX. EXPEDITE
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J. D. W. CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP R. ELIZABETH T. BRENNER
WAS ONLY GJ WITNESS TODAY AND RELATED GENERALLY HER ESPIONAGE ACTIV-
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Did Anybody Hold Back the FBI?

The House Un-American Activities Committee has left to its final report the disclosures:

1 That, not two but at least 52 lots of secret State Department papers were stolen for Russia during the five years of Whittaker Chambers' connection with the Red spy "apparatus."

2 That a successor to this apparatus remained active at least as late as 1945.

3 That the committee has "no evidence" that the spy ring is not still operating.

On the face of these statements the committee has left its job far from done. It

has left unanswered the main question emerging from them, which is:

Where was the FBI during all this time?

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The FBI is now, as in 1935-39, the agency on which the country relies for safety from espionage. The statements in the committee's report can not help but shake confidence in its past and present alertness.

We know from the few samples published by the committee that documents stolen in the pre-war period were not fakes "planted" to fool the spies. They were the real thing, some so secret that they still can not be published.

We know now that the spying was not a case of a single isolated success, which, being discovered, led to effective counter-espionage measures.

We are told that the apparatus operated during Chambers' connection with it, like a veritable espionage production line out of the State Department and other Government departments."

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We know it operated within two blocks of the FBI's Washington headquarters. We know that, so far as the testimony shows, the FBI first learned of it when Elizabeth Bentley's conscience at last prompted her in 1945 to go to the Justice Department with a voluntary confession.

Indeed, the surface facts suggest that all now known to either the FBI or the committee came to them in the first instance through unsolicited confessions by those involved.

The picture is hardly one to inspire confidence that the spy danger has been licked or will stay licked.

There is an inference, which appears believable, that the FBI was prevented from presenting to the New York grand jury all of the evidence it collected after the Bentley confession. The inference is that the Administration acted to save itself embarrassment.

By extension, it may be theorized that similar influences were at work in 1935-39 to keep the FBI from cracking down on the spy ring.

If that is so, the FBI is entitled to have it known. The country is entitled to know it, and to know that these supposed influences no longer can endanger national security.

J. Edgar Hoover should have been called by the committee to explain the agency's role throughout the past decade. But he should have been called while control of the committee was still in Republican hands. A Democratic committee is evidently less likely to ask questions now more than ever embarrassing, supposing that theory to be the correct one.

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RE NEW HAVEN TEL JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND NEW YORK TEL JANUARY THIRTYONE
LAST CONCERNING PROPOSED INTERVIEWS OF ZACHARY BARANOFF AND JOSEPH GUILLETTI.
NEW HAVEN IS INSTRUCTED TO THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW GUILLETTI, FRANK DRAMINSKI AND
DUDLEY CHAPMAN SIMULTANEOUSLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY
CHAMBERS AND FOR ANY INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT TO INSTANT CASE.
BOSTON SHOULD THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW ZACHARY BARANOFF ON THE SAME BASIS.
NEW YORK SHOULD MAKE CERTAIN THAT BOSTON HAS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION CONCERNING
INSTANT MATTER TO CARRY OUT THOROUGH INTERVIEW OF BARANOFF. NEW HAVEN WILL
DELAY INTERVIEWS UNTIL ADVISED BY NEW YORK THAT BOSTON HAS NECESSARY DATA.
AT THAT TIME NEW HAVEN WILL ADVISE BOSTON WHEN INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE
SO THAT THE INTERVIEWS OF GUILLETTI, BARANOFF, DRAMINSKI AND CHAPMAN WILL
TAKE PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

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FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
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ASAC Santoiana, New Haven, called in at 9:30 a.m. today and stated that they had received instructions to interview Joseph Guilietti, and the background of this matter suggested that at the same time Dudley Chapman, Supervisor at the Electric Boat Company, New London, Connecticut; Zachary Baranoff, Navy Shipyard, Boston, Massachusetts; and Frank Draminski, should be interviewed at the same time for the purpose of making it impossible for these four to communicate with each other prior to being contacted by Bureau Agents concerning the interview with any one of them.

There is attached a memorandum which briefly sets out the situation described by Chambers and which has been the subject of a previous Bureau inquiry. The action recommended by the New Haven Office seems to be desirable, and there is also attached a teletype to the New Haven Office instructing that the interviews be conducted simultaneously.

Attachments

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Has the FBI gone to sleep? If not, what has happened? Did political minded Tom Clark stop you from investigating the traitors (who should be shot) in the State Dept? Clark could not see anything wrong with the stealing of an election in Kansas City and the hiring of safe crackers to blow the safe and destroy the evidence. And probably saw nothing wrong with having traitors in our State Dept. who were selling the nation down the river, to Joe Stalin and his bunch of gangsters and murderers in the Kremlin. Now President appoints as Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, the man who hired Alger Hiss and thus placed him in a position to steal and pass on to our enemies, our most secret diplomatic and military information. We used to say "It could not happen here" but it now looks as if it is happening, or has already happened here. The ghost of Benj. Franklin Henry, - "Give Me Liberty or give me death", must be very uneasy these days. We have no patriots in high places any more. a good job or a \$1,000 fee for negotiating the Polish loan. some men will sell their souls and their country. O God.

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FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.
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DATE: February 15, 1949

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ASAC Belmont, New York, called at 6:00p.m. tonight and stated that as Chambers was leaving the office today after being interviewed, he left with one of the agents an envelope requesting that the contents be read after he had left.

The envelope was opened thereafter and in it is contained a notation in which he states that the interview with him has now progressed to the point that he feels it necessary to divulge the information contained in a signed statement which is of that character that it should be discussed with a priest. He requested also that when interviewed concerning the contents of this statement he be interviewed by one agent instead of two.

Briefly, the statement enclosed in the envelope points out that Chambers expects to admit that he has been a homosexual. He explains that his father was a homosexual and that his tendencies are hereditary. He names two persons, Frank Bang, who is a brother of a former classmate of Chambers at Columbia and Michael Intrator, who was a cartoonist for the Daily Worker. He explains that for the past 10 years these inherited tendencies have been under control and he is a good husband and father. He indicates this so-called confession is made because he expects to tell the truth despite any instinct he has to self-preservation.

Mr. Belmont stated that copies of the statement of Chambers will be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau tomorrow.

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TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo *RD*FROM : J. A. Sizoo *JAS*SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: February 18, 1949

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In accordance with the preliminary arrangements made, Mr. FLETCHER of the Security Investigative Division at approximately 9:45 AM on February 15, 1949, escorted Mr. MCKILLIPS, Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, to the Laboratory. I escorted Mr. MCKILLIPS to the office of SA F. E. WEBB in order that the "pumpkin" negatives could be turned over directly from MCKILLIPS to WEBB. After contacting his office to advise approximately when the FBI Laboratory would be through with the film, MCKILLIPS left the Laboratory at approximately 10:00 AM. He returned to the Laboratory at approximately 2:30 PM and at approximately 3:00 PM the "pumpkin" negatives were returned to him by SA WEBB at which time he left the Laboratory.

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WEBB is making a comparison between the "pumpkin" film and the test film which we made from the INSLERMAN cameras in an effort to determine whether or not one of INSLERMAN's cameras was used to expose the "pumpkin" film. A report on this matter will be prepared for all interested offices as soon as possible.

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FILE NO. 74-51

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS DATE WHEN MADE 2-11-49 PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-7, 8-49 REPORT MADE BY SA FREDERICK A. JOHN

TITLE: Changed: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was: George Crosley, Carl Carlson, Vivian Chambers, Jay V. Chambers, Lloyd Cantwell, John Kelly, "Carl", "Karl", "Bob", Arthur Dwyer, David Breen, David Bream, ALGER HISS, PRISCILLA HISS, aka Mrs. Alger Hiss, Mrs. Priscilla Hobson, nee Priscilla Fansler, HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR.; WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN; HENRY HILTON MADLEIGH, wa. Julian Madleigh; DAVID VERNON ZILBERMAN, was: David Carpenter, Harold Wilson; ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, wa. George Silverman; FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, was: "Vince", "Vincent", Lance Clark, Bennett, Hall; ALEXANDER STEVENS, was: Alexander Goldberger, J. Peters, "Peter", "Peter", Steve Lapin, Pete Stevens, Steve Miller, Isidora Borstein; ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING, wa. Eleanor Nelson Porter; BORIS BYKOV, was: Colonel Bykov, Borris Bykov, Borris Hertz; FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN, wa. "Felix"; Unknown subject, wa. "Bernie"; Unknown subject, wa. "Keith"; AZEMOV (ph.)

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Journalism at Columbia University, first name FRANCIS, whose wife's first names are ANNA MAE, with whom you stayed in New York City to see WASKLOFF off? Who are STEVE, MAE and PERKIE connected with April 15? Details of other friends and associates set forth. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO also advised that for a short period just before going to work at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in 1937 he was the op'd Communist Party organizer at Cumberland, Maryland, using the alias LANG CLARK. RENO claimed that he has completed numerous forms, some recently, during his employment by the Federal Government indicating he was not a member of an organization favoring the overthrow of the Government by force and violence. Because of this, he believes he has been guilty of a violation of federal law not barred by the statute of limitations. RENO identified the photograph of BENJAMIN FIELD as a man of that name who was the Communist Party organizer in Baltimore, Maryland in 1937 but was unable to identify the "BIG BEAR". ROBERT E. RAY was the Communist Party name of RAY WARNER, Communist Party organizer at Washington, D. C. during the 1930s. RENO requested another interview with El Paso Agents on February 14, 1949.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 74-1333;
Report of SA JOSEPH M. KELLY dated at New York City 1/21/49;
Report of SA JESSE F. FARR dated at Baltimore, Maryland,
1/28/49;
Report of SA JAMES FREY dated at Washington, D. C. 1/28/49.

DETAILS:

The title in this case is being changed to add the aliases Bennett and _____ Hall, which last names FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO claimed he used as aliases while doing Communist Party work. He stated he was unable to recall what first names, if any, he used in this connection.

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO voluntarily appeared for interview at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Resident Agency in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on February 7 and 8, 1949 and was interviewed by Special Agents J. PHILLIP CLARIDGE and FREDERICK A. JOHNS.

It should be noted that when the interview reached the point of inquiry regarding STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG on February 7, 1949, RENO stated that he was unwilling to answer these questions without consulting his attorney EDWARD

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again, this time in Washington, D. C. Actual contact was arranged by calling PHILIP RENO'S apartment and by using the code phrase indicated above. The place of the meeting was not recalled by FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO but he does recall that at this meeting he gave CHAMBERS nothing in the way of documents; however, he discussed the general set-up of the Ballistics Research Laboratories at Aberdeen, Maryland, and during the interview with CHAMBERS drew an organizational chart of the laboratories. This information was given CHAMBERS at his specific request.

As to the remaining contacts with CHAMBERS, RENO advised that he could not separate them accurately as to dates, places and subject matter. He recalled that after several contacts he gave CHAMBERS the text book of an Ordnance school; later on the firing tables of 30 or 50 calibre machine guns. RENO recalled that he came in contact with various firing and bombing tables in 1938. As to the larger guns, RENO stated he could not recall if the documents furnished CHAMBERS pertained to 14 inch or 16 inch guns. He opined that if a 14 inch gun was involved it would have been a railroad gun, and if a 16 inch gun was involved it would have pertained to a seacoast gun. He stated that according to his best recollection this matter was turned over to CHAMBERS in the period from July or August 1937 to the Spring of 1938. RENO stated he could not be more definite in this.

13 In addition to the above, in response to definite requests from CHAMBERS, RENO stated that at one of the early meetings he drew a rough sketch of what he then thought was the basic principle of the Norden Bombsite. RENO described this sketch as a "schematic drawing of the range trail diagram with a bar across the top". RENO stated that at that time he supposed that this was the basic principle of the Norden Bombsite but that he later learned that it was very inaccurate and almost unrelated to the actual device. In this connection RENO remarked that the original drawings and other data pertaining to the bombsite were locked up and carefully guarded, and that he could not get to them. RENO advised that CHAMBERS had indicated that he was interested in any thing new and pertaining to military equipment.

At various meetings with CHAMBERS, RENO discussed with him the advisability of taking several other jobs at the Ballistics Research Laboratories. RENO recalled that at that time he could have gone to work on the development of the Spark Range and also in various optical equipment work; how

CHAMBERS stated that he should continue to work in Ballistics, and RENO followed these instructions. On another occasion RENO was offered a position at the Naval Observatory and discussed this with CHAMBERS who told him to stay at Aberdeen. This RENO did, he stated. At another meeting RENO advised CHAMBERS regarding the use of International Business Machine Company's computing machines in various ballistic experiments.

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO stated that during the period of contacts with CHAMBERS his only other contact in Washington, D. C. was his brother, PHILLIP RENO. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO stated that he was not sure whether PHILLIP RENO knew of the nature of these contacts or not, however, PHILLIP RENO definitely was not assisting in any way in the espionage and frequently FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO made remarks tending to mislead PHILLIP as to the purpose of the contacts with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

During this period, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO advised that he did not know any of the other contacts that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had in his espionage work, however, from various remarks CHAMBERS indicated that he had other contacts and in this connection FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO reached the conclusion that one such contact was an Army officer.

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO advised that after receiving the various documents CHAMBERS took them, had them reproduced, the exact method not known to RENO, and returned them the same day or the following day. RENO stated that in all he saw WHITTAKER CHAMBERS from six to fifteen times, usually at two week intervals. Occasionally, however, these intervals were as long as from three to six weeks. RENO advised that his contacts with CHAMBERS stopped in the late Spring of 1938 and came about because WHITTAKER CHAMBERS failed to keep an appointment and RENO never tried to meet him again. RENO claimed that he never tried to meet CHAMBERS again because he (RENO) was by then disgusted with his espionage work.

When asked "Have you seen "BERNIE" subsequently to the time you stopped seeing CHAMBERS?" RENO advised that he would have to talk to his lawyer before answering that question, but did state positively that he had not seen "BERNIE" for ten years. When asked whom he last saw regarding espionage after CHAMBERS stopped, RENO replied that he would also have to talk with his lawyer on this point. RENO again gave the same reply to the question "Did espionage continue after WHITTAKER CHAMBERS with from the work?"

As to the espionage work in general, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO stated that he engaged in such because "BERNIE" told him to, and RENO clearly understood that it was work for the Communist Party. RENO stated that "BERNIE" told him to sever all open connections with the Communist Party. RENO added that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, at various times, also repeated the instructions regarding severing of all open Communist Party connections. RENO further stated that while doing this espionage work, although he carried no card and paid no dues, he definitely considered himself a Communist engaged in Communist Party work. In this connection RENO expressed the opinion that the vast majority of the Communist Party members have no idea of the Communist Party underground that is interested in espionage.

RENO stated that in 1938 he came to the conclusion that he was no longer in sympathy with the "organizational procedure" of the Communist Party, both as to the open and underground branches. He was also opposed to certain activities; for example he came to believe that espionage was no good and that the result was that the individual was entirely discredited and unable to do any good in the future. RENO stated that he then came to feel that important things should be done openly which was not the case with any of the Communist Party activities. RENO stated that although he stopped active espionage work in 1938 he never made any formal break with the party - was never expelled, and never resigned. As to the basic doctrines of the Communist Party, RENO stated that he would not repudiate all of them even at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS, BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO advised that he gave none of the reports of the Ballistic Research Laboratories to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or any other espionage agent. RENO stated that the same was true regarding the various books charged out by him while at the Laboratories and included the various secret and confidential documents, a list of which was furnished by the Baltimore Office in referenced report from Baltimore.

CORRESPONDENCE MAINTAINED BY RENO AT THE WIND TUNNEL

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO advised that he had occasion to correspond with WHEELER of the Sperry Gyroscope Company. He stated that WHEELER was site engineer, that the matters had to do with official business. he could not recall any of the details. RENO advised that nothing to do with Communistic or espionage activities.

THOMAS E. HUDSON, who seemed to be a very capable individual, at one time was considered by RENO as a good prospective employee at the laboratories. HUDSON had no Communistic or espionage connections. HARRIET R. BROOKS was a girl who worked in the laboratories, with whom RENO had a slight acquaintance, but regarding whom there was no Communistic or espionage activity. As to the inquiry "What happened to the men who were picked up in Havre de Grace," RENO advised that this referred to a scuffle that he and MONROE NORDEN got into with some soldiers in Havre de Grace and whom RENO reported to the Military Police. The scuffle apparently occurred when the soldiers considered that RENO and NORDEN were giving undue attention to the girls accompanying the soldiers.

RENO recalled writing a letter to Senator GLENN TAYLOR arguing against universal military training. RENO recalled that his argument was that a large army without modern weapons was ineffective. He stated that this was not a Communist Party activity.

WILLIAM D. GOODWIN was an assistant in the laboratories to RENO during 1939 and had no Communistic or espionage connections.

RENO was questioned in detail regarding the individuals from whom he received miscellaneous Christmas cards, etc. (as set forth on page 8 of the referenced report from Baltimore) and nothing of significance was reported.

FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

As requested in referenced report from the Baltimore Office, RENO was questioned in detail regarding various friends and acquaintances, as well as miscellaneous correspondence and documents located in his room. Only information which appears pertinent to this investigation is being set forth below.

RENO advised that he could recall definitely no one that he described as "The BIG BEAR". He added that this was the term that he frequently applied to an individual who was large, rough, and agreeable. He stated that if he had ever used this term in connection with securing employment for any one that he might possibly have referred to a Colonel SUMERFELT of the United States Air Forces, whom he considered the type of person that this phrase fitted. RENO stated definitely that SUMERFELT had absolutely no Communist or espionage connections.

As to STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG, RENO advised that he first knew him in 1943, possibly not until 1944. BLUMBERG, according to RENO, was a graduate in engineering from George Washington University or Johns Hopkins, and had an extensive knowledge of electrical engineering. He was about the same age as RENO and had been in the Navy for about two years ending in the fall of 1946. RENO added that BLUMBERG might have been in the Merchant Marines as an officer transporting troops or on one of the ships operated by the Army which transported troops. BLUMBERG was also connected with the National Research Committee. RENO stated that he also knew ALBERT BLUMBERG, who was a "party chieftain" in Baltimore, Maryland. RENO stated that he never knew this BLUMBERG personally and knew of no connection between the two BLUMBERGS. RENO advised that his friendship with STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG continued until he (RENO) left the Baltimore-Aberdeen area when he was discharged from the University of Maryland Hospital in 1948. RENO recalled that his first contact with STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG was at Aberdeen Proving Grounds when BLUMBERG was trying to put over some project in connection with the National Research Committee. RENO advised that the meeting came about in this way - RENO was called by the security personnel at the entrance stating that STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG wanted to see him. RENO replied that he did not know STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG, to which the guard replied, "Well, he knows you."

It should be noted that RENO'S answers regarding BLUMBERG became rather vague until asked the question, "Did STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG ever meet WHITTAKER CHAMBERS?" This he did not answer and was then asked "Was there something more to BLUMBERG'S visit than you have indicated?" At this RENO became noticeably confused and embarrassed and remarked, "You have got me - there was something more". At this point RENO stated that he did not wish to answer any more questions regarding STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG until he consulted with his attorney.

When asked whether JESSE ZETTERMAN and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN had any espionage or Communistic connection, RENO also refused to answer, stating that he wished to consult with his attorney on this point also. As to ALEXANDER STEVENS, RENO stated that he did not know the man and did not recognize a photograph of him.

As to STEN ASKLOF, RENO stated that this was a personal friend with no Communistic or espionage connections. He stated that ASKLOF was an able who had some real ability and for whom he (RENO) felt a certain sympathy. He tried to help him in getting employment all that he could and in

other personal matters, and estimated that he spent some \$500.00 of his own money for this purpose.

When asked regarding the identity of a professor of Journalism at Columbia University, whose first name is FRANCIS, and whose wife's first names are ANNA MAE, in whose apartment RENO had stayed in New York City when he went there to see ASKLOF leave the country, RENO became embarrassed and stated that he wanted to consult his attorney on this point also before answering.

As to the notation "STEVE", "E" and "PERKIE" -- April 15, RENO again became embarrassed and stated that was another point on which he wanted to consult his attorney before answering.

When asked about the list of names on notepaper "C. B. BOYS, CRAIG INGALLS, ALGER, etc., RENO stated that these were writers of established text books used in connection with work at the Ballistic Research Laboratories.

RENO stated that Dr. SIDNEY LIBERMAN was merely his dentist and that he had no Communist or espionage connections. RENO also stated definitely that BERNARD SHEIN was definitely not "BERNIE".

PAST COMMUNISTIC ACTIVITIES OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

RENO advised that subsequent to his employment at the WPA in early 1937, and prior to his employment at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in July 1937, he was the open Communist Party organizer in Cumberland, Maryland. He stated that such activity lasted from two to six weeks and that at this time he used the alias LANCE CLARK. RENO related that through his Communist Party activity in and around Washington, D. C., he was using the last names of BENNETT and HALL. He could not recall having used any first names with these and rather doubted that he ever did.

In Cumberland, Maryland, RENO stated that as the Communist Party organizer he collected dues from some members and forwarded the money to the State Headquarters of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland. He also distributed and collected for various Communist Party literature including the Daily Worker and numerous pamphlets, the names of which he could not recall. RENO stated that while in Cumberland, Maryland, he had tried to get a job at the Tinplate Mill, the name not being recalled, where he had hoped to assist in organizing the steel workers. He was not successful in this. Also while in Cumberland, he advised, he tried to see some old-

time Socialists for the purpose of recruiting them into the Communist Party. RENO stated that he was unwilling to give the names of these individuals.

RENO stated that while he was in and around Washington, D. C., in 1935 and 1936, the open Party organizer was RAY WARNER, whose Communist Party name was ROBERT E. RAY. RENO recalled that the name ROBERT E. RAY was the name used in the Party work and was the name signed to various official Communist Party bulletins, letters, announcements, etc. RENO described this man as being a native of the United States, white, about 5'10" tall and a flashy dresser. RENO stated that, to the best of his knowledge, this man was still living.

From time to time during the interview with FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, he stated that during his employment with the Federal Government in Washington, D. C., but principally at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, he has had occasions to complete numerous personnel forms, included in which were questions pertaining to membership in or advocacy of an organization favoring the overthrow of the Government by force and violence. RENO expressed the opinion that because some of these forms were filled out within the past several years that he felt that he was guilty of a violation of the Federal Law that was not barred by the statute of limitations.

RENO identified a photograph of BENJAMIN FIELD as a man of that name who was the Communist Party organizer or one of the top Communist Party functionaries active in Baltimore, Maryland in the Spring of 1937. RENO stated that he was definitely not "BERNIE". RENO also described FIELD as the "party chieftain" when he (RENO) went to Cumberland, Maryland in 1937 to do Communist Party work. RENO stated that to the best of his knowledge FIELD was not engaged in any espionage activity.

Photographs of ALGER HISS were shown RENO and he stated that he did not know this individual during his espionage activity and had in fact never seen or heard of him until the grand jury proceedings in New York City.

RENO identified the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as the man of that name whom he knew as "CARL" for a time and with whom he engaged in espionage activity.

RENO stated to the interviewing agents that he planned to discuss his

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case with his attorney EDWARD J. SCHEUNELMANN in Denver, Colorado, particularly regarding the various questions that he was unwilling to answer during this interview. RENO stated that he wished to talk to the interviewing agents again, and suggested the date February 14, 1949. Arrangements have been made to interview RENO again on this date.

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THE BALTIMORE OFFICE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND:

Will consider securing additional information regarding STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG in view of the information indicated by FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO as set forth in this report.

Will furnish the El Paso Office with any additional pertinent information for assistance in this case of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO.

Will advise the El Paso Office of any pertinent information regarding DAVID CARPENTER, with aliases, DAVID ZIMMERMAN and his brother, JESSE ZIMMERMAN.

Will furnish, if available, the El Paso Office with photographs of JESSE ZIMMERMAN.

It is noted that the Bureau, by letter dated January 3, 1949, requested additional investigation regarding DAVID CARPENTER and JESSE ZIMMERMAN.

THE EL PASO OFFICE

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO:

Will reinterview FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO regarding Party activities.

Will display the photograph of JESSE ZIMMERMAN to FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO when same is received from the Baltimore Office.

Will return the documents furnished by the Baltimore Office and described in referenced report from Baltimore when need for them has been completed.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK CITY:

Will attempt to identify the Professor of Journalism, first name FRANCIS, whose wife's first names are ANNA MAE, in whose home RENO stayed in New York City when he went there to see ASKLOF depart from this country.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will re-examine FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO'S 201 file and report the details of all affidavits signed by RENO regarding advocating overthrow of the Government by force and violence, as well as, in regard to making false statements.

As indicated in this report, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO has stated that he executed numerous such forms, some within the past two years, and that he, himself, believes he is guilty of a violation of Federal Law which is not barred by the statute of limitations.

Will present such information to the office of origin and to the Bureau for submission to the Department or appropriate United States Attorney for opinion regarding prosecution.

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Journalism at Columbia University, first name FRANCIS, whose wife's first names are ANNA MAE, with whom you stayed in New York City to see ASKLOF off? Who are "STEVE", "MAE" and "PERKIE" connected with April 15? Details of other friends and associates set forth. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO also advised that for a short period just before going to work at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in 1937 he was the open Communist Party organizer at Cumberland, Maryland, using the alias LA'ICE CLARK. RENO claimed that he has completed numerous forms, some recently, during his employment by the Federal Government indicating he was not a member of an organization favoring the overthrow of the Government by force and violence. Because of this, he believes he has been guilty of a violation of federal law not barred by the statute of limitations. RENO identified the photograph of BENJAMIN FIELD as a man of that name who was the Communist Party organizer in Baltimore, Maryland in 1937 but was unable to identify the "BIG BEAR". ROBERT E. RAY was the Communist Party name of RAY WARNER, Communist Party organizer at Washington, D. C. during the 1930s. RENO requested another interview with El Paso Agents on February 14, 1949.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 74-1333;
 Report of SA JOSEPH M. KELLY dated at New York City 1/21/49;
 Report of SA JESSE F. FARR dated at Baltimore, Maryland,
 1/28/49;
 Report of SA JAMES FREW dated at Washington, D. C. 1/28/49.

DETAILS:

The title in this case is being changed to add the aliases Bennett and Hall, which last names FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO claimed he used as aliases while doing Communist Party work. He stated he was unable to recall what first names, if any, he used in this connection.

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO voluntarily appeared for interview at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Resident Agency in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on February 7 and 8, 1949 and was interviewed by Special Agents J. PHILLIP CLARIDGE and FREDERICK A. JOHNS.

It should be noted that when the interview reached the point of inquiry regarding STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG on February 7, 1949, RENO stated that he was unwilling to answer these questions without consulting his attorney EDWARD

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CONTACTS OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO WITH "BERNIE" AND WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO advised that the beginning of his espionage work was the time he first met "BERNIE" in the room of PATTY WHELAN in Baltimore, Maryland, as he has advised in previous interviews. Subsequently "BERNIE" introduced RENO to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in June of 1937 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Prior to this introduction RENO had previously seen "BERNIE" some three or four times over a six week period. The first contact, to the best of RENO'S recollection, lasted approximately one hour and the others between three and four hours. RENO stated that he was not at all sure that if he today met "BERNIE" face to face that he would be able to identify him. RENO described "BERNIE" as being approximately 5'10" tall, slender, dark, of European descent and under 55 years of age. RENO stated that that is the best description he was able to give of "BERNIE". The only ones present at the introduction of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS were these two and "BERNIE".

After considerable hesitation RENO stated that the photograph of DAVID CARPENTER most closely resembles "BERNIE" of all the photographs which had been displayed to him. RENO indicated that this identification was not positive and was made entirely on the basis of photographs shown him.

During the first talks with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, CHAMBERS asked RENO if he understood "what this is". RENO said "Yes, it is espionage" (which RENO definitely understood as espionage designed to aid Soviet Russia.) RENO stated that he would not have even considered espionage except on behalf of Soviet Russia. At the first meetings with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO gave CHAMBERS his brother PHILLIP RENO'S phone number at Washington, D. C. as a place of easy contact. At this time a code phrase - something about returning a coat - was agreed upon CHAMBERS to use. According to FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, his brother RENO did not know of the nature of the contacts with CHAMBERS.

A few weeks after the first meeting FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO met

again, this time in Washington, D. C. Actual contact was arranged by calling PHILIP RENO'S apartment and by using the code phrase indicated above. The place of the meeting was not recalled by FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO but he does recall that at this meeting he gave CHAMBERS nothing in the way of documents; however, he discussed the general set-up of the Ballistics Research Laboratories at Aberdeen, Maryland, and during the interview with CHAMBERS drew an organizational chart of the laboratories. This information was given CHAMBERS at his specific request.

As to the remaining contacts with CHAMBERS, RENO advised that he could not separate them accurately as to dates, places and subject matter. He recalled that after several contacts he gave CHAMBERS the text book of an Ordnance school; later on the firing tables of 30 or 50 calibre machine guns. RENO recalled that he came in contact with various firing and bombing tables in 1938. As to the larger guns, RENO stated he could not recall if the documents furnished CHAMBERS pertained to 14 inch or 16 inch guns. He opined that if a 14 inch gun was involved it would have been a railroad gun, and if a 16 inch gun was involved it would have pertained to a seacoast gun. He stated that according to his best recollection this matter was turned over to CHAMBERS in the period from July or August 1937 to the Spring of 1938. RENO stated he could not be more definite in this.

In addition to the above, in response to definite requests from CHAMBERS, RENO stated that at one of the early meetings he drew a rough sketch of what he then thought was the basic principle of the Norden Bombsite. RENO described this sketch as a "schematic drawing of the range trail diagram with a bar across the top". RENO stated that at that time he supposed that this was the basic principle of the Norden Bombsite but that he later learned that it was very inaccurate and almost unrelated to the actual device. In this connection RENO remarked that the original drawings and other data pertaining to the bombsite were locked up and carefully guarded, and that he could not get to them. RENO advised that CHAMBERS had indicated that he was interested in any thing new and pertaining to military equipment.

At various meetings with CHAMBERS, RENO discussed with him the possibility of taking several other jobs at the Ballistics Research Laboratories. RENO recalled that at that time he could have gone to work on the development of the Spark Range and also in various optical equipment work. However,

CHAMBERS stated that he should continue to work in Ballistics, and RENO followed these instructions. On another occasion RENO was offered a position at the Naval Observatory and discussed this with CHAMBERS who told him to stay at Aberdeen. This RENO did, he stated. At another meeting RENO advised CHAMBERS regarding the use of International Business Machine Company's computing machines in various ballistic experiments.

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO stated that during the period of contacts with CHAMBERS his only other contact in Washington, D. C. was his brother, PHILLIP RENO. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO stated that he was not sure whether PHILLIP RENO knew of the nature of these contacts or not, however, PHILLIP RENO definitely was not assisting in any way in the espionage and frequently FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO made remarks tending to mislead PHILLIP as to the purpose of the contacts with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

During this period, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO advised that he did not know any of the other contacts that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had in his espionage work, however, from various remarks CHAMBERS indicated that he had other contacts and in this connection FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO reached the conclusion that one such contact was an Army officer.

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO advised that after receiving the various documents CHAMBERS took them, had them reproduced, the exact method not known to RENO, and returned them the same day or the following day. RENO stated that in all he saw WHITTAKER CHAMBERS from six to fifteen times, usually at two week intervals. Occasionally, however, these intervals were as long as from three to six weeks. RENO advised that his contacts with CHAMBERS stopped in the late Spring of 1938 and came about because WHITTAKER CHAMBERS failed to keep an appointment and RENO never tried to meet him again. RENO claimed that he never tried to meet CHAMBERS again because he (RENO) was by then disgusted with his espionage work.

When asked "Have you seen "BERNIE" subsequently to the time you stopped seeing CHAMBERS?" RENO advised that he would have to talk to his lawyer before answering that question, but did state positively that he had not seen "BERNIE" for ten years. When asked whom he last saw regarding espionage after CHAMBERS stopped, RENO replied that he would also have to talk with his lawyer on this point. RENO again gave the same reply to the question "Did espionage continue after WHITTAKER CHAMBERS withdrew from the work?"

As to the espionage work in general, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO stated that he engaged in such because "BERNIE" told him to, and RENO clearly understood that it was work for the Communist Party. RENO stated that "BERNIE" told him to sever all open connections with the Communist Party. RENO added that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, at various times, also repeated the instructions regarding severing of all open Communist Party connections. RENO further stated that while doing this espionage work, although he carried no card and paid no dues, he definitely considered himself a Communist engaged in Communist Party work. In this connection RENO expressed the opinion that the vast majority of the Communist Party members have no idea of the Communist Party underground that is interested in espionage.

RENO stated that in 1938 he came to the conclusion that he was no longer in sympathy with the "organizational procedure" of the Communist Party, both as to the open and underground branches. He was also opposed to certain activities; for example he came to believe that espionage was no good and that the result was that the individual was entirely discredited and unable to do any good in the future. RENO stated that he then came to feel that important things should be done openly which was not the case with any of the Communist Party activities. RENO stated that although he stopped active espionage work in 1938 he never made any formal break with the party - was never expelled, and never resigned. As to the basic doctrines of the Communist Party, RENO stated that he would not repudiate all of them even at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS, BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO advised that he gave none of the reports of the Ballistic Research Laboratories to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or any other espionage agent. RENO stated that the same was true regarding the various books charged out by him while at the Laboratories and included the various secret and confidential documents, a list of which was furnished by the Baltimore Office in referenced report from Baltimore.

CORRESPONDENCE MAINTAINED BY RENO AT THE WIND TUNNEL

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO advised that he had occasion to correspond with L. L. WHEELER of the Sperry Gyroscope Company. He stated that WHEELER was a bomb-site engineer, that the matters had to do with official business, and that he could not recall any of the details. RENO advised that WHEELER had nothing to do with Communistic or espionage activities.

THOMAS E. HUDSON, who seemed to be a very capable individual, at one time was considered by RENO as a good prospective employee at the laboratories. HUDSON had no Communistic or espionage connections. HARRIET R. BROWN was a girl who worked in the laboratories, with whom RENO had a slight acquaintance, but regarding whom there was no Communistic or espionage activity. As to the inquiry "That happened to the men who were picked up in Havre de Grace," RENO advised that this referred to a scuffle that he and MONROE NORDEN got into with some soldiers in Havre de Grace and whom RENO reported to the Military Police. The scuffle apparently occurred when the soldiers considered that RENO and NORDEN were giving undue attention to the girls accompanying the soldiers.

RENO recalled writing a letter to Senator GLENN TAYLOR arguing against universal military training. RENO recalled that his argument was that a large army without modern weapons was ineffective. He stated that this was not a Communist Party activity.

WILLIAM D. GOODWIN was an assistant in the laboratories to RENO during 1939 and had no Communistic or espionage connections.

RENO was questioned in detail regarding the individuals from whom he received miscellaneous Christmas cards, etc. (as set forth on page 8 of the referenced report from Baltimore) and nothing of significance was reported.

FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

As requested in referenced report from the Baltimore Office, RENO was questioned in detail regarding various friends and acquaintances, as well as miscellaneous correspondence and documents located in his room. Only information which appears pertinent to this investigation is being set forth below.

RENO advised that he could recall definitely no one that he described as "The BIG BEAR". He added that this was the term that he frequently applied to an individual who was large, rough, and agreeable. He stated that if he had ever used this term in connection with securing employment for any one that he might possibly have referred to a Colonel SUMERFELT of the United States Air Forces, whom he considered the type of person that this phrase fitted. RENO stated definitely that SUMERFELT had absolutely no Communist or espionage connections.

As to STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG, RENO advised that he first knew him in 1943, possibly not until 1944. BLUMBERG, according to RENO, was a graduate in engineering from George Washington University or Johns Hopkins, and had an extensive knowledge of electrical engineering. He was about the same age as RENO and had been in the Navy for about two years ending in the fall of 1946. RENO added that BLUMBERG might have been in the Merchant Marines as an officer transporting troops or on one of the ships operated by the Army which transported troops. BLUMBERG was also connected with the National Research Committee. RENO stated that he also knew ALBERT BLUMBERG, who was a "party chieftain" in Baltimore, Maryland. RENO stated that he never knew this BLUMBERG personally and knew of no connection between the two BLUMBERGS. RENO advised that his friendship with STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG continued until he (RENO) left the Baltimore-Aberdeen area when he was discharged from the University of Maryland Hospital in 1948. RENO recalled that his first contact with STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG was at Aberdeen Proving Grounds when BLUMBERG was trying to put over some project in connection with the National Research Committee. RENO advised that the meeting came about in this way - RENO was called by the security personnel at the entrance stating that STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG wanted to see him. RENO replied that he did not know STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG, to which the guard replied, "Well, he knows you."

It should be noted that RENO'S answers regarding BLUMBERG became rather vague until asked the question, "Did STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG ever meet WHITTAKER CHAMBERS"? This he did not answer and was then asked "Was there something more to BLUMBERG'S visit than you have indicated"? At this RENO became noticeably confused and embarrassed and remarked, "You have got me - there was something more". At this point RENO stated that he did not wish to answer any more questions regarding STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG until he consulted with his attorney.

When asked whether JESSE ZIMMERMAN and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN had any espionage or Communistic connection, RENO also refused to answer, stating that he wished to consult with his attorney on this point also. As to ALEXANDER STEVENS, RENO stated that he did not know the man and did not recognize a photograph of him.

As to STEN ASKLOF, RENO stated that this was a personal friend with no Communistic or espionage connections. He stated that ASKLOF was an alcoholic who had some real ability and for whom he (RENO) felt a certain sympathy. He tried to help him in getting employment all that he could and in various

other personal matters; and estimated that he spent some \$500.00 of his own money for this purpose.

When asked regarding the identity of a professor of Journalism at Columbia University, whose first name is FRANCIS, and whose wife's first names are ANNA MAE, in whose apartment RENO had stayed in New York City when he went there to see ASKLOF leave the country, RENO became embarrassed and stated that he wanted to consult his attorney on this point also before answering.

As to the notation "STEVE", "AE" and "PERKIE" -- April 15, RENO again became embarrassed and stated that was another point on which he wanted to consult his attorney before answering.

When asked about the list of names on notepaper "C. B. BOYS, CRAIG INGALLS, ALGER, etc., RENO stated that these were writers of established text books used in connection with work at the Ballistic Research Laboratories.

RENO stated that Dr. SIDNEY LIBERMAN was merely his dentist and that he had no Communistic or espionage connections. RENO also stated definitely that BERNARD SHEIN was definitely not "BERNIE".

PAST COMMUNISTIC ACTIVITIES OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

RENO advised that subsequent to his employment at the WPA in early 1937, and prior to his employment at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in July 1937, he was the open Communist Party organizer in Cumberland, Maryland. He stated that such activity lasted from two to six weeks and that at this time he used the alias LANCE CLARK. RENO related that through his Communist Party activity in and around Washington, D. C., he was using the last names of BENNETT and HALL. He could not recall having used any first names with these and rather doubted that he ever did.

In Cumberland, Maryland, RENO stated that as the Communist Party organizer he collected dues from some members and forwarded the money to the State Headquarters of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland. He also distributed and collected for various Communist Party literature including the Daily Worker and numerous pamphlets, the names of which he could not recall. RENO stated that while in Cumberland, Maryland, he had tried to get a job at the Tinplate Mill, the name not being recalled, where he had hoped to assist in organizing the steel workers. He was not successful in this. Also while in Cumberland, he advised, he tried to see some old-

time Socialists for the purpose of recruiting them into the Communist Party. RENO stated that he was unwilling to give the names of these individuals.

RENO stated that while he was in and around Washington, D. C. in 1935 and 1936, the open Party organizer was RAY WARNER, whose Communist Party name was ROBERT E. RAY. RENO recalled that the name ROBERT E. RAY was the name used in the Party work and was the name signed to various official Communist Party bulletins, letters, announcements, etc. RENO described this man as being a native of the United States, white, about 5'10" tall and a flashy dresser. RENO stated that, to the best of his knowledge, this man was still living.

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Photographs of ALGER HISS were shown RENO and he stated that he did not know this individual during his espionage activity and had in fact never seen or heard of him until the grand jury proceedings in New York City.

RENO identified the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as the man of that name whom he knew as "CARL" for a time and with whom he engaged in espionage activity.

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case with his attorney EDWARD J. SCHEUNEZANN in Denver, Colorado, particularly regarding the various questions that he was unwilling to answer during this interview. RENO stated that he wished to talk to the interviewing agents again, and suggested the date February 14, 1949. Arrangements have been made to interview RENO again on this date.

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THE BALTIMORE OFFICE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND:

Will consider securing additional information regarding STANLEY ALEX BLUMBERG in view of the information indicated by FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO as set forth in this report.

Will furnish the El Paso Office with any additional pertinent information for assistance in this case of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO.

Will advise the El Paso Office of any pertinent information regarding DAVID CARPENTER, with aliases, DAVID ZIMMERMAN and his brother, JESSE ZIMMERMAN.

Will furnish, if available, the El Paso Office with photographs of JESSE ZIMMERMAN.

It is noted that the Bureau, by letter dated January 3, 1949, requested additional investigation regarding DAVID CARPENTER and JESSE ZIMMERMAN.

THE EL PASO OFFICE

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO:

Will reinterview FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO regarding Party activities.

Will display the photograph of JESSE ZIMMERMAN to FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO when same is received from the Baltimore Office.

Will return the documents furnished by the Baltimore Office and described in referenced report from Baltimore when need for them has been completed.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK CITY:

Will attempt to identify the professor of Journalism, first name FRANCIS, whose wife's first names are ANNA MAE, in whose home RENO stayed in New York City when he went there to see ASKLOF depart from this country.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will re-examine FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO'S 201 File and report the details of all affidavits signed by RENO regarding advocating overthrow of the Government by force and violence, as well as, in regard to making false statements.

As indicated in this report, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO has stated that he executed numerous such forms, some within the past two years, and that he himself believes he is guilty of a violation of Federal Law which is not barred by the statute of limitations.

Will present such information to the office of origin and to the Bureau for submission to the Department or appropriate United States Attorney for opinion regarding prosecution.