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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *[Signature]*
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *[Signature]*
 SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
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DATE: 2-7-49

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Reference is made to the teletype dated February 1, 1949, from the New York Office relating to the appearance of Alexander Stevens before the Grand Jury.

At 5:30 p.m., February 1, 1949, Mr. Ray Whearty called me and stated that Stevens, alias J. Peters, had indicated a strong desire to remain in the United States. He stated he had appealed an order of deportation and this appeal would be handled in the very near future. Apparently the Department was considering possible cancellation of the deportation provided Stevens became cooperative. This is also indicated in the incoming teletype from the New York Office. Mr. Whearty inquired as to whether or not we had received any information to the effect that Stevens might be cooperative and whether or not we had any way of approaching him. I told him I would check.

During the course of another telephone call, I inquired of ASAC Belmont concerning this matter, and he stated that Mr. Donegan had indicated that Stevens wanted to stay in the United States; that they were hopeful that this desire would make him cooperate. Inquiry was made as to whether or not they had received any information to the effect that Stevens would cooperate with the Bureau. Mr. Belmont said no, in fact, all they have would indicate to the contrary. He said they have no way of approaching Stevens other than by a direct method.

In accord with your instructions, I phoned Mr. Whearty again on February 4, 1949, advising that our checks were negative as to any indication that Stevens would desert the Communist Party and cooperate with the government. I told him we had no approach other than a direct approach. I pointed out to him that Mr. Donegan, who is handling the Grand Jury, had left the door wide open for Stevens if he had wanted to come in. Mr. Whearty stated he was aware of the attempts of Mr. Donegan to secure the cooperation of Stevens.

ACTION:

No further action required.

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STEVENSON, WAS, AGAIN [REDACTED] b3

[REDACTED] HE CONCLUDED HIS GJ APPEARANCE TODAY AND DONEGAN TOLD HIM
PRIVATELY THAT IF ANYTHING OCCURED TO HIM OR HE WANTED TO DICUSS
ANYTHING WITH DONEGAN, LATTER WOULD BE AVAILABLE [REDACTED] b3
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[REDACTED] MORE DETAILS RE CARR TESTIMONY WILL BE FURNISHED SEPARATELY UNDER CAPTION, "SAM CARR, CORBY CASE, IS DASH R. DONEGAN ALSO ADVISES HE LEARNED TODAY THAT LLOYD PAUL ~~X~~STRYKER, WELL KNOWN NYC TRIAL ATTORNEY WILL DEFEND ALGER HISS IN PERJURY PROSECUTION. STRYKER, HOWEVER, HAS NOT YET FILED NOTICE OF APPEARANCE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

900 Standard Building
Cleveland 13, Ohio
February 8, 1949

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 65-2663



AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

Re: J. D. WHITTAKER ^①
PERJURY
INTERNAL
ESPIONAGE - R
Bureau File No. 74-1333

Dear Sir:

Re New York teletype January 28, 1949 requesting interview with HERMAN H. FIELD of Cleveland.

HERMAN HAVILAND FIELD was interviewed at Cleveland on January 25, 1949 and the results set forth in the investigative report of Special Agent VYRL E. LEICHLITER in the case entitled "HERMAN HAVILAND FIELD, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - R," dated January 31, 1949 at Cleveland (Bureau File No. 100-32881). This interview was conducted in response to Bureau letter dated January 19, 1949, entitled in the FIELD case, and the New York Office was furnished with two copies of Agent LEICHLITER's report. Unless advised to the contrary, no further report of this interview will be made.

For the assistance of the New York Office and to further amplify certain portions of the LEICHLITER report in which New York may be particularly interested, HERMAN FIELD in his interview denied knowing ALGER HISS or the extent of his brother NOEL's relationship with HISS. He stated that he (HERMAN) assumed that NOEL knew ALGER HISS because both and HISS worked at the same place; i.e., the United States State Department. HERMAN FIELD likewise denied knowing WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and stated that he (HERMAN) had never lived in Washington, D. C. and that during the period 1934-40 he was in Europe. It is noted that the report indicates that NOEL FIELD did not go to Switzerland until 1940 and then, according to HERMAN FIELD, was not in close touch with him.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 9, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was;
ALGER HISS; ET AL
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Sullivan
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Reference Anchorage report, 1/5/49, SA F. A. FROHBOSE.

The referenced report sets forth results of interview with ARTHUR ULRICH THEUER presently employed by FAY, SPOFFORD and THORNDIKE. A description is set forth in reference report of an unidentified individual who attended meetings at home of WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN with other employees of Bureau of Standards in 1933.

The description set forth of this unidentified individual resembles somewhat the appearance of DAVID ZIMMERMAN, was: DAVID CARPENTER, HAROLD WILSON, STEVE POTTER. This individual has been prominently mentioned by CHAMBERS as being the photographer of various documents made available by CHAMBERS which he allegedly received from various sources including WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN.

The description of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN is as follows:

Name	DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, was: DAVID CARPENTER, STEVE POTTER, HAROLD WILSON
Date of Birth	June 21, 1906
Place of Birth	Baltimore, Maryland
Citizenship	United States
Color	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'7"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	dark brown
Complexion	sallow
Peculiarities	Deep furrows running from corners of eyes past nostrils Smokes pipe constantly
Marital status	Married - wife, <u>MARION ZIMMERMAN</u> , aka: <u>Marion Carpenter</u> Two children, both boys, names unknown
Occupation	Book reviewer and proofreader for the New York "Daily Worker," Communist newspaper.

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2cc Anchorage (enc.1 - 65-277) AMSD
cc Washington Field

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Anchorage Field Division is requested to thoroughly interview THEUER immediately to ascertain if ZIMMERMAN, was, could be identical with the unidentified individual mentioned in report of SA FREDERICK FROHBOSE. For further assistance of the Anchorage Office, a photograph of ZIMMERMAN is being enclosed. It is requested that the photograph be returned when it has served its purpose.

Anchorage is also requested to inquire if THEUER has any knowledge of ELEANOR NELSON who, according to CHAMBERS headed a parallel apparatus in Washington, D.C. PIGMAN has admitted knowing ELEANOR NELSON through his union affiliation with the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, Washington, D.C. during 1936-38. Sutel results.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 9, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, etal 266,586
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Bureau File 74-1333

DATE 7-14-87 BY SP7MAC/tjc

Re Boston letter of February 3, 1949 enclosing photographs of tourist homes in Peterboro, New Hampshire and also an amount of material pertaining to these homes and the town of Peterboro itself.

These photographs have been exhibited to Mr. CHAMBERS and he has definitely eliminated The Tavern, The Manse and The Brackett House as being the place where he and HISS stopped on their trip to HARRY WHITE'S summer place, in August, 1937.

From the photograph of the "Knight Homestead" and its location as indicated on the map contained in the folder published by the Peterborough Board of Trade, CHAMBERS believes this may have been the tourist home in question. However, if it is possible, it is requested that the following additional information be secured to assist in further identification:

1. Check for any other possibilities along Granite Street, preferably near to its junction with Route #101. (See map referred to above.)
2. Take additional photographs of the Knight Homestead showing -
 - a. Its position in relation to Route #101 and Pine Street.
 - b. If possible, a photograph of the driveway leading from the main highway to the Knight Homestead. Such photograph is to show whether or not this driveway is flat or is inclined as it approaches the house.

3. Secure photographs of the Bleak House from the same positions as requested with regard to the Knight Homestead.

It is to be noted that no photograph of this house was enclosed; only a postcard which does not provide a sufficient view of this house.

It is Mr. CHAMBERS recollection that the entrance to the tourist home, he has in mind, was by way of a dirt drive which approached the house with a slight rise and which ran at approximate right angles to Route #101. This drive was to the left side of Route #101 coming South from Peterboro. Mr. CHAMBERS said that this description is, of course, to the best of his recollection and it is entirely possible that he could be mistaken.

cc - Boston (Encs. 8) (65-3251)
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It is noted that the 1937 registration of the Knight Homestead is available but does not contain the names of HISS or CHAMBERS. Mr. CHAMBERS has further stated that he knows he did not register here and he does not recall if ALGER HISS did. However, he now states that if they did register they would not under any circumstances have used their own names and ALGER HISS would have probably registered for all.

Thus, considering the possibility that the Knight Homestead is the tourist home in question, it is requested that this registration for 1937 be secured and forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory to determine if any of the signatures in the pertinent period can be identified with the known handwriting of ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. In the event it is possible to secure and forward this registration, it is requested that if it is bound the entire registration be secured. The person from whom this book is secured and who is competent to introduce it as evidence, if necessary, should properly identify it.

The attention of the Laboratory should be called to the following:

1. ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS only stayed one night in this tourist home.
2. From information supplied by CHAMBERS and from the investigation of ALGER HISS, this registration would presumably not have been before August 10 or after August 15, 1937.
3. The results of any examination should be immediately brought to the attention of the Bureau and the New York Office.

For the information of the Boston Office the proving of this trip of ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to New Hampshire is of paramount importance in the successful investigation and prosecution of this case. It should, therefore, be afforded careful and immediate handling. As requested in the letter of reference, the following items are being returned herewith to the Boston Office:

1. A photograph of The Tavern.
2. Two photographs of the bridge over the Contoocook River.
3. Two photographs of the Knight Homestead.
4. Three photographs of The Manse.

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓
 FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: February 10, 1949

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Victor Lasky of Scripps-Howard called at my office this morning. He outlined that he thoroughly understood our position in connection with his request for information in the Hiss-Chambers case; however, there were two specific requests that he would like to make which he thought we could probably comply with.

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First, he would like, if we could give it to him now, an undated, plain memorandum not indicating any source which would outline the role of the Bureau in the Hiss-Chambers case, which he would not quote or not attribute to the FBI but would merely use in the development of his story, and that if any question ever arose the FBI would have no need to worry as to his indicating the source. I told him that we could not comment on the Hiss-Chambers case and had not commented on it, that we ourselves knew what we had done and what the facts were, and we had nothing to apologize for, that I doubted very much even after the trial that we would be in a position to go into any discussion regarding our activities. I did outline our basic policies as indicated in my attached memorandum.

Secondly, he would like to have background information on Harold Ware, particularly any information available on the alleged violin studio. I told him I doubted very much that we could be of any assistance even with this request.

Lasky stated that he had been amazed at how much emotion this case has developed, that at one time he had worked on the Chicago Sun and knew Tom Reynolds, their Washington representative. He called on Reynolds and made a crack about Hiss. Reynolds immediately told Lasky that he was opening himself to a libel suit, that he was in Reynolds' office and Hiss was Reynolds' friend.

Lasky's office number is Barclay 7-3211. His residence is at 155 East 52nd Street, New York City. I told him that if at anytime we could be of service we would not hesitate to call him. He impressed me favorably.

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TO : MR. TOLSON ✓
FROM : L. B. NICHOLS
SUBJECT: VICTOR LASKY

DATE: February 9, 1949

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Charlie Lucey of the Scripps Howard papers called. He has been friendly over a period of years and I consider him very trustworthy. Victor Lasky who has done considerable writing on the subject of Communism both in Chicago and New York City where he is on the staff of the World Telegram, is doing a book on the Hiss-Chambers case for Duell Sloan and Pearce, Inc., New York City. The book will go to press immediately after the trial. Lasky is in Washington and desires to contact the Bureau. Lucey called for the purpose of making an introduction and arranging a conference.

I told Lucey that this was a little embarrassing situation since we could not be of any assistance to Lasky; as we had made no comment on the Hiss-Chambers case, we could not talk about it. He stated he considered Lasky very reliable and he felt certain Lasky would really understand our situation. Lucey asked if we could not furnish Lasky any information for publication if we could give him some background data or guidance. I told Lucey, of course, I did not know what angle Lasky was taking but it was very doubtful if we could even discuss the thing off the record.

Lucey then asked me if I would at least see Lasky. I told him I would be glad to do this. Lucey said possibly Lasky might have some ideas and would tell us what he has in mind. I told Lucey I would be glad to see Lasky but I did not know how we could be of assistance.

I do think that after seeing Lasky, if it appears he has the right viewpoint, we should go so far as to protect the Bureau in the matter. I think what we should do is to point out our jurisdiction, the time-honored practices and policies of the Bureau, the fact that we first investigated Hiss in 1942, that Berle did not tell us of the Chambers interview until we secured his notes in 1943 and that we interviewed Chambers in 1941. (1942) Neither at that time nor until December, 1948, did he even as much as hint of the existence of microfilm, that in the early interviews he did not even allege espionage and that he had not made a full statement to us until recently.

I think we can point out to him that it has appeared in print that when the Canadian Spy Trial broke, word came to the

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L. B. Nichols Memo Mr. Tolson, February 9, 1949
Re: VICTOR LASKY

United States Government that the Russians boasted of having an Agent as an assistant to the Secretary of State, that if he would check the records he would find Hiss was assistant to Stettinius, the then Secretary of State. I think we can point out the vigorousness of our investigation which led to the development of the handwriting and typewriting examinations. I think we can hint to him that we have identified photographers and the like but cannot go beyond this as all of this will come out in the trial of the case.

A quick check of the files does not reflect anything of a derogatory nature regarding Lasky. He has written numerous anti-Communist articles.

I think OK if
we go no further

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

February 10, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 8, 1949.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
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Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter dated February 7, 1949

Examination requested: Document

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- K444 A two-page letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 11, 1948, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, United States Mission to the United Nations, 1 Park Avenue, New York 16, New York, signed ALGER.
- K445 Carbon copy of a three-page typewritten Memorandum of Conversation Between Mr. E. N. Van Kleeffens and Mr. Thompson, dated May 3, 1948.
- K446 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated May 16, 1947, to Mr. Alger Hiss, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, New York, bearing typewritten signature PHILIP C. JESSUP.
- K447 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 13, 1947 at Washington, D. C., to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, c/o American Delegation to the United Nations, 250 West 57th Street, New York City, signed ALGER.
- K448 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated March 26, 1947, to Mrs. Alger Hiss, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, New York, typewritten signature PHILIP C. JESSUP.
- K449 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated March 25, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.

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- K450 Letter typewritten on a sheet of plain white paper dated March 22, 1947, bearing typewritten letterhead of "WORLD LAW GROUP LAW SCHOOL OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY CAMBRIDGE 33, MASS.", to Mr. Alger Hiss, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 700 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., typewritten signature DANIEL C. BLOW, Corresponding Secretary.
- K451 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated March 30, 1948, to Professor Philip C. Jessup, Columbia University, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER HISS.
- K452 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated October 14, 1947, to Mr. Alger Hiss, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 405 W. 117th St., New York 27, N. Y., typewritten signature PHILIP C. JESSUP.
- K453 Carbon copy of a typewritten document entitled "A MODERN LAW OF NATIONS - An Introduction".
- K454 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 8, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 127 East 117 Street, New York 27, N. Y., signed ALGER.
- K455 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 1, 1947, beginning "Dear -----, Last spring an", typewritten signature ALGER HISS.
- K456 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Department of State, Washington, dated December 11, 1946, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, Department of Public Law and Government, Columbia University, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.
- K457 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated September 27, 1948, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, United States Delegation to the United Nations, Hotel Grillon, Paris, France, signed ALGER.
- K458 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated October 26, 1948, to Mr. Alger Hiss, President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, New York.
- K459 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 14, 1948, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, c/o United States Delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations, Hotel Grillon, Place de la Concorde, Paris, France, signed ALGER.
- K460 Carbon copy of a two-page typewritten letter on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 14, 1948, to Judge Hanley O. Hudson, Law School of Harvard University, Cambridge 33, Massachusetts, typewritten signature ALGER.
- K461 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated August 6, 1948, to Dr. Philip Jessup, U. S. Mission to United Nations, 1 Park Avenue, New York 16, New York, signed ALGER HISS.

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- K462 A two-page typewritten mimeographed copy of a statement entitled "STATEMENT OF ALGER HISS MADE UNDER OATH AT HIS OWN REQUEST BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1948".
- K463 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated June 5, 1948, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, U. S. Mission to the United Nations, 2 Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., signed ALGER.
- K464 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 21, 1948, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, United States Mission to the United Nations, 1 Park Avenue, New York 16, New York, signed ALGER.
- K465 Carbon copy of a three-page letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 21, 1948, to President Henry M. Winston, Brown University, Providence 12, Rhode Island, typewritten signature ALGER HISS.
- K466 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated April 20, 1948, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, U. S. Mission to the United Nations, 1 Park Avenue, New York 16, New York, signed ALGER.
- K467 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter on a sheet of plain white paper dated April 14, 1948, bearing typewritten letterhead of "UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA School of Jurisprudence Berkeley 4, California", to Mr. Alger Hiss, President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, New York, typewritten signature EDWIN D. DICKINSON, Dean, School of Jurisprudence.
- K468 Carbon copy of a letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated April 8, 1948, to Professor Edwin D. Dickinson, Dean, School of Jurisprudence, University of California, Berkeley, California, typewritten signature ALGER HISS.
- K469 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated May 24, 1947, to Mr. Alger Hiss, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, typewritten signature PHILIP C. JESSUP.
- K470 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 22, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.
- K471 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated May 6, 1947, to Mr. Alger Hiss, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, New York, typewritten signature PHILIP C. JESSUP.
- K472 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 2, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.

- K473 Carbon copy of a three-page letter typewritten on plain white paper, dated April 24, 1947, bearing typewritten letterhead "YALE UNIVERSITY School of Law New Haven, Connecticut", to Mr. Devereux C. Josephs, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, typewritten signature LESLEY A. STURGES. Also attached is a copy of the YALE NEWS, New Haven, Connecticut, May, 1947.
- K474 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated April 21, 1947, to Mr. Alger Hiss, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, New York, typewritten signature PHILIP C. JESSUP.
- K475 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated April 16, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.
- K476 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated April 17, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.
- K477 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated April 7, 1947, to Mr. Alger Hiss, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, New York, typewritten signature PHILIP C. JESSUP.
- K478 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, dated April 3, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, N.Y., signed ALGER HISS.
- K479 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated October 15, 1947, to Mr. Alger Hiss, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 405 W. 117th St., New York 27, N.Y., typewritten signature PHILIP C. JESSUP.
- K480 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 10, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.
- K481 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 9, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.
- K482 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 23, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.
- K483 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated December 18, 1947, to Dr. Philip Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.
- K484 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated December 22, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.

- K485 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated January 15, 1948, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 3400 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 9, Pennsylvania, signed ALGER.
- K486 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated November 28, 1947, to Dr. Philip C. Jessup, 421 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER.
- K487 A three-page typewritten mimeographed copy of a document entitled "Memorandum to the Trustees:", third page bearing typewritten signature of ALGER HISS, President.
- K488 A two-page typewritten mimeographed copy of a document entitled "Biographical sketch of Dr. Elwood H. Thompson".

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machines which were used to type K444 through K483 were not used to type Q5 or Q6 through Q69.

The evidence submitted will be returned to the New York Office as soon as photographic copies have been made.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 7, 1949

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R
(Bureau file 74-1333)ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

(D-38747BU)

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Enclosed herewith are the following letters emanating from ALGER HISS, which were obtained from Doctor PHILIP C. JESSUP, United States Delegation to the United Nations, 2 Park Avenue, New York City:

Twenty-four original letters commencing "Dear Phil" and signed "Alger" or "Alger Hiss", dated December 11, 1946; March 25, 1947; April 3, 1947; April 16, 1947; April 17, 1947; May 2, 1947; May 13, 1947; May 22, 1947; May 28, 1947; October 8, 1947; October 9, 1947; October 10, 1947; November 28, 1947; December 18, 1947; December 22, 1947; January 15, 1948; March 30, 1948; May 11, 1948; May 20, 1948; May 21, 1948; June 5, 1948; August 6, 1948; September 27, 1948 and October 14, 1948;

One letter commencing "Dear _____" and ending "Sincerely yours, Alger Hiss" (not signed);

Three carbon copies of letters, one commencing "Dear President Wriston", dated May 21, 1948; one commencing "Dear Manley", dated October 14, 1948 and one commencing "Dear Professor Dickinson", dated April 8, 1948.

It is requested that the above-mentioned letters be compared with the known and questioned specimens in this case.

It is to be noted that other correspondence is being sent with the letters emanating from ALGER HISS. This correspondence is stapled or clipped to these letters from HISS and it was deemed inadvisable to detach them. No comparison of material other than that emanating from ALGER HISS is desired.

It is requested that this correspondence be returned to the New York Office upon completion of examination by the FBI Laboratory.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Washington Field

February 10, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on February 9, 1949.

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

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 71-34
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Examination requested by:

Letter dated February 8, 1949

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Reference:

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Qc159 Photographic copy of a Purchaser's Application for New Certificate
of Title, dated July 23, 1936, bearing signature of purchaser as
WILLIAM ROSEN.

K489 A handwritten letter dated November 26, 1948, signed W. ROSEN; a
Christmas Greeting card containing handwritten message, signed
Mr. & Mrs. W. ROSEN and a photostatic copy of the back of two
checks bearing the endorsements W. ROSEN.

Kc490 Five photographic copies of parts of documents bearing known
handwriting and signatures of BENJAMIN BLALICK.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The known handwriting of WILLIAM ROSEN, designated as K489,
has been compared with the questioned writing appearing on Qc159 but a
definite conclusion could not be reached inasmuch as there are certain
letters in the known writing of ROSEN that vary in style from similar
letters appearing in the questioned writing. There were certain handwriting
characteristics noted in the known handwriting of ROSEN that do not appear
in the WILLIAM ROSEN signature on Qc159.

The known handwriting of BENJAMIN BLALICK, Kc490, is not
sufficiently comparable with the questioned writing for a definite conclusion
to be reached.

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

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 8, 1949

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

ATT: FBI LABORATORY

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

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As the Bureau is aware, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in corroborating his story concerning his knowledge and associations with ALGER HISS, mentioned among other things that ALGER HISS owned a 1929 Ford roadster and sometime in 1936, against the advice of both CHAMBERS and J. PETERS, HISS disposed of this car to someone in the open Communist Party. CHAMBERS even went into minute detail regarding this car and recalls the windshield wiper which had to be operated manually and other details. Mr. HISS was questioned extensively before the HCUA regarding the disposition of this car and his testimony is available in the publication of the HCUA.

A photostatic copy of the certificate of title in the office of the District of Columbia, Director of Vehicles and Traffic, was obtained by the House Committee and was shown to Mr. HISS. A photostatic copy of part of this certificate of title is enclosed herewith to be examined by the FBI Laboratory. This certificate of title shows that the car was sold on July 23, 1936, to the Cherner Motor Company and on the same day sold to one WILLIAM ROSEN of 5405 13th Street, NW, Washington. As the Bureau knows, the officials of the Cherner Motor Company were questioned by the House Committee and the evidence shows that the Cherner Motor Company has no record of this transaction although the various officials admitted the genuineness of their signatures.

WILLIAM ROSEN, a subject of an internal security investigation in this office, was called before the House Committee and refused to answer any pertinent question regarding this car. The substance of ROSEN's testimony is set forth in the report of Special Agent EDWARD F. HUMMER, dated September 29, 1948, at Washington, D.C., entitled WILLIAM ROSEN, was, SECURITY MATTER - C.

There are also submitted herewith for the FBI Laboratory three specimens of the known handwriting of WILLIAM ROSEN, consisting of a letter and a Christmas card, as well as his signature endorsing checks made out to the "Morning Freiheit."

In 1936, according to the Washington city directory, one BENJAMIN BIALEK occupied the premises of 5405 13th Street, NW. BENJAMIN BIALEK was too ill to be questioned by the House Committee; however, his sons, namely SAMUEL and ROBERT, were questioned and admitted knowing the four sons of WILLIAM ROSEN but denied knowing WILLIAM ROSEN, himself. There are submitted herewith specimens of the known handwriting of BENJAMIN BIALEK given about the same time as the questioned

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Feb. 8, 1949

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

document. BENJAMIN BIALEK is the co-proprietor of the Petworth Pharmacy and co-owner of the Security Liquor Store, 3813 Georgia Avenue, NW. In the latter connection he has made application for a liquor license under the ABC Board of the District. The known handwriting specimens of BIALEK were obtained from documents in the possession of the ABC Board.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the known handwriting specimens of WILLIAM ROSEN with the question document containing the signature of one WILLIAM ROSEN. The FBI Laboratory is further requested to compare the known handwriting specimens of BENJAMIN BIALEK with the questioned document.

Concerning the whereabouts of WILLIAM ROSEN in 1936, it has previously been reported to the Bureau that his name does not appear in the Washington telephone directories or the Washington city directory until 1941. A highly confidential source having access to the apartment of WILLIAM ROSEN at 2020 Shepherd Street, NE, and who made the information available to Special Agent EDWARD F. HUMMER, reflects that according to cancelled receipts, cancelled insurance premium receipts, and other documents, WILLIAM ROSEN resided in the following places from 1928 until the present: In 1928 and part of 1929, ROSEN resided at Richmond, Virginia. From September 1929 until a date not yet determined he resided at 1166 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York. During May 1931 there is evidence that ROSEN resided at 638 West 160th Street, New York City. From February 1934 up to March 1937 ROSEN resided at 638 West 160th Street, New York City. As of August 1937 he resided at 47 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City. In October 1939 he resided at 1453 Jessup Avenue, Bronx, New York. It is believed he lived at this latter address until 1939 when he came to Washington. He had previously been in Washington in 1927 and 1928. This office is in possession of documents showing that WILLIAM ROSEN was a member of the Communist Party as early as 1929.

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Concerning JOSEPH CHERNER, president of the Cherner Motor Company, the records of this office reflect that JULIUS KAPLAN, a member of the Communist Party, told [] that JOSEPH CHERNER was at one time a member of the Communist Party. This was prior to CHERNER's connection with the Cherner Motor Company, however. An investigator of the HCUA advised that the Committee is in receipt of some anonymous letters to the effect that JOE CHERNER has often boasted that he was a charter member of the Communist Party. The House Committee has no substantiation of this, however.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Feb. 8, 1949

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was ETAL

Concerning the transfer of the title in question, the HCUA transcript of the record of the hearings shows that the assignment of title of a Ford, Model A, 1929 roadster, is No. 245647. The owner just prior to transfer was ALGER HISS, 3411 O Street, NW. The motor number of the Ford is A-2188811. It was registered in the name of ALGER HISS, in the District of Columbia in 1933.

The New York Office is requested to check the records of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, to determine if by chance the WILLIAM ROSEN in this case did actually purchase the car in question and subsequently registered it in New York City when he was residing at 638 West 160th Street.

In conformance with teletype from New York, dated February 4, 1949, the officials of the Cherner Motor Company will be interviewed by Bureau Agents regarding this transaction.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to return the documents to the Washington Field Office after it has completed its examination.

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☐ Personnel Files Section
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☐ Mrs. Skillman

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Clyde Tolson

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

February 10, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 9, 1949.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITRAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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New York

Reference:

Letter dated February 8, 1949

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K516 A sheet of white paper bearing typewriting with the notation "(dictated by Mr. Miss October 21, 1948)", beginning "For some time various of us".

K517 Carbon copy of a three-page typewritten article dated September 20, 1948, entitled "AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS' APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR ASSISTANCE AND FURNISHING GUIDING SERVICES AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS".

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

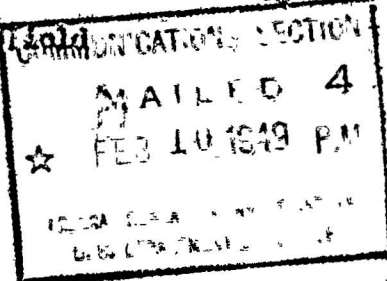
The conclusion was reached that the machines which were used to type K516 and K517 were not used to type K518 through K569.

The submitted evidence will be returned to the New York office as soon as photographic copies have been made.

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Mr. Glavin
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : Attention: FBI LABORATORY
 SAC, New York

DATE: February 8, 1949

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

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Enclosed herewith is an original typewritten specimen with the notation "dictated by Mr. Hiss October 21, 1948", and a carbon copy of a typewritten specimen dated September 20, 1948. These documents were obtained from ELWOOD NELSON THOMPSON, Secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. It is desired that these specimens be compared with the known and questioned specimens in this case and the results made known to this office as soon as possible.

At the conclusion of such examination it is desired that these specimens be returned to this office as it is necessary to return them to Mr. THOMPSON.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New Haven

February 10, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on February 9, 1949.

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

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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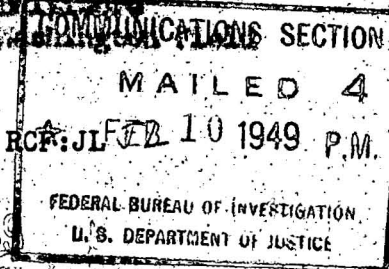
K515 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Department of State,
Washington, dated August 20, 1945, to Mr. Philip H. Hiss, Cedarcrest,
New Canaan, Connecticut, signed ALMA.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used
to type K515 was not used to type 45 or 46 through 49.

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

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 8, 1949

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL
 PERJURY
 ESPIONAGE - R
Bureau File 74-1333

Attention: FBI Laboratory

94444

Re: Washington Field Office teletype to all SAC's dated January 10, 1949.

There is being transmitted herewith by registered mail one typewritten letter dated August 20, 1945 addressed to PHILIP H. HISS, Cedarcrest, New Canaan, Connecticut, and signed "ALGER". The letter in question was prepared on stationery of the U. S. Department of State and bears the State Department seal.

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 The Bureau Laboratory is requested to compare the typing which appears on the enclosed letter with previously identified specimens in the above-captioned matter. Upon the completion of the Laboratory examination, the enclosed letter should be returned to the New Haven Office in order that the letter in question might be returned to its rightful owner. It is to be noted that the letter was made available to the New Haven Division by LAURENCE S. GREENE of Clapboard Hill Road, New Canaan, Connecticut, a cousin of PHILIP HANSON HISS, III, who has admitted to be a cousin of ALGER HISS. The letter in question was obtained from the personal correspondence file of PHILIP HANSON HISS, III, in New Canaan, Connecticut, by Mr. GREENE upon the request of PHILIP, who is currently residing in Siesta Key, Florida. The results of an interview with PHILIP HANSON HISS, III, in Siesta Key, Florida, appear in the report of Special Agent LEON O. PRIOR, dated January 29, 1949 at Miami. *mc*

Mr. GREENE, who made the letter available, is an industrial engineer and inventor and was a former Assistant Personnel Manager for the British Ministry in New York City during World War II.

A signed receipt for the enclosed letter was furnished to Mr. GREENE, which receipt will be returned when the letter in question has been made available to Mr. GREENE.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

February 10, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 9, 1949.

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

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by:

New York

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Reference:

Letter dated February 8, 1949

Examination requested:

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Specimens:

K518 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 13, 1948, to Professor John W. Hazard, The Russian Institute, 431 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, signed ALGER HISS.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type K518 was not used to type Q5 or Q6 through Q69.

The submitted specimens will be returned to the New York Office as soon as photographic copies have been made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO : Director, FBI Att: FBI Laboratory
(Lab #D-88747 BU)

DATE: February 8, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ET AL
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R
(Bureau File 74-1333)

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Enclosed please find an original copy of a typewritten letter emanating from ALGER HISS dated May 13, 1948 and addressed to Professor JOHN N. HAZARD, The Russian Institute, 431 West 117th Street, New York, New York, and signed ALGER HISS. This letter was obtained from Professor HAZARD and is to be compared with known and questioned specimens of this case.

Upon completion of the examination by the Laboratory, it is requested that this letter be returned to the New York Office.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

February 10, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 9, 1949.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by:

New York

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K514 Letter typewritten on a plain sheet of white paper, dated January 5, 1949, to Dr. Richard Light, 823 West South Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, signed ALGER HISS.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type K514 was not used to type Q5 or Q6 through Q69.

The submitted evidence will be returned to the New York Office as soon as photographic copies have been made.

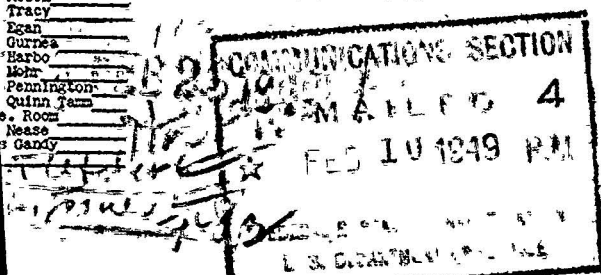
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 Attention: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, New York

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

DATE: February 8, 1949

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Enclosed herewith is a typewritten letter dated January 5, 1949, signed "ALGER HISS". It will be noted that on the bottom of this letter there are three and one half lines of written material that appear to have been written by ALGER HISS.

It is desired that this specimen be compared with the known or questioned specimens in this case. This letter was obtained from R. McALLISTER LLOYD, President, Teacher's Insurance and Annuity Association, New York, New York.

At the conclusion of the comparison it is requested that this letter be returned to this office as it is necessary to return it to Mr. LLOYD.

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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 THIRTYTWO 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 UNIV. OF
CAL., BERKELEY, CAL., AND THAT CRANE LIVED WITH GUTELIUS IN NEW YORK
CITY WHILE GUTELIUS WAS ATTENDING COLUMBIA UNIV. 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 UNIDENTIFIED 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 DOES NOT KNOW MARRIED NAME BUT ADVISES

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GUTELIUS-S. HOME WAS IN ROCHESTER, NY. 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, STANLY F. GUTELIUS, THREE EIGHT EIGHT MAGEE AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NY. 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 NY 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 RECORD TO ALL FACTS FURNISHED BY CRANE. - UNQUOTE.

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DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP DASH R., IS DASH
R. RE CLIFFORD L. TUBBS. ~~WILLIAM~~ WILLIAM BAKER, STATE DEPT. AGT., LA,
ADVISED HE INFORMED TUBBS ~~CONCERN~~ CONCERNING TT FROM THOMAS F. FITCH
GIVING ~~PERMISSION~~ PERMISSION TO TUBBS TO FURNISH INFO TO BUREAU AGTS.
TUBBS HOWEVER DESIRED WRITTEN AUTHORITY FROM FITCH AND BAKER ADVISED
FITCH OF THIS FACT. WASHINGTON FIELD REQUESTED TO CONTACT THOMAS F.
FITCH AND REQUEST HIM WRITE LETTER DIRECTLY TO TUBBS ~~GIVING~~ GIVING
TUBBS PERMISSION TO FURNISH INFO TO BUREAU AGENTS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 12, 1949

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

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

ReNYtel to Bureau and San Diego, February 1, 1949, and San Diego teletype to the Bureau and New York dated February 3, 1949.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has stated that during the 1930's there was a Communist underground apparatus operating in Washington, D. C., among Government employees, and he was directed by J. PETERS (ALEXANDER STEVENS) to activate this group. This group or cell was made up of HENRY HILL COLLINS, CHARLES KRAMER, KRIVITSKY, VICTOR PERLO, NATHAN WILT, ALGER HISS, DONALD HISS and LEE PRESSMAN, and all under the direction of the deceased HAROLD WARE.

It will be noted that LEONARD H. DE CAUX, former CIO news editor, and his wife were friends of LEE PRESSMAN, above, and other individuals who were under investigation in the case entitled, "GREGORY, was, et al; ESPIONAGE - R." DE CAUX is also alleged to be a Communist Party member.

Mrs. KATHERINE WILLIS PERLO, in a letter to the President of the United States in 1944, set forth a list of individuals engaged in Communist espionage and underground activity in Washington, D. C. LEN DE CAUX'S name was included on this list, in addition to PRESSMAN and others named above by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

It is requested that San Diego interview Mr. and Mrs. DE CAUX, as to their knowledge of Communist underground and espionage activity in Washington, D. C. An effort should be made to obtain any information concerning ALGER HISS and his relationship with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. DE CAUX is known to be a friend of LEE PRESSMAN and other alleged Communists in Washington, D. C., as mentioned in the enclosed serials.

The following serials taken from the case file of LEONARD DE CAUX are being forwarded for completion of the San Diego file and also to assist in the interview of DE CAUX and his wife:

Washington Field Office letter to Director, 9/23/49;

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Baltimore report of SA William C. Sullivan, 9/21/42;
Cleveland report of SA James T. Mooney, 11/27/42;
Baltimore report of SA Maurice H. Foley, 5/11/43;
Washington Field Office report of SA T. Hawthorne Phillips, 9/25/43;
Washington Field Office report of SA T. Hawthorne Phillips, 8/9/43;
Washington Field Office report of SA Robert F. Cooper, 1/19/44;
Washington Field Office report of SA Robert F. Cooper, 7/8/44;
Washington Field Office report of SA Lorenzo H. D. Wildman, 11/29/44;
Washington Field Office report of SA Lorenzo H. D. Wildman, 5/7/45;
Washington Field Office report of SA Lorenzo H. D. Wildman, 8/8/45;
Washington Field Office report of SA Lorenzo H. D. Wildman, 12/19/45;
Washington Field Office report of SA Anker B. Harbo, 8/26/46;
Washington Field Office report of SA Anker B. Harbo, 11/26/46;
Washington Field Office report of SA Anker B. Harbo, 3/1/47;
New York report of SA John Dennis O'Connell, 3/2/48;
Washington Field Office letter to Director, dated 3/22/48 (with
enclosures);
Washington Field Office letter to New York, 12/27/48, cc Los
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP -R, IS-R, 74-1333-1889
RE PATRICK B. WHELAN IDENTIFIED AS ASSOCIATE OF FRANKLIN VICTOR ORENO.
RE ALSO BALT TEL DEC. FOURTEEN LAST. BALT REQUESTED TO FURNISH BRIEF
PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND INFO ON PATRICK B. WHELAN TOGETHER
WITH DATE OF DEATH FOR SUMMARY REPORT PURPOSES. PLEASE EXPEDITE.

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J. D. W. CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP R, IS R. WFO REQUESTED
TO FORWARD IMMEDIATELY TO NY SUMMARY OF PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND
OR ALL PERTINENT SERIALS REFLECTING THE SAME ON ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING.
BALTIMORE WILL FURNISH INFO ON CURRENT ACTIVITY AND RESIDENCE OF
SAME INDIVIDUAL. INFO DESIRED FOR SUMMARY REPORT NOW IN PREPARATION.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE 4
RE WFO TEL FEBRUARY FOURTH LAST. JOHN COLLIER, SR. PRESENTLY PROFESSOR
SOCIOLOGY,
CCNY, INTERVIEWED. STATES SON, JOHN COLLIER, JR., BEING INTERVIEWED
BY EL PASO NOW RESIDES TAOS, NEW MEXICO, AND NEVER WORKED FOR GOVERN-
MENT, EXCEPT FOR BRIEF PERIOD WITH DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AS PHOTO-
GRAPHER UNDER WPA PROJECT. DOES NOT RECALL ANYONE NAMED ANDREEMEREE
AND DEFINITELY DID NOT, OF HIS OWN INITIATIVE, RECOMMEND ANYONE WITH
THAT NAME OR NAME OF MRS. HUDSON, FOR EMPLOYMENT IN INDIAN AFFAIRS.
STATES HE OCCASIONALLY WOULD RECOMMEND SOME PERSON UNKNOWN TO HIM
WHILE HE WAS COMMISSIONER, WHO HAD BEEN VOUCHER FOR BY SOME MEMBER
OF HIS STAFF. DOES RECALL A WOMAN "ON FOREIGN EXTRACTION",
WHOSE NAME HE DOES NOT RECALL, WHO WORKED IN PLANNING SECTION, INDIAN
REHABILITATION DIVISION, SHORT PERIOD IN NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. HE DID
NOT RECOMMEND OR HIRE HER AND ONLY RECALLS HER BECAUSE SHE WAS NOT
GENE

ALL LIKED, DUE TO AN UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE. BELIEVES SHE WAS

DRS WERE EXHAUSTED. THES

BELIEVES EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WORK

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DIVISION CAN BE VERIFIED THROUGH WPA RECORDS. ADVISES THAT PERSONS MOST
LIKELY TO REMEMBER AN EMPLOYEE IN PLANNING DIVISION WOULD BE WALTER

WOEHLKE, PRESENTLY AT SACRAMENTO, CALIF, DANIEL MURPHY, PRESENLY FIELD
MAN, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, ^{INDIAN AFFAIRS} WASH. AND MARY MC GAIR, FORMER PERSONNEL DIRECTOR,
WHOSE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

WFO REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT LOCATION OF DANIEL MURPHY AND MARY
MC GAIR AND TEL PROPER OFFICES TO INTERVIEW.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

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

IT IS RECALLED THAT WHITTAKER CHAMBERS HAS STATED THAT ALGER AND PRISCILLA

HISS WERE VERY FRIENDLY WITH HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR., AND THAT IT IS

CONCEIVABLE PRISCILLA MAY HAVE BORROWED A TYPEWRITER FROM COLLINS. CONFIDENTIAL

INFORMANT OF THIS OFFICE ADVISES COLLINS DID POSSESS A TYPEWRITER. SUGGEST

NEW YORK MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRY AT UN AND EXAMINE UNRRA FILE OF COLLINS FOR

TYPEWRITING SPECIMENS. IF ANY LOCATED, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO FBI LAB FOR

COMPARISON WITH Q DASH FIVE.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WAS. ETAL PERJURY DASH ESPIONAG R. RE
WASHINGTON TEL FEBRUARY THIRD INSTANT. MRS. E.A. LOCK, JR. ADVISES
MISS PRESTON, PRINCIPAL OF THE POTOMIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, D.C. HAD
BEEN VERY FRIENDLY WITH MRS. ^{ALGER} ~~PHISS~~. WHEN THEY BOTH RESIDED VOLTA PLACE.
IF NOT ALREADY CONTACTED SUGGEST WASHINGTON FIELD INTERVIEW PRES-
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, ESPIONAGE-R, INTERNAL SECURITY R. RE WFO TEL TO NY AND NEWARK FEBRUARY ELEVEN LAST. RECORDS USPO, FORT LEE, NJ REVEAL MRS. R. ~~M~~ HUDSON OF TWO RIVER ROAD MOVED TO THREE ONE FOUR WEST ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH STREET, NYC DURING NINETEEN THIRTYSIX. MRS. AUGUSTA RICHTER, OWNER OF TWO RIVER ROAD IN THIRTYSIX STATES MRS. QUOTE JENNIE UNQUOTE HUDSON CAME THERE WITH MRS. MATILDA BARING AS NURSE FOR HER CHILD AND THEY OPERATED ROOMING HOUSE THERE. IN ABOUT THIRTYSIX MRS. HUDSONS SON GOT HER WHILE MRS. BARING WAS AWAY AND TOOK HER TO A HOME, PROBABLY FOR THE AGED. MRS. BARING WAS IN SHOW BUSINESS AND CURRENTLY RESIDES TWO NAUGHT SIX WEST FIFTYSECOND STREET, APARTMENT SIX, NYC. MRS. BARING IS BELIEVED TO BE ABLE TO FURNISH CURRENT ADDRESS OF MRS. HUDSON, IF LIVING, AND HER SON. *mc*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
PERJURY;
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DATE: 2-15-49

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Miss Gandy _____

At 10:00 a.m., February 12, 1949, I phoned the Washington Field Office and talked with the Agent on duty, R. Nixon. I referred him to the teletype from the Los Angeles Office of February 12, in which it is again indicated that Clifford L. Tubbs will not talk to a Bureau Agent without a letter. I told the WFO to make no request for such a letter.

ACTION:

The investigation as to which Tubbs has information relates to statements of Guenther ~~Rumrich~~, former subject of the case entitled "Guenther Gustav ~~Rumrich~~, was et al, Espionage - G." Other investigation conducted concerning his allegations and statements have proven that his story is without foundation. The interview with Tubbs, therefore, is unnecessary and particularly so in view of his attitude.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
WHILE ALGER HISS WAS A POLITICAL ADVISOR AT STATE DEPARTMENT, LAURENCE
DUGGAN WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF ALGER HISS IN THE SAME CAPACITY AND SHARED
THE SAME OFFICE. CONSTANCE M. SUPPREE, NOW MRS. L. R. McKEE, FOUR THREE
CORAL PLACE, LEXINGTON PARK, MARYLAND, WAS DUGGAN'S SECRETARY. BALTIMORE
INTERVIEW MRS. McKEE RE ALGER HISS.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. RELSVIETEL
FEBRUARY NINE, LAST, RE HART GIBSON FOSTER. FOR INFO NEWARK, HART GIBSON
FOSTER AND WIFE REPORTED BY MR. AND MRS. JAMES S. ROBB AS BEING FORMER
NEIGHBORS OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS BETWEEN YEARS NINETEEN THIRTYSIX AND
THIRTYNINE. DURING THIS TIME, HISS RESIDED AT ONE TWO FOUR FIVE THIRTIETH
STREET, NW AND THREE FOUR ONE FIVE VOLTA PLACE, NW, BOTH WASHINGTON, DC.
NEWARK REQUESTED TO CONTACT FOSTER WHO IS NOW ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH ARMY,
RANK OF COLONEL, ASSIGNED TO PICATINNY ARSENAL, DOVER, NEW JERSEY, AND
INTERVIEW HIM AND HIS WIFE FOR ANY INFORMATION IN THEIR POSSESSION CONCERNING
ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS. PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND WIFE PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED NEWARK SHOULD BE DISPLAYED. SPECIFICALLY INQUIRE IF FOSTERS HAVE ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF A TYPEWRITER IN POSSESSION OF HISS FAMILY AND IF THEY RECALL
IDENTITY OF MAIDS EMPLOYED BY PRISCILLA HISS. REBUTEL TO ALL SACS DATED
JANUARY TEN, LAST, RE HANDLING THIS MATTER.

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WASHINGTON 54 LOS ANGELES 5 FROM NEW YORK 15 11-11 PM

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**JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. RENVTEL
JAN. TWENTY FIRST RE WILLIAM ROSEN. SAAG DONEGAN REQUESTS ADVISE
AS TO PRESENT LOCATION OF ROSEN. LOS ANGELES WILL SUTEL WHETHER ROSEN
STILL IN THAT DIVISION.**

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DATE 7-14-82 BY SP7MAC/1742

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.; ETAL; PERJURY, ESP. DASH R. IN
THE PRE DASH TRIAL DEPOSITION AT BALTIMORE, MD, ESTHER CHAMBERS TESTI-
FIED THAT PRISCILLA HISS RECOMMENDED DOCTOR MARGARET OR JOSEPHINE
NICHOLSON, PEDIATRICIAN, TO HER IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, NINETEEN
THIRTY FIVE WHILE MRS. CHAMBERS WAS LIVING WITH HISS AT THE P. ST.
ADDRESS. MRS. CHAMBERS AND MRS. HISS VISITED DOCTOR NICHOLSON TO-
GETHER FOR AN EXAMINATION OF THEIR CHILDREN, WHICH INCLUDED TIMOTHY
HOBSON AND ELLEN CHAMBERS. MRS. CHAMBERS BELIEVES THAT TIMOTHY
HOBSON MAY HAVE USED THE NAME OF TIMOTHY HISS AND THAT SHE USED THE
NAME OF ELLEN BREEN FOR THIS EXAMINATION. IN THE EVENT THIS INVESTI-
GATION HAS NOT BEEN CONDUCTED, IT IS REQUESTED THAT WFO INTERVIEW
DOCTOR NICHOLSON FOR ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF
HISS WITH CHAMBERS AND DETERMINE WHAT INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN
HER RECORDS RELATIVE TO THIS OFFICE VISIT.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PEJRJURY, ESP R, IS R. RE NY TEL
FEB. FOURTEEN LAST REQUESTING WFO TO FURNISH NY IMMEDIATE SUMMARY OF
PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OR ALL PERTINENT SERIALS REFLECTING THE
SAME ON ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING. REVIEW OF BALTO. FILES REFLECT S
WFO HAS COPIES OF ALL REPORTS CONCERNING SOYRING ON FILE AT BALTO.
WITH EXCEPTION OF REPORT OF SA DAVID A. FISH, BOSTON, OCTOBER SIXTEEN,
NINETEEN FORTYTHREE AND REPORT OF SA JESSE F. FARR, BALTO., JULY
TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, BOTH ENTITLED ELEANOR NELSON ~~BOSTON~~
SOYRING, WAS.. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT WFO WILL FURNISH NY WITH
COPIES OF ALL OTHER REPORTS RE SOYRING AS REQUESTED.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY ESP R. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING PROSECUTIVE SUMMARIES, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE INDICES AND FILES OF THE WFO BE THOROUGHLY CHECKED IMMEDIATELY FOR ANY INFO ON SYDNEY SCHOSTECK AND ROY WARNER WA. RAY WARNER. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE LATTER MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH WILLIE ARNOLD WAS, WILLIE ARNSTEIN, WILLIE ARNHEIM WHO WAS A CP ORGANIZER IN DC IN THIRTYSIX. BOTH SCHOSTECK AND WARNER HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED BY FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO AS HAVING BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN CP MOVEMENT IN D. C. IN MIDDLE THIRTYS. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO ASCERTAIN WARNER-S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES. EXPEDITE.

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TWENTY EIGHT, FORTYNINE, WITH UNDEVELOPED LEAD TO BOSTON REQUESTING
PROFESSOR ALBERT A. BENNETT, A REFERENCE OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO,
BE INTERVIEWED. DR. BENNETT UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION
REFLECTING ON COMMUNIST OR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF RENO. HE STATED
HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RENO WHOLLY OF A BUSINESS NATURE AND THAT
PEOPLE WHO WOULD KNOW RENO WERE- DR. EDWIN P. HUBBELL, DR. L. S.
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EDWARD J. *MC SHANE, ALL OF WHOM ARE MENTIONED IN REFERENCED REPORT.
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DASH R. RE BALTIMORE TEL FEBRUARY FOURTEEN. C. E. WOLEY, UNIT
HEAD, PERSONNEL RECORDS, CURTISS WRIGHT CORPORATION, FOUR THREE
HUNDRED EAST FIFTH ~~AND FIFTH~~ AVE., COLUMBUS, OHIO, STATED THAT
NO ONE WITH A SURNAME OF SLADE IS ON THE PAYROLL AT CURTISS WRIGHT
AND THE ONLY ROBERT SLADE WHO WORKED FOR THE COMPANY WAS ROBERT DONALD
SLADE, BORN COLUMBUS, OHIO JANUARY ONE, TWENTY SEVEN AND WAS
EMPLOYED IN FINAL ASSEMBLY FROM DECEMBER FIRST, FORTYTHREE TO MARCH
ONE, FORTYFOUR WHEN HE QUIT TO RETURN TO SCHOOL. IT IS ~~NOTED THAT~~
NOTED THAT HE WAS THEN ONLY SEVENTEEN YEARS AND SHOWED PRIOR
EMPLOYMENT AT LOCKBOURNE ARMY AIR BASE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, FROM MAY,
FORTYTHREE UNTIL OCTOBER, FORTYTHREE. WOOLEY ALSO CHECKED WITH *me*
NEGATIVE RESULTS EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY FILED FOR THE
NAME OF ROBERT SLADE. ~~BALTIMORE~~ BALTIMORE WILL RECONTACT THOMAS KING
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Chambers Added to Red Ring Expose Story by Miss Bentley

Gave Startling Details of Association
With 'Elite' Soviet Group in Washington

This is the seventeenth of a series of articles by Robert E. Stripling on the Communist conspiracy in the United States. Stripling was chief investigator for the House un-American activities committee from 1938 to 1948. The articles were edited by Bob Considine, Times-Herald and International News Service columnist.

By ROBERT E. STRIPLING

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, in his first of eight appearances before the House un-American activities committee, corroborated certain elements of Elizabeth Bentley's own sensational charges, despite the fact that the Justice department had assured the committee that no one could back up the Vassar graduate's story.

He, too, named Assistant Secretary of Treasury Harry Dexter White, Victor Perlo, John Abt and one or two others, and added details unknown or unspoken by Miss Bentley.

In the process, he told the committee and the world more about his own life and his association in Washington with what he called an "elite group, an outstanding group, which it was believed would rise to positions—as, indeed, some of them did: notably White and Kiss— in the government, and their position in the government would be of very much service to the Communist party . . ."

No Charges at First

At first, Chambers made no accusations that the men were engaged in espionage. "These people were specifically not wanted to act as sources of information," he pointed out to the committee. But their "ultimate objective," he added, was service to the Soviet Union.

The path by which he reached them was devious. A year after he became a member of the Communist party, Chambers was assigned to the Daily Worker. He ran it until 1929, though its nominal editor was Robert Minor.

Chambers left the party briefly in 1929 when, as he put it, Stalin ruled out the "possibility of open argument between two groups of Communists." Before that time, he asserted, there had been a "kind of democracy" within the Communist framework.

But he returned in the early 1930s. By 1932 he was editor of the New Masses. During that same year he was ordered into the Communist underground by Max Bedacht, a member of the central committee of the party. There was, of course, no appeal to Bedacht's command.

Several Aliases Listed

His first contact in the underground, he told the committee, was a man he knew under the

aliases of Mike, Don and Al; hereafter, although he had previously known him in the open party as either John Sherman or Robert Mitchell.

Mitchell took him to Grant's tomb, his story continued, and beckoned him into a large waiting automobile, driven by a Russian who Chambers knew as Herbert and as Carl. The Russian questioned him closely about his reasons for leaving the party in 1929, but was satisfied with Chambers' answers.

Two days later Mitchell introduced him to another Russian, whom Chambers thereafter knew as Ulrich and Walter, and Ulrich ordered him to serve as a liaison man between the underground apparatus and Bedacht, who was in the open party.

His main job, however, was the preparation of microfilmed documents for shipment to Russia, and the receipt of the same from abroad. Microfilms going to Russia were concealed in the cardboard and cloth backs of 10-cent store mirrors and passed on to accomplices serving as stewards or seamen on the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd ships.

Transmission Ends

When Hitler came into power in Germany, that transmission belt was dissolved. An effort was made to revive it by using employees of the French Line and Lloyd-Triestlin, but it failed.

In 1934 a superior known only as Herman ordered Chambers to meet him in Central park at 9 o'clock one night. It was raining. But Herman was more disturbing than the rain. In telling him that he would be re-assigned to Washington he spoke of "the great career that lies before you," which Chambers, a Communist, felt was strange talk coming from another Communist. The second point of alarm was that Herman obviously was a drinker, and liquor is absolutely forbidden in the Red underground.

Herman was murdered shortly after that, by two NKVD men assigned to the job by Russian Gen. Berzin, Chambers believes.

But the Washington job for Chambers came through on orders of a man named J. Peters, who was Bedacht's successor. Chambers acted briefly as a courier between Washington and New York, but his job soon became more important. He was detailed to work closely with the "elite group" and receive information from them—for it was felt that it was time the group was used more aggressively, Chambers declared.

Became Known as Carl

Sometime in 1937, two years before the signing of the Hitler-Stalin pact, he became

frightened and yearning for greater security for himself, his wife and their baby. He had been using a variety of aliases in his work with the spy ring in Washington, including the name Carl. But now he wanted a positive identity to help avert the fate of the drunken Herman.

So, under the name of J. Vivian Chambers he secured a job with the blessings and apparently by the contrivance of the party.

He went to work for a government research bureau "a spectacular instance of the case with which a Communist could at all times slide other Communists into practically any government agency in which they had a foothold," as Chambers put it.

He worked for several months in the government bureau, collecting his Communist salary on the side, but early in 1938 he quit both the job and the party. He gave the party no warning but just disappeared.

He retired to the seclusion of his Maryland farm, slept mainly through the days and sat up at nights with a gun ready, determined to fight for his life if necessary. He made no friends among neighboring farmers. Later that year, pinched for funds, he applied for a job. Time and got it, though gave the personnel department an account of his past activities. He was assigned to book and movie reviewing.

Sought Out Levine

Forty-eight hours after the signing of the Hitler-Stalin pact Chambers sought out anti-Communist writer Isaac Don Levine, now editor of Plain Talk. His purpose was two-fold: to inquire into the market for anti-Communist articles (he had approached Levine on that matter earlier) and to enlist Levine's aid in contacting the proper authorities in Washington—to lay before them all he knew of the Communist conspiracy and its workings within the government.

Levine went to Washington in the hope of seeing President Roosevelt, but got only as far as the late Marvin McIntyre, one of the President's executive secretaries. McIntyre heard the Chambers story briefly and informed him that the President was too busy to hear them. He turned him over to Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle.

Chambers returned to New York after the meeting with Berle convinced that he would be called on immediately by FBI men. "I was ready to go the whole way," he told me later. But no one appeared for a considerable period.

I once asked Chambers why he did not continue his anti-Communist crusade at that time and release the "pumpkin papers" he concealed so long. He replied that he did not want to "hurt people . . . destroy human beings" and risk his own neck, especially when it became apparent that nothing would come of his visit to Washington.

The FBI called on him twice after the murder of Gen. Walter Krivitsky, who had broken with the party and, with Levine's aid, had written a number of articles for the Saturday Evening Post. But the government men were not interested in what he had to say about the Washington spy ring. In fact no one was until the House committee drew from him, slowly but surely, a

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JANUARY NINETEEN, LAST, RELATIVE TO INTERVIEWING MAIDS OF ALGER HISS, AND IN
PARTICULAR TO STATEMENTS OF CHAMBERS APPEARING ON PAGE ONE ONE NINE NAUGHT,
HQUA TESTIMONY, THAT CHAMBERS WENT TO HOME OF ALGER HISS ON DENT PLACE, WASHINGTON,
DC, TOWARD THE END OF NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT IN AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK HISS FROM
CP. RECORDS OF J. B. GILLIAT REAL ESTATE COMPANY REFLECT HISS LEASED
THREE FOUR ONE FIVE VOLTA PLACE, NW, FROM DECEMBER TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN
THIRTYSEVEN TO SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. INVESTIGATION INDICATES
HISS MOVED DIRECTLY FROM ONE TWO FOUR FIVE THIRTIETH STREET, NW, WHERE HE HAD RESIDED
SINCE JUNE, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, TO VOLTA PLACE, NW. THERE IS NO INDICATION OTHER
THAN CHAMBERS' STATEMENT THAT HISS EVER RESIDED ON DENT PLACE, WASHINGTON, DC.
IT IS OBSERVED THAT DENT PLACE RUNS PARALLEL TO VOLTA PLACE, ONLY TWO BLOCKS
NORTH OF VOLTA PLACE, THAT EACH EXTENDS FOR ONLY TWO OR THREE BLOCKS IN
GEORGETOWN AREA, AND THAT EACH RUNS FROM THIRTYTHREE TO THIRTYFIVE STREETS. IT
IS BELIEVED THAT CHAMBERS IS PROBABLY MISTAKEN REGARDING HISS RESIDENCE ON DENT
PLACE. NY REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW CHAMBERS ABOUT THIS MATTER. PHOTOS
AND MAPS RELATIVE TO ALL HISS RESIDENCES, WASHINGTON, DC, ARE BEING MADE AND WILL
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JANUARY TWENTYTH. IT IS CONCLUSIVE Q FIVE MAY HAVE BEEN TYPED ON
UNDERWOOD ELITE MACHINE AS LABORATORY STANDARDS FOR UNDERWOOD AND ROYAL
ARE VERY SIMILAR. HOWEVER, CERTAIN CHARACTERS ON Q FIVE RESEMBLE MOST
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JAY DAVIS WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL
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Re Chicago tel February 2, 1949, reflecting an interview with Mrs. Carroll Daugherty, former wife of Henry Julian Wadleigh.

You are instructed to reinterview Wadleigh concerning statements made by Mrs. Wadleigh concerning him. Specifically you should endeavor to obtain from Wadleigh the identity of the unknown Professor of Physics at John Hopkins University, Baltimore, who allegedly was one of the two persons who induced him to enter into the espionage activities.

You will recall that in a previous interview by your office with Wadleigh he did not appear to be certain from whom he had received the Turkish or Persian rug in about 1937, although it was his belief that it was probably David Zimmerman, with aliases. Inasmuch as Mrs. Daugherty apparently definitely recalls that it was Zimmerman, this should be brought to Wadleigh's attention to corroborate his recollection.

In addition, you should question Wadleigh concerning Mrs. Daugherty's statement that Chambers borrowed money from Wadleigh under a veiled threat that if Wadleigh did not lend Chambers the money he would expose Wadleigh's espionage activities.

This interview should be conducted as soon as possible and the results furnished to the Bureau, New York, and Baltimore offices.

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R. RE REPORT OF MAURICE A. TAYLOR DATED JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST
AT WASHINGTON, D. C. MRS. CARROLL DAUGHERTY, THREE ZERO TWO THREE
PARK, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, FORMER WIFE OF HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH,
ADVISED THIS DATE THAT WADLEIGH ADVISED HER IN SPRING OF NINETEEN
THIRTY SIX THAT HE HAD UNDERTAKEN TO DO UNDERCOVER WORK
ON BEHALF OF THE QUOTE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL UNQUOTE, THAT HE
WAS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESIGNATED CONFIDENTIAL FILES FROM THE TRADE
AGREEMENTS SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND TURN INSTANT FILES OVER
TO HAROLD WILSON, AN UNDERCOVER AGENT FOR THE QUOTE COMMUNIST
INTERNATIONAL UNQUOTE FOR COPYING AND PHOTOGRAPHING. DAUGHERTY
STATED THAT WILSON VISITED THE WADLEIGH HOME SEVERAL TIMES
DURING NINETEEN THIRTY SIX AND NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN BUT NO DOCUMENTS
TURNED OVER ON THESE OCCASIONS NOR WERE THE ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES
DISCUSSED. SHE STATES THAT WADLEIGH ALWAYS TURNED OVER DOCUMENTS
TO WILSON AT UNKNOWN PUBLIC PLACES IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AND THAT
A QUOTE CARL UNQUOTE, ALSO AN AGENT FOR THE COMMUNIST
INTERNATIONAL WHO SEEMED TO BE WILSON-S SUPERIOR, OFTEN CONFERRED
WITH WADLEIGH CONCERNING THIS ESPIONAGE WORK BUT THAT SHE HAS SEEN
THIS CARL ONLY ONCE. SHE ADVISED THAT IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN
THIRTY EIGHT WADLEIGH STATED THAT CARL HAD QUIT THE COMMUNIST
INTERNATIONAL AND WAS BORROWING MONEY FROM WADLEIGH

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL. DAUGHERTY COULD NOT STATE AS TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED AND WHETHER WADLEIGH ACTUALLY LENT THE MONEY TO CARL. DAUGHERTY COULD NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE PHOTOGRAPH OF DAVID ZIMMERMAN WA. DAVID CARPENTER, AS HAROLD WILSON ALTHOUGH SHE STATES THERE WAS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE. DAUGHERTY ADVISES ALSO THAT VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS BEAR STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO THE PERSON SHE KNEW AS CARL ~~AND~~ THOUGH SHE CANNOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF CHAMBERS AS CARL ON BASIS THAT SHE SAW CARL ONLY ONCE IN WHICH SHE NOW RECALLS AS A PARK IN WASHINGTON, D. C. DAUGHERTY FURTHER STATED THAT WADLEIGH RECEIVED NO RECOMPENSE FOR HIS WORK OTHER THAN A NEW NINE BY TWELVE PERSIAN RUG FROM HAROLD WILSON ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. DAUGHERTY BELIEVES THAT WADLEIGH WAS ~~INDUCED~~ INDUCED TO ENTER THESE ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES BY ELEANOR NELSON AND AN UNKNOWN PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY AT BALTIMORE. DAUGHERTY DESCRIBED THIS PROFESSOR AS OF SLENDER BUILD, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, THIRTY YEARS IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, NO FURTHER DETAILS RECALLED. SHE STATED THAT WAD LEIGH WAS INTRO- ~~DUCE~~ DUCED TO HAROLD WILSON BY ELEANOR NELSON AND THAT

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ACCORDING TO ~~WADLEIGH~~ WADLEIGH, ELEANOR ~~NELSON~~ NELSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. DAUGHERTY STATED THAT ~~WADLEIGH~~ WADLEIGH WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND HE WORKED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL BECAUSE OF A DEEP SEATED SYMPATHY FOR OPPRESSED PEOPLES AND ADMIRATION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WHICH HE BELIEVES TO BE A GREAT HUMANITARIAN MOVEMENT. DAUGHERTY STATED THAT SHE BELIEVED ELEANOR NELSON WAS ACQUAINTED WITH HAROLD WILSON THOUGH SHE HAS NEVER SEEN THEM TOGETHER. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE KNEW OF NO OTHER PERSON WHO WOULD KNOW OF WADLEIGH'S ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN CARL, HAROLD WILSON AND ELEANOR NELSON, AND THAT FURTHER WADLEIGH HAD NEVER REVEALED TO HER THE IDENTITY OF OTHER PERSONS ENGAGED IN SIMILAR ESPIONAGE WORK AND FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT WADLEIGH DOES NOT KNOW ANY OTHER ~~PERSONS~~ PERSONS INASMUCH AS THE ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLE OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL GROUP IN WASHINGTON WAS TO KEEP ALL UNDERCOVER AGENTS WORKING FOR THEM FROM BECOMING ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER. DAUGHERTY CONCLUDED THAT SINCE RECENT PUBLICITY OF ~~SUBJECTS~~ SUBJECTS AND THEIR ALIASES, THAT THE CARL SHE KNEW IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX AND NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN IS WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND THAT HAROLD WILSON IS DAVID ZIMMERMAN, WA. DAVID CARPENTER. DAUGHERTY STATED THAT SHE HAS NEVER MET ALGER ~~HISS~~ HISS AND KNEW NOTHING CONCERNING ANY

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OF HIS ALLEGED ACTIVITIES, AND STATES THAT HISS WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH WADLEIGH SO FAR AS SHE KNOWS. DAUGHERTY BORN ~~1911~~ NINETEEN ZERO FIVE IN ENGLAND, MARRIED APRIL NINETEEN, NINETEEN TWENTY NINE TO WADLEIGH, ENTERED THE UNITED STATES SUMMER NINETEEN TWENTY NINE AND BECAME NATURALIZED JUNE ~~SEVEN~~ SEVEN, NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT UNDER CERTIFICATE NUMBER THREE FIVE EIGHT SIX SEVEN ONE ONE.

MC SWAIN

END AND ACK PLS

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WAS, ETAL, PERJURY ESP. R. RENYTEL JAN. THIRTYONE LAST. JAY LOVESTONE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO NYC EARLY NEXT WEEK FROM FLORIDA WHEN CONTACT WILL BE MADE AND BUREAU ADVISED.

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DIRECTOR, SACS URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REWTFEL
FEB. TWO LAST. ALBERT LEVITT, EQUITABLE BUILDING, HOLLYWOOD,
FORMER SPEC. ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GEN. ADVISED THAT ASSOCIATIONS
WITH ALGER HISS WERE IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL DUTIES AND HE
HAS ~~NOT~~ NEVER RECEIVED OR HAD CORRESPONDENCE WITH HISS. LEVITT
ADVISES THAT IN CONNECTION WITH RUSSIAN INSURANCE CASES HANDLED
BY THE DEPT OF JUSTICE IN THIRTY SIX HE BELIEVED THAT MEMORANDUM
WRITTEN ON THE PERSONAL TYPEWRITER OF HISS MAY POSSIBLY BE LOCATED
IN THE FILE INVOLVING THE NATIONAL CITY BANK. LEVITT ADVISES THAT
IN FORTY SEVEN HE HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH VINCENTE LOMBARDO TOLED-
ANO, MEXICAN LABOR OFFICIAL IN MEXICO CITY AND AT THAT TIME TOLEDANO
ASKED LEVITT IF ALGER HISS WAS STILL IN STATE DEPT. LEVITT ALSO
ADVISED THAT RICHARD FLOURNEY FORMERLY OF THE STATE DEPT WAS
FRIENDLY WITH HISS.

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BUTEL JAN. EIGHTEEN INSTANT SETTING OUT BACKGROUND INFO OF HIDEO
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Director, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ET AL
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R.

Inasmuch as Page 32 of the report of Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly, dated February 8, 1949 at New York, reflects that Hans Inslerman registered as a Communist voter in 1933 only, page five of the report of Special Agent Paul R. Alker, dated January 31, 1949, at Newark, and Bureau letter dated February 4, 1949 should be changed accordingly. Bureau copies of this correspondence are being changed.

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NEWARK AND NEW YORK

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. REREP
SA JOSEPH M. KELLY, NEW YORK CITY, FEBRUARY EIGHT LAST AND NEWARK LETTER
FEBRUARY FOURTEEN LAST. NEWARK AUTHORIZED TO INTERVIEW ROBERT MCLEANUS FOR
INFORMATION RE ALGER HISS.

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Director, FBI

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There is attached hereto for the Washington Field Office a copy of a letter dated January 6, 1949, which was directed to the Philadelphia Office, requesting an interview with Mrs. Frances Fussell of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, concerning information which she has about the activities of Alger Hiss while in the State Department, particularly concerning an incident regarding a return of Yugoslav ships to Yugoslavia by this country. The last paragraph of this letter indicates that Bureau Liaison will check the State Department file concerning this incident; however, it is desired that this be handled by your Office.

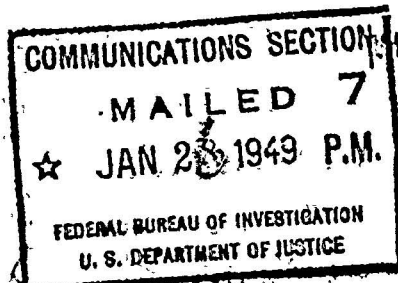
Reference is made to your teletype dated January 17, 1949, and the teletype of the Philadelphia Division dated January 11, 1949, a copy of which was made available to your Office. The latter teletype reflects the names of the individuals who are familiar with the location of the State Department file which relates to this incident concerning the Yugoslav ships. You are instructed to promptly review the pertinent State Department file concerning instant matter and submit the information to the Bureau and the New York Division.

Enclosure

cc: SAC, New York

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5:30p

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS ETAL, PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH R
ESPIONAGE DASH R. REFERENCE MADE TO PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE JAN. ELEVEN
WITH REFERENCE TO MRS. FRANCES FUSSELL. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO INSTRUCT
WFO IF FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER IS TO BE HANDLED BY THE WFO
OR WILL BE COMPLETED BY BUREAU LIAISON.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *Ambr*
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HB*
 SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
 PERJURY;
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 2-14-49

Mr. Tolson ✓
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
 Mr. Clegg ✓
 Mr. Glavin ✓
 Mr. Ladd ✓
 Mr. Nichols ✓
 Mr. Rosen ✓
 Mr. Tracy ✓
 Mr. Egan ✓
 Mr. Gurnea ✓
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 Mr. Nease ✓
 Miss Holmes ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

At 4:55 p.m. today, Mr. Vincent Russo of the Department called and stated that arrangements have been made with the HCUA so that the film in the possession of the Committee will be made available at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow for further Laboratory examination. *K21*

It will be recalled that the film is wanted for possible identification with the cameras of Felix Inslerman.

Mr. Russo stated that one of the Committee investigators will bring the film to his office, he will then bring the investigator to this office, and it is understood that the Committee investigator will remain with the film until the examination is completed. This is the practice that has been followed in the past.

Mr. Harbo has been advised.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

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

DATE: February 9, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Newark dated February 4, 1949, in which reference is made to an error in the report of Special Agent PAUL R. ALKER, January 31, 1949 at Newark. The above letter stated that this report should properly reflect that HANS INSLERMAN registered as a Communist in 1934.

A review of the photostatic copies of the election registers of the 19th Election District, 20th Assembly District, New York County, for the year 1933, maintained as exhibits in this office, reflects that HANS INSLERMAN registered as a Communist that year, namely 1933.

A review of the photostatic copies of the election registers for the same district for the year 1934 reflect no election registration by HANS INSLERMAN, but a Communist registration by his brother FELIX INSLERMAN.

Proper corrections will be made in New York copies of the report and similar corrections should be made at the Bureau and Newark.

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February 1, 1949

Memorandum for the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I have your memorandum of January 17th, discussing the editorial in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota paper.

I think the Department (FBI) did an excellent job with reference to circularizing the agencies of the government concerning data of a derogatory nature on their employees that came to our attention. Of course in that connection we merely gathered the facts and passed the information on to the Department involved. I think the loyalty program will take care of the situation you point out, such as the Remington case. In fact, the loyalty program had already caught up with Mr. Remington before any public disclosure was made concerning his activity with Miss Bentley. Mr. Hiss had resigned before the program was effected.

As to your statement concerning the Treasury Department (Glasser, Perlo, et al) my recollection is that you and I, with the then Secretary of the Treasury, in March, 1946, at a luncheon discussed at length the policy to follow regarding resignation of those named by Miss Bentley. You will recall that Mr. White had just been confirmed by the Senate, and the Secretary was asking our advice as to whether or not the President should sign the commission. The three of us agreed that he should, and that Mr. White should be isolated along with the others mentioned in the memorandum dated December 12, 1945. This was at the height of the investigation.

Thereafter, the Under Secretary of the Treasury (Foley), called and talked to me and to Mr. Vanech several times, requesting that we furnish them all information on the employees. While we had furnished the Treasury with the initial memorandum of December 12th, we thought it advisable to withhold basic data on each of the employees.

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On January 27, 1949, you recommended (1) investigation by FBI be discontinued, (2) a Grand Jury not be empaneled to hear the witnesses, and (3) basic data concerning employees be furnished to the respective departments "as a possible means of concluding this case." We then furnished summaries of each of the people in the Treasury Department to that agency, and it proceeded to take the action it thought proper. Hence, some of the Treasury employees mentioned by Miss Bentley were held in their positions temporarily pending our furnishing basic data.

As to the failure of the special grand jury to make a report of its findings, we urged it to do so, and I am sure that Mr. Donegan made every effort to obtain a presentment. He advised me that the grand jury refused to make a presentment and that Judge Clancy had always refused to receive one.

You will remember that in the Summer and Fall, 1948 I often publicly stressed the intensive investigations of Communism that we had been and were conducting. I particularly pointed out the Bentley investigation as being most complete.

The reaction now, from the letters and comments I have seen and heard, is that my claims were highly exaggerated for we failed to find the documents and microfilms subsequently produced by Chambers through the civil suit and the Committee.

In talking to the attorneys in the case, they tell me that the depositions were called to our attention on November 19th. No action was taken until the 24th, and neither Hiss nor Chambers was interviewed until after December 1st.

I know that you, too, regret the embarrassment we have suffered by the discovery of this new evidence through the civil deposition and the Un-American Committee rather than by the Department.

Attorney General

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: *W. Litter... Changes*

DATE: February 15, 1949

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from the Attorney General dated February 1, 1949, which replied to a memorandum from the Bureau to the Attorney General dated January 17, 1949, the yellow copy of which is also attached hereto.

An analysis has been made of the Attorney General's memorandum dated February 1, 1949, which is as follows:

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The Attorney General stated:

"As to your statement concerning the Treasury Department (Glasser, Perlo, et al) my recollection is that you and I, with the then Secretary of the Treasury, in March, 1946, at a luncheon discussed at length the policy to follow regarding resignation of those named by Miss Bentley. You will recall that Mr. White had just been confirmed by the Senate, and the Secretary was asking our advice as to whether or not the President should sign the commission. The three of us agreed that he should, and that Mr. White should be isolated along with the others mentioned in the memorandum dated December 12, 1945. This was at the height of the investigation."

The Bureau files disclose that in connection with the Gregory case I prepared a memorandum to you dated February 20, 1946, advising that the Attorney General had called in your absence at 5:10 PM on that date and stated that he had been in touch with the President with reference to Harry Dexter White, and that they were holding up his commission. (The identity of the commission was not mentioned.) The Attorney General said that he was desirous of talking to you about White. The Attorney General asked about what action should be taken with reference to the appointment of White, and inquired as to the source of the information in this matter. I told the Attorney General that a detailed memorandum was being prepared for him (in the Gregory case) relative to the entire case, not only as to White but as to the other persons involved which would be available to him on the following Monday.

You made the following notation on this memorandum: "I conferred with the AG and Secretary Vinson from 12:30 to 5:30 PM on February 22nd re this. H." (65-56402-571)

It is noted that the Attorney General stated that you met with him and the Secretary of the Treasury in March, 1946, and that Mr. White had just been confirmed by the Senate and the Secretary of the Treasury asked as to whether or not the President should sign White's commission. Obviously, the Attorney General was in error as to the date of this meeting since, as will be seen from the above, the meeting occurred on February 22, 1946.

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As to the commission of Harry White about which the President sought advice as to whether or not he should sign it, this apparently referred to the confirmation of White as Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund which was confirmed by the Senate on February 6, 1946. (Source - Congressional Record, page 971, Volume 92, Part I, 79th Congress, Second Section)

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The Attorney General's memorandum stated as follows:

"On January 27, 1949, you recommended (1) investigation by FBI be discontinued, (2) a Grand Jury not be empaneled to hear the witnesses, and (3) basic data concerning employees be furnished to be respective departments "as a possible means of concluding this case." We then furnished summaries of each of the people in the Treasury Department to that agency, and it proceeded to take the action it thought proper. Hence, some of the Treasury employees mentioned by Miss Bentley were held in their positions temporarily pending our furnishing basic data."

Bureau files reflect that by memorandum dated January 27, 1947, to the Attorney General he was advised of the Bureau's views as to a recommended course of action concerning the disposition of the Gregory case as follows:

(a) "In view of the unfortunate publicity given to this case by a Departmental source, it will be impossible to continue this case on an intelligence basis. In this regard, information reaching us from our coverage of the activities of these subjects indicates they are now all very security conscious and that a practical coverage of their activities is impossible."

(b) "Relative to the second suggestion, namely, that the Bureau or a Federal Grand Jury interrogate a selected number of subjects, I must point out that this program would appear impractical at this time for the same reasons that I have enumerated above as applying to the first proposal. I believe that the publicity originating in the Department has placed each of the subjects on notice of the Bureau's knowledge of his activities and that consequently any attempt to interrogate them, either by Bureau agents or before a Grand Jury would produce nothing. Obviously, this situation leaves only the third alternative;"

(c) "That the Department furnish to the employing departments the basic data concerning the activities of the individual subjects as a possible means of concluding this case. It is assumed, of course, that the employing departments will take administrative action against the subjects who are employed in those departments. If you desire to follow this course of action, I will arrange to have appropriate summations prepared in such form that you may transmit them to the interested Government departments."

(65-56402-2012)

By memorandum dated March 7, 1947, the Attorney General was furnished individual summaries of basic data from the files of the Bureau regarding the activities of the following persons who were at that time employed in the United States Government: Edward Joseph Fitzgerald, Commerce Department; P. Bernard Nortman, State Department; Schlomer Adler, Treasury Department; Harold Glasser, Treasury Department; Sonie Steinman Gold, Treasury Department; Victor Perlo, Treasury Department; and William Ludwig Ullmann, Treasury Department.

This memorandum stated that although it was the Bureau's understanding that the Attorney General was holding in abeyance any final decision as to the Departmental action in this case pending a review of the investigative reports by Tom Donegan and T. Vincent Quinn in New York City, the Bureau wanted to make these summaries available to the Attorney General for his use in the event it was later decided to furnish the information to the Departments employing those persons.

(65-56402-2168)

The Bureau has no information in its files to show whether or not these summaries were made available to the respective agencies by the Attorney General.

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The Attorney General stated as follows:

"In talking to the attorneys in the case, they tell me that the depositions were called to our attention on November 19th. No action was taken until the 24th, and neither Hiss nor Chambers was interviewed until after December 1st."

By memorandum dated November 23, 1948, which was received in the Bureau on November 24, 1948, Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell advised that on November 19, 1948, Solicitor General Perlman had informed him that he had been in touch with William L. Marbury, the Baltimore attorney for Alger Hiss in connection with Hiss' civil suit in Federal Court at Baltimore against Whittaker Chambers. He stated that he and other representatives of the Department met with the Attorneys for Hiss and Chambers in Baltimore on the afternoon of Friday, November 19, 1948. On the occasion of this meeting Mr. Campbell stated that he learned of the existence of the documents which Chambers produced in a pre-trial deposition in connection with the civil suit which Chambers claimed he had obtained from Alger Hiss and which were reportedly typewritten by Hiss.

Mr. Campbell in his memorandum requested an immediate investigation to determine whether Whittaker Chambers had committed perjury inasmuch as he had not previously informed a Federal Grand Jury or the FBI that he had these documents in his possession. He further requested that arrangements be made through the attorneys of Alger Hiss to make Hiss available for an interview by the Bureau in connection with the documents produced by Chambers. The Departmental instructions said nothing with respect to an interview with Chambers since the instructions pointed definitely toward a possible perjury violation by him.

(Source--Memorandum from AAG Campbell to Director, 11-23-48 re "Testimony of Whittaker Chambers before Grand Jury")

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On November 24, 1948, the Baltimore Office was instructed to contact the Attorneys for Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers to arrange to obtain copies of the transcript of the deposition given by Whittaker Chambers on November 17, 1948, which was the date on which he produced the documents. The Baltimore Office was also instructed to obtain photostatic copies of the documents produced by Chambers. The Baltimore Office was also requested to contact the attorney for Hiss in order to obtain his permission to interview Hiss. (Source--letter to Baltimore, 11-24-48; 74-1333)

On the same date the Baltimore Office advised that they had obtained the photostatic copies of the documents in question but that the original documents were in the possession of a document examiner in New York. The Baltimore Office also advised that the court reporter who had taken the testimony on November 17, 1948, which included and concerned the documents in question, was instructed by Mr. Alexander M. Campbell not to have the testimony transcribed by a public stenographer and that he, Campbell, was supposed to have arranged to have had it done on the previous Monday. As of that date, the court reporter had not heard from Mr. Campbell. (Source--memorandum from Mr. Whitson to Mr. Ladd; 11-24-48; 74-1333)

By letter dated November 25, 1948, received at the Bureau on November 26, 1948, the Baltimore Office enclosed copies of 65 pages of typewritten material and photostatic copies of 4 pages of handwritten material which were obtained on November 24, 1948, from Chambers' attorney in Baltimore. These were copies of the documents presented by Chambers in the pre-trial deposition. It was stated that the original documents were still in New York being examined by a private document examiner and they would be returned to Chambers' attorney in Baltimore on November 26, 1948. (Source--letter from Baltimore to Bureau, 11-25-48; 74-1333)

On November 26, 1948, Inspector Fletcher advised Mr. Campbell of the Department that the court reporter in Baltimore had taken no steps to prepare a transcript of the testimony of November 17, 1948, since he was awaiting Mr. Campbell's advice. Subsequently, on the same date, Mr. Russo of the Department advised Inspector Fletcher that it had been arranged to have 2 copies of the transcript prepared for the use of the Department which would be available the following Monday.

On the same date the Baltimore Office advised that they would secure the original documents and would bring them to Washington on the following Monday with the transcript. (Source--memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd, 11-26-48; 74-1333)

On November 29, 1948, the 2 stenographic transcripts of the deposition of Chambers and the original documents produced by Chambers on November 17, 1948, were forwarded to the Bureau by the Baltimore Office. The original documents were furnished to Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell as an enclosure to a memorandum dated November 30, 1948, pursuant to his request. (Source--letter from Baltimore to Bureau, 11-29-48; memorandum to AAG Campbell, 11-30-48

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On December 1, 1948, the Bureau furnished the Washington Field Office with photostatic copies of the original documents with the instructions that a check be made at the State Department in order to determine that they actually were copies of or originals of State Department documents. The interview with Alger Hiss was being held in abeyance upon Departmental instructions pending the outcome of this check. (Source--letter to WFO, 12-1-48; 74-1333)

On December 3, 1948, Mr. Russo of the Department telephonically advised Inspector Howard Fletcher that it had been decided that Whittaker Chambers should be interviewed immediately, if possible on that date. Pursuant to his instructions, arrangements were made and Chambers was interviewed in Baltimore on the afternoon of December 3, 1948. Mr. Russo stated that the interview of Chambers should be conducted even though the check of the documents at the State Department had not been completed. (Source--memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd, 12-3-48; 74-1333)

Pursuant to Departmental instructions, Alger Hiss was interviewed by Bureau agents at Baltimore, Maryland, on December 4, 1948.

With further reference to the Attorney General's statement in his memorandum that the attorneys handling the Hiss-Chambers case had told him that although the depositions were called to the Department's attention on November 19, 1948, no action was taken until November 24, 1948, and neither Hiss nor Chambers were interviewed until after December 1, 1948, it is of interest to note that on February 10, 1949, during a conference which was held in the Attorney General's office and attended by Mr. Peyton Ford and Assistant Director Al Rosen, the Attorney General said that in the Hiss case there was a delay between November 19th and November 24th during which Mr. Campbell had not told the Bureau about certain information which had been gotten by the Department. (Source--memorandum for Mr. Rosen to the Director, 2-10-49; Conference in the Attorney General's office had reference to Policy of Prior Clearance with the Department.)

This is an admission on the part of the Attorney General that the Department was delinquent by not taking immediate action when the matter was first brought to its attention.

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The Attorney General stated, "As to the failure of the Special Grand Jury to make a report of its findings, we urged it to do so, and I

am sure that Mr. Donegan made every effort to obtain a presentment. He advised me that the Grand Jury refused to make a presentment and that Judge Clancy had always refused to receive one."

The following data appears in Bureau files concerning the matter of a presentment by the Department and the Grand Jury in the Gregory Case:

On November 28, 1947 Mr. Ladd talked with Mr. T. Vincent Quinn with reference to the progress of the Gregory case and Quinn said it was expected that the Grand Jury would recess that week for a short time for the purpose of determining what further presentation was necessary. Mr. Quinn stated that he and Mr. Donegan were still considering the question of the Grand Jury returning a presentment covering the facts in the case. (Memo from Mr. Ladd to Mr. Tamm dated 11/28/47. 65-56402)

On April 16, 1948, Mr. Quinn advised Mr. Ladd that the New York Grand Jury had adjourned until May 4, 1948; that the question as to a presentment was left up in the air inasmuch as the Attorney General at that time was opposed to returning any presentment. The Attorney General indicated to Mr. Quinn that in the event of any subsequent news inquiry, the Attorney General could always say that the matter was referred to the Grand Jury which took no action. (65-56402-3209)

On June 8, 1948, Mr. Donegan informed Mr. Ladd that he had informed Mr. Quinn that he felt there was a need for a presentment in the Gregory Case and that Mr. Quinn seemed to agree; that it was tentatively agreed that a presentment would be made to the Grand Jury in the Gregory Case and that Donegan would then withdraw from the picture and that USA McGohey would take over in order to present the Communist Party brief to the Grand Jury. (Memo from Mr. Ladd to Mr. Tamm dated 6/9/48. 65-56402)

On June 22, 1948, Mr. Ladd advised that Assistant SAC Belmont of the New York Office informed him on that date that Mr. Donegan had advised Belmont that he had appeared before the Grand Jury on June 22, 1948 and had talked to the foreman of the Grand Jury about the possibility of a presentment. The foreman was of the opinion that such a presentment should be made. A copy of a proposed presentment was furnished by Mr. Donegan to Mr. Quinn who apparently approved it, but Quinn was bringing it to Washington for the approval of the Attorney General. (65-56402-3273)

On June 29, 1948, Mr. Donegan informed ASAC Belmont that he had been advised by Mr. Quinn that the Attorney General did not want any presentment returned in connection with the Gregory Case. He stated that apparently no

action would be taken with reference to the presentment which Mr. Donegan had suggested be returned by the Grand Jury. (65-56402-3271)

On August 12, 1948, Mr. Donegan advised that USA McGohey of New York had called and advised that some of the Grand Jurors wanted to hold a special session during the first part of September, 1948, since they were concerned about the new Congressional Hearings, (wherein Bentley and Chambers testified) and that the Attorney General was then of the opinion that the Grand Jury should be called back the first part of September and, further, that the Attorney General was considering the question of a presentment. (65-56402-3459)

On September 20, 1948 Mr. Donegan advised Mr. Ladd that the Attorney General had asked him whether the Grand Jury could return a presentment. Mr. Donegan stated he advised the Attorney General that a presentment could be returned, but if the Grand Jury did so it would probably be critical of the Perlo situation (this being the question of the Treasury Department retaining Perlo on the pay roll for an extended period after derogatory information was made available). Mr. Donegan stated he felt that if a presentment was returned, there would be some criticism of inactivity. (65-56402-3597)

On September 22, 1948 Mr. Donegan advised Mr. Ladd that he was going to arrange for the Grand Jury to consult with one of the Federal Judges in New York with reference to the question as to whether the Grand Jury should return a presentment. The Grand Jury adjourned on that date and was scheduled to reconvene on October 6, 1948. (65-56402-3611)

On October 13, 1948 Mr. Donegan advised Mr. Ladd that he had been in conference with Mr. Alexander Campbell of the Criminal Division and that he advised Mr. Campbell that the Grand Jury had indicated that they did not want to return a presentment in the Gregory Case; that they felt it would be undesirable in view of the Congressional Hearings and in view of the fact that the case had become a political issue. The Grand Jury adopted the position that they had nothing to apologize for in their handling of the case and that a presentment would merely be an apology. Mr. Donegan stated that he had explained this to Mr. Campbell who seemed inclined to agree with him but stated that he did not know what the Attorney General's view would be. Mr. Donegan stated that the Grand Jury felt that they should not be discharged; that this action could be interpreted by some of the subjects as giving them a clean bill of health. The Grand Jury felt that they should just go out of existence when their term expired in December, 1948. (65-56402-3654)

On October 25, 1948, Mr. Donegan advised Mr. Ladd that he had a conference with the Attorney General and that it had been decided in view of

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the hesitancy on the part of the Grand Jury to return a presentment that no action would be taken by the Grand Jury at that time, but that they would adjourn and at some time subsequent to the election they would be called back into session to decide whether they desired to issue a presentment. If they decided not to issue a presentment, they would not be discharged, but they would be permitted to let their term expire about the middle of December, 1948.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 17, 1949

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I read with interest and considerable concern the editorial which appeared in the January 3, 1949, issue of the Daily Argus Leader, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, entitled "Why Didn't FBI Know About Spies?"

As you know, there have been numerous other editorials along a similar vein in recent weeks, as well as over a period of months, following the earlier public statements of Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley before Congressional committees. I think that the Department and the FBI have suffered a serious blow as a result of the revelations that have been made.

The whole situation impresses me as being most unfortunate in that we are unable to tell our story. It is indeed unfortunate that the Department cannot state its case to the public. Countless persons, as in the case of the editorial writer of the Daily Argus Leader, are gaining impressions that the Department of Justice and the FBI are not abreast of the activities on the part of subversives. The Hiss-Chambers case particularly has provided a springboard for many comments to be made in a most derogatory nature concerning both the Department and the FBI. I do not recall having seen any questions raised by editorial writers as to why Mr. Adolf Berle, formerly Assistant Secretary of State, did not promptly advise either the Department or the FBI of the information he received from Whittaker Chambers on September 2, 1939. Nor have I seen any statements on the part of the heads of other governmental agencies explaining their reason for not taking action when both the Departmental and the FBI informed them of existing conditions in their own departments.

In connection with the Alger Hiss case, if you will recall, as early as March, 1942, the FBI forwarded reports made in connection with a Hatch Act investigation pertaining to Hiss to the State Department. These reports did set forth statements of witnesses who raised questions pertaining to Hiss' loyalty. This, of course, occurred nearly 2½ years after Mr. Adolf Berle had been specifically advised by Whittaker Chambers of Hiss' involvements.

I likewise recall that as the Canadian espionage case was developing the FBI received a definite report that a statement had been made in Moscow that an assistant to the Secretary of State, presumably Alger Hiss, was a Soviet agent. This information was communicated to the

cc - Mr. Whitson

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State Department. Following the revelations of Elizabeth Bentley, who outlined in detail her associations with a Washington underground group, wherein Alger Hiss was mentioned, the State Department again was advised regarding the involvement of Mr. Hiss. I recall very distinctly your advising me of the conversation you had with former Secretary of State Byrnes in March of 1946, at which time Mr. Byrnes informed you that he wanted to dismiss Hiss but could not do so without a hearing and had contemplated calling him in and questioning him. You endeavored to counsel Mr. Byrnes on this and assumed that he would follow your advice, only to be informed the following day that the Secretary had called Hiss in and talked to him about the allegations of his subversive tendencies. Mr. Hiss remained in his position of trust at the State Department until he resigned in January of 1947.

On other occasions the State Department has been advised of others concerning whom serious questions have been raised pertaining to their loyalty and who were permitted to remain in their positions.

The same situation, you will recall, occurred in the Treasury Department. On March 5, 1946, the Bureau furnished to the Secretary of the Treasury a copy of a memorandum entitled "Soviet Espionage in the United States," dated December 12, 1945, which, in addition to outlining Soviet espionage activities, detailed information furnished by both Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley pertaining to several employees in the Treasury Department. In one specific instance involving Harold Glasser, the FBI furnished copies of its investigative reports growing out of a Hatch Act investigation to the Secretary of the Treasury by letter dated January 26, 1942, wherein it was pointed out that the investigation was initiated as a result of the receipt of information that Glasser's name appeared on the active indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. Our investigation failed to substantiate that he was a member of, or associated with, this organization. However, it reflected that Glasser was reported to have been a "suspected Communist organizer in the Inter-Professional Association for School Insurance, Chicago, Illinois," an organization which became defunct in 1941. As a result of the Elizabeth Bentley allegation, the Secretary of the Treasury was informed pertaining to Glasser and others as I have already indicated by being supplied a copy of the memorandum "Soviet Espionage in the United States" by letter dated March 5, 1946.

It appeared that in the meantime the Treasury Department requested information on Victor Perlo, who was prominently mentioned by Elizabeth Bentley, and, accordingly, a summary of Perlo's activities was furnished the Treasury Department on September 12, 1946. Since Perlo worked under Glasser, when the information came to Glasser's attention, the latter advised Perlo to leave the Treasury Department since he had not been cleared on the grounds of loyalty. It is under-

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stood that Mr. Glasser advised Mr. Perlo that if he desired to fight the charges he could do so, and when pressed, Mr. Glasser informed Perlo that he was charged with being a member of the Soviet espionage ring. Subsequently, Mr. Foley of the Treasury Department told Glasser that they had made a mistake in telling Perlo to leave the Department. It is my understanding that Mr. Foley then attempted to "pass the buck" to the Department of Justice by stating that they should have received additional information before Perlo was told to leave the Treasury Department. In fact, it is my understanding that Mr. Glasser left the country shortly after Christmas, 1946, and when he returned in March, 1947, he expressed considerable surprise upon learning that Mr. Perlo was still in the Treasury Department, during which time Mr. Perlo had access to data of a confidential and restricted nature. It is my further understanding that Mr. Perlo was recommended for the position of Treasurer of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees in the State Department by Mr. Glasser, after the latter had discussed the matter with Mr. Spingarn, who was aware of the allegations against Perlo. However, the State Department, in checking on Perlo, learned of the existing information and declined to accept him.

As you know, at no time has the Treasury Department been requested, either by the FBI or the Department of Justice, to retain in its employ an individual against whom a suspicion of disloyalty has been raised. Although I understand that rumors have been circulating in Washington to the effect that certain of the individuals mentioned by Elizabeth Bentley were maintained in their positions for the convenience of the FBI in maintaining surveillances, you, of course, know how ridiculous this is and how untrue it is. I mention it only because of the injustices which I feel are being done to you as Attorney General, the Department of Justice, and the FBI, by the situation which makes it impossible to tell our story because any public announcement would involve the criticism of other agencies in the government who failed to act when they should.

In view of the efforts you have made to have legislation enacted to strengthen laws pertaining to internal security, it is most regrettable that the special grand jury in New York which was recently discharged did not see fit to make a report of its findings and point out the deficiencies of the law which so far has prevented prosecutive action.

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WHY DIDN'T FBI
KNOW ABOUT SPIES?

The FBI may be just as excellent an organization as it says it is.

But we must wonder about its efficiency in respect to the U. S. Department of State. It has now been established as a fact that spies did make copies of the most secret documents in the inner recesses of the State Department in 1937 and 1938.

The FBI didn't catch the spies. It didn't even know the papers had been copied until the activities of a committee of Congress revealed the incident.

If the FBI operated so inefficiently in the important pre-war years of 1937 and 1938, how are we to gauge its current operations? Is it better qualified now to detect espionage in Washington than it was 10 years ago?

President Truman should be eager to have the answer to these questions. And so should the American people.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP. R. IS- R.
WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE REINTERVIEWED FEB. TEN AND STATED WHEN HE FIRST
WENT TO NEW YORK IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR WITH JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN
HE WAS INTRODUCED BY UNSUB BILL, PREDECESSOR OF COL. BYKOV TO TWO
FORMER ~~RUSSIAN ARMY OFFICERS~~ CZARIST ARMY OFFICERS WHOSE COVER NAMES HE
CAN,T RECALL AND WHOSE REAL NAMES HE NEVER HEARD. CRANE STATED THEY
BOTH RESIDED IN OR NEAR WASHINGTON DC AND ~~CHAMBERS~~ CHAMBERS KNOWS
ABOUT THEM. RUSSIAN NUMBER ONE WAS ABOUT FORTYFIVE YEARS OLD, SIX
FEET ONE OR TWO IN., TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN LBS., DARK COMPLEXION, WORE
GLASSES, POSSIBLY PINCE-NEZ TYPE, OF HAUGHTY , SCOWLING DEMEANOR
AND SOFT AND ~~FLABBY~~ FLABBY APPEARANCE BUT NOT FAT. RUSSIAN NO. TWO
WAS ABOUT FORTYFIVE YEARS OR LESS, SLIGHTLY SHORTER THAN RUSSIAN
NO. ONE, ABOUT ONE HUNDRED NINETY LBS., RANGY BUILD, ALSO SOFT AND
FLABBY APPEARANCE, LIGHT BROWN HAIR AND FAIR ~~COMPLEXION~~ COMPLEXION.
CHAMBERS TOLD CRANE THAT BOTH RUSSIANS WERE CARD PLAYERS AND
GAMBLERS. CRANE,S IMPRESSION WAS THAT THEY WERE QUOTE HANGOVERS
UNQUOTE FROM ANOTHER GROUP AND WERE, BEING CARRIED ALONG FOR POSSIBLE
FUTURE USE. HE WAS INTRODUCED TO RUSSIAN NO. ONE IN CENTRAL PARK,
NYC, AND MAY HAVE SEEN HIM ON ONE OTHER OCCASION. WHEN CRANE

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RETURNED TO NYC IN NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE TO WORK WITH ~~CHAMBERS~~
~~CHAMBERS~~ CHAMBERS COL. BYKOV PUT CRANE IN TOUCH AGAIN WITH RUSSIAN
NO. TWO. AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS, SOME OF WHICH WERE IN PHILADELPHIA
RUSSIAN NO. TWO DELIVERED APPROX. A DOZEN MILITARY JOURNALS TO
CRANE WHO TURNED THEM OVER TO CHAMBERS OR BYKOV. CRANE PAID NO. TWO
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH AND SOMETIMES GAVE HIM MONEY FOR NUMBER
ONE. IT APPEARS RUSSIAN NO. TWO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH VLADIMIR DE
*SVESHNIKOFF WHOSE PHOTO WILL BE DISPLAYED WHEN ~~RECEIVED~~ RECEIVED.
SHORTLY BEFORE SAILING FOR ORIENT IN ~~BERKELEY~~ NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR SHERMAN
~~CHAMBERS~~ INSTRUCTED CRANE TO LOOK UP MORRIS ~~ASIMOW~~ ASIMOW IN BERKELEY AND
MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH HIM. CRANE DOES NOT RECALL EXACT ~~PERSON~~
PURPOSE FOR CONTACT WITH ASIMOW OR RECEIVING INFO. FROM HIM IN
BERKELEY. SHERMAN TOLD CRANE THAT ASIMOW HAD JOINED CP IN BERKELEY
BUT WAS IMMEDIATELY PULLED OUT BECAUSE HE WAS ~~SUPPOSED~~ SUPPOSED TO
BE USEFUL. SOMETIME AFTER BEGINNING WORK WITH CHAMBERS IN NYC
CRANE RECALLS GOING TO CHICAGO AND CONTACTING ASIMOW WHO WAS EMPLOYED
BY CARNEGIE-ILLINOIS STEEL CORP. AND RECEIVING A REPORT FROM ASIMOW
CONCERNING STEEL. THEREAFTER ASIMOW MADE ABOUT A DOZEN TRIPS TO
NYC TO TURN OVER INFO. TO CRANE. CRANE BELIEVES ASIMOW COVER NAME
WAS POSSIBLY ~~*HARRY~~ "HARRY". HE FEELS SURE THAT HE INTRODUCED ASIMOW TO
CHAMBERS AND STATES ASIMOW KNEW COL. BYKOV BECAUSE ON SOME OCCASIONS
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HE WOULD TAKE ASIMOW TO BYKOV. CRANE CANNOT RECALL ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN J. ~~X~~PETERS AND ASIMOW. CRANE KNOWS OF NO ILLEGAL ACTIVITY ON PART OF ASIMOW SINCE HE, CRANE, ~~REDACTED~~ LEFT NYC IN LATE NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. HE STATES HE LEARNED WELDER,S TRADE AT ASIMOW,S ~~REDACTED~~ FACTORY, CENTRAL METALS INC., IN LOS ANGELES IN EARLY NINETEEN FORTY. UNTIL THIS TIME ASIMOW ~~REDACTED~~ KNEW CRANE ONLY AS PETE ~~X~~GREEN. ~~REDACTED~~ REBUFILE SIX FIVE DASH FIVE SEVEN NINE ONE THREE ENTITLED UNSUB, WAS, OTTO, KARL, WHO ACCORDING TO ROBERT GORDON ~~X~~SWITZ, ACCOMPANIED SHERMAN TO WEST COAST IN JUNE NINETEEN THIRTYTWO, RETURNING TO NYC JULY OR AUGUST NINETEEN THIRTYTWO AND SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED SEEN IN BERLIN ENROUTE TO MOSCOW, CRANE ADVISED THAT CHAMBERS WAS KNOWN AS QUOTE ~~X~~KARL UNQUOTE AND QUOTE ~~X~~OTTO UNQUOTE AND THAT HE VAGUELY RECALLED CHAMBERS MAY HAVE VISITED SAN FRANCISCO WITH ~~REDACTED~~ SHERMAN ~~REDACTED~~ PRIOR TO HIS, CRANE,S , CONNECTION WITH SHERMAN. HE ALSO RECALLED THAT CHAMBERS CLAIMED TO HAVE DONE ILLEGAL WORK IN GERMANY. REQUESTS NEW YORK DISPLAY CHAMBERS PHOTO TO SWITZ. NYC ALSO REQUESTED CONTACT CHAMBERS RE NAMES OF ITALIANS MENTIONED IN LA TEL DATED JAN. EIGHT, INSTANT. PHOTOS OF VASSILI M. ~~X~~ZUBILIN DISPLAYED TO CRANE WHO COULDN'T IDENTIFY AS ANYONE HE HAD EVER MET OR KNOWN.

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✓ THIRD LINE FROM BOTTOM WORD 3 SHOULD BE "ITALIANS"

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. Whitson

DATE: January 28, 1949

FROM : E. M. Gregg

SUBJECT: BORIS BYKOV
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

In a letter to New York dated January 3, 1949, captioned, "Jay David Whittaker Chambers, Perjury - Espionage-R," copies of which were sent to Albany, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Denver, El Paso, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Philadelphia and Washington Field, the following quoted instructions concerning the investigation to determine the identity of Boris Bykov were set forth:

"Boris Bykov with aliases: Colonel Bykov, Borris Bykov, Borris Hertz.

"Chambers stated he purchased three rugs for Alger Hiss, Abraham Silverman, and Harry D. White at end of 1936 under instructions from Col. Bykov. However, when Chambers was interviewed 12-3-48 he advised he introduced Hiss to Bykov in spring of 1937. It is possible then the rugs were purchased at end of 1937 rather than 1936.

"Chambers should be reinterviewed to determine if he and Hiss stayed overnight in a hotel in Brooklyn or N.Y.C. in 1937 at the time Chambers introduced Hiss to Colonel Bykov.

"Chambers should be interviewed to ascertain if he can recall any individual who was present at any time during his contacts with Hiss besides Col. Bykov, Zimmerman & Priscilla Hiss. Chambers should be interviewed concerning his original meeting with Col. Bykov and all details surrounding his knowledge of this person for the purpose of positively identifying Bykov and possibly locating him at this time. You will recall that Henry Julian Wadleigh has advised that in 1939, Chambers informed him that Bykov was wanted by the Russians. This matter should be gone into thoroughly in order to assist Chambers in recalling incidents which may serve to identify Bykov. The attention of your office is directed to your letter 5-14-42 captioned "Whittaker Chambers-Esp.R." It is noted therein that Chambers stated that undoubtedly one of the Russians studying at the Ford plant in Detroit in 1930s was a OGPU agent. Chambers should be asked if he was possibly referring to Bykov at that time. Chambers should be questioned for the names of other persons connected with the Communist Party underground at that time who may have known Bykov and who have subsequently disaffected.

"Reference is made to the report of S.A. Harland F. Danner 5-28-45 at N.Y.C. captioned "Borris Bykov with aliases, Internal Security-R." It is noted that Chambers was previously interviewed regarding his knowledge of Col. Bykov and at that time stated his recollection concerning Bykov was vague. It is noted a photograph of Willy Brandes with aliases was shown to Chambers at that time which

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he failed to identify as Bykov. On the assumption that Chambers may not have desired to identify Brandes as Bykov at that time which would have brought to light the present matter, the N.Y.C. is again instructed to show Chambers the photograph of Brandes for the purpose of identifying Brandes as Bykov.

"The N.Y. Office is instructed to show photograph of Brandes to Mrs. Walter Krivitsky to determine if she can identify him as Col. Bykov.

"N.Y. Office also instructed to show Chambers & Mrs. Krivitsky photographs of all male employees of Amtorg, N.Y. Consulate, and Tass News Agency for 1936, 1937, 1938 for purpose of identifying Col. Bykov.

"Wash Field is instructed to secure & furnish to N.Y.C. photographs of all male employees of Sov. Embassy during 1936, 1937 & 1938 to be used to identify Col. Bykov.

"Wash Field is instructed to reinterview Henry Julian Wadleigh and determine from him in detail the circumstances and events surrounding his introduction to Col. Bykov by Chambers. The WFO should also determine the names of all persons known to Wadleigh who may have been aware of his esp. activities in connection with this case. To date Wadleigh has advised his activities in this case were known to Eleanor Nelson Soyering, Frank Wilson (Zimmerman) Chambers & Col. Bykov."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is suggested that this memorandum be made a part of the case file in this matter to facilitate the supervision thereof.

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ANGELES TEL FEBRUARY FOURTEEN LAST. NO FURTHER EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY
LOS ANGELES TO REINTERVIEW CLIFFORD L. TUBES, FORMERLY SPECIAL AGENT, STATE
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
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DATE: February 21, 1949.

There is being transmitted herewith copies of a photograph of Mrs. PRICILLA HISS. These copies were made from a photograph which was attached to an application for admittance to George Washington University submitted by Mrs. HISS on August 13, 1937.

These photographs are submitted for the Bureau's information and assistance of the other offices.

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DASH R. RE LA TEL FEB. EIGHT LAST. UNSUB, ~~X~~JOE, JAPANESE, MENTIONED

BY WILLIAM E. CRANE, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ~~TEI~~SI PAREN JOE END

PAREN KOIDE IN SAN FRANCISCO ~~EXX~~ LET DEC. TWO LAST IN THE RICHARD

SORGE CASE, IN VIEW OF PRESENCE IN LA AND CONNECTION WITH JAPANESE

PAPER QUOTE ~~X~~INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENT UNQUOTE WHICH IS SIMILAR

TO ~~X~~INTERNATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENCE MENTIONED BY JOHN LOOMIS

SHERMAN. WASHINGTON FIELD REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN PHOTO

OF KOIDE AND FURNISH AMSD TO INTERESTED OFFICES. KOIDE EMPLOYED

BY OSS IN FORTYFIVE AND WENT TO JAPAN FOR US STRATEGIC BOMBING

SURVEY MISSION IN FALL FORTYFIVE. HE ENTERED US AT SAN FRANCISCO

NINETEEN TWENTY AND REGISTERED AS ALIEN AND ALIEN ENEMY. RELO-

CATION AND ~~ASSEMBLY~~ ASSEMBLY CENTER FILES, ARCHIVES BLDG., MAY

ALSO ~~HAVE~~ HAVE PHOTO AS KOIDE WAS IN SANTA ANITA ASSEMBLY CENTER

AND HEART MOUNTAIN, WYOMING. CRANE ~~ADVISED~~ ADVISED ABOUT THIRTY-

THREE SHERMAN INTRODUCED HIM TO A COUPLE NAMED GLASSER OR GLASS

WHO HAD ~~SOME~~ SOME UNDERGROUND CAPACITY AND WHO RESIDED IN AN

APARTMENT, PROBABLY IN SUNSET DISTRICT SAN FRANCISCO. CRANE CANNOT

RECALL MEETING THE MAN BUT DESCRIBED WOMAN AS RUSSIAN, APPROX.

FORTY YRS. THEN., VERY DARK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, POSSIBLY JEWISH,

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GLOOMY, VOLUPTUOUS, SENSUOUS AND HARD ~~BOILED~~ BOILED. CAN ONLY
RECALL SHE WAS COMPLAINING ABOUT SOMETHING AND POSSIBLY MAD AT
HER HUSBAND. SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO SEARCH ~~INDEX~~ INDEXES
AND TRY TO IDENTIFY. CRANE HAS NO DEFINITE RECOLLECTION OF USING NAME
ONE KEITH, WHICH IS VAGUELY ~~VERY~~ FAMILIAR TO HIM. BELIEVES THAT CHAMBERS
USED IT, THAT HE HAS SEEN A LET^{TER} SIGNED KEITH, AND THAT CHAMBERS
MAY HAVE GIVEN HIM THE NAME KEITH TO BE USED ONLY ~~ONLY~~ WITH CERTAIN
PEOPLE WHOM HE CANNOT RECALL. ~~REFERENCE~~ REFERENCE NEW YORK TT
JAN. TWENTYEIGHT AND WASHINGTON LET FEB. FOUR RE UNSUB~~AMUR~~
CONTACTING G. G. ~~RUMRICH~~ AT HOTEL NEW YORKER IN ABSENCE OF STATE
DEPT. SPECIAL AGT. CLIFFORD L. TUBBS AND NYC PD DETECTIVE JOHN
MURRAY, NY REQUESTED FURNISH LA RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH MURRAY
FOR USE IN ~~CONTACT~~ RECONTACTING TUBBS WHO WAS UNCOOPERATIVE WHEN
FIRST CONTACTED. IF AMUR IS ALGER HISS, ~~POSSIBILITY~~ ~~POSSIBILITY~~
POSSIBILITY EXISTS LENA MAY BE ~~LAURENCE DUGGAN~~ LAURENCE DUGGAN AS
~~ABRAHAM~~ ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE WAS ~~REFERRED~~ REFERRED TO AS
QUOTE AMUR LENA BRIGADE UNQUOTE AND DUGGAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE
ASSISTED IN FORGING OF PASSPORTS FOR CANDIDATES OF BRIGADE AND
WHEN INTERVIEWED DUGGAN INDICATED SYMPATHY FOR SPANISH LOYALISTS.

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cc ✓ JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, *info*
IS - R. RETEL WFO FEBRUARY SIXTEEN LAST. DAVID V. ZIMMERMAN
REGISTERED UNIVERSITY OF ~~WISCONSIN~~ VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, SEPTEMBER
TWENTY, TWENTYFOUR AND ATTENDED UNTIL DISMISSED JANUARY NINETEEN,
TWENTYFIVE BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON RECOMMENDATION OF HONOR COMMITTEE
WHO FOUND HIM GUILTY OF STEALING BOOK FROM STUDENT. NO RECORD OF
ZIMMERMANS ACTIVITIES AFTER DISMISSAL ~~OR~~ OR BACKGROUND DATA.
GAVE FATHERS NAME AS M. ~~ZIMMERMAN~~, ONE HUNDRED JACKSON PLACE,
BALTIMORE, MD. ENTERED UNIVERSITY FROM WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL,
PORTSMOUTH, VA. . RESIDED IN DORMITORIES, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.
NO CREDIT OR CRIMINAL RECORD AT CHARLOTTESVILLE.

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FILE NO. 65-658

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. NATHAN SIRKIN

Special Agent GERALD E. GOTSCHALL and the Reporting Agent interviewed Mrs. NATHAN SIRKIN at the Jewish Hospital, Colorado Boulevard and East Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colo., on February 7, 1949. Mrs. SIRKIN has been under treatment for a tubercular condition.

Mrs. SIRKIN stated that she first met STANLEY BLUMBERG in about 1934 or 1935 in Baltimore. She left that city for Denver shortly after meeting BLUMBERG and did not see him again until in 1936 when she returned to Baltimore. They were married on January 2, 1937, in New York City and the marriage was supposed to have been kept secret because Mr. BLUMBERG

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did not want his parents or friends to know that he was married, therefore, after their marriage, Mr. BLUMBERG lived with his parents and Mrs. SIRKIN lived in a small apartment at the corner of Broadway and Monument, second house from the corner over a flower shop. A Mrs. MARSON SHAW was the landlady.

Mrs. SIRKIN became suspicious of her husband immediately in view of the fact that he wanted to keep this marriage secret and the fact that Mrs. SIRKIN noticed that Mr. BLUMBERG would visit the apartment when she was not there and would have friends visit him there and Mrs. SIRKIN suspects that some of these friends were women.

Mrs. SIRKIN recalled that Mr. BLUMBERG's cousin, ALBERT BLUMBERG, who was a known and important Communist, once told her that he did not feel that STANLEY BLUMBERG should have married her and that she was a detriment to Mr. BLUMBERG's welfare in the Communist Party movement.

At a later date, STANLEY BLUMBERG and the present Mrs. SIRKIN rented an apartment at the Mt. Royal Terrace. This was about in the fall of 1937. They continued to occupy this apartment until the Spring of 1938, at which time they separated. Mrs. SIRKIN explained that their marital setup was unbearable in view of the fact that Mr. BLUMBERG seemed to disregard her entirely in his social life for he never took her with him when he went places and it seemed he did not want her to know his friends. Furthermore, his family had been objecting to the marriage from the beginning.

Mrs. SIRKIN recalled that on one or two occasions her husband took her to affairs which she believed were promoted by an American Committee for Peace and Democracy and she met a Mr. BARROW; however, Mrs. SIRKIN denies that she knew personally Mr. BLUMBERG's friends or acquaintances. She knew he was keeping company with a girl whose name she believes was RUTH LEVINSON. She is not certain of this name but this girl was one of the causes of Mrs. SIRKIN obtaining a divorce from STANLEY BLUMBERG.

Mrs. SIRKIN stated she does not recall any individuals by the name FRANKLIN or PHILLIP ARNO as having been friends of STANLEY BLUMBERG, nor does she know other than hearsay that her ex-husband, STANLEY BLUMBERG, was a member of the Communist Party. She gathered from the remarks made by ALBERT BLUMBERG, STANLEY BLUMBERG's cousin, that he was in the party and his activities were suspicious and secretive but he never told her that he was a member of the Communist Party.

NO PREVIOUS RECORD AS LISTED E. P. 2
WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER SPECIMENS

By teletype dated January 28, 1949, Denver requested the El Paso Office to locate a Mr. LEON W. WHITE to determine from him what disposition he made of Woodstock Typewriters with Serial numbers 156050 and 198743. El Paso replied that according to his records Woodstock typewriter with Serial No. 156050 was sold to a Mr. A. W. MILNE in Denver, Colorado.

Specimens were obtained from Woodstock typewriter now in the possession of A. W. MILNE, 4171 Irving Street, Denver, Colorado. The Serial number was checked to be 156050.

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By letter dated February 1, 1949, the above mentioned specimens were submitted registered mail, AMSD to the F.B.I. Laboratory for comparison purposes.

By letter dated February 3, 1949, the F.B.I. Laboratory advised that K-426 the specimen submitted from Woodstock typewriter with serial No. 156050 reflected that the machine which was used to type K-426 was not used to type Q-6, through Q-69 or Q-5.

By teletype dated February 8, Kansas City advised that upon the request of El Paso, records belonging to LEON W. WHITE at Richmond, Missouri, were searched and a sales slip was located indicating the sale of typewriter bearing serial number 198743 to the Royal Printing Co., 2408 West 32d Ave., city not shown, but it was assumed to be Denver inasmuch as Mr. WHITE had his typewriter shop in Englewood, Colorado, at the time of the sale.

Inquiries in Denver were negative insofar as finding a Royal Printing Co. A neighborhood inquiry and inquiries with other printing establishments reflected that a Mr. ALBERT R. NICHOLS had at one time operated the Royal Printing Co. at the above-mentioned address.

Mrs. ALBERT R. NICHOLS was located at 2785 West 40th Avenue, Denver, Colorado. She recalled the purchase of the Woodstock typewriter but advised that, in about 1943 she had sold it to a Mrs. CHESTER MILLER who now resides at 179 Julian Street.

Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 198743 was located at the residence of Mrs. CHESTER MILLER, 179 Julian Street, Denver, Colorado, and appropriate specimens were obtained therefrom and submitted to the F.B.I. Laboratory registered mail, AMSD on February 11, 1949.

IRENE MC MURPHY

~~nee~~ Mrs. IRENE MC MURPHY ~~nee~~ CRETOL in May, 1946, resided at the First Avenue Hotel, 115 Broadway and worked at odd jobs as a beauty parlor operator.

Mrs. PEARL HADDOX, Clerk at the First Avenue Hotel Denver, Colorado, thoroughly searched their records and could not find a forwarding address for IRENE McMURPHY who moved from that Hotel late in 1946.

A Mrs. HELEN WYNKOOP, 115 Broadway, First Avenue Hotel, housekeeper, recalled Mrs. IRENE MC MURPHY having lived at the Hotel but could furnish no assistance in giving information concerning the possible present whereabouts of Mrs. McMURPHY.

Mrs. JAMES R. NOLAND, Secretary of the State Board of Cosmetology, 1530 Lincoln Street, Denver, Colorado, searched the registration records and was unable to find a record of Mrs. McMURPHY being registered as a cosmetician from 1946 on. She was also unable to locate Mrs. McMURPHY's 1945 registration.

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Inquiries at the U. S. Post Office of Mr. H. W. ROBERTS of the Postal Inspector's Office, Denver, failed to develop a forwarding address for Mrs. IRENE McMURPHY.

In view of the fact that it is not known what information of value Mrs. McMURPHY could furnish concerning PHILLIP RENO, no further efforts will be made to locate her.

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THE BALTIMORE DIVISION

Will consider the advisability of endeavoring to locate Mrs. MARSON or MARRON SHAF who was the landlady of Mrs. NATHAN SIRKIN in 1937 when the latter rented a small apartment at the corner of Broadway and Monument Streets, second house from the corner, and exhibit photograph of FRANKLIN RENO to her to determine if he was one who visited STANLEY BLUMBERG.

THE DENVER DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO

Will report the results of the F.B.I. Laboratory examination of specimens submitted from Woodstock typewriter Serial No. 198743.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R. RE NEW YORK LETTER TO BUREAU FEBRUARY 9. THEUER REINTERVIEWED. STATED PHOTOGRAPH OF ZIMMERMAN VERY CLOSELY RESEMBLES INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN REPORT OF SA FROHBOSE JANUARY 5, 1949. FURTHER STATES HE RECALLED A LOUIS SHUMAN WAS CONNECTED WITH THE BUREAU OF STANDARDS IN CEMENT DIVISION AS BEING VERY FRIENDLY WITH PIGMANS. HE DESCRIBED SHUMAN AS SHORT, STOCKY AND RUSSIAN BORN. THE ONLY NAME SET FORTH IN REFERENCED LETTER RECALLED BY THEUER WAS DAVID ZIMMERMAN. HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT TIE THE NAME OF ZIMMERMAN UP WITH PHOTOGRAPH. THE NAME OF ELEANOR NELSON UNKNOWN TO HIM. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER ~~CHAMBERS~~ CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY,
ESP - R, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH R. NEW YORK ADVISED QUOTE
EFFORT BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY WOMAN WHO SUCCEEDED CHAMBERS
AS COURIER IN WASHINGTON UNDERGROUND GROUP IN NINETEEN THIRTY-
FOUR. WOMAN DESCRIBED AS JEWISH, SMALL, DARK. IT IS BELIEVED
SHE WORKED IN DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, WASH DC, AS SECRETARY
FOR ONE MISS ~~ANDRE~~ EMEREE, KNOWN COMMUNIST. EMEREE ALLEGEDLY
HIRED THRU EFFORTS OF JOHN ~~COLLIER~~ COLLIER, SR, OR JOHN COLLIER, JR,
WHO WORKED FOR DEPT OF AGRICULTURE OR INTERIOR ON WPA PROJECT
ABOUT THAT TIME. UNQUOTE. INTERVIEW OF JOHN COLLIER, SR. AT
EL PASO ~~NEGATIVE~~ NEGATIVE. JOHN COLLIER, JR. INTERVIEWED LA
AND ADVISES HE WAS NOT ~~ACQUAINTED~~ ACQUAINTED WITH EMEREE OR HER
SECY. HIS BROTHER, CHARLES ~~COLLIER~~ COLLIER, WORKED ON ~~WPA~~ WPA
PROJECT, DEPT OF AGRIC, AT THAT TIME. CHARLES WIFE, NINA,
WAS ACTIVE IN WPA WORK AND PRESENTLY OPERATE INDIAN SPRINGS
FARM NEAR BETHESDA, MD. INTERVIEW CHARLES COLLIER AND WIFE TO
IDENTIFY PERSON DESCRIBED ABOVE AND FACTS SURROUNDING EMPLOY-
MENT. EXPEDITE.

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

RE WFO TEL FEB. TWO AND NY TELS FEB. ^{FIVE} FOUR AND FEB SEVEN INSTANT.

RE WFO TEL ADVISES LENORE STRAUS, WIFE OF ROBERT STRAUS; WAS RESIDING AT ONE OF TWO ADDRESSES. NY TELEPHONE REFLECTS MRS. ROBERT K.

STRAUS AT LATTER OF THESE ADDRESSES; FIFTEEN EAST NINETY FIRST ST.,

NYC. INVESTIGATION THERE RELECTS THAT ROBERT K. STRAUS AND WIFE

PRESENTLY ON TRIP APPARENTLY TO WEST COAST, SINCE FEB. THREE INSTANT

AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL MARCH FOUR. THIS ROBERT K. STRAUS A PARTNER

IN OPERATION OF "OMNIBOOK" MAGAZINE, SON OF FORMER AMBASSADOR,

JESSE STRAUS, AND BROTHER OF JACK STRAUS, WHO IS HEAD OF MACY

DEPARTMENT STORE. CREDIT REPORT ON THIS ROBERT K. STRAUS REFLECTS HE

WAS MARRIED IN EARLY FORTY SEVEN AND THAT HIS WIFE-S FIRST NAME IS

BARBARA. WFO WILL SUTEL REASONS WHY LENORE STRAUS IS THOUGHT TO BE

WIFE OF THIS ROBERT K. STRAUS, PRIOR TO THIS OFFICE-S CONTACTING

"OMNIBOOK" MAGAZINE FOR PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERT K.

STRAUS. RALPH DE SOLA SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF NATHAN WITT BUT CANNOT

IDENTIFY NATHAN WITT AS THE "WITT" WHO WAS AT ACCOKEEK MD. WHEN

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DE SOLA MET ALGER ~~HISS~~. DE SOLA NOW SAYS THAT LENORE ~~THOMAS~~ HUSBAND IS EITHER ROBERT OR ~~ROGER~~ STRAUS, FURTHER ADVISES LENORE WORKED IN RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON, D.C. AS ARTIST IN THIRTY SEVEN, FURTHER THAT LENORE-S HUSBAND WAS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, O.E.M. AND LATER WAS IN US NAVY. DE SOLA SAID THAT THIS STRAUS WHO MARRIED LENORE THOMAS ABOUT FORTY TWO CAME FROM WELL TO DO FAMILY WHO HAD ESTATE ON CAMPO BELLO ISLAND, ADJOINING ESTATE OF FORMER PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. IN THIS REGARD, ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO REPORT OF SA JOHN T. HILSBOS DATE AUGUST SIXTEEN FORTY SIX AT NY IN GREGORY CASE, PAGE FORTY, REFLECTING THAT JONATHAN ~~GOLDMARK~~ RESIDED CARE OF R.W. STRAUS AT ONE TWO FIVE THREE THIRTY SEVENTHST., WASHINGTON D.C. IN THE PAST. RE NY TELS INDICATE SALLY ~~RINGE~~ AND LENORE THOMAS WERE CLOSE FRIENDS AND SALLY APPARENTLY MARRIED TO JONATHAN GOLDMARK. ACCORDINGLY, THIS R.W. STRAUS MAY BE PRESENT HUSBAND OF LENORE THOMAS. BEARING ABOVE IN MIND WFO REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE THIS STRAUS WHO MARRIED LENORE THOMAS ABOUT FORTY TWO AND WFO WILL SUTEL RESULTS OF FILE CHECK ON LENORE THOMAS, AND SALLY RINGE, WAS.

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WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND CHICAGO FROM WASH FIELD 2-21-49

5:00 P.

DIRECTOR AND SACS

JAHAM. RELYTEL INSTANT FOR CHICAGO TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WOODSTOCK
TYPEWRITER. DISREGARD REQUEST. WILL BE HANDLED LOCALLY.

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WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND CHICAGO FROM WASH FIELD 2-21-49

2:00 P

DIRECTOR AND SACS

JAHAM. REBULET FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN REQUESTING THAT PHOTOGRAPHS OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER COMING WITHIN SERIAL RANGE ONE HUNDRED FORTYFIVE THOUSAND TO TWO HUNDRED AND FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED BE OBTAINED IN ORDER THAT IT MIGHT BE DISPLAYED TO PERSONS WHO HAVE SEEN AN UPRIGHT TYPEWRITER IN HISS RESIDENCE. INQUIRY AT LOCAL WOODSTOCK AGENCY REFLECTS BEST SOURCE FOR SUCH PHOTOGRAPH IS HOME OFFICE OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER COMPANY AT WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS. CHICAGO WILL OBTAIN REQUESTED PHOTOGRAPH OR PHOTOGRAPHS. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN A PHOTOGRAPH REFLECTING ACTUAL SIZE OF THIS MACHINE. EXPEDITE. SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS TO WFO.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 28, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

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

ReBulet to New York dated January 3, 1949.

There are being set out hereinafter the results of investigation performed by the New York Division in compliance with referenced letter as well as information in answer to specific questions set out therein. The chronology of instant letter will follow that of referenced letter.

With reference to the request for this office to make appropriate arrangements whereby CHAMBERS can be escorted by Agents of the Washington Field Division in an effort to identify the exact location where DAVID ZIMMERMAN, was., photographed documents for CHAMBERS' apparatus, please refer to New York teletype dated January 27, 1949 which sets out that arrangements have been made and Mr. CHAMBERS would be in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday and Wednesday (February 1 and 2, 1949), to assist Agents in the location of this particular apartment, as well as to render any possible assistance in locating the apartment used by "KEITH."

Concerning the desired reinterview of CHAMBERS with reference to his statement that he furnished rugs as gifts to ALGER HISS, ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, and HARRY DEXTER WHITE, please be advised that this phase has been re-examined with CHAMBERS and he has stated that to the best of his recollection the rugs were purchased by Professor MEYER SCHAPIRO, a friend of his, in the latter part of December, 1936. Mr. CHAMBERS said that he never received any receipt for these rugs and he has no knowledge whether or not Professor SCHAPIRO received such a receipt. The arrangements for the forwarding of the rugs to Mr. SILVERMAN in Washington were made by Professor SCHAPIRO with the rug dealer from whom these rugs were purchased. Mr. CHAMBERS stated that he has no definite knowledge as to whether or not they were shipped by railway express and, if they were, and any receipts were received, such would have been handled by the rug dealer. Arrangements are being made in New York to interview Professor SCHAPIRO and to obtain from him the identity of the dealer from whom the rugs were purchased together with other relevant details of the transaction, it being noted that CHAMBERS has no idea as to the identity of the rug dealer, except that he does believe this individual is an Armenian and that his place of business was on Madison Avenue, New York City.

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With reference to the apparent discrepancies in dates arising out of CHAMBERS' statement on December 3, 1948, that he introduced HISS to BYKOV in the Spring of 1937, while he had stated that rugs actually had been purchased in the latter part of 1936 for HISS, SILVERMAN and WHITE, Mr. CHAMBERS states that this is the exact way in which this transaction occurred. He explained further that the gift of the rugs to these individuals was more or less an opener on BYKOV'S part; that he desired to ingratiate himself with these people before actually meeting with them and requesting their cooperation.

It will be recalled that CHAMBERS declared it is his present recollection that he met BYKOV for the first time in the Fall of 1936 which occasion would, of course, antedate the rug transaction.

Upon completion of the interview of MEYER SCHAPIRO, appropriate leads will be set out in an attempt to secure documentary records pertaining to the rug transaction.

Concerning the request that CHAMBERS be reinterviewed to determine specifically the involvement of PHILIP RENO in instant case, CHAMBERS now advises that at one point he desired to make contact with FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, probably to arrange for a meeting with him without the knowledge of DAVID ZIMMERMAN, was. Mr. CHAMBERS stated that he was unable to reach VICTOR and he knew of PHILIP RENO and understood from either J. PETERS or DAVID ZIMMERMAN that PHILIP was a member of a Communist underground. In view of his inability to reach VICTOR, he had J. PETERS tell PHILIP that he, CHAMBERS, desired to meet with him and gave him the necessary "passwords." CHAMBERS states that he recalls that he then went to PHILIP RENO'S apartment which was then located in Washington, D.C., on or near New Hampshire Avenue. He said that PHILIP RENO'S wife answered the door and that he, CHAMBERS, asked for PHILIP in the following pre-arranged greeting: "I am Mr. _____ (CHAMBERS could not recall the alias he employed on this occasion), I would like to sell you some insurance." Mrs. RENO then called PHILIP to the door and he in turn told CHAMBERS "I am not interested in any insurance now but would you leave your name and telephone number." CHAMBERS then stated "My telephone number is _____ (CHAMBERS does not recall the number used)." He then asked PHILIP "May I have your telephone number?" PHILIP RENO in turn then furnished CHAMBERS with another fictitious number. Mr. CHAMBERS explained that all of this conversation took place at the door to PHILIP RENO'S apartment. Following this, he said that he then entered the apartment and made arrangements with PHILIP for a future meeting between him and VICTOR RENO.

Mr. CHAMBERS stated that PHILIP RENO then apparently communicated with his brother and that he met with VICTOR at some later date. He advised that to the best of his recollection this meeting was the only time that he

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ever saw PHILIP RENO or communicated with him. He added that he considered it possible that DAVID ZIMMERMAN had been communicating with VICTOR through his brother PHILIP. He explained that he was at this time unable to recall just what basis he had for this impression but vaguely remembered that he had either heard it from J. PETERS or had known it from some other source.

Concerning the request that CHAMBERS should be requestioned regarding his meeting in Philadelphia in June, 1937, with FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO when "BERNIE" introduced them, CHAMBERS now advises in the first instance that he has no recollection of any individual named "BERNIE", unless by that name RENO has referenced to DAVID ZIMMERMAN. Relative to the meeting in Philadelphia, Mr. CHAMBERS recalls that he went to that City and he believes that VICTOR RENO and DAVID ZIMMERMAN came to that City separately. Then through some unrecalled pre-arrangement they met with him. He stated that to the best of his remembrance he cannot specify the place at which he initially met RENO and ZIMMERMAN but does recall that after they got together, they proceeded to a restaurant which was located on Market Street in the vicinity of Broad Street Station. He recalled that this was a German restaurant and that it was necessary to walk down one step to enter. He said that he further remembered that VICTOR RENO drank milk here. Mr. CHAMBERS continued to advise that he had a very hazy recollection that this was not a first meeting with VICTOR RENO. He added that he thought he had previously met RENO in Washington, D.C., with DAVID ZIMMERMAN. He said that he thought they had discussed VICTOR RENO'S impending employment at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He also thought that the meeting in Philadelphia was the first meeting subsequent to that in Washington, D.C.

Mr. CHAMBERS stated that he had a further definite impression that J. PETERS had been present at the Philadelphia meeting. He said that he believed that it was during the course of the meeting in Philadelphia that VICTOR RENO told him that he, RENO, was working under a Colonel ZORNIG on a mathematical problem having to do with a bombsight. CHAMBERS thought that VICTOR RENO also told him at that time that he was living in Colonel ZORNIG'S house on the post and that it was rather difficult for him to leave the grounds. Mr. CHAMBERS said that it was his recollection that he and VICTOR RENO then agreed that there was to be no further meetings between them until VICTOR RENO had established himself at the Proving Grounds. He advised that it was his impression that after some conversation in the restaurant they left and continued talking as they walked around. After some further conversation they parted and each went his separate way.

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CHAMBERS was questioned concerning the statement made by FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO as set out on page 9 of the report of SA EDWIN O. JOHNSON, 12/12/48, at Denver, Colorado, to the effect that CHAMBERS met an individual who was dressed in an Army uniform; CHAMBERS now advises that he has no recollection whatsoever of ever having met such a person and was totally unable to offer any information with respect to this allegation. It is desired to point out also that with respect to the statements of RENO as set out in SA JOHNSON'S report to the effect that CHAMBERS had informed RENO that he was contemplating a trip abroad and he was planning to break from the Party, CHAMBERS now declares that he never said anything to RENO relative to going abroad. Further, he declares that he would not have under any circumstances told RENO of his leaving or breaking away from the Party.

Concerning instructions for this office to advise whether FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO was brought face to face with DAVID ZIMMERMAN, please be advised that no such confrontation was had, it being noted ZIMMERMAN was subpoenaed and interviewed by New York Agents on December 8, 1948 and had already appeared before the Grand Jury several days before RENO was first made available to this office for questioning. ZIMMERMAN'S attitude was of course hostile; he was represented by counsel in the court house and it was learned confidentially that he had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As mentioned above, CHAMBERS has no recollection whatsoever of ever having met a man named "BERNIE" and accordingly, is unable to state whether or not ZIMMERMAN may be identical with "BERNIE." This office is presently attempting to obtain photographs of ZIMMERMAN during the pertinent period for exhibition to RENO.

At the time WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN and GEORGE PIGMAN appeared in the United States Court House in New York City, pursuant to Grand Jury subpoena, arrangements were made for CHAMBERS to view both of them and he later informed Agents that he was positive they are identical with the PIGMAN brothers whom he had previously mentioned. Concerning CHAMBERS' statement that his attempts to activate GEORGE PIGMAN into becoming a source of information for him were unsuccessful, CHAMBERS has subsequently advised on reinterview that he made no attempts to recruit GEORGE PIGMAN; although he saw him occasionally, he never received any documentary material or other information from him nor did he request any; further, that GEORGE PIGMAN was considered a member of the apparatus. CHAMBERS stated that it was his impression that GEORGE PIGMAN never

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furnished information to anyone but he presumed that "the idea was that sometime he might." He said that he would see GEORGE PIGMAN occasionally for the purpose of seeing how he was getting along. Mr. CHAMBERS added that he felt that GEORGE PIGMAN was probably "pulled along by the weight of his brother as was DONALD HISS."

In respect to the request that CHAMBERS be reinterviewed regarding the allegation made by LUDWIG LORE, CHAMBERS now advises that he definitely never gave LUDWIG LORE any such information and that he never heard or even knew of such contacts as mentioned by LORE. He was, of course, acquainted with LORE. He alleged that he had no knowledge of any girls being utilized in the State Department or in the Department of Commerce. He stated that he had no idea where LORE got such information, unless "he happened to paraphrase an operation with ALGER HISS." However, he added that he did not believe that he had ever discussed any of his operations with LORE. Mr. CHAMBERS commented that to his knowledge the apparatus never at any time had contacts in the Department of Commerce.

CHAMBERS has also been reinterviewed to determine if he and ALGER HISS stayed overnight in a hotel in Brooklyn or New York City in 1937 on the occasion of the introduction of HISS to BYKOV by CHAMBERS and he now declares he is confident that ALGER HISS only remained in New York City for one day arriving and leaving New York on the same day. It is his further recollection that this trip on ALGER'S part occurred during a weekend and that the latter left New York City following his conversations with CHAMBERS and Colonel BYKOV.

CHAMBERS has likewise been reinterviewed in an effort to have him recall whether he might have received from HISS during their association anything tangible by which such association might be proved and he now advises that he never received any memoranda, notes, correspondence, greeting cards or other written messages whatsoever from ALGER HISS with exception of course, of the various government documents which HISS furnished to him. It was also established that the following persons have personal knowledge of the association between himself and HISS inasmuch as they saw HISS and CHAMBERS together:

Colonel BYKOV
PRISCILLA HISS
TIMOTHY HOBSON
HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR.
DONALD HISS
ESTHER CHAMBERS
J. PETERS
HAROLD WARE
HARRY DEXTER WHITE

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~~JULIA RANKIN~~ (maid)
~~MARTHA POPE~~ (maid)

With respect to the above list of individuals, it is desired to point out that it appears all of them with the exception of HAROLD WARE and probably J. PETERS and RANKIN and POPE, were all present at meetings between CHAMBERS and HISS subsequent to the date specified in the HISS indictment, namely, January 1, 1937. It will be recalled that RANKIN and POPE were domestics employed in the HISS household. It is Mr. CHAMBERS' present recollection that neither was there at any time during 1937. He points out, however, that there was employed in the HISS household after ALGER had moved to the Volta Place residence another maid whose name he does not recall but who he says saw him on several occasions in the HISS residence on Volta Place. He also declares that the HISS family employed another maid whose name he likewise does not recall while they resided on 30th Street. Accordingly, it would appear that both of these latter domestics have personal knowledge of the CHAMBERS-HISS association subsequent to January 1, 1937.

In addition to the above-named individuals, Mr. CHAMBERS stated further that he recalled that once during the "early days" he, PRISCILLA and ALGER HISS were walking in Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C., and came upon a group of individuals having a picnic. He said that in this latter group was CHARLES KRIVITSKY and he believes JOHN ABT. Mr. CHAMBERS is of the definite impression that both KRIVITSKY and ABT saw ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS with him at that time. Mr. CHAMBERS further believes that a woman by the name of PLUMP FOUNTAIN saw ALGER, PRISCILLA and himself having dinner in a Washington restaurant on one occasion. He said at that time PRISCILLA HISS introduced PLUMP FOUNTAIN to him and PRISCILLA described this woman as a "Bryn Mawr girl" and indicated that she operated a real estate business in Washington, D.C. Continuing, Mr. CHAMBERS stated that he knows that MAXIM LIEBER saw him and PRISCILLA HISS together because PRISCILLA had visited the CHAMBERS at LIEBER'S place on the Delaware River. He recalled that LIEBER developed "a crush" on PRISCILLA HISS. Mr. CHAMBERS stated that ALGER HISS came to LIEBER'S place to drive his wife back to Washington but he does not know if MAXIM LIEBER saw ALGER HISS on that occasion. This latter incident CHAMBERS placed as having occurred in the Summer or early Fall of 1935.

CHAMBERS said that if ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS had visited him and his wife at the time the latter were residing at 903 St. Paul Street, they must have been admitted to the house by a woman caretaker named Mrs. BERTHA TYSON, who was employed in the Women's Christian Temperance Union

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which was located on the ground floor. Mr. CHAMBERS explained that it was his wife's definite recollection that ALGER and PRISCILLA had visited them at the St. Paul Street address.

A thorough reinterview has been had with CHAMBERS to develop all details concerning his meeting with Colonel BYKOV as well as his subsequent association with him and no details were ascertained in addition to those set out on pages 36 through 38 of the report of SA JOSEPH M. KELLY, 12/23/48, at New York, with the exception that CHAMBERS now recalls he met BYKOV'S wife. He stated that he only met this woman on one occasion and does not recall the exact details concerning the meeting. He has furnished, however, the New York Office with the complete description of her to the best of his recollection. A comprehensive investigation looking towards the identification and location of BYKOV is presently under way in this Division.

With reference to the statement that HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH has advised that in 1939, CHAMBERS informed him that BYKOV was wanted by the Russians, CHAMBERS declared that he never made any such statement to WADLEIGH or to anyone else. Concerning the statement attributes to CHAMBERS in New York letter dated May 13, 1942 that undoubtedly one of the Russians studying at the Ford Plant at Detroit in the 1930's was an OGPU Agent, CHAMBERS now declares that he does not recall making such statement. Further adds that he has no direct knowledge of any such individual and has no reason to believe that it may have been BYKOV. CHAMBERS does not deny categorically that he made such a statement to the New York Agents in 1942 but explains that if he did make a statement concerning the Ford Plant in Detroit it would have been only a hearsay rumor which he passed on but he is quite positive that he never mentioned BYKOV in such a connection. CHAMBERS is unable to suggest anyone who may have been connected with the Communist Party underground who may have known BYKOV and who subsequently may have become disaffected.

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Relative to the Bureau's request that a photograph of CHAMBERS be secured, preferably one taken about 1936-1938, such has already been obtained and the Bureau and all interested offices have been furnished copies thereof.

With reference to the request that CHAMBERS be interviewed concerning HYMAN KALODNY, HELEN KALODNY and SOPHIE MENKEN, please be advised that CHAMBERS now states that he never knew HYMAN KALODNY, but he had heard his name mentioned by J. PETERS. He stated that he understood that HYMAN KALODNY was a building contractor in Washington, D. C. Mr. CHAMBERS thought that KALODNY is now dead. He stated that he knows that HYMAN KALODNY had a daughter who was known in the Communist Party circles in New York City as "HELEN KAY." It was his understanding that "HELEN KAY" was actually HELEN KALODNY. He stated that he had never met HELEN KALODNY, but thought that investigation would disclose that she was married and probably still is to a "big shot" (in the Party). Mr. CHAMBERS stated that it was his impression that HELEN KALODNY was very active in the open Communist Party. He was unable to recall any specific remarks made by J. PETERS concerning HYMAN KALODNY other than the latter was an individual in Washington, D. C. with whom he, PETERS, had contact. Mr. CHAMBERS stated that he didn't know if either HYMAN or HELEN KALODNY was active in an underground apparatus. However, he stated that he believed that they had probably been active in both the open and underground activities of the Party.

With reference to SOPHIE MENKEN, Mr. CHAMBERS recalled that he heard this name mentioned in a conversation which ensued between ULRICH and MAX BEDACHT. Mr. CHAMBERS stated that shortly after hearing this name he asked BEDACHT who SOPHIE MENKEN was. BEDACHT replied that she "was a Party member in Washington." He stated that BEDACHT gave him no more information concerning this individual, and that Mr. CHAMBERS commented that "MAX BEDACHT was not very communicative." Mr. CHAMBERS said that he later learned from Dr. PHILIP ROSENBLIETT that SOPHIE MENKEN had originally been in one of the earliest underground apparatuses in Washington, and had got into some sort of trouble. He stated that Dr. ROSENBLIETT didn't explain the nature of this trouble, but he, CHAMBERS, somehow secured the impression that the trouble involved the War Department, in Washington, D. C. Following this Mr. CHAMBERS understood SOPHIE MENKEN was more or less "placed on the shelf" and still later became rather seriously ill. Mr. CHAMBERS stated that he never saw SOPHIE MENKEN and never heard her name mentioned in Washington circles. In conclusion, Mr. CHAMBERS said that none of these people, that is, HYMAN and HELEN KALODNY and SOPHIE MENKEN, was connected with him and to the best of his knowledge, they would not be in position to know anything concerning the activities of his apparatus.

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It is the recommendation of this office that both HELEN KATODNY and SOPHIE MENKEN be interviewed; it is suggested that the Washington Field Division attempt to verify the impression of CHAMBERS that HYMAN KATODNY is deceased.

Concerning instructions to this office to reinterview HEDI MASSING to determine if she is able to recall the names of any other persons who were present in NOEL FIELD'S residence at the time she met and conversed with ALGER HISS there, please be advised that agents of this office are presently engaged in taking a detailed chronological narrative statement from HEDI MASSING, and that to date she has not been able to recall the identity of any other persons who may have been present on the above described occasion. As previously reported, she has been able to recall only that in addition to herself, there were present NOEL FIELD and his wife, and ALGER HISS (unaccompanied by his wife, PRISCILLA), and that although she believes there were probably two or three other persons there, she can not remember who they might have been. It is, of course, possible that during the present exhaustive interview of HEDI MASSING her recollection concerning this occasion may be refreshed. It is presently planned that PAUL MASSING will be questioned concerning HISS, CHAMBERS and the latter's apparatus when the interview of his wife, HEDI, is completed.

Concerning the request to interview HAROLD GLASSER and CHARLES KRAMER, it is desired to advise that KRAMER was questioned by agents of this office on January 27, 1949 and that HAROLD GLASSER is being interviewed as instant letter is being dictated (January 28, 1949). The results of these interviews will, of course, be set forth in report form, but it is to be noted that KRAMER declined to answer any questions when interviewed.

With respect to the request that this office interview MAX BEDACHT, attention is directed to Pages 30 and 31 of the report of SA JOSEPH M. KELLY, dated January 21, 1949 at New York City, wherein the results of the BEDACHT interview are set out.

With reference to the request that an agent of the New York office in conjunction with an agent of the Miami office interview Confidential Informant [redacted] the Miami office has already been provided with the necessary information, and has been instructed to conduct this interview and appropriately advise the Bureau.

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Concerning the instruction that there be exhibited to CHAMBERS a photograph of WILLY GRANDES, please be advised that this has been done, and Mr. CHAMBERS has stated definitely that this individual is not identical with COLONEL BYKOV and is otherwise unknown to him.

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As to the request that the photograph of BRANDES be displayed to Mrs. ~~WALTER~~ KRIVITSKY, you are advised that this has also been done, and she has stated that this individual is not identical with COLONEL BYKOV.

With reference to the Bureau's request that Mr. CHAMBERS and Mrs. KRIVITSKY be shown the photographs of all male employees of ~~Antorg~~, *Antorg, including Corp* the New York Consulate and ~~Press~~ News Agency for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938, you are first advised that no such photographs are available in the New York office. Both Mr. CHAMBERS and Mrs. KRIVITSKY had been shown photographs of all individuals presently in the Russian National file in New York City with the last name of BYKOV. Both have stated that none of these individuals are identical with the COLONEL BYKOV that they knew. Photographs of male employees of the Soviet Embassy during the years 1936, 1937 and 1938 furnished by the Washington Field Office have been displayed to Mr. CHAMBERS, and he has stated that none of them are identical with COLONEL BYKOV, nor has he ever seen any of these individuals. (S)

(U) Concerning ~~ALEXANDER~~ STEVENS, Was; and the request that he be interviewed, it is desired to point out that when STEVENS was approached by agents of this office on January 24, 1949 for the purpose of interviewing him, as well as to serve a Grand Jury subpoena on him, he informed agents he desired to consult his attorney before making a decision as to the requested interview. His attorney, ~~EMANUEL~~ BLOCK, thereafter informed agents he could not feel that he should make STEVENS available for a "private interrogation," but that he would advise him to appear before the Grand Jury. After consultation with THOMAS J. DONEGAN, agents informed Mr. BLOCK the presence of STEVENS before the Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York was desired on January 27, 1949, and no further attempts have been made to interview STEVENS. The latter did appear before the Grand Jury on January 27, 1949 and is scheduled to resume his testimony on February 1, 1949, after which it is planned to make another effort to interview him.

As the above outlined information was developed, appropriate leads for investigation on the basis thereof have been forwarded by teletype to the particular divisions involved, and leads to be handled in this territory are, of course, receiving expeditious attention.

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HERRMANNS CURRENT ADDRESS AS THREE ZERO FIVE EIGHTH AVE., BROOKLYN.

HERRMANNS CURRENT VA INSURANCE PAYMENTS PROBABLY MADE TO VA DISTRICT

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INFO ON HERRMANN NOT LOCATED BY NY OFFICE THRU ABOVE SOURCES, HERRMANNS

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R. RE CINCINNATI TEL. FEBRUARY FIFTEEN. THOMAS KING UPON RECONTACT
ADVISED CORRECT NAME OF CURTISS WRIGHT EMPLOYEE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, WAS
ROBERT QUOTE ~~BO~~ UNQUOTE ~~SLAGLE~~, AND NOT SLADE AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.
KING STATED SLAGLE WAS A DRAFTING ENGINEER, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD,
EMPLOYED AT GLENN L. MARTIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER, FORTYFOUR. CINCINNATI WILL
INTERVIEW SLAGLE RE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF FELIX A. INSLEMAN, FORMER EMPLOYEE
GLENN L. MARTIN, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AND ALLEGED PHOTOGRAPHER IN HISS
CHAMBERS SPY APPARATUS, AND ATTEMPT TO SECURE ANY INFORMATION SLAGLE
MAY HAVE TO ESTABLISH ^DIDENTITY OF QUOTE ~~BUZZ~~ UNQUOTE. REFER NYTEL
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JAHAM. RETEL FEBRUARY FOURTEEN FROM NYC REQUESTING BACKGROUND DATA
RE PATRICK BRYAN WHELAN ASSOCIATE OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO. AN ARTICLE
APPEARING IN QUOTE THE PILOT UNQUOTE DATED AUGUST FIFTH, FORTY TWO
REFLECTING WHELAN WAS REPORTED MISSING AS A RESULT OF THE VESSEL
ON WHICH HE WAS EMPLOYED BEING TORPEDOED DURING THE WEEK OF JULY FOURTH,
FORTY TWO. NUMEROUS INFORMANTS AND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES DESCRIBED
WHELAN AS DANGEROUS AND AN ~~IMPORTANT~~ IMPORTANT COMMUNIST. SOME
INFORMANTS WHOSE INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN CORROBORATED EXPRESSED THE
BELIEF THAT WHELAN HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN ~~VERY~~ SERIOUS CRIMES SUCH AS
MURDER AND MAYHEM. AN ARTICLE IN THE NY TIMES
DATED FEBRUARY SEVEN, THIRTY EIGHT REFLECTS HE AND THREE OTHER CIO
AGENTS WERE ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF CARRYING A CONCEALED AND DANGEROUS
WEAPON, WHILE TRAVELING FROM BALTIMORE TO NY. AN ARTICLE IN THE DAILY
WORKER DATED OCTOBER ONE, FORTY TWO LISTED SEVERAL SEAMEN WHO WERE
MISSING AS A ~~RESULT~~ RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION. DESCRIPTIVE DATA CONCERN-
ING PATRICK BRYAN WHELAN SET FORTH. THE ARTICLE REFLECTED WHELAN QUOTE
BROUGHT THE FINEST OLD IWW SPIRIT ~~WXX~~ INTO THE COMMUNIST PARTY FOR A
PAIR OF DECADES ~~WXX~~ UNQUOTE. THE WRITER STATED HE MET WHELAN IN THE
BALTIMORE MARINE STRIKE OF DECEMBER, THIRTY SIX. THE WRITER ALSO
PRAISED WHELAN'S QUOTE MARXIST INTELLIGENCE UNQUOTE. IN AUGUST, THIRTY
EIGHT INFORMANT ADVISED PATRICK WHELAN WAS AT THE TIME ~~RECUX~~ RECRUIT-
ING SOLDIERS FOR THE COMMUNIST FORCES IN SPAIN. THE ABOVE DATA IS
SUBMITTED TO THE NY OFFICE FOR USE IN THEIR SUMMARY REPORT.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R. RE LA TEL
FEB. FOURTEEN. THE COUPLE MENTIONED BY CRANE AS GLASS OR GROSSER
PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH ANATOLE GLAS, WAS, ANATOL NACHAM GLUZMAN
AND HIS WIFE IRENE GLAS, NEE FRANKEL, WAS, IRENE MORSKA AND IRENE
MORSKA GLAS, FORMER RESIDENTS OF NYC AND SE NOW REPORTED TO
E IN POLAND. ANATOLE IS DRAFTSMAN AND ENGINEER BY PROFESSION
AND IRENE WAS CORRESPONDENT FOR A POLISH NEWSPAPER. ADDITIONAL
INFO BEING DEVELOPED AND WILL BE FURNISHED IN NEXT REPORT.

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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP-R, IS-R. ROBERT CRUISE MC MANUS INTERVIEWED TODAY.

HE HAS NO FIRST HAND INFORMATION CONCERNING ALGER OR PRISCILLA HISS BEING MEMBERS OF CP OR ANY APPARATUS. HE RECEIVED MEMORANDUM FROM A SOURCE HE WILL NOT DIVULGE SETTING OUT FACTS OF DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE PURGE WHICH HE SENT TO HISS AND CHESTER DAVIS, FORMER HEAD OF AAA. RECEIVED REPLY FROM DAVIS STATING MEMORANDUM IS TRUE BUT THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF CP ACTIVITY IN AAA BUT CONSIDERED PURGED EMPLOYEES DESIROUS OF REMAKING COUNTRY EVEN IF IT WERE NECESSARY TO DESTROY IT. HISS NOT PURGED BUT RESIGNED LATER. HE SUGGESTS CONTACT WITH DAVIS AND GARDNER JACKSON, COTUIT, MASS., AN EMPLOYEE OF WELCH GRAPEJUICE COMPANY, WHO WAS WITH AAA AND A CP MEMBER. HE IS NOW ANTI-CP AND REPORT-EDLY WROTE BOOK ON SUBJECT. MC MANUS STATES VEZZANA TOLD HIM THAT CHAMBER RESIDED AT CALIFON, NJ. ON PROPERTY FORMERLY OWNED BY DONALD MARSHALL, A GOAT FARMER. VEZZANA IS INVESTIGATOR HIRED BY CHAMBERS LAW FIRM TO INVESTIGATE FACTS OF LIBEL SUIT. SUGGEST NY QUESTION CHAMBERS REGARDING THIS RESIDENCE AND IF HISS VISITED HIM THERE. NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED HERE PENDING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW. NO LEADS BEING SET OUT

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TO INTERVIEW JACKSON OR DAVIS SINCE NEWARK HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED. DAVIS PRESENTLY PRESIDENT FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, ST. LOUIS, MO. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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JAHAM, IS-R. REREP SA JOSEPH M. KELLY, NY, FEB. EIGHT LAST, IN
WHICH NY WAS TO INTERVIEW G. HAYDEN RAYNOR. RAYNOR NOW IN WASHINGTON
D. C. WFO WILL CONTACT HIM AT STATE DEPT. AND INTERVIEW.

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JAHAM. RE BUFFALO LETTER FEB. SEVENTEENTH, FORTYNINE, RE INTERVIEW
WITH HANNAH PICKERING. BUREAU BY TELETYPE TO NY JAN. TWENTYSIXTH,
FORTYNINE, APPROVED INTERVIEW WITH PICKERING.

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JAHAM. TOM AND MARY MARSHALL, IN WHOSE TENANT HOUSE NEAR NEW HOPE, CHAMBERS RESIDED DURING THIRTYSIX AND THIRTYSEVEN, ADVISED TODAY THAT HE HAD ATTENDED SOCIAL GATHERING OVER WEEKEND AT HOME OF ONE FOLLENSBEE, NEAR NEW HOPE. ALSO PRESENT AT THIS GATHERING WAS ONE JAMES MARSHALL, NO RELATION. JAMES MARSHALL BELIEVED SUPT. OF SCHOOLS, NYC, OR HIGH IN SCHOOL SYSTEM. TOM MARSHALL ADVISED THAT JAMES MARSHALL HAD COMMENTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD TOM MARSHALL HAD BEEN QUESTIONED BY FBI IN HISS CASE. WHEN TOM MARSHALL AFFIRMED, JAMES MARSHALL STATED "OF COURSE YOU KNOW HISS WAS COMMUNIST OR COMMUNIST INCLINED LONG BEFORE THIS". HE ALSO INDICATED THAT ALGER HISS FORMERLY VISITED IN NEW HOPE AREA. SUGGEST NYC INTERVIEW JAMES MARSHALL AT ONCE RE HIS COMMENTS TO TOM MARSHALL AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH IF HE KNOWS CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH HISS VISITED NEW HOPE AREA.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT SAVANNAH	DATE WHEN MADE FEB 11 1949	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-3-49	REPORT MADE BY THOMAS H. WILLIAMS
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Mrs. THEODORO HOWARD GASPER (nee MARGARET MAYER) Bennettsville, S. C. was employed under <u>FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO</u> at Ballistic Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland from June 1942 to June 1944. Mrs. GASPER advised she had never observed anything in her association with RENO that would cause her to doubt his loyalty to the United States. She stated she thought he had been "framed".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- RUC -</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DEFERRED RECORDING</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Bureau File 74-1333 Report of SA JESSE F. FARR 1/28/49 at Baltimore, Maryland.</p>			
DETAILS: <p><u>AT BENNETTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA:</u></p> <p>Mrs. THEODORO HOWARD GASPER (nee MARGARET MAYER), housewife, and formerly a South Carolina High School Mathematics Teacher, 300 N. Jordan Street, advised as follows: From about the first of June 1942 until June 1944 she was employed by the United States Army as a Computer of Bomb Ballistics Reduction Tables at the Ballistics Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland. During this period, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO was head of that particular section. Mrs. GASPER (Not GASPOROVIC) said that she worked in the next room to RENO most of the time she was employed at B.R.L. and the last year she was employed there she edited RENO's technical reports, made most of his appointments for him. Mrs. GASPER advised emphatically that she was biased against this investigation because she was of the opinion that RENO had been framed by some</p>			
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unknown individual or individuals. She explained that she was very sympathetic towards RENO because he appeared to her to be the most intelligent employee at the B.R.L. during her period of employment, and worked day and night to accomplish the various tasks assigned to him. She described him as a "genius" with a photographic mind and said that she could well understand why he was unpopular with fellow employees because he appeared to have a nervous disposition, was a chain smoker, rarely took a bath and changed clothes and appeared irritated on numerous occasions when asked various questions by the different employees at B.R.L. which, according to RENO, appeared to be irrelevant and stupid questions.

Mrs. GASPER never had any contact with RENO at social functions, nor away from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds during the period 1942-1944. She said that RENO appeared to be security minded and would often instruct her to lock the various classified pamphlets and other material left unsecured around quitting time by the other employees. She never noted anything out of the ordinary with any of his appointments and stated that all of the appointments she made for him were routine official appointments insofar as she knew. Sometime during her period of employment, at B.R.L. an Army Intelligence Officer requested her to watch RENO but Mrs. GASPER said that this request appeared to be uncalled for and she paid no attention to it. Consequently, she had forgotten about the incident. According to her, RENO had very few personal friends or associates in view of the fact that he was so wrapped up in his work at the B.R.L.

Mrs. GASPER explained that she had never seen RENO take any of the secret material home with him, and further advised that such a procedure would not have been necessary on the part of RENO, had he wanted to provide representatives of an unfriendly power with any of the top secret material at B.R.L. inasmuch as RENO appeared to know a great deal of the secret material practically verbatim from memory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Washington Field

February 15, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 15, 1949.

Re: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

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Examination requested by: Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated February 11, 1949

Examination requested: Document

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Qc160 Photographic copy of a District of Columbia Certificate of Title of a Motor Vehicle, dated July 23, 1936, for a 1929 Ford Roadster, Engine #A-2185311, sold to Cherner Motor Co., 1761 Florida Avenue, N. W., signed ALGER HISS.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The writing "Cherner Motor Co., 1761 Florida Avenue, N.W." and the signature "ALGER HISS" on the photograph submitted has been examined.

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Inasmuch as the writing in places is fuzzy and shows irregular flow of ink plus possible fiber disturbance it is suggested that the original document be obtained for comparison with the ALGER HISS' writings in the Laboratory.

Specimen Qc160 is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was. et al
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DATE: February 11, 1949

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Attention: FBI Laboratory

Reference is made to teletype from New York dated February 4, 1949 referring to testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, July 31 through September 9, 1948 and in particular the testimony of LOUIS J. RUSSEL to the effect that on July 23, 1936, ALGER HISS sold a car to the Cherner Motor Company and on the same date this car was retitled to one WILLIAM ROSEN, 5405 13th Street, N. W.

This office was requested to obtain and furnish the New York Office with photostatic copies of these two changes of title and to interview the persons at the Cherner Motor Company who are in a position to testify to the transaction.

Reference is further made to my letter to the Bureau, cc to New York, dated February 8, 1949, in which the known handwriting specimens of WILLIAM ROSEN and BENJAMIN BIALAK were obtained and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory to be compared against the questioned document consisting of the signature of WILLIAM ROSEN on the assignment of title in question. ~~Questioned document~~

Reference is further made to report of the FBI Laboratory dated February 10, 1949, which states that a definite conclusion could not be reached regarding whether WILLIAM ROSEN signed the Certificate of Title in question as there are certain letters in the known writing of ROSEN that vary in style from similar letters that appear in the questioned writing and further that the known handwriting of BENJAMIN BIALAK is not sufficiently comparable with the questioned writing for a definite conclusion to be reached.

At the Office of the Director of Vehicles and Traffic for the District of Columbia, it was determined that the original Certificate of Title involving the transaction in question, namely the transfer of a 1929 Ford Roadster, motor #A2188811, registered in the name of ALGER HISS,

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3411 O Street, N. W., and assigned to the Cherner Motor Company on July 23, 1936 and on that same date purchased from the Cherner Motor Company by WILLIAM ROSEN, 5405 13th Street, N. W., cannot now be located.

It was explained that immediately following the publicity in the paper regarding this transaction as a result of hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the particular title was considered "too hot" to be handled in a routine way. It was taken from its regular file and was passed around the various officials of the Vehicles and Traffic Department of the District. Mr. COLE, the Assistant Director, has advised that a special search will be made for the original and this office will be advised immediately when it is found. He explained that it is believed to be in the possession of one of the officials for safe keeping. He explained, however, that the Certificate of Title in question was photostated by the Veterans Administration.

Accordingly, photographic copies of Certificate of Title #245647 reflecting the transaction in question were obtained from the files of the Veterans Administration, Identification and Detection Division. The Veterans Administration handled the photographing of the Certificate of Title at the request of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Q160 A copy of the Certificate of Title is being forwarded herewith for the attention of the FBI Laboratory to compare the signature of ALGER HISS with known specimens of HISS' handwriting presently in possession of the Laboratory. The Laboratory is further requested to ascertain whether ALGER HISS wrote the words immediately above the signature, namely "Cherner Motor Company, 1781 Florida Avenue, N. W."

In this connection the transcript of the hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflects that ALGER HISS was questioned under oath regarding this document. He was shown a photostatic copy of the Assignment of Title in question. Regarding his signature, Mr. HISS stated "It certainly looks like my signature. Do you have the original document?" Again he stated, "It looks like my signature to me, Mr. Chairman," and again referring to the words "Cherner Motor Company, 1781 Florida Avenue, N. W." it was asked whether he wrote them and HISS replied as follows: "I could not be sure from the outline of the letters in this photostatic copy, they also look not unlike my own handwriting." HISS testified that he did not have any present recollection of the title in question.

Two copies of the Certificate of Title are being submitted herewith for the information of the New York Office.

On February 9, 1949, Mr. HENRY J. GERTLER, an official of the Cherner Motor Company, was interviewed at the office of the Cherner Motor Company, 1781 Florida Avenue, N. W. and admitted that his signature appeared on the Assignment of Title in question. Mr. GERTLER stated he had no present recollection of this transaction; that there are presently no records of the

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Cherner Motor Company in which this transaction was reflected. Mr. GERTLER stated that several months ago at the request of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, he and other officials of the Cherner Motor Company conducted a two-day exhaustive search for old records and the only records found were some sales slips for the period immediately preceding and immediately following July 23, 1936. Mr. GERTLER stated that he did not know whether these records were all inclusive or whether some have been destroyed. He stated that the records in question were "rat infested" and at the present time the other records of the Cherner Motor Company are not in existence prior to 1942. Mr. GERTLER advised that these sales slips in question are presently in the possession of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

In this connection, the Bureau is directed to the testimony of Mr. LOUIS RUSSEL on Page 1113 of the transcript of the hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities wherein Mr. RUSSEL testified that no sales invoice was found for this particular transaction and further that there were "no sales invoices missing which indicates that no sales invoice for the sale of this automobile to Mr. WILLIAM ROSEN was made out by the Cherner Motor Company. On the day before the sales was recorded on the Assignment of Title, on the day after the sales was recorded on the Assignment of Title, nor on the day of the Assignment of Title."

Regarding this testimony, Mr. GERTLER advised that he has no explanation for it except there is a possibility that the sale in question from HISS to the Cherner Motor Company might have involved the sale of a car for its used parts, in which case no sales invoice slip would be involved but instead a parts invoice slip would have been made out. Mr. GERTLER further advised that whether the 1929 Ford Roadster was purchased as a used car or merely for its used parts, the sale price would have been the same; however, it is noted in the transcript of the hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that a Certificate of Examination and Inspection made out by the Department of Vehicles and Traffic, D. C. for the car in question, certified that the physical examination of the vehicle had been made and that the car was mechanically inspected and tested and the "OK" inserted opposite each item. This would indicate that the car in question was purchased for resale as an automobile and not for its used parts.

Mr. GERTLER further stated that the seven-year old Ford Roadster, 1929 model, would have only brought about \$25 in July, 1936.

Mr. SAMUEL MENSCH, Vice President of the Cherner Motor Company, advised that that was his signature on the Assignment of Title which he signed as an official of the Cherner Motor Company. Mr. MENSCH stated that he has no recollection of the transaction; that there is presently no existing record of this transaction at the Cherner Motor Company.

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Mr. MENSCH stated that he does not know WILLIAM ROSEN, but that he admitted that he has met BENJAMIN BIALAK and on one occasion the Cherner Motor Company sold BIALAK a Ford truck. Mr. MENSCH further stated that he was introduced to Mr. BENJAMIN BIALAK by the latter's partner at the Petworth Pharmacy.

As the Bureau and the New York Offices are well aware, Mr. W. MARVIN SMITH, who authorized the document in question, committed suicide. The record shows that the House Committee on Un-American Activities took the testimony of Mr. SMITH who testified that he did authorize the signature of Mr. HISS; that he knew Mr. HISS, and that obviously Mr. HISS had appeared before him for authorization of his signature, otherwise he would not have authorized HISS' signature.

In my letter dated February 8, 1949, page two, it was stated that JULIUS KAPLAN, a member of the Communist Party told Confidential Informant CRC-452, that JOSEPH CHERNER, President of the Cherner Motor Company, was at one time a member of the Communist Party. This is a typographical error, it was PAUL KAUFMAN, a member of the Communist Party, who made this statement.

Confidential Informant C-450 has just reported that CASEY GUREWITZ, likewise a member of the Communist Party of long standing, recently advised her that JOSEPH CHERNER was not only a member of the Communist Party, but held an official position with the local Communist Party years ago.

cc: New York (Enclosures)

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 17, 1949

FROM : *ap* SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
 ALGER HISS, et al;
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 On February 16, 1949 Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised that two Notices of Motion and a Subpoena duces Tecum had been filed late the previous day by Debevoise, Plimpton and McLean, attorneys for ALGER HISS, the Motions relating to the indictment returned December 15, 1948 against HISS in the Southern District of New York.

Photostatic copies of these papers have been secured and one set thereof is being transmitted herewith. It will be noted that the Motions are due to be argued on February 21, 1949. *B*

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TO :
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Mr. Fletcher
Mr. Nichols

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was, et al
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Transmitted herewith is a copy of the program of the annual George Washington's Birthday Dinner of the "Cy Pres Club" of National University. It is observed that Congressman RICHARD M. NIXON, member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, will be the speaker. Among the subjects to be discussed is "What are the facts in the HISS CHAMBERS case?"

This is submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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(2) DO YOU KNOW WHAT COMMUNISM IS?

(3) IS IT A MENACE TO YOU?

(4) WHAT ARE THE FACTS IN THE HISS-CHAMBERS CASE?

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ET AL;
PERJURY: ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

In order to facilitate communications in the above case and in order to effect a desirable amount of savings in connection with teletypes, the code word "Jaham" is being authorized for use in place of the title in the above case in future communications, except for reports and letters where it may be desirable to set out the names of specific subjects.

Other communications in the above case should carry the following caption, "JAHAM; Perjury; Espionage - R; Internal Security - R."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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JOSEPH GIULETTI, ET AL, ESPIONAGE R. INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECT, FRANK
DRAMINSKI, AND DUDLEY CHAPMAN CONDUCTED AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY EIGHT
SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH BOSTON INTERVIEW OF Z. BARANOFF.

FRANK DRAMINSKI DURING INTERVIEW APPARENTLY COOPERATED FULLY. HE STATED
THAT HE WAS NEVER MEMBER OF CP BUT ADMITTED BEING CLOSE SYMPATHIZER
FROM NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE TO THIRTYSEVEN. HE STATED HE HAS BEEN AN
ACTIVE LABOR LEADER FOR MANY YEARS AND IN THE COMPANY OF DARROW, CHAP-
MAN, GIULETTI, BARANOFF AND OTHERS, FORMED THE UNION AT ELECTRIC BOAT
CO. IN NINETEEN THIRTYTWO OR THREE. HE ADVISED ALL OF THE ABOVE WERE
GOOD FRIENDS AND INDICATED THAT BARANOFF, GIULETTI, CHAPMAN AND AN UN-
KNOWN ITALIAN BY THE NAME OF TONY WERE POSSIBLY MEMBERS OF THE CP. DRAMINSKI
READILY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF ISADORE WOFSY AS FORMER HEAD
OF CP IN CONNECTICUT AND STATED WOFSY ASKED HIM ON MANY OCCASIONS TO
BECOME A MEMBER. WOFSY TOLD HIM HE COULD IF HE DESIRED JOIN THE CP
UNDER ANOTHER NAME BUT DRAMINSKI STATES HE REFUSED BECAUSE OF HIS LEAD-
ING POSITION IN THE UNION. DRAMINSKI WAS SHOWN OLD PICTURES OF CHAMBERS
AND HE STATED THEY LOOKED LIKE A MAN WHO WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM BY WOFSY
IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN IN NEW LONDON. WOFSY TOLD HIM
THIS MAN WAS A RELIABLE MAN AND THE MAN ASKED DRAMINSKI FOR HELP IN
RECRUITING SUBMARINE MEN FOR THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR. HE ALSO ASKED

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DRAMINSKI IF HE COULD OBTAIN PLANS OR BLUEPRINTS FROM THE ELECTRIC BOAT CO. DRAMINSKI STATES HE REFUSED BOTH REQUESTS. DRAMINSKI DESCRIBED THIS PERSON AS BEING STOCKY WITH A DEEP VOICE AND TALKING LIKE AN INTELLECTUAL. DRAMINSKI FURTHER STATED THAT ABOVE DISCUSSION WAS HELD IN WOFSY-S CAR IN LATE AFTERNOON ON A HOT DAY AND STATED THEY DROVE THROUGH CAMPUS OF CONNECTICUT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN WHILE THEY HAD ABOVE DISCUSSION. DRAMINSKI COULD FURNISH NO NAME OF THE PERSON WHO CONTACTED HIM AND HIS IDENTIFICATION WAS NOT A POSITIVE ONE. DRAMINSKI STATED DEFINITELY CHAPMAN, GIULETTI AND BARANOFF WERE ALL WELL ACQUAINTED. JOSEPH GIULETTI ON INTERVIEW DENIED BEING INVOLVED IN OBTAINING ANY BLUEPRINTS FROM ELECTRIC BOAT CO. DENIED ANY ACQUAINTANCE WITH CHAMBERS, ISADORE WOFSY OR DUDLEY CHAPMAN AND CLAIMED HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS AS ANY PERSONS HE HAD EVER SEEN. GIULETTI ADMITTED SLIGHT ACQUAINTANCE WITH FRANK DRAMINSKI AND ~~ZACHARY BARANOFF~~ BUT CLAIMED HAS NOT SEEN EITHER DRAMINSKI OR BARANOFF SINCE THIRTYSEVEN. CLAIMED HE KNEW DARROW VERY SLIGHTLY AND STATED THAT DARROW AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED NEVER VISITED HIS HOME AND CLAIMED HE NEVER VISITED OR ATTENDED ANY MEETINGS IN THE HOMES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS. GIULETTI STATED HIS ONLY ACQUAINTANCE WITH DRAMINSKI AND BARANOFF WAS THROUGH HIS MEMBERSHIP IN A UNION AT ELECTRIC BOAT CO. AROUND THIRTYSIX

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AND STATED THIS ACQUAINTANCE WAS NOT CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH COMMUNIST OR RUSSIAN ACTIVITY. ~~PERCY~~ ^{GIULETTI} DENIED EVER BEING COMMUNIST OR MEMBER OF CP. GIULETTI HAS SON WILLIAM E. GIULETTI, AGE TWENTYTHREE, WHO SERVED TWENTYSIX MONTHS IN USN, WAS RECENTLY DISCHARGED AND PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS LABORER UNDER CIVIL SERVICE AT SUBMARINE BASE IN NEW LONDON, CONN. GIULETTI HAS SON, ALFRED A., AGE TWENTYTWO, WHO FORMERLY SERVED IN US MARITIME SERVICE AND PRESENTLY EMPLOYED LOCALLY NEW LONDON. DUDLEY PERCY ~~CHAPMAN~~ ON INTERVIEW ADMITTED BEING ACTIVE IN ORGANIZATION OF FIRST LABOR UNION AT ELECTRIC BOAT CO., CLAIMING SAID UNION ORGANIZED AT INSTIGATION OF CO. OFFICIALS TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF NIRA CONCERNING GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. CHAPMAN STATES JAMES ~~STITT~~ WAS FIRST PRESIDENT OF FIRST UNION AT ELECTRIC BOAT CO. AND ONE MUNDEL AND ONE WALKER, FIRST NAMES UNKNOWN, TOGETHER WITH FRANK DRAMINSKI, WERE ACTIVE IN ORGANIZATION OF FIRST UNION. CHAPMAN ADMITS KNOWING BARANOFF BUT HAS NOT SEEN HIM IN OVER TEN YEARS. DOES NOT RECALL BARANOFF WAS EVER IN HIS HOME AND DENIES THAT ANY GROUP OF EMPLOYEES AT ELECTRIC BOAT CO. MET AT HIS HOME TO ORGANIZE ELECTRIC BOAT CO. ON COMMUNIST BASIS. CHAPMAN DENIED KNOWING JOSEPH GIULETTI AND DENIED RECOGNIZING PHOTO OF GIULETTI. CHAPMAN ADMITTED BEING LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE IN HIS

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SOCIAL AND POLITICAL VIEWS, BUT DENIED BEING COMMUNIST OR IN FAVOR OF ADOPTION OF RADICAL POLICIES BY FORCE. CHAPMAN STATED HE WOULD WILLINGLY COOPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT IF HE KNEW OF ANY SUBVERSIVE TENDENCIES EITHER PAST OR PRESENT ON THE PART OF ANY PERSON OR GROUPS OF PERSONS. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIVITY OF ANY PERSON OR FORMER EMPLOYEES REMOVING BLUEPRINTS FROM PREMISES OF ELECTRIC BOAT CO. CHAPMAN HAS SON, DUDLEY P. CHAPMAN, JR., WHO SERVED IN COAST ARTILLERY, USA, AND ANOTHER SON, DONALD MORGAN CHAPMAN, WHO WAS ENSIGN IN USCG. HIS OTHER THREE CHILDREN HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

NEW YORK REQUESTED ASCERTAIN FROM CHAMBERS WHETHER HE RECALLS CONTACTING DRAMINSKI IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. PHOTOS OF DRAMINSKI BEING FORWARDED NEW YORK.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. REWFOLET TO BUREAU, COPY TO BALTIMORE AND NY, FEB. FIFTEENTH, FORTY NINE, RE JOHN ~~HERRMANN~~. THIS LETTER SET OUT ON PAGE FOUR A LEAD FOR BALTIMORE TO CONTACT OFFICE OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, LOCATE HERRMANN AND INTERVIEW HIM. THE FOLLOWING TEL DATED FEB. FIFTEENTH, FORTYNINE, RECEIVED FROM DETROIT. "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, LANSING. BROTHERS ARE ROBERT C. HERRMANN, NINE TWO THREE BAY CIRCLE, CORONADA, CALIF, AND RICHARD HERRMANN, TWO ONE EIGHT NORTH WASHINGTON, LANSING." BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE HERRMANN INTERVIEWED IN MEXICO CITY. BALTIMORE SHOULD SECURE ALL INFO IN VA FILES AND FURNISH TO BUREAU, NY AND WFO.

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REBULET FEBRUARY THREE LAST. JACK W. FIELDS, ASSOCIATE OF A. GEORGE

SILVERMAN, PRINCIPAL SUBJECT IN SILVERMASTER CASE, EMPLOYED BY

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