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Civil Service Commission files reflect WILLIAM WARD FIGMAN, born March 5, 1910 at Chicago, Illinois. He received grammar and high school education in Chicago and BS degree at George Washington University and Ph.D. degree at Maryland University. Files further indicate he received probationary appointment on May 28, 1930 with National Bureau of Standards and that he was employed there until August 6, 1938 when he resigned to accept a research fellowship at Leipzig University in Germany. It is further shown that he was reinstated on September 27, 1939 as assistant chemist with the Bureau of Standards and remained with the Bureau of Standards until his resignation on August 20, 1944. Supervisors and associates state they have no concrete information indicating he was disloyal to the United States. Two of his former associates from the Bureau of Standards state they attended meetings in his home at which meetings his brother, GEORGE FIGMAN, was present. These associates, HERBERT INSLEY, Ph.D. and L. A. PALMER, said they felt the discussions in these meetings at FIGMAN'S home were becoming radical that they withdrew from further attendance. Neither INSLEY nor PALMER heard of CHAMBERS or HISS during their contact with the FIGMANS, they said, and that the newspaper accounts of the FIGMANS were shocking to them. GEORGE FIGMAN, according to Civil Service Commission files, was born February 22, 1912 at Chicago, Illinois, educated in the public schools there. He received an MS degree in 1935 from George

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Washington University. His employment was shown to be with the National Bureau of Standards from August 1, 1930 to October 16, 1940 at which time he was transferred to the Civil Aeronautics Administration where he is presently employed in Indianapolis, Indiana. GEORGE FIGMAN'S supervisors and associates in the National Bureau of Standards and Civil Aeronautics Administration speak highly of him and state they have no information which would indicate disloyalty on his part to the United States. They inform that they never heard the name CHAMBERS or HISS in any of their dealings with GEORGE FIGMAN.

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REFERENCE:

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Bureau letter to Washington Field Office dated
December 13, 1948

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

WILLIAM WARD FIGMAN

The Civil Service Commission record on WILLIAM WARD FIGMAN was made available by Mr. JOE CHANDLER, December 16, 1948. It reflected that WILLIAM WARD FIGMAN was born March 5, 1910 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of J. W. FIGMAN, 1617 South Lombard St., Oak Park, Illinois. It was indicated that FIGMAN attended grammar school in Chicago and the Crane Technical School from which he graduated in 1927.

It was further indicated that he received a BS degree in chemistry from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. in June, 1932 and Doctor of Science degree from Maryland University in June, 1936. It was noted that FIGMAN reads and speaks German fluently. His employment was reflected as being with the National Bureau of Standards, as a laboratory assistant in engineering research, grade Sp. 2, salary,

\$1260 per annum and that he received an appointment in May, 1930. In August, 1931 it is reflected that he was moved to the Polarimetric Section and that he remained in that section in the Research Department from that date until July, 1938 at which time it is reflected he resigned to accept a fellowship from the Lalor Foundation to study at the University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany.

On September 27, 1939, the file indicates that PIGMAN was reinstated as assistant chemist with the National Bureau of Standards, classification P-2, salary \$2600.00 per annum. On November 16, 1940, it is shown that he was promoted to associate chemist, classification P-3 rating and that he remained in this classification until August 20, 1944, at which time he tendered his resignation to accept employment in private industry.

PIGMAN listed as relatives who worked in the government service:

His father, J. W. PIGMAN.

His uncle, ROSS CHAPPLE, 4513 North Magnolia St., Chicago, Illinois.

His brother, GEORGE L. PIGMAN, Washington, D.C.

At the time of filing his application, PIGMAN listed his residence as being 1736 G St., N.W. He indicated that he was married and that his wife's name was Mrs. W. W. PIGMAN.

DR. F. J. BATES

49 Harvard Street

Dr. BATES retired Bureau of Standards employee, advised on December 16, 1948 that he felt that he was well acquainted with WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN. He stated that PIGMAN worked under him in his section at the National Bureau of Standards. He said that he considered PIGMAN one of his most brilliant men, that in addition to performing exceptional work at the Bureau of Standards, that PIGMAN attended night school in Washington and received his Bachelor and Doctor's degree while here.

Dr. BATES stated that he first noted FIGMAN'S ability when the latter asked to be transferred into the Carbohydrates Division of the Bureau. At that time he said there were approximately 60 physicists and 40 chemists working in that division. Dr. HERBERT ISBELL was directly in charge of the research of the chemists who were in that section, he said.

The quality of FIGMAN'S work was so good that it received world wide recognition. Much of his work was published in Europe.

Professor HELFRICH, the German chemist, recognized FIGMAN as an outstanding student of chemistry and assisted in obtaining for FIGMAN the fellowship under the Lalor Foundation.

Dr. BATES stated that he was in Germany at the time that the Nazis were setting out on their drive to dominate Europe. FIGMAN at that time realized the personal danger that might befall him if he remained in Germany. He felt that it was necessary for his own safety to escape. He did so by driving from Germany through Poland in a circuitous route and through the lower portion of the Russian border thereafter going to Sweden and subsequently returning to the United States.

After FIGMAN'S return to the United States he was again appointed to the Bureau of Standards. He was given a commission, Dr. BATES said, to do independent research. It was noticed that he was a bit too enthusiastic in his work and the Bureau found that it was necessary to turn down some of his work in order to maintain a proper check on him, FIGMAN.

Dr. BATES said that he felt that FIGMAN was one who would be most restive under any kind of restraint and that he was one who needed absolute liberty and freedom in his research. He said that FIGMAN'S personality was not such that he would win friends immediately and that he had found among FIGMAN'S associates at the Bureau of Standards few close friends. Dr. BATES said today FIGMAN is regarded as one of the ten top chemists in the carbohydrate field.

Dr. BATES said that he had no way of knowing what views, political and otherwise, FIGMAN might have had or his underlying characteristics however he said he felt that he was honest and that as far as his work indicates, it was always found to be scientifically correct.

Dr. BATES said that he regarded FIGMAN as being a liberal and because of that fact, he stated that he could not always agree with FIGMAN in his discussion on economic theories. About this time Dr. BATES said, "We in the United States were hearing a lot about pinks and more about Nazis." He said that he heard rumors among some of his friends at the Bureau of Standards that there were employees who were attending union meetings. This he said never caused him any concern because he felt that only the poor type employees would be interested in such activities. He said he never knew definitely that there were any meetings or organizations from a union standpoint at the Bureau of Standards and accordingly he could not say whether or not WILLIAM FIGMAN ever attended such meetings. Dr. BATES did say that he never heard FIGMAN express himself in any way that would be considered a disloyal nature. He stated he never heard FIGMAN express any unsatisfactory comment about the working conditions at the Bureau of Standards. Dr. BATES said the only incident which happened during his association with FIGMAN that caused him to reflect about FIGMAN after reading the newspapers was the fact that FIGMAN seemed to be enthused about his trip into Russia when leaving Germany in 1939. Dr. BATES said that he did not know any of FIGMAN'S friends outside the Bureau and that on the two occasions that he visited FIGMAN'S home, there were no parties present whom he did not know.

Dr. BATES said that he knows definitely that none of FIGMAN'S work was of a classified nature and he is very much concerned about any information that FIGMAN might have obtained which would be considered confidential and which, as is alleged, he might have turned over to CHAMBERS. Dr. BATES, in summing up his comments on WILLIAM FIGMAN, stated that the information which he had was only favorable and that through no rumor or personal knowledge was he able to say that FIGMAN was disloyal in any way to the United States.

Dr. F. P. PHELPS

Room 2031, Industrial Building
National Bureau of Standards

Dr. PHELPS stated that he worked with WILLIAM WARD FIGMAN when FIGMAN first entered the National Bureau of Standards. He stated that he had only casually met FIGMAN'S brother, GEORGE L. FIGMAN.

Dr. PHELPS said that Dr. ISBELL, FIGMAN'S supervisor in Carbohydrates Research at the Bureau, would be more familiar with FIGMAN and his brother than any other man at the Bureau at this time.

Dr. PHELPS said that he was never aware of FIGMAN having worked on any confidential or classified work, that his work in the carbohydrate field was publishable in every respect and that as far as he knew, most of the research was published regularly in the National Bureau of Standards publications.

Dr. PHELPS stated that he personally did not like WILLIAM FIGMAN and that this dislike was due to the fact that he felt FIGMAN had too radical views regarding labor union organizations. He stated further that FIGMAN constantly advocated unionization in government as well as private industry. Because of this Dr. PHELPS said, "I tried as much as possible to leave him alone." However, he said he would not consider this serious enough to be considered as disloyalty on the part of FIGMAN.

Dr. PHELPS said that the only other criticism which he had concerning FIGMAN was that he, FIGMAN, had a tendency of being over-positive and that he was such without having sufficient data to back up his remarks. "However," he said, "in the field of chemical research, I must admit I have great admiration for his ability."

Dr. PHELPS said he had never met FIGMAN'S family and that he was not familiar with any of FIGMAN'S close friends. Dr. PHELPS said that never had any information come to his attention which would indicate concretely that FIGMAN was disloyal. He said that he had never heard any reference to the name of CHAMBERS or HESS from FIGMAN or anybody else in the Bureau of Standards until the information came out in the papers.

DR. HERBERT S. ISBELL

West Building, National Bureau of Standards

Dr. ISBELL stated on December 21, 1948 that he was in charge of carbohydrate research in the Chemistry Division at the National Bureau of Standards. He stated that he first became acquainted with WILLIAM FIGMAN in 1930. At that time FIGMAN was an assistant laboratory technician in the Cement Section of the laboratory. He stated that FIGMAN showed great energy at that time and a keen interest to move from the inorganic chemical research field into the organic division which was under Dr. F. J. BATES, who was head of the division known as the Optical Division

of the National Bureau of Standards.

At that time, according to Dr. ISBELL, FIGMAN was studying nights at George Washington University and that as far as he knew, FIGMAN obtained his degree from George Washington University and later his Doctor's degree from Maryland University. Dr. ISBELL said that FIGMAN was a laboratory assistant up until the time that he received his Doctor's degree from Maryland University. At that time he said laboratory assistants received poor salaries and that it was practically impossible for one to move into any better classification. Friends of FIGMAN urged him, Dr. ISBELL said, to do added research and as a result of the encouragement, WILLIAM FIGMAN accepted the Lalor Foundation fellowship to study at Leipzig University.

Upon FIGMAN'S return from Leipzig, he was given the permission of Dr. BATES to do independent research. Dr. ISBELL said that he felt that FIGMAN warranted the liberty of individual research at that time. He indicated that FIGMAN'S work was of sufficient quality that he should not be impeded by unnecessary supervision. Throughout this time Dr. ISBELL said, he had close working associations with WILLIAM FIGMAN and because of these close connections, he and his family frequently visited the FIGMAN home. He said that never on any occasion that he can recall was there any indication on the part of the FIGMANS of anything that could be construed as being disloyalty to the United States. Dr. ISBELL said that he knew that FIGMAN was interested in union organization of the Bureau of Standards employees but that he did not consider that of a detrimental nature in any way. He said that FIGMAN was also interested in other activities at the Bureau of Standards particularly any planned athletics or social functions that were sponsored by the Bureau. Dr. ISBELL said that he never agreed politically with WILLIAM FIGMAN because FIGMAN, in his mind, was entirely too much of a New Dealer. He said that FIGMAN was known as a man who was defending the underprivileged class.

He said that he can remember FIGMAN saying, "I prefer looking out for the forgotten man."

Dr. ISBELL said that he felt that FIGMAN, like many other young men, had "the feeling of youth to better world conditions for man and the reformation of the world" rather than a political philosophy of government.

Dr. ISBELL said that he recalled that FIGMAN also was extremely anti-Nazi when he returned from Germany but that he had never recalled hearing FIGMAN make any comment other than the good people in Germany

objected as much to the Nazi type government as did others throughout the world. He said PIGMAN told him that the great scientists in Germany thoroughly objected to the Nazi domination of their country but that they feared to raise their voice for fear of persecution. Dr. ISBELL said that he felt PIGMAN'S interest in foreign economic systems of government was more of a scholastic interest than it was of a political desire to see other forms of government established.

Dr. ISBELL said that he had only a speaking acquaintance with PIGMAN'S brother, GEORGE, and that he recalled meeting GEORGE on a couple of occasions at WILLIAM PIGMAN'S home. Dr. ISBELL indicated that since WILLIAM PIGMAN'S departure from Washington, he has visited him twice, that he recalls visiting him at his parent's home in Chicago.

Dr. ISBELL made available a book entitled "Chemistry of the Carbohydrates" by W. W. PIGMAN and RUDOLPH MAXMILLIAN GOEPP, JR. This text, said Dr. ISBELL, is the outstanding text on carbohydrates today in the world.

Dr. ISBELL concluded his remarks by stating that he could not believe that WILLIAM PIGMAN would be disloyal to the United States, that he felt that he knew PIGMAN sufficiently well to have determined if he was engaging in any of the alleged activities as reflected by the recent newspaper articles and he said he did not believe that PIGMAN had any connection with CHAMBERS knowingly. Dr. ISBELL said he had never heard PIGMAN make any mention of HISS or CHAMBERS.

DR. HERBERT INSLEY

Chief of the Mineral Products Division
Room 2042, Industrial Building
National Bureau of Standards

Dr. INSLEY stated that he gained the acquaintance of WILLIAM PIGMAN in 1930 when PIGMAN was in the Cement Section of the Bureau. He stated that he left that section in 1931 and went to the Carbohydrates Division of the Bureau. PIGMAN, he said, was his assistant at that time. Dr. INSLEY indicated that he had little contact with PIGMAN after he changed to the Carbohydrates Division other than through meetings which PIGMAN held at his home for a select group of Bureau of Standards men.

Dr. INSLEY said that approximately in 1934 he was invited to go to the home of WILLIAM FIGMAN to engage in a discussion group. He said that JESSE S. ROGERS, another employee at the Bureau, came to him and suggested that he, INSLEY, enter the discussion group that was meeting approximately once a month at FIGMAN'S home. Dr. INSLEY stated that he cannot recall at this time where FIGMAN lived but he said that he felt it was near Dupont Circle and that he does know that it was actually in WILLIAM FIGMAN'S home that they met. He said he recalled meeting FIGMAN'S wife and FIGMAN'S brother, GEORGE, while in the home.

Dr. INSLEY said that he thinks that he must have attended four meetings at FIGMAN'S home. He said that the other men from the Bureau who attended with him were Mr. ARTHUR J. THEUER, Mr. E. P. FLINT, Mr. L. A. PALMER and Mr. JESSE S. ROGERS. Both FIGMANS would be present at these meetings. He said, "We would generally start the meetings in a very informal manner and someone in the group would discuss some new book on economic theory which would be assigned to him to read by either the FIGMANS or by ROGERS. At first and when we started out in these informal meetings, "he said," a great deal of interest was shown by the men present because it was a challenge to keep abreast of the various theories propounded by the authors who we were assigned to study." Dr. INSLEY said as the discussion continued, it had a tendency to become more extreme and the radical views of the FIGMANS and ROGERS were more clearly expressed by them as they became serious in the discussion which they presented. Their views, according to Dr. INSLEY, definitely were on the radical left wing side. However, he said that neither he, PALMER, FLINT or THEUER felt that the views presented by the FIGMANS or ROGERS were such as to indicate a Communist Party line. At least not until the last meeting which they attended and at that meeting, according to Dr. ISBELL, a discussion arose about totalitarian discipline and in this discussion he said the FIGMANS brought out so clearly the Communist Party line that he, Mr. PALMER, FLINT and THEUER, after the conclusion of the meeting, decided that they had no further business attending such meetings at FIGMAN'S home. Dr. INSLEY stated that he could not recall anything specific which he could report this date that definitely would reflect membership on the part of either the FIGMANS or ROGERS, in the Communist Party. Neither does he recall any comment on the part of either the FIGMANS or ROGERS which would indicate that they were engaged in any activities of a disloyal nature. He said he never recalled hearing the name of CHAMBERS or HISS or any of their pseudonyms mentioned during the meetings that he attended at WILLIAM FIGMAN'S home.

Dr. INSLEY said that there was nothing specific that he could put his finger on which caused him to revolt against attending further meetings but that it seemed to be a gradual dissatisfaction with the trend of events that took place in the meetings and that extreme dissatisfaction seemed to culminate on the night that they discussed totalitarian discipline. He said as he recalled the impression left by the FIGMANS that night was that if any one was asked for anything, under the totalitarian discipline form of government, one would have to perform. Dr. INSLEY said this thought was not clearly expressed and that no one present asked for further discussion on the topic. He said he decided never again to attend any more of their meetings. He said he did this because he felt that the next proposition that might be put to him would be for him to join the Communist Party. However, he said he cannot say that the FIGMANS were actually Communist Party members. This he said was only the impression they left on him, namely that they were able to recruit membership in the party.

Dr. INSLEY said that these meetings did not concern union organization among the Bureau of Standards employees. In fact he said no discussion was ever had at WILLIAM FIGMAN'S home which involved any work or any activities at the Bureau itself. The meetings in brief he said were aimed at discussing various national and international problems particularly economic problems as they affected world society.

Dr. INSLEY stated that he had never heard of any other meetings at FIGMAN'S home, that he knew of no other associates that FIGMAN might have had who attended meetings at FIGMAN'S home and that as far as he knew, the meetings which he attended were the only meetings or activities on the part of FIGMAN which could be construed in any way as being activities of a possible disloyal nature. If FIGMAN was at that time engaged in passing on information to any outside source, Dr. INSLEY said, he was not familiar with it. He added he could not believe that FIGMAN would perform any act knowingly to the disadvantage of this country as serious as that alleged in the newspaper, namely the passing on of confidential documents to CHAMBERS.

MR. L. A. PALMER

Bureau of Yards and Docks

Mr. PALMER advised December 20, 1948 that he first became acquainted with WILLIAM FIGMAN in 1931 and that at about that time

he met FIGMAN'S brother, GEORGE. He said that he had never heard any information reflecting derogatorily against either of the FIGMANS. He indicated that the only information in his possession which indicated a communist tendency on the part of the FIGMANS was the fact that they held meetings in their home in which meetings they discussed the communist economic theory and the communist ideals and aims for world occupation.

Mr. PALMER stated that he believes that these meetings which he attended along with Dr. INSLEY and Mr. FLING AND Mr. THEUER covered a period of approximately three or four months and that he believes they were some time during 1934. He said he felt the meetings were held approximately once a month. He admitted that his recollection in this regard was very hazy.

Mr. PALMER stated that the meetings started out on a rather informal basis, that he was asked by Dr. INSLEY if he would care to attend a discussion group at the home of WILLIAM FIGMAN. He stated that after learning the identity of the parties who would be present, that he consented. He said he admired the ability of those men whom FIGMAN had invited to his home. In fact, he added "I greatly admire the ability of FIGMAN not only from the standpoint of his ability in research but also from the ability shown in his understanding of the philosophies of governments of the various countries in the world." FIGMAN, he said, clearly indicated by his expressions on economic theories that he was a student of political philosophies, that he was well read and that it was possible for him to express himself freely on theory which he felt should be put into practice in the world for the betterment of mankind. Mr. PALMER said that those who attended the meetings in WILLIAM FIGMAN'S home were keenly impressed by FIGMAN'S understanding of the political forms of government of the various countries. "Indeed," he said, "FIGMAN had a liberal philosophy of government but at that time such a philosophy was not looked upon as strange, in fact it was a fad during and shortly after the depression to be considered a liberal." He said that he recalls that it was common talk that the United States should consider changes in its economic system. This view, he said, was held by both the FIGMANS.

Mr. PALMER stated that he recalled that on the first meeting which he attended at the home of WILLIAM PALMER, that he was requested to review the book entitled "The Coming Struggle for Power." He stated that he could not recall at this time the author of that book but that he did recall it treated rather liberally the new philosophy that was prevailing at the time.

Mr. PALMER said that he could not recall the exact number of times that he attended meetings at WILLIAM PIGMAN'S home but that he thinks it must have been at least three. He said he recalled at one time going to the home of JESSE ROGERS who, he said, seemed to be as keenly interested as were the PIGMANS.

PALMER stated that he recalls at the last meeting that he attended at WILLIAM PIGMAN'S home, there was present an outsider and stranger to him and FLINT, THEUER and INSLEY. He said that this man discussed the new philosophy of liberalism and that he explained in contrast the philosophy of Marxism. He said that this person seemed to be steeped in communist philosophy, that he was not a personable man and that he and the other mentioned friends of his formed such a dislike to him that they decided that they had enough of the meetings with the PIGMANS, particularly any guest speakers that PIGMAN might bring in to inform them on political philosophies of government. Mr. PALMER said he recalls that this man was particularly interested in determining the full names of those present beside the PIGMANS.

Mr. PALMER said he felt that nobody gave this man their name. "In fact," he said, "we walked out when he suggested that we give our names to him." Mr. PALMER said he could not say that this man was a communist but that from his every action, he indicated that he was and he indicated further that he would be interested in determining more completely their background and interests. Mr. PALMER said he recalled that this man said, "We should look into things and compare the different isms before we consider disregarding them."

Mr. PALMER said that he felt that in that statement the fellow included communism.

Mr. PALMER stated that JESSE S. ROGERS seemed to be more interested in recruiting new members for the so-called study group at PIGMANS than he was in the nature of the discussion which ensued. Mr. PALMER said that he felt that ROGERS had socialistic views and that he typified the new dealer of that year. He said that he recalls that ROGERS suggested during one of the meetings that he was in favor of the government owning public utilities and railroads. "Of course," Mr. PALMER said, "many people at that time felt likewise."

Mr. PALMER said that he recalled ROGERS urging him to bring in more men to the meetings and he definitely recalled that ROGERS once said "Everyone present should bring in a new member the next meeting we have."

Mr. PALMER stated that he recalled on one occasion that the FIGMANS passed out publications to study during the meeting. He said that he could not recall definitely the nature of the publications but that he feels certain that the Daily Worker was among some of the material given them on that occasion.

Mr. PALMER said that the FIGMANS proselyting of the communist philosophy was very subtle however he said he had no feeling or belief that they were engaging in any other activities which could be considered disloyal to this government. He said that the FIGMANS philosophy of government was more liberal than the average persons. "Unfortunately," he said, "I was liberal enough at the time to allow myself to attend some of these meetings." He stated that he has regretted it and that he is certain Dr. INSLEY, Mr. FLINT and THEUER have also regretted it.

Mr. PALMER said that he never heard the name HISS or CHAMBERS mentioned nor did he ever hear any indication in any way that the FIGMANS were working with anyone or in any nature such as has been reflected by the recent articles in the newspapers alleging that WILLIAM FIGMAN passed on confidential documents to CHAMBERS.

MISS MARY L. HUBBELL

Section Chief, Chemical Division,
National Bureau of Standards

Miss HUBBELL advised on December 21, 1948 that she recalls having met WILLIAM FIGMAN when he was employed in the Bureau of Standards. She believes that she visited at his home on at least two occasions and she says from her knowledge of Mr. FIGMAN she feels that he is an innocent victim. Namely, that his alleged associations with CHAMBERS could not have been voluntary on his part.

Miss HUBBELL said that she actually knew nothing of FIGMAN'S activities outside the Bureau and that her previous statement was based on her knowledge of him and her admiration for him which was formed in her associations with FIGMAN while he was in the Bureau.

She said that FIGMAN was a hard worker and that he turned out outstanding work in the field of carbohydrates. She stated that she is amazed now to read the articles in the paper reflecting so dangerously against him. She said that she is amazed because she never even recalled

him ever having mentioned a political view or expressing himself in any way concerning politics.

Miss HUBBELL said that she had heard the rumor that FIGMAN was sympathetic toward the "underdog" and that perhaps in this regard he did have a radical tendency in his defense of the under-privileged class.

Miss HUBBELL said that she has heard since the paper's report on FIGMAN that he was a member of a local union in the Bureau of Standards known as the Federation of Architects, Chemists, Engineers and Technicians. She said that she personally was not familiar with any views that he might have had in regard to labor organization within the government.

Miss HUBBELL said that she had never heard the name of HISS or CHAMBERS mentioned before she read about them in the newspapers. She said it had never been brought to her attention that FIGMAN had had any association with those two mentioned parties.

JAMES B. SAUNDERS

Physicist, Instruments Section
National Bureau of Standards

Mr. SAUNDERS stated on December 22, 1948 that he had met WARD FIGMAN whom he knows now as WILLIAM WARD FIGMAN, about 1930. He stated that they worked in the same section. However, he said that FIGMAN was a chemist and that he himself was a physicist. He said at the time FIGMAN was interested in the local organization of the Federation of Architects, Chemists, Engineers and Technicians, a local which existed in the Bureau of Standards. Mr. SAUNDERS said he attended a meeting which was for the organization and promotion of this local in the Bureau. As he recalls, the meeting was held at the YMCA. Present at this meeting he said was a labor organizer whose identity he does not definitely know but who he believes from what he has read subsequent is a Mr. COLLINS (ph.). This man he said spoke on the advantages of organization within the government. Mr. SAUNDERS said he personally formed a dislike to this man and accordingly he did not have any more to do with FIGMAN in connection with meetings in behalf of the local that FIGMAN was working for in the Bureau.

About this time according to Mr. SAUNDERS, he had developed an exposure meter which he desired to get patented. He said he needed some

financial assistance. FIGMAN he said suggested that he, SAUNDERS, come to his home and that FIGMAN would arrange a meeting between him, SAUNDERS, and a party who would be able to finance the exposure meter's development. SAUNDERS said he went to FIGMAN'S home and there he met this party whom he believes to be COLLINS, the same party that was present at the meeting sponsored by the Federation of Architects, Chemists, Engineers and Technicians at the YMCA. SAUNDERS said that this party asked entirely too much cut on the profits expected from the patent and accordingly he, SAUNDERS, never sold an interest to him.

SAUNDERS said that he had little to do with FIGMAN after that time in connection with his work but that he did occasionally visit FIGMAN at his home. He recalls visiting FIGMAN shortly after the latter returned from his studies in Leipzig, Germany. He recalls too he said that FIGMAN displayed numerous snapshots which he took in his travels about Europe. SAUNDERS recalled that FIGMAN displayed snapshots that he took in Russia.

Mr. SAUNDERS said that he could not recall any indication on the part of FIGMAN which would indicate that he was engaged either before or after his return from Germany in any activities which would be considered disloyal.

GEORGE L. FIGMAN

Mr. JOE CHANDLER made available the Civil Service Commission file on GEORGE L. FIGMAN. It reflected he received a probational appointment on August 1, 1930 as an under laboratory apprentice. This file further reflects that he was promoted on May 1, 1936 to junior material engineer in which capacity he served until October 16, 1940 at which time he was transferred as assistant aeronautical engineer to the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Department of Commerce.

GEORGE L. FIGMAN'S birth was reflected as being at Chicago, Illinois on February 22, 1912. He further indicated that he was educated in the public schools of Chicago and that he received a Master of Science degree from George Washington University in 1935 in engineering. At that time his residence was reflected as being 3102 Rodman St., N.W. He listed his wife's name as VIRGINIA W. FIGMAN and in a later questionnaire which appeared in the file he listed his residence as being 1255 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. He subsequently listed his residence again as being 2127 P St., N.W., Apt. 308,

which was also shown to be the residence of his brother, WILLIAM W. FIGMAN, and his brother's wife, ALICE FIGMAN.

JOHN TUCKER, JR.

Cement Section, National Bureau of Standards

Mr. TUCKER advised on December 21, 1948 that he met GEORGE FIGMAN through the latter's brother, WILLIAM FIGMAN, who was also employed at the National Bureau of Standards. He stated that GEORGE turned out to be a close personal friend of his and that he felt that he knew him rather well. He said he never felt that he was as close to WILLIAM FIGMAN as he was to GEORGE. Mr. TUCKER stated that he is rather skeptical of the allegation that the FIGMANS passed on confidential information to unauthorized persons. However, he said that during the war he was not acquainted thoroughly with their activities and he supposed that he could not be sure of his estimation of them in view of that. However, he said he never heard any comment nor observed any act on the part of either of the FIGMANS which would indicate any disloyalty in any respect. Mr. TUCKER said he had never heard the name of HISS or CHAMBERS mentioned before he read about them in the newspapers.

Mr. TUCKER said that he had noted in his acquaintanceship with WILLIAM FIGMAN that he was rather outspoken in his views. He stated that both of the FIGMANS were interested in a local union at the National Bureau of Standards known as the Federation of Architects, Chemists, Engineers and Technicians. He stated that in this regard he had never heard any unfavorable comments about them. It was his impression that the FIGMANS joined the union to promote better working conditions for the employees as a whole.

He said they were both interested in the sports program at the Bureau and that he recalls them both as being good athletes. He stated that he never knew of any other societies or organizations that either might have been a member of.

Mr. TUCKER said that of the two he felt that WILLIAM took life more seriously than did GEORGE. He said that GEORGE seemed to have a more normal sense of values than WILLIAM.

Mr. TUCKER commented about a newspaper man who contacted him with a desire to write an article reflecting on the background of the FIGMANS with

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the aim of developing a long standing resentment in the hearts of both the PIGMANS toward society because of their poor start in life. Mr. TUCKER said he denied the newspaper correspondent an interview for he said he felt that such a thought was ridiculous. Never, he said, did he hear the PIGMANS make any comment that would reflect they had been handicapped by a lack of financial status in early life.

Mr. TUCKER said he would have every confidence in both of the PIGMANS and that it was hard for him to believe what he read in the papers about them. Mr. TUCKER said he has been puzzled ever since he read about WILLIAM PIGMAN passing on confidential papers. He said that he is at a loss to understand where PIGMAN might have obtained them, "for," he said, "I know that the work he was working on in the Bureau was not of a classified nature." Further, he said, "I feel that he would not go beyond his position to obtain any information for anyone."

MR. CARSON CULP

Personnel Administrator
Civil Aeronautics Administration

Mr. CULP made available on December 23, 1948 the personnel file of the Civil Aeronautics Administration on GEORGE LEROY PIGMAN. This file reflected an application filed by PIGMAN on August 12, 1940. It reflected his residence as being 1907 North Kenmore St., Arlington, Virginia. He stated that he had resided at that address since 1936, in this application.

His file further reflected that he was born February 22, 1912 in Chicago, Illinois. He listed his wife's name as VIRGINIA W. PIGMAN. He listed as references on this application, Mr. JESSE S. ROGERS, 4 Clermont, Garrett Park, Maryland; Mr. FLOYD B. HORN BROOK, 4803 11th St. North, Arlington, Virginia; Mr. PAUL A. FISCHER, 6136 22nd St., North, Arlington, Virginia; Mr. D. D. MEHAFFY, 6313 16th St., N.W.; Mr. WALTER W. BRANNOCK, 1509 Greenbrier St., Arlington, Virginia.

In this application GEORGE L. PIGMAN listed his relatives in government employment as being his wife, VIRGINIA PIGMAN and his brother, WILLIAM W. PIGMAN, 2006 North Stafford St., Arlington, Virginia.

On a recent application PIGMAN reflected his current address as being 602 West Maple Rd., Indianapolis 8, Indiana. He listed his home phone as being Hu 4512 and his office phone as being Be 5190. At that time he

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reflected his position as that of grade P-6, salary, \$7432.00 per annum. He indicated that his supervisor was Mr. A. L. MORSE, CAA, Indianapolis, Indiana.

In this application he also listed Mr. JESSE S. ROGERS, Garrett Park, Maryland, as a reference and a Mr. H. KENDALL KING, Rural Route #1, Box 199, Bridgeport, Indiana.

MR. JOHN EASTON

Civil Aeronautics Administration

Mr. EASTON stated that GEORGE FIGMAN came to the Administration in 1940 and that he had made steady progress in the Administration since that time. He stated that more than a year ago he was transferred with the Materials Engineer Experimental Station to Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. EASTON said that FIGMAN was in to see him a week ago after he returned to Washington from the New York Grand Jury. He said that FIGMAN told him that as far as he could determine the Grand Jury was interested in him only insofar as his brother was involved in the case. Mr. EASTON said that those in charge of FIGMAN at CAA had no reason to doubt him. In fact, he said that he personally checked into the case and talked with Mr. A. L. MORSE, GEORGE FIGMAN'S immediate supervisor. He said that MORSE had nothing but favorable comments on GEORGE FIGMAN.

Mr. EASTON said that he, in speaking as he did, was only speaking of FIGMAN'S work, that he knew nothing of FIGMAN'S social life and activities outside of work. He commented too that the file which they had in the Washington office on FIGMAN was only a skeleton file and that the main personnel file was maintained in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Never, Mr. EASTON said, did FIGMAN work on any classified matter while with Civil Aeronautics Administration but FIGMAN has worked on very important matters and they have found his work to be entirely satisfactory. He is considered one of their best engineers. FIGMAN, he said, is serving as Section Chief in the Experimental Station at Indianapolis and that his work with the other men has proven to be very satisfactory.

Mr. EASTON stated that there are no union activities within the Civil Aeronautics Administration and accordingly he does not know what

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views FIGMAN might have along these lines however he said that in talking with FIGMAN recently, he asked him about any union activities he might have had while in the government service and that he was informed by FIGMAN that he, FIGMAN, belonged to a local of the Federation of Architechs, Chemists, Engineers and Technicians at the Bureau of Standards. From what FIGMAN mentioned, Mr. EASTON said he felt that this was an informal group in the Bureau of Standards and that it had no national affiliation.

Mr. EASTON stated he was never aware of FIGMAN having a brother until the matter was brought out in the paper. However, he said that since that time, he has been told that WILLIAM FIGMAN, the brother, is an outstanding chemist.

GEORGE C. VIETHEER

Assistant Director of Personnel
Department of Commerce

Mr. VIETHEER made available the Department of Commerce file #598 on GEORGE FIGMAN of the Civil Aeronautics Administration on information concerning subpoena before the Grand Jury.

In this file there appeared a memorandum dated December 14, 1948 which reflected that GEORGE FIGMAN, brother of WILLIAM FIGMAN, formerly of the Bureau of Standards who is now an aeronautical engineer, chief of the Structural Section, had testified before a New York Grand Jury.

In this file there also appeared excerpts from a report of Special Agent R. P. Lewis dated August 17, 1948 at Indianapolis, Indiana. This excerpt concerned chiefly a comment made by GEORGE PITMAN'S supervisor, Mr. A. L. MORSE, who stated that FIGMAN was a close associate of PELLEIVA KANGAS, also an employee of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. MORSE further stated that FIGMAN and KANGAS both had similar views although he had no information pointing to any disloyalty. MORSE further stated that FIGMAN had some years ago, visited Russia and had travelled extensively in that country. However, MORSE said he was unable to furnish information that either FIGMAN or KANGAS had a disloyal trend.

Another excerpt from above cited report reflected that confidential informants I.P.S. 2856, 2855 and 2860, who were regarded as reliable informants, on communist activities in the Indianapolis area, had no information concerning FIGMAN or KANGAS.

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For the information of the Bureau and the offices receiving copies of this report, it might be noted that the Commerce Department file on PELLEIVA KANGAS, Materials Engineers in the Experimental Station of CAA, Indianapolis, Indiana, was reviewed and it was noted that the loyalty board reported "that reasonable grounds do not exist for belief that KANGAS is disloyal to the Government of the United States. The board recommends the case be closed."

It should be further noted by the Bureau and offices receiving copies of this report that the names of the parties who attended meetings at the FIGMAN home, namely ARTHUR U. THEUER, E. P. FLINT, L. A. PALMER and Dr. HERBERT INSLEY were searched through the Washington Field Office indices and no derogatory information was reflected regarding them.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York, N.Y.

*The New York Office was advised by teletype, December 20, 1948, from the Washington Field Office that HERBERT INSLEY, Ph.D. of the National Bureau of Standards, advised that he attended meetings at WILLIAM PIGMAN'S home in Washington; that Mr. E. P. FLINT, ARTHUR U. THEUER, L. A. PALMER and J. S. ROGERS attended these meetings with him.

The New York Office was advised as to the current address of Mr. THEUER and FLINT and it was left to the discretion of the New York Office whether or not an interview should be had with these two individuals.

BALTIMORE OFFICE

At Garrett Park, Maryland

The Baltimore Office is requested to interview Mr. JESSE S. ROGERS who was stated to have attended meetings at WILLIAM PIGMAN'S home on all occasions that HERBERT INSLEY, Ph.D. was present. An effort should be made in interviewing ROGERS to determine if the GOLLINS mentioned by Mr. JAMES B. SAUNDERS of the National Bureau of Standards is identical with HENRY COLLINS who CHAMBERS states entertained members of the underground group in his home in Washington.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C.

Will at the Civil Service Commission check the personnel file on JESSE S. ROGERS and conduct the other necessary leads resulting from this personnel file check.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **New York**

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Civil Service Commission files reflect WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN, born March 5, 1910 at Chicago, Illinois. He received grammar and high school education in Chicago and BS degree at George Washington University and Ph.D. degree at Maryland University. Files further indicate he received probationary appointment on May 28, 1930 with National Bureau of Standards and that he was employed there until August 6, 1938 when he resigned to accept a research fellowship at Leipzig University in Germany. It is further shown that he was reinstated on September 27, 1939 as assistant chemist with the Bureau of Standards and remained with the Bureau of Standards until his resignation on August 20, 1944. Supervisors and associates state they have no concrete information indicating he was disloyal to the United States. Two of his former associates from the Bureau of Standards state they attended meetings in his home at which meetings his brother, GEORGE PIGMAN, was present. These associates, HERBERT INSLEY, Ph.D. and L. A. PALMER, said they felt the discussions in these meetings at PIGMAN'S home were becoming so radical that they withdrew from further attendance. Neither INSLEY nor PALMER heard of CHAMBERS or HISS during their contact with the PIGMANS, they said, and that the newspaper accounts of the PIGMANS were shocking to them. GEORGE PIGMAN, according to Civil Service Commission files, was born February 22, 1912 at Chicago, Illinois, educated in the public schools there. He received an MS degree in 1935 from George

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FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.;
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MAN FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION AS THE MAN WHOM HE KNEW AS FELIX THE
PHOTOGRAPHER, PRESENTLY RESIDES RD NO. TWO, CAMBRIDGE, NY. ALBANY
OFFICE HAS DETERMINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY
IN CAMBRIDGE BY INSLERMAN. PROPERTY OF FELIX INSLERMAN, RD TWO,
CAMBRIDGE, NY, CONSISTS OF EIGHTY FIVE ACRES AND TWO STORY HOUSE.
PROPERTY ORIGINALLY SOLD BY CAMBRIDGE, NY LIFE RESIDENT TO NORMA KNOLL,
TWENTY TWO HAMILTON AVENUE, ARLINGTON, NJ, ON JULY FIRST, THIRTY-
FIVE. ON AUGUST TEN, FORTYONE, AFTER HER DEATH, PROPERTY CONVEYED
BY HER HUSBAND, CHARLES KNOLL, TO DOROTHY G. HOEY AND ARTHUR C.
HOEY, JR., OF THREE NINE SEVEN BURLINGTON ROAD, BOROUGH OF PARAMUS,
BERGEN COUNTY, NJ. ON DECEMBER TWENTYNINE, FORTYTWO, PROPERTY CON-
VEYED TO FELIX A. AND ELIZABETH INSLERMAN OF TOWNSHIP OF BABYLON,
SUFFOLK COUNTY, LONG ISLAND, NY, WHO PURCHASED PROPERTY FOR ELEVEN

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HUNDRED DOLLARS. RECORDS INDICATE A FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLAR MORTGAGE HELD BY A JAY C. HILL OF EAGLE BRIDGE, NY, WHICH IS NEARBY CAMBRIDGE, BUT PAID BY NORMA KNOLL. INSLERMAN DID NOT RECORD TITLE TILL JULY TWENTYNINE, FORTYSEVEN, AND AT THAT TIME NO MORTGAGES WERE FILED. ALL ABOVE INFO ON FILE ⁶⁷TWON CLERK, HUDSON FALLS; NY. ASSISTANT AG T. J. DONEGAN HAS REQUESTED THAT DOROTHY G. HOEY AND ARTHUR C. HOEY, JR., WHO ARE REPORTED BY ALBANY OFFICE TO HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN NINETEEN FORTY TWO AT THREE NINE SEVEN BURLINGTON ROAD, BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, BERGEN COUNTY, NJ, BE INTERVIEWED, RE ACQUAINTANCE-SHIP, KNOWLEDGE OF INSLERMANS ACTIVITIES, AND HOW TRANSACTION FOR SALE OF PROPERTY TO INSLERMAN CAME ABOUT. SUTEL.

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INTERVIEWED TODAY FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS AND INTERVIEW BRIEF
BECAUSE OF PRIOR COMMITMENT HE HAD WITH "TIME" MAGAZINE TO STRAIGHTEN
OUT FINANCIAL SITUATION WITH THIS MAGAZINE. INTERVIEW TODAY COVERED
PERIOD FROM NINETEEN TWENTY NINE TO NINETEEN THIRTYTWO. DURING THIS
PERIOD CHAMBERS WAS SELF EMPLOYED, TRANSLATING VARIOUS GERMAN BOOKS
TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, GOT MARRIED IN NINETEEN THIRTYONE, AGAIN ENTERED
CP AS ACTIVE MEMBER, WAS ASSOCIATED WITH JOHN REED CLUB, WHICH WAS
A CULTURAL SECTION OF THE CP. CHAMBERS SET FORTH A RATHER LONG LIST
OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF JOHN REED CLUB AT THAT TIME AND THEIR
PARTICULAR ACTIVITY. HE RELATED INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS TAKING
UP EDITORSHIP OF "NEW MASSES" MAGAZINE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS
BEGINNING IN SPRING OF NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AND HIS FIRST CONVERSATION
WITH MAX BEDACHT IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTY TWO WHEN HE WAS
APPROACHED BY THE LATTER TO DISCUSS ACTIVITY IN THE OPEN CP
AND BECOME AFFILIATED WITH THE COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND IN NYC. HE RE-
LATED HIS INTRODUCTION TO HERBERT, ALIAS KARL, WHO CHAMBERS STATED
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SHERMAN, A FORMER STAFF WRITER OF THE "DAILY WORKER" WHO WAS EXPELLED FROM THE PARTY IN THE LATE NINETEEN TWENTIES AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENTERED THE COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND. INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERS WILL BE CONTINUED TOMORROW MORNING. T. J. DONEGAN FURNISHED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF GJ ACTIVITIES INSTANT DATE. EUNICE LINCOLN TESTIFIED THAT THE HANDWRITTEN NOTES WHICH WERE TURNED OVER BY CHAMBERS WERE OF SUCH A NATURE THAT SHE HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH NOTES IN THE STATE DEPT. NOR WAS IT A PRACTICE IN THE STATE DEPT. TO BRIEF ANY MESSAGES IN THAT FASHION. ALSO TESTIFIED THAT SHE SAW NO REASON FOR MANY TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY THE STATE DEPT. TO BE BRIEFED. RELATIVE TO SIXTY FIVE DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY CHAMBERS, SHE STATED SHE SAW NO REASON FOR THAT FORM TO BE WRITTEN, ALSO THAT THE DOCUMENTS WERE NOT TYPED IN THE STATE DEPT. MAX YERGAN TESTIFIED THAT THE ONLY TIME HE HAD SEEN ALGER HISS WAS DURING THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE OF THE UN, AT WHICH TIME HISS WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM, YERGAN. FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN TESTIFIED TODAY AND ADMITTED THAT HE HAD SIGNED A STATEMENT BUT REFUSED TO ANSWER WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD TOLD THE TRUTH IN THE STATEMENT. DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE OBTAINED IN INSLERMAN-S HOME, HE CLAIMS HE TOOK FROM THE REPUBLIC AVAIATION CORP. AND NO INFORMATION AS TO HOW HE HAD TWO
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SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION PERTAINING TO THE ARMY AIR FORCES OTHER THAN HE HAD TAKEN A BUNDLE OF PAPERS OUT OF THE REPUBLIC AVIATION CORP. INSLERMAN TESTIFIED THAT THE THREE CAMERAS HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION WERE A KODAK, A LEICA, MODEL B, AND A ERNEMANN DASH BOB. CLAIMS HE HAD KODAK FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS AND LEICA AND ERNEMANN DASH BOB FOR TEN YEARS.

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DASH THREE THREE NINE FIVE NINE ONE, WHO IS PRESENTLY SUBJECT OF A PENDING SECURITY INVESTIGATION AT BALTIMORE. INS RECORDS BALTIMORE REFLECT SUBJECTS IMMIGRATION FILE AT WASH., D.C., CONTAINS A PHOTOGRAPH OF BROWN. WASHINGTON FIELD REQUESTED TO OBTAIN COPIES OF BROWNS PHOTOGRAPH WHICH IS CONTAINED IN HIS DUPLICATE NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE NUMBER THREE FOUR FIVE TWO THREE NAUGHT TWO, LOCATED AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION. COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO DENVER FOR EXHIBITION TO FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO. IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF BROWN IS IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB BERNIE. COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD ALSO BE FURNISHED TO NY FOR EXHIBITION BY NY TO WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. WFO ALSO REQUESTED TO FURNISH COPIES OF PHOTOS TO BALTO. FOR COMPLETION OF ITS FILE. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF BROWN SOMEWHAT COINCIDES WITH PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF BERNIE AS FURNISHED BY FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, WITH EXCEPTION OF HEIGHT, IT BEING NOTED RENO DESCRIBES BROWN AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN, WHEREAS BROWN IS DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET FIVE. BROWN IS AN OLD-TIME CP MEMBER AT BALTIMORE AND RESIDED IN BALTO. DURING

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TO : H. B. FLETCHER
FROM : R. W. WALL
SUBJECT: ALGER HISS
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: January 4, 1949

- Mr. Tolson _____
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- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

This is to advise that I received a telephone call from Mr. C. S. Forster, Chief of the Investigation Division of the Department of Agriculture, at 4:00 p.m. on January 3, 1949.

Mr. Forster stated that he had noted in the December 20th issue of the "Newsweek" an article entitled "National Affairs - Is America Safe from Spies." This article stated in effect that Whittaker Chambers had advised Mr. Adolph Berle of the State Department in September, 1939 of the facts in his possession regarding a Communist espionage group operating in the Federal Government. The article continues by saying that Chambers in 1942 took his story to the FBI and that on the basis of the information he had supplied, the FBI in return had made reports to those departments wherein individuals mentioned in the Chambers testimony had been employed.

Mr. Forster stated that since Alger Hiss had worked for the Department of Agriculture, he would appreciate knowing whether or not this data was ever supplied to the Department of Agriculture, and, if so, to whom in that Department. Mr. Forster stated that, according to the records of the Department of Agriculture, Hiss resigned in 1935.

I advised Mr. Forster that, in view of the fact that Mr. Hiss was not employed by the Department of Agriculture at the time the Bureau allegedly received the information from Whittaker Chambers and made its reports available to the various interested government agencies, it was unlikely that any information in this matter was supplied to the Department of Agriculture. I advised him, however, that a check would be made to determine whether or not such information had been sent to his Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this matter be referred to the Internal Security Section in order that it can be determined whether or not any data of the statements given by Chambers have ever been sent to the Agriculture Department. On completion of this check if the Internal Security Division will advise me as to the results thereof, I will advise Mr. Forster by telephone.

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Alger Hiss was employed in the Department of Agriculture from May, 1933 to April, 1935. The first information appearing in the Bureau files concerning Hiss is dated September 25, 1941. He was the subject of a Hatch Act inquiry authorized on December 24, 1941, at which time he was employed in the State Department. In view of the foregoing, no distribution of information on Alger Hiss was made to the Department of Agriculture so far as the records reflect.

It is recommended that Mr. Forster be advised that no information was furnished to the Department of Agriculture since Hiss was not employed there subsequent to April, 1935.

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TO : MR. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: January 4, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

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Miss Alice O'Donnell in the Attorney General's Office called me on January 3, 1949. She stated that the Attorney General had a memorandum from the Bureau dated December 15, 1948, relative to Whittaker Chambers, which made reference to Franklin Reno. She stated that the Attorney General had requested that she obtain for him the results of the FBI's investigation of Reno.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Philadelphia

January 10, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 6, 1949.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
with aliases, ET AL
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 45-2440
FBI FILE NO. 74-1333 - 866
LAB. NO. D-57804 BU

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Letter dated January 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

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by Letter *6-2-49*

- K216 A typewritten letter on the stationery FANSLER, 1518 Spruce Street Philadelphia, Pa., beginning "Dear Mr Whitaker: Allah be praised, I found..." and signed "MAIDY FANSLER."
- K217 A typewritten letter on the stationery of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wis., dated May 4, 1927, beginning "My dear Mrs. Hoffman: I am handing you herewith..." and signed "THOMAS L. FANSLER."
- K218 A carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated April 14, 1927 beginning "My dear Mr. Quarrier: Without waiting to adjust my..." and ending "...Mrs. Fandler and myself."

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the machines which typed K216 and K217 did not type Q6 through Q69.

The carbon copy, K218, was not sufficiently clear for a definite conclusion to be reached in comparison with the typing appearing on specimens Q6 through Q69.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Specimens K216 through K218 will be returned to the Philadelphia Office as soon as the appropriate copies have been made for the Bureau's file.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 5, 1949

LM FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

Attention: FBI Laboratory

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was. ET AL
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There are enclosed herewith three letters concerning which it is requested a comparison be made with documents now in the Laboratory's possession which have been submitted by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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K-217
K-218

The first letter, dated December 11, 1941, addressed "Dear Mr. WHITTAKER", and signed "Sincerely yours, DAISY FANSLER", has been received from Mr. ANTHONY WHITTAKER, attorney for DAISY FANSLER. Before turning this letter over to Bureau agents, WHITTAKER obtained permission therefor from DAISY FANSLER and in the permission, Miss FANSLER advised that this letter was typewritten on a Corona typewriter.

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The remaining two letters, dated April 14, 1927, addressed to Rev. J. JARDEN GUENTHER, and May 4, 1927, addressed to Mrs. MARY J. HOFFMAN, have been received from Mr. BURTON WRIGHT, a nephew of LOUIS HOFFMAN, former partner of THOMAS L. FANSLER, prior to the formation of the partnership between FANSLER and HARRY MARTIN. The letter dated April 14, 1927 is a carbon copy, whereas the letter dated May 4, 1927 is an original.

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It is requested that all letters submitted herewith be returned to the Philadelphia Office upon completion of the examination.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

January 17, 1949

To: SAC, San Francisco

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 7, 1949.

Re: J. DAVID BRITTON CHAMBERLAIN, with aliases
ALGER HISS; et al
Forgery
Espionage - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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

San Francisco

Reference:

Letter dated 1-5-49

Examination requested:

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Specimens:

- K219 Typewritten letter on Department of State, Washington stationery, dated November 21, 1948, to Mr. JOHN A. SUTRO, signed in ink ALGER HISS.
- K220 Typewritten letter on Department of State, Washington stationery, dated November 29, 1948, to JOHN A. SUTRO, Inquirer, signed in ink ALGER HISS.
- K221 Typewritten letter on Department of State, Washington stationery, dated September 26, 1948, to Mr. JOHN A. SUTRO, signed in ink ALGER.
- K222 Two-page typewritten letter dated January 17, 1947, to Mr. JOHN A. SUTRO, signed in ink ALGER.
- K223 Typewritten envelope and accompanying letter addressed to "JOHN A. SUTRO, Esq., 1550 Jackson Street San Francisco, California", letter dated December 30, 1948, signed in ink ALGER.

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the machines which were used to type K219 through K223 were not used to type K2 through K27.

The evidence submitted will be returned to the San Francisco office as soon as photographic work has been completed.

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

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 5, 1949.

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was;
ALGER HISS; et al
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R.
(Bureau File 74-1333)

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Reference New York teletype to San Francisco dated January 3, 1949, requesting that efforts be made to obtain any specimens of typewritten material emanating from the HISS family and in the possession of JACK SUTRO, attorney in San Francisco and former classmate at Harvard Law School with ALGER HISS.

JACK SUTRO (true name, JOHN A. SUTRO) of the firm of Pillsbury, Madison, and Sutro, 225 Bush Street, San Francisco, made available the following specimens of typewritten material received by him from ALGER HISS. Mr. SUTRO stated that to the best of his knowledge, these are the only specimens of typewritten material received by any member of his family from any member of the HISS family. The specimens received from Mr. SUTRO are described as follows:

~~RECORDED RECORDING~~

1. Letter dated November 23, 1940, on stationery of the Department of State, addressed "Dear Jack," commencing, "I have been asked by our former law professor...", signed "Sincerely yours, ALGER HISS," and with the notation in the lower left-hand corner that it was addressed to Mr. JOHN A. SUTRO, Standard Oil Building, San Francisco, California.

2. Letter dated November 29, 1940, on stationery of the Department of State, addressed to "Dear Jack," commencing "Many thanks for your very helpful letter..." signed "Very sincerely yours, ALGER HISS," and with a notation in the lower left-hand corner that the letter was being directed to JOHN A. SUTRO, Esq., Standard Oil Building, San Francisco, California.

3. Letter dated September 26, 1946, on stationery of the Department of State, addressed to "Dear Jack," commencing "I appreciated your note several weeks ago.." and signed "Yours ever, ALGER HISS," with a notation in the lower left-hand corner indicating that the letter was directed to Mr. JOHN A. SUTRO, Hotel Pierre, New York, New York.

4. A two-page letter dated January 17, 1947, with the return address at the top, 3210 P Street, N. W., Washington 7, D. C., and with a printed address form pasted in the upper right-hand corner bearing the words, "Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 405 W. 117th Street, New York 27, New York." This letter is directed to "Dear Jack," and commences, "It was very

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Director from SAC, San Francisco

January 5, 1949.

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thoughtful of you to write..." The first page of the letter ends, "I assume that he is back..." A notation in the lower left-hand corner indicated it was being directed to Mr. JOHN A. SUTRO, Standard Oil Building, San Francisco 4, California. The second page of this letter begins, "...back in Los Angeles again," and concludes, "Thank you from Priscilla and me, Yours ever, /s/ ALGER," and the typewritten signature, "ALGER HISS."

5. A typewritten letter dated December 30, 1948, bearing the return address at the top, "22 East 8th Street, New York, New York," addressed to JOHN A. SUTRO, Esq., 3598 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California, "Dear Jack," and commencing "My step-son, TIMOTHY HOBSON..." and signed, "Ever sincerely, ALGER."

6. Envelope bearing the typewritten address, JOHN A. SUTRO, Esq., 3598 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California, with the typewritten return address in the upper left-hand corner, 22 East 8th Street, New York, New York. This envelope, according to Mr. SUTRO, was the envelope in which Item 5 was received by him.

The above-described documents have each been initialed on the reverse side by Mr. JOHN A. SUTRO, who placed the date, January 4, 1949, and his initials on each document in the presence of Special Agents DAVID E. TODD and CHARLES F. BRUSCH in Mr. SUTRO's office at 225 Bush Street, San Francisco. It should be noted that Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 have each been punched in the upper left-hand corner and Item 2 bears a pencilled notation in the upper right-hand corner appearing to be "#30-H." The punch marks and notation were made in the process of filing these documents in Mr. SUTRO's office.

Mr. SUTRO when furnishing these documents explained that while he had been a classmate of ALGER HISS at Harvard University from 1926 to 1929, they had not been intimate at that time. The only definite association other than the attendance of classes together, which Mr. SUTRO could recall, was that he and HISS each were members of the Lincoln Inn Eating Club while attending the Harvard University Law School. When first contacted, Mr. SUTRO could recall no contact with ALGER HISS between the date of their graduation from law school until the time of the United Nations Conference for International Organization at San Francisco in early 1945. However, upon examining his file containing correspondence from HISS, Mr. SUTRO located the documents described above as Items 1 and 2. Mr. SUTRO advised that after

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meeting ALGER HISS at the UNCIO Conference, he invited HISS to his home on several occasions. During this period, ALGER HISS was residing at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, and was acting as Secretary-General of the UNCIO Conference. Since meeting members of Mr. SUTRO's immediate family, ALGER HISS has on various occasions written longhand letters to Mr. and Mrs. SUTRO and in one or two instances, notes to the Sutro children. In no instance, according to Mr. SUTRO, did HISS or Mrs. HISS direct any type-written communications to any member of the SUTRO family other than those described above.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to immediately compare the items being transmitted herewith with known specimens of typed material in the possession of the Bureau. Upon the completion of this examination, these items should be returned to the San Francisco Office in order that they may thereafter be returned to Mr. SUTRO.

The following information concerning Mr. SUTRO is being set forth for the consideration of the Bureau in the handling of the specimens and information received from Mr. SUTRO:

JOHN A. SUTRO during World War II was a Lieutenant Commander representing the Office of Naval Intelligence at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. While active in that capacity, Lt. Commander SUTRO was always most cooperative with any Bureau representative who contacted him and took considerable pains to assist the Bureau in whatever manner possible. In addition, Mr. SUTRO is a personal friend of numerous agents whose acquaintance he made during the period of his naval service, and has frequently volunteered his services if in any investigation it might appear that he could be of assistance.

JOHN SUTRO is presently active as an attorney in the firm of Pillsbury, Madison, and Sutro, which firm represents the Standard Oil Company of California, and Mr. SUTRO is general counsel for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, with whom the San Francisco Office enjoys excellent relations. Mr. SUTRO explained that he is personally strongly anti-Communist, and his activities while representing ONI at the Alameda Naval Air Station would confirm this. He therefore is embarrassed by having associated with HISS, whom he now feels was probably active as a member of the Communist underground at the time HISS was in San Francisco at the United Nations Conference. Accordingly,

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Mr. SUTRO has requested that his name be retained in confidence in the event the Laboratory examination of the enclosed specimens fails to produce an identification of such value as to necessitate the use of these specimens in evidence. Further, he requested that no dissemination of the fact that he possessed these documents be made outside the Bureau unless it becomes necessary to introduce them into evidence. Mr. SUTRO stated that in the event an identification is made such as would warrant the introduction of these documents into evidence, he would be a willing witness if subpoenaed, and would have no hesitancy about revealing anything and everything that he knows about ALGER HISS and about this correspondence.

In view of Mr. SUTRO's past and potential future cooperation, it is suggested that the Bureau give every consideration to his requests.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Washington Field

January 10, 1949

To:

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 6, 1949.

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 74-1333 868
FBI FILE NO. D-29641 BU
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Washington Field

Examination requested by:

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Letter dated January 6, 1949

by Letter

Reference:

Document

Examination requested:

Specimens:

- K220 One page of known typewritten specimens obtained from a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #N-225533, owned by Mrs. JOHN LAMPOND, 1239 Harvard Street N. W.
- K221 One page of known typewritten specimens obtained from a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #N-210231, property of SWIDER, 739 Madison N. W.
- K222 One page of known typewritten specimens obtained from a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #N-21522, in possession of WESTERN AUTO STORE, 1213 Good Hope Road S. E.
- K223 One page of known typewritten specimens obtained from a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #N-117300, at residence of Mrs. A. L. M. ALBERS, 306 East Marshall Street, Falls Church, Virginia.
- K224 One page of known typewritten specimens obtained from a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #N-99733, owned by ARTHUR MATSKIN, 2115 F Street N. W., Apt. 203.
- K225 One page of known typewritten specimens obtained from a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #N-220102, owned by Mr. F. H. DOUKLAS, 2117 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W.
- K226 One page of known typewritten specimens obtained from a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #N-119662-N, owned by Mrs. ROBERT E. JONES, 1697 N. Quinn Street, Arlington, Virginia.
- K227 A three-page carbon copy of Civil Action No. 513-47, typewritten on a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #N-260961, obtained from JAMES T. BARBOUR, 606 Malachuk Building.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS

It was concluded that the typewriters used to type K220 through K226 were not used to type .6 through .69.

The typewriting on K227 is too blurred for any conclusion to be reached in comparison with the typewriting appearing on specimens .6 through .69.

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

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory DATE: January 6, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
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Attached herewith are Woodstock Typewriter specimens obtained by Special Agents of the Washington Field Division, which are for comparison with questioned documents in instant case. Unless otherwise indicated, these specimens may be destroyed by the FBI Laboratory if they are found to be not identical. They are described as follows:

- K220 Serial #N-225555, owned by Mrs. JOHN LANKFORD, 1239 Girard Street, N. W., taken by Special Agent WILLIAM J. TRACY on January 1, 1949.
- K221 Serial #N-210231, property of SNYDER, 739 Madison, N. W., taken on January 5, 1949 by Special Agents THOMAS J. BARRY and DONALD D. GONNORS.
- K222 Serial #RN-21522, in possession of Western Auto Store, 1213 Good Hope Road, S. E., taken by Special Agent EDWARD M. MULLIN on January 5, 1949.
- K223 Serial #F-117388, at residence of Mrs. A. L. M. ALBERS, 506 East Marshall Street, Falls Church, Virginia, taken by Special Agent EDWARD M. MULLIN on January 5, 1949.
- K224 Serial #F-99753, owned by ARTHUR MATTSON, 2115 - F Street, N. W., Apartment 203, taken by Special Agent DONALD WALTER on January 5, 1949.
- K225 Serial #N-220102, owned by Mr. F. H. DOUGLAS, taken by Special Agent WILLIAM J. TRACY on January 5, 1949.
- K226 Serial #F-119662-E, owned by Mrs. ROBERT E. JONES, 1507 N. Quinn Street, Arlington, Virginia, by Special Agent ROBERT R. NICHOLS on January 5, 1949.
- K227 Serial #N-260961, obtained from JAMES T. BARBOUR, 606 McLachlen Building, by Special Agent PHILIP H. WILSON on January 5, 1949, which is described as "Civil Action No. 513-47, In the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia", and which is a "Motion for Custody and Maintenance of Minor Child, and Alimony Pendente Lite".

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Baltimore

January 10, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evi-
dence received from your office on January 7, 1949.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
with aliases, et al;
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE -- R
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO: 65-1562
FBI FILE NO: 7-1335-869
LAB. NO. D-89843

Examination requested by: Baltimore

Reference: Letter dated January 6, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

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by letter 10-16-74 THB/bes
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- K233 One sheet of paper bearing typewriting specimens obtained from a Woodstock typewriter, serial number 8.12463582, owned by Mrs. Doris H. Scott, 4205 Arizona Ave. (Page 1.)
- K234 One sheet of paper bearing typewriting specimens obtained from a Woodstock typewriter, serial number 8.12463582, owned by Mrs. Doris H. Scott. (Page 2.)
- K235 One sheet of paper bearing typewriting specimens obtained from a Woodstock typewriter, serial number 8.12463582, owned by Mrs. Doris H. Scott. (Page 3.)
- K236 One sheet of paper bearing a carbon copy of typewriting specimens obtained from a Woodstock typewriter, serial number 8.12463582, owned by Mrs. Doris H. Scott. (Page 4.)
- K237 One sheet of paper bearing typewriting specimens obtained from a Woodstock typewriter, serial number 8.12463582, owned by Mrs. Doris H. Scott. (Page 5.)
- K238 One sheet of paper bearing typewriting specimens obtained from a Woodstock typewriter, serial number 8.12463582, owned by Mrs. Doris H. Scott. (Page 6.)

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which typed K233 through K238 was not used to type 06 through 069.

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The evidence is retained in the files of the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/6/49

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

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

ATTENTION: *D89843*
FBI LABORATORY

By teletype dated December 31, 1948, the Washington Field Office advised that Woodstock Typewriter, serial number 246358, was purchased by the Abbot Business Machine Company, Baltimore, Maryland, on June 16, 1944. Baltimore was requested to procure specimens of this typewriter and forward them to the Laboratory for comparison with pertinent material.

Records of the Abbot Business Machine Company, 142 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland, reflect that the machine was purchased by them from the United Typewriter Company, 1813 Fourteenth Street, Washington, D. C. The records further reflect that the machine was sold by the Abbot Business Machine Company to Mrs. D. SCOTT, 4205 Arizona Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, on October 5, 1944.

Mrs. DORIS M. SCOTT, 4205 Arizona Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, current owner of Woodstock Typewriter, serial number 8J246358E, advised Special Agent RICHARD G. HUNSINGER on January 4, 1949, that she purchased the machine in October of 1944, from a company whose name she could not recall.

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Submitted with this letter are six pages of typewriter specimens of Woodstock Typewriter, serial number 8J246358E. Pages one and two and half of page three are specimens of characters of the typewriter. The last half of page three is in paragraph form. Page four is a carbon specimen of the machine. Page five is composed of paragraphs and the number characters of the machine and page six consists of double spaced paragraphs. The character "U" sticks upon each touch, which necessitated a slow typing speed. The character * is indicated on the keyboard but the character 3/4 has been substituted for it. A touch of the key marked ? produces nothing. The specimens were taken by Special Agent RICHARD G. HUNSINGER and initialed on each page by Mrs. DORIS M. SCOTT as owner of the machine.

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

The Laboratory is requested to compare the six pages of specimens with the original documents submitted by the attorneys for ALGER HISS and JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in an endeavor to identify the typewriter on which those documents were originally typed.

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Enclosures (REGISTERED MAIL)

cc - New York
Washington Field

Kisseloff-2412

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: January 6, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
PERJURY;
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Reference is made to your memorandum to the Director relating to efforts to secure typewriting specimens emanating from Alger Hiss which might be of value in this matter. A quick check of material available on the current investigation was negative as to the Director's inquiry as to what had happened as a result of the lead set up relating to the Home Life Insurance Company, New York City.

The Washington Field Office was checked and they were unable to locate a communication addressed to the New York Office relating to this lead and so I placed a call to Supervisor Tuohy of the New York Office at 11:00 a.m., in the absence of ASAC Belmont. The records of the New York Office were checked rapidly with negative results and I instructed that they be certain this lead was covered by a check with the Home Life Insurance Company, New York City. Mr. Tuohy called back at 12:35 p.m. and stated that a check had been made at the Home Life Insurance Company and there were no typewriting specimens relating to Donald Hiss, Alger Hiss or Mrs. Priscilla Hiss. There was a record of an application for an insurance policy on the part of Donald Hiss but the policy was refused because of Donald Hiss' physical condition. A memorandum in response to the Director's inquiry is attached.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 1-6-49

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
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ESPIONAGE - R

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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- Miss Gandy _____

Reference is made to New York teletype of January 5, 1949, 9:32 p.m., which relates to Mr. Donegan's request that next week the expert from the Technical Laboratory bring the Chambers documents to New York so that they can be made available to Mr. McLean, attorney for Alger Hiss.

It is noted that according to the teletype, Mr. Whearty, Assistant Attorney General, stated that he had talked with me last week concerning the transportation of the documents to New York City and I had agreed to forward them to New York. I have no recollection of such a conversation with Mr. Whearty and if such a conversation had taken place I would have prepared a memorandum. There is no memorandum in existence reflecting such a contact on the part of Mr. Whearty. However, it appears that it is necessary that the documents be furnished to Mr. Donegan in accord with his request as the attorney handling this matter for the Department. I told Mr. Belmont they would be brought up on a date certain. I explained to Mr. Belmont that these documents were used on a day to day basis for comparison of typewriting specimens and the Bureau desired to utilize the documents so long as possible and also wished to save the time of the Laboratory expert.

With reference to the request that two photographic copies of microfilm documents be forwarded for the use of Mr. Donegan, I advised Mr. Belmont that we would send those up at the time the Laboratory expert brings up the Chambers documents, and if this was not satisfactory he should advise and arrangements would be made to forward them immediately by mail.

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WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK 74 5 9-32P

DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, R. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DONEGAN ADVISED THAT MAX BEDACHT APPEARED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, NYC TODAY AND STATED THAT HE WAS A COMMUNIST AND WAS FORMERLY ON THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE CP, THAT HE BELIEVES HE MET WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ALSO THAT HE KNEW AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF PETERS AND IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF ALEXANDER STEVENS AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH PETERS AND WHO WAS AN ORGANIZER FOR THE CP.

FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN ALSO APPEARED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY TODAY AND STATED THAT HIS LEICA CAMERA WAS NOW LOCATED AT NINE ZERO NINE SUMMIT AVENUE, BRONX, NY, THAT HIS WIFE HAD GONE TO CAMBRIDGE, NY TWO DAYS AGO AND BROUGHT THE CAMERA DOWN TO HER PARENTS-S HOME AT SUMMIT AVE. IN THE BRONX. INSLERMAN TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD NEVER TAKEN DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHS ON HIS ENERMAN-DASH BOB CAMERA OR ON HIS KODAK CAMERA. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD TAKEN ANY DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHS WITH HIS LEICA CAMERA, HE REFUSED TO ANSWER ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT MIGHT INCRIMINATE HIM. INSLERMAN STATED THAT HE HAD TWO MASARNO FILTERS, TWO LENSES AND A TRIGGER MECHANISM FOR THE LEICA CAMERA WHICH ARE LOCATED

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IN CAMBRIDGE, NY. MR. DONEGAN ADVISED THAT HE HAD HELD A CONFERENCE WITH MR. EDWARD C. MC LEAN, ATTORNEY FOR ALGER HISS, AND TOLD MR. MC LEAN THAT HE WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO HIM THE SIXTY FIVE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TURNED OVER BY CHAMBERS AT THE TIME DEPOSITION WAS TAKEN IN BALTIMORE, MD. ON NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH, FORTYEIGHT. MR. DONEGAN STATED THAT MR. WHEARTY, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, HAD TALKED WITH MR. FLETCHER AT THE BUREAU LAST WEEK CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE DOCUMENTS TO NYC, AND MR. WHEARTY HAS ADVISED THAT MR. FLETCHER AGREED TO DO THIS. MR. DONEGAN HAS SUGGESTED THAT AN EXPERT FROM THE LABORATORY BRING THE DOCUMENTS TO NY THE LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY ON THURSDAY. HE DESIRES THE DOCUMENTS TO BE PERSONALLY ACCOMPANIED IN ORDER THAT THE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE MIGHT NOT BE BROKEN. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE EXAMINED BY AN EXPERT ENGAGED BY MR. MC LEAN. MR. DONEGAN HAS ALSO TOLD MR. MC LEAN THAT HE WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO HIM THE LETTER WRITTEN BY ALGER HISS IN SEPTEMBER OF NINETEEN THIRTY SIX TO THE LONDON SCHOOL CONCERNING HISS-S STEPSON, TIMOTHY HOBSON. THIS LETTER WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE GRAND JURY BY AN AGENT OF WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE. AN EXPERT FROM THE LABORATORY HAS TESTIFIED THAT THE TYPING THEREON WAS IDENTICAL WITH THE TYPING IN THE DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY CHAMBERS. THIS LETTER IS PRESENTLY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE. IT IS REQUESTED

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THAT THE LETTER BE FORWARDED TO THE NY OFFICE REGISTERED MAIL FOR CONVEYANCE TO MR. DONEGAN. DONEGAN HAS REQUESTED THAT TWO PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF THE MICROFILM DOCUMENTS WHICH CHAMBERS HAD IN HIS POSSESSION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM. HE STATED HE BELIEVES THE BUREAU HAD PHOTOGRAPHED THE DOCUMENTS AFTER THEY WERE TURNED OVER BY THE HCUA. HE DESIRES THESE TWO COPIES BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHAMBERS INTERVIEWED TODAY FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX HOURS. INFORMATION CONCERNING NAMES AND DATA CONCERNING CP FUNCTIONARIES DURING CHAMBERS-S ASSOCIATION WITH CP FROM NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR TO NINETEEN TWENTY NINE OBTAINED. ALMOST ENTIRE TIME TODAY SPENT IN DICTATING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CHAMBERS ON JANUARY THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH. DATA OBTAINED BEING ANALYZED AND APPROPRIATE LEADS WILL BE SET FORTH.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Boston

January 10, 1949

These follow the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 7, 1949.

Re: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
with aliases;
ALGER HISS
PERJURY;
ESPIONAGE - R

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director.

YOUR FILE NO. 65-3251
FBI FILE NO. 74-1333-873
LAB. NO. D-69842 BU

Examination requested by: Boston

Deleted Copy Sent *Allen Weinstein*
by Letter *10-16-74 THB/bas*

Reference: Letter dated January 6, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K229 A typewritten letter on the stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 405 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York, dated September 3, 1948, beginning "Dear Stuart: I have been more than..." and signed "ALGER HISS."

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that K229 was not typed with the machine which was used to type Q6 through Q69.

Specimen K229 will be returned to the Boston office as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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

TO : Director, FBI Attention FBI LABORATORY DATE: 1/6/49

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FROM : SAC, Boston

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SUBJECT: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases; ALGER HISS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE (R)
(Bureau file 74-1333)

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Reference is made to the teletype from the Director to Boston and New York dated January 4, 1949, advising that ALGER HISS gave an address before the Commercial Club of Boston, which he reported in his 1946 federal income tax.

For the information of the Bureau, this speech was arranged by STUART C. RAND, 30 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts, who was then a member of the Executive Board of the Commercial Club. Mr. RAND believes arrangements were made by letter but neither he nor his secretary has been able to locate it and believe that it was destroyed some years back.

K229

Mr. RAND in searching through his files relating to the Commercial Club located a letter from ALGER HISS dated September 3, 1948, which is being enclosed herewith. In the event the Laboratory ascertains this letter is not identical with specimens Q6 through Q69 in instant case, the Laboratory is requested to return the letter forthwith to Boston so that it may be returned to Mr. RAND.

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Mr. RAND, who is a member of the firm of Choate, Hall and Stewart, stated he regarded the enclosure as a personal letter and requested that the contents of it be maintained confidential by the FBI. He said that unless the typewriting in this letter is identical with the questioned specimens at the Bureau, he requested that the Bureau keep this matter in an entirely confidential status. Mr. RAND said that the letter is innocuous, relating to a contemplated speech by ALGER HISS at Boston and he wanted to be definitely sure that it would not be turned over to either the United States Attorney's office at New York City or the House UnAmerican Activities Committee. He stated that with the names of General Eisenhower and Harvey Bundy being mentioned he was concerned lest the enclosure in the hands of the wrong organization be made the subject of unnecessary newspaper publicity.

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At the same time Mr. RAND, who is an attorney, appreciates that in the event this letter is identical with the questioned specimens that it would, of course, have to be submitted to the Grand Jury at New York and would be made available at a subsequent trial involving ALGER HISS. Mr. RAND was assured in the event this letter was not material to instant case it would be returned to him promptly and that both his identity and his letter would be given adequate protection.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: SAC, Washington Field

January 10, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 6, 1949.

Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases,
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ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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10-16-74 THB/bcs

Examination requested by: Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated January 6, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K219 A typewritten letter on the stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, dated September 30, 1947, beginning "Dear Dean Hoskins, last spring an exploratory..." and signed "ALGER HISS."

K228 A typewritten letter on the stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, dated November 5, 1947, beginning "Dear Dean Hoskins: I assume that there won't be any material..." and signed "ALGER HISS."

Result of Examination:

It is concluded that the machine which was used to type K219 was not used to type Q6 through Q69. It was also concluded that K228 was not typed on the same machine that typed Q6 through Q69.

Specimens K219 and K228 will be returned to the Washington Field Office as soon as photographic copies have been made.

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

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO
FROM
SUBJECT:

Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory

DATE: January 6, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, etal
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Attached herewith for comparison with questioned documents in instant case, is a typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, dated September 30, 1947, addressed to Dean HALFORD L. HOSKINS, School of Advanced International Studies, 4906 Florida Avenue, N. W., Washington 9, D. C., signed by ALGER HISS, and another letter dated November 5, 1947, described as the above letter.

K219

These letters are to be returned to the Washington Field Office for their proper disposal, upon completion of the requested typewriting comparison.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Baltimore

January 10, 1949

To:

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 7, 1949.

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases,
Re: also PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Baltimore

Examination requested by:

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Letter dated January 6, 1949

by letter 10-11-74 T.H.B/62

Reference:

Document

Examination requested:

Specimens:

K232 Eight pages of known typewritten specimens obtained from a Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #N-18362-E, owned by JOSEPH R. HOGAN, 2530 Kentworth Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the machine which typed K232 was not used to type Q6 through Q69.

The evidence is retained in the files of the Bureau.

- 2 - New York
- 1 - Philadelphia
- 1 - Washington Field

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

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: January 6, 1949

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE

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

By teletype dated December 31, 1948, the Washington Field Office advised that Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #183624, was purchased by the Abbott Brothers Business Machine Company, Baltimore, Maryland on June 16, 1944. Baltimore was requested to procure specimens of this typewriter and forward them to the Laboratory for comparison with pertinent material.

The records of the Abbott Business Machine Company, 142 W. Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland, reflected that the machine was purchased from the United Typewriter Company, 1813 14th Street, Washington, D. C. The records further show that the machine was sold by Abbott Business Machine Company to HOWARD P. BOYER, 224 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland on June 17, 1944.

HOWARD P. BOYER, 224 E. Baltimore Street, checked his records and advised that he sold instant typewriter to JOSEPH R. HOGAN, 2530 Wentworth Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland on June 17, 1944.

Mrs. JOSEPH R. HOGAN, 2530 Wentworth Avenue, stated that her husband purchased this typewriter from the HOWARD P. BOYER COMPANY in the summer of 1944 so that his daughter, then in high school, could practice typing.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

Submitted to the Laboratory by Registered Mail with this letter are 8 pages of typewriter specimens taken from the Woodstock Typewriter, Serial N-183624-E, owned by JOSEPH R. HOGAN, 2530 Wentworth Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Page 1 is a specimen of the lower bracket. Pages 2, 3 and 4 are specimens of all the characters, both upper and lower brackets. Page 5 is a specimen in paragraph form of the upper bracket. Page 6 is a carbon specimen, which was taken with the ribbon in place. Pages 7 and 8 are carbon specimens taken without the use of the ribbon.

It is noted that the operating spring in the typewriter is broken, and the carriage will not traverse across the keys in the normal manner.

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Director, FBI
January 6, 1949
Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al

Therefore, to obtain the specimens, the carriage was traversed by hand, and consequently the spacing between the letters was not uniform. All specimens were taken at a slow typing speed by Special Agent DAN A. BRANT.

It is further noted that the A,X and W keys operated very hard in comparison with the other keys.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the eight pages of the specimens with the original documents submitted by the attorneys of ALGER HISS and JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in an endeavor to identify the typewriter on which these documents were originally typed.

Enclosures to the FBI LABORATORY

Eight pages of typewriter specimens taken from
Woodstock Typewriter, Serial #N-183624-E

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CC: New York
Washington Field Office

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

January 10, 1949

To:

SAC, Washington

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 7, 1949.

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Re:

JAY DAVID MITTAKIN CHAMBERLAIN, with aliases
et al
Perjury; Espionage - R
Internal Security - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

71-94
76-1113-876
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Examination requested by:

Washington

Reference:

Letter dated 1-7-49

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by letter 1/11/49 THB/...

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

K249 Three pages of typewritten material headed "President's Report for the year 1936-1937."

Result of examination

It was concluded that the machine which was used to type K249 was used to type 46 through 469.

It is noted in the Washington field office's letter of January 7, 1949 transmitting K249 that the specimen "is believed by Mrs. ALBERT to have been typed up by MRS. JILL HESS sometime in 1937 when her term as president of Bryn Mawr Alumni Association, Washington, D. C. expired."

Specimens K249 will be returned to the Washington field office as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Laboratory's file.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *W.H.* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

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

DATE: January 7, 1949

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

Transmitted herewith are three pages of typewritten material secured by Special Agent EDWARD E. LINEHAN from Mrs. HENRY L. ABBOTT of 2205 California Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The enclosure is entitled "President's Report for the Year 1936 - 1937" and it is believed by Mrs. ABBOTT to have been typed up by PRISCILLA HISS sometime in 1937 when her term as president of Bryn Mawr Alumni Association, Washington, D. C. expired.

Investigation will be conducted in an effort to establish the date on which these specimens were typed.

It is requested that the Laboratory compare the enclosure with the typewriting appearing on the documents turned over by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Upon the completion of the examination, the specimens should be returned to the Washington Field Office.

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 cc New York

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

SAC, Chicago

Here follows the report on the evidence received

Re:

ALBERT H. HARRIS, with aliases
and HARRIS, with aliases, et al
Perjury, espionage
Internal Security - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by:

Reference:

Chicago

Date by letter

Examination requested:

Letter dated 1-7-49

Specimens:

Document

- K253 Typewritten letter dated October 20, 1946 on Carnegie Endowment For International Peace stationery, to Mr. GEORGE H. BLACKWELL, signed in ink ALBERT HARRIS.
- K254 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter on Carnegie Endowment For International Peace stationery, dated October 20, 1946, to The Reverend J. GILLBERT ALBERTSON, signed ALBERT HARRIS.
- K255 Typewritten letter dated October 29, 1946 on Department of State, Washington stationery, to Mrs. CHARLES U. CULVER, signed in ink ALBERT HARRIS.
- K256 Typewritten letter dated November 25, 1946 on Department of State, Washington stationery, to Mrs. CHARLES U. CULVER, signed in ink ALBERT HARRIS.
- K257 Typewritten letter dated December 10, 1946 on Department of State, Washington stationery, to Mrs. CHARLES U. CULVER, signed in ink ALBERT HARRIS.
- K258 Typewritten letter dated January 13, 1947 on Department of State, Washington stationery, to Mr. LOUIS G. MCCHADE, signed in ink ALBERT HARRIS.

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that none of the specimens listed above as K253 through K258 was typed on the machine which typed 16 through 69.

Specimens K253 through K258 will be returned to the Chicago office as soon as the appropriate labels have been made for the Laboratory's files.

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- 1 - Washington
- 1 - Philadelphia
- 1 - Baltimore

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- E. A. Tamm
- Clegg
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812
Chicago 90, Illinois
January 7, 1949

AIRMAIL - Special Delivery
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Director, FBI

Attention: FBI LABORATORY

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was;
ALGER HISS, was., ET AL
PERJURY
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Dear Sir:

Re Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau and Chicago dated December 27, 1948 requesting interview with Mrs. GEORGE BLACKWELL, whose husband is employed as a teacher at the Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Illinois.

On December 30, 1948 both Mr. and Mrs. BLACKWELL were interviewed and advised that they had in their possession the following correspondence:

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1. A typewritten letter dated October 20, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, addressed to GEORGE H. BLACKWELL and signed by ALGER HISS.
2. A carbon copy of a typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment For International Peace consisting of two pages, addressed to the Reverend J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG, St. Mary's Rectory, Ardmore, Pennsylvania, dated October 20, 1948 and signed by ALGER HISS.

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With respect to No. 2 above, Mr. and Mrs. BLACKWELL explained that this letter had been sent as an enclosure to No. 1 above and because of the fact that it was addressed to another person, they were hesitant about making it available to this office. Upon being advised that they were under no compulsion to make any material available, they decided to furnish both of the letters listed as No. 1 and No. 2 above to this Bureau for use as typewriting specimens.

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Letter to Director - 1/7/49

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., etal

Both letters were submitted to the Chicago Office by Registered Mail and both are being submitted herewith as enclosures for comparison with the questioned documents in the above captioned case. The initials of Special Agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON appear on the reverse side of both letters.

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau and Chicago dated January 5, 1949 advising that ALGER HISS authored an article entitled "The General Assembly of the United Nations", which appeared in the Illinois Law Review, Volume 41, covering January and February 1947. It was requested that the files of the publication be reviewed to obtain any typewritten correspondence or a typewritten manuscript submitted by HISS.

Miss MARIE CHRISTIENSON, Business Secretary, Illinois Law Review, 357 E. Chicago Avenue, on January 6, 1949 advised that the original manuscript submitted by ALGER HISS had been returned to him. However, she made available the following letters written by HISS with respect to this article:

3. A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Department of State dated October 29, 1946.
4. A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Department of State dated November 25, 1946.
5. A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Department of State dated December 10, 1946.
6. A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Department of State dated January 13, 1947.

The initials of Special Agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON and Miss CHRISTIENSON appear on the reverse side of each of the above letters, which are being submitted herewith as enclosures for comparison with the questioned documents in the above captioned case.

At the conclusion of the Laboratory examination all of the above letters should be forwarded to the Chicago Office in order that they may be returned to Mr. and Mrs. BLACKWELL and to the Illinois Law Review. It is suggested that the results of the examination be submitted to the New York Office for inclusion in its report.

Very truly yours,

G. R. McSwain
G. R. MC SWAIN
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c.c. (1) New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WA., ALGER HISS, PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 7, 1949

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

There is being delivered by SA JAMES FRET of the WFO two Expense Vouchers issued in favor of DONALD HISS. The vouchers are described as follows:

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It is requested that the typewriting appearing on these specimens be compared with the typewriting appearing on the questioned documents in instant case.

It is requested that these specimens be returned to the WFO at the completion of the examination.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

January 10, 1949

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To: SAC, Washington

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 7, 1949.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERLAIN, with alias
ALGER HISS
Perjury; Espionage - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by: Washington

Reference: Letter dated 1-7-49

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

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by Letter *10-16-74 THB/bas*

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- K244 Expense Voucher, number 200931, dated April 1, 1943, bearing the signature of DONALD KISS.
- K245 Expense Voucher, number 1092021, dated November 14, 1941, bearing the signature of DONALD KISS.

Result of Examination:

It is concluded that the machines which were used to type K244 and K245 were not used to type Q6 through Q67.

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

- 2 - New York
- 1 - Philadelphia
- 1 - Baltimore

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Washington Field

January 10, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 7, 1949.

Re: JAY DAVID WEINSTEIN, GRASSY, etc.,
with alias;
ALGER HISS
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Washington Field

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Deleted Copy Sent *Allen Weinstein*
by Letter *10-16-74 THB/acs*

Reference: Letter dated January 7, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- K230 A Trust Indenture dated June 29, 1944.
- K231 A cover letter signed by DONALD HISS and GERALD A. OSBORN, which was made available by a representative of the High National Bank.

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the typewriting on specimens K230 and K231 were not done by the machine which typed Q6 through Q69.

The submitted evidence was returned to the Washington Field Office by Special Messenger January 7, 1949. The evidence was not photographed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *hka* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WA., ALGER HISS, PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 7, 1949

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

There is being transmitted herewith a Trust Indenture dated June 29, 1944, and a cover letter signed by DONALD HISS and GERHARD A. GESELL, which was made available by a representative of the Riggs National Bank.

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It is requested that the typing on these documents be compared with the typing appearing on the questioned documents in this case:

Following the examination, it is requested that this material be returned to the WFO for disposition, *no photos necessary per Cortland Jones.*

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RE NY TEL TO NEW HAVEN JANUARY SIXTH, LAST. PLACE IN THOMASTON, CONNECTICUT MOST CLOSELY CORRESPONDING TO DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION IN REF, TEL IS THOMASTON HOUSE. LAST REGISTER NOW AVAILABLE FOR THIS ESTABLISHMENT ONLY GOES BACK TO APRIL EIGHTEEN, FORTYONE AND ATTEMPTS BEING MADE LOCATE PRIOR REGISTERS. THIS ESTABLISHMENT THEN OPERATED BY ONE J. CZYZ, NOW DECEASED. PRESENTLY OPERATED BY SON NAMED HENRY CZYZ.

THOMASTON HOUSE CLOSE TO CENTER OF THOMASTON, IS THREE STORY WOODEN HOUSE SURMOUNTED BY CUPOLA WITH CLOCK. CENTRAL PORTION OF STRUCTURE IS SQUARE AND OBLONG WINGS EXTEND ON BOTH SIDES OF CENTER. ON FIRST FLOOR LEFT FRONT IS BAR AND RESTAURANT AND GUESTS USUALLY REGISTER HERE. THIS HOTEL DIRECTLY ACROSS STREET FROM THOMASTON RR STATION AND ONLY SHORT DISTANCE FROM LARGE BRICK CONSTRUCTION MFG. PLANT OF THE PLUME AND ATWOOD CO. THIS ESTABLISHMENT IS THE MOST PROMINENT OF THE FEW IN THOMASTON AND MOST APT TO BE NOTED BY PASSING MOTORISTS AND TODAY IS SOMEWHAT HIDDEN BY CEMENT OVERPASS OF MAIN STATE HIGHWAY. OWNER

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UNCERTAIN WHETHER SUCH STRUCTRE PRESENT IN THIRTYSEVEN OR NOT. ESTABLISHMENT IS GENERALLY DIRTY AND NOT TYPE TO COMMEND ITSELF TO FASTIDIOUS TRAVELERS. ONLY ADDITIONAL ESTABLISHMENT CLOSE TO CENTER OF THOMASTON IS HOTEL THOMASTON, FORMERLY KNOWN AS PARK HOTEL WHICH HAS CHANGED HANDS EIGHT TIMES SINCE THIRTYSEVEN AND NO RECORDS ANY NATURE FOR SUCH DATE AVAILABLE. RECORDS AT GOODALL TOURIST HOUSE ONLY GO BACK TO FORTY-ONE. FOLLOWING INFO SHOULD BE SECURED FROM CHAMBERS TO AID THOMASTON INVESTIGATION. ADVICE AS TO POINT OF ORIGIN OF TRIP MENTIONED IN REF TEL SO THAT THE ROUTES PROBABLY TAKEN IN THOMASTON VICINITY MAY POSSIBLY BE ASCERTAINED AND CONSEQUENTLY NARROW AREA OF INVESTIGATION. ASCERTAIN IF CHAMBERS RECALLS GOING THRU WATERBURY, CONN. EN ROUTE. ASCERTAIN IF DESCRIPTION GIVEN THIS TEL OF THOMASTON HOUSE MEETS RECOLLECTION OF CHAMBERS. ASCERTAIN WHETHER MEALS WERE AVAILABLE AT SUCH TOURIST HOME AND QUESTION CONCERNING OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA IN THIS TEL. ASCERTAIN IF PLACE IS TO CHAMBERS RECOLLECTION A SMALL OR MIDDLESIZED PRIVATE HOME WHICH WOULD RULE OUT THOMASTON HOUSE. ASCERTAIN IF SUCH ESTABLISHMENT ON CEMENT ROAD OR ON BLACK TOP. ASCERTAIN IF CHAMBERS CAN STATE IN MORE EXACT TERMS OF DISTANCE HOW FAR PLACE WHERE PARTY STAYED WAS FROM CENTER OF THOMASTON AND IF THE GREEN HE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1850
Atlanta, Georgia
January 1, 1949

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was.;
ALGER HISS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Reurlet dated December 23, 1948, requesting reinterview with HORACE A. INGRAM, Cartersville, Georgia.

INGRAM was located at Route #1, Cartersville, Georgia, on the afternoon of December 30, 1948, and requested to go to the City Hall, Cartersville, Georgia, where he was reinterviewed, and furnished the signed statement set out below which clarifies some points which were covered in signed statement previously obtained from him. All nine items requested in referenced letter are believed fully covered in this statement, or in the statement previously furnished by INGRAM.

"Cartersville, Ga.
December 30, 1948

"I, HORACE ALTON INGRAM, make the following voluntary statement to JOHN E. DAVIS who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. 882
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"I was born in Bartow County in or near Cartersville, Ga., July 12, 1909. At the present time I reside at R.F.D. #1, Cartersville. From March 31, 1942, to February 12, 1945, I was in the Army, and had serial number 35400135.

"When I was a boy I helped my father on the farm, but have always been sort of restless and like to travel, but not so much now as when I was younger.

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"The following information is given to help clear up some of the points in the statement I made in Atlanta to Special Agent SYLVESTER on December 15, 1948.

"As I told Mr. SYLVESTER, I worked at various jobs in cities and farms in the Eastern part of the United States during the 1930's. I worked for Timken Roller Bearing Company in Canton, Ohio three or four different times during 1926 to sometime in the 1930's. I recall quitting Timken and working several months for Florida Power & Light Company in Miami, during or about 1927. I broke my arm in Miami, and then after it healed went back to Ohio and worked awhile. I recall being in the CCC camp at Blue Ridge, Georgia, about 1933 for about a year, then after being discharged I ran a hamburger joint in Cartersville with my father JAMES, and brother, RAYMOND INGRAM. We ran this place about a year and I think made a crop for either one or two years after this on a farm my father rented from BOB MAXWELL near Cartersville. About 1936, I think I worked a little bit for the County here, and then decided to take off again. I hitchhiked all through Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and possibly other states I don't remember.

"I always kept myself clean, and paid my own way. I would stop and work two or three weeks on a farm or in a restaurant as a short order cook, or counter man until I got a few dollars ahead, and then would go somewhere else. If I got too hard up I would wire home and my folks would send me a little money. Part of the time I worked under the name of JACK INGRAM, since that is what nearly everyone around Cartersville calls me, but I alwas sign official papers and things like that by my true name, which is HORACE.

"I recall going by the Thompson-Weinman plant in Morristown, Pennsylvania, twice along about then, and worked for them once. I knew some of the boys who worked there because Thompson-Weinman also operate a plant at Cartersville and some of the boys from here go there to work. I recall RHODY NELSON, COTTON NELSON and ED BIDDY

were some of the Cartersville boys working for Thompson-Weinman when I worked up there for them. I believe I sent RHODY NELSON to the foreman to see about getting me a job, and I imagine he told him that JACK INGRAM from Cartersville wanted a job. I believe FRED CHAPPEL was the foreman who was my boss. I'm not sure whether it was this time I worked the few weeks for Thompson-Weinman, or the other time I just hitchhiked by there and talked to some of my friends, but I did go from Morristown, Pennsylvania to Washington the morning of the day I met the two men I described to Agent SYLVESTER. This was the only time I had been to Washington up to then, and I have never lived or worked there.

"I can't recall any better description of the two men than I gave before, but the tall man whose picture I saw in the paper and which I picked out of the group of photographs shown me by Agent DAVIS, represented himself to be a lawyer and showed me a card that had a name, "Attorney At Law" and some address written on it. I don't recall the name or address. It seemed to me that the tall man was representing the short fat man in some sort of divorce action, and the papers they gave me were supposed to be something about alimony payments.

"I got the impression the tall man was taking the little man for a ride, because when the tall man gave me the \$200 he said to the short fat man, "See, that's how much just a little thing costs".

"As I said before, I went to New York City on a coach train. They told me to take the first train I could get to New York City, and I believe it was a Pennsylvania train, but I'm not sure. I did not talk to a single person in New York, but the taxi driver who took me to the address. I went to there and back to the railroad station, and the short man who met me and took the same package they gave me a few hours earlier in New York.

"The fat man told me I had done a good job and talked to me quite a bit about what I had been doing the past few years. I told him about how I had been rambling around the country farming some and working at other jobs.

"After going back to the railroad station in New York City, I went to the counter and bought a coach ticket to Atlanta. I believe I changed trains in Washington, but did not leave the railroad station there on the way back.

"I carried my little hand bag with me to New York from Washington and then back. I carried the envelope they gave me under my shirt because they told me to be sure not to lose it.

"I was heading back to Georgia when I met these men and intended to hitchhike, but when I made as much money as I did delivering their packages I decided to ride the train.

"I did not return to Washington until 1942, when the Army sent me there.

"I never mentioned this incident to anyone after I returned to Georgia, and forgot all about it until I saw the picture of ALGER HISS in the paper and recognized him as the tall man who gave me the packages and money in the spring of 1937 or 1938.

"I told my father about going to the F.B.I. the other day with this information, and he and my cousin, Judge INGRAM, who knows about it, both said I did the right thing. These are the only two people in Cartersville who know about this. I did go to the Police Station in Atlanta before going to the F.B.I., and some detective there told me the F.B.I. was the people I wanted to see. He called the F.B.I. office for me, and I talked to some man there who told me an Agent would see me the next morning.

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"I have read this statement of six pages and it is true.

/s/ MORACE A. INGRAM

WITNESS:

JOHN E. DAVIS
Special Agent, F.B.I. Atlanta, Ga."

After INGRAM furnished this statement, he was interviewed as requested, but no discrepancies between the statement furnished and statements he made at that time were noted.

One copy of photograph of ALGER HISS furnished by Bureau as enclosure in referenced letter was exhibited to INGRAM, along with six other photographs of similar make-up, and he picked the photograph of HISS from this group as being the person he contacted in Washington. He said that he did recall that the house he went to in New York City where he delivered the package seemed well furnished, and he recalled sitting in what appeared to be a small library when he talked with the individual who received the package and whom he had seen a few hours earlier in Washington.

Chief of Police, MOORE, and Assistant Chief, DAVIS, at Cartersville, both said they had known INGRAM as JACK INGRAM some twenty five years, and although he had been arrested several times for drunkenness, he came from a good family, and had a generally good reputation for truthfulness. It was ascertained that his father was Tax Collector of Bartow County, Georgia, several years ago. His first cousin, WILLIAM A. INGRAM, is a prominent Cartersville attorney, and a former City Court Judge who is prominently known as Judge INGRAM.

INGRAM related that after seeing the picture of HISS in a newspaper, he immediately went to the Atlanta Police Department and told his story to a detective, the detective telling him he should call the FBI, and then dialing the FBI number for him. He then talked to the night clerk on duty as previously reported. He said he did not go to a newspaper office, and this was confirmed through Mr. CLARK MCWELL, JR., reporter for the "Atlanta Constitution", who said information his paper received from INGRAM came from the reporter on duty in the press room in the police department.

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INGRAM said that after being interviewed by Agent SILVESTER of the Atlanta office, he returned to Cartersville, and told his story to his father and Judge INGRAM, but no one else there knew of it. This was confirmed by interview with Judge INGRAM who is considered to be a reliable individual.

INGRAM's divorced wife, LACY HEAD INGRAM, RFD, Cartersville, said he had never told her about delivering packages from Washington to New York, although she knew he had travelled a great deal when he was younger.

INGRAM said he was not working at the present time, but living on a Government pension of \$96.00 per month received for service connected disabilities. He claims he intends to go to school under the G.I. Bill of Rights during 1949.

The picture INGRAM claims he saw in some paper is undoubtedly an Associated Press wire photo dated December 8, 1948, in New York, showing ALGER and DONALD HISS walking up the steps to the Federal Court House in New York. This particular picture was not published in Atlanta papers, although other pictures of ALGER HISS have been published from time to time for the past several months.

The picture referred to of DONALD and ALGER HISS together was published in the December 20th issue of "Life Magazine", and no doubt was published in other publications all over the country.

It is noted there are several news stands handling out of town and out of state newspapers in the vicinity of the Kimball House, Atlanta, where INGRAM could have obtained papers.

Mr. W. LEWIS BROWN, RFD, Cartersville, who is now a prominent farmer and factory representative of Savage Arms Company, and who was formerly an employee of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, said he had known HORACE INGRAM as JACK INGRAM some twenty five years, and considered him very erratic and untruthful.

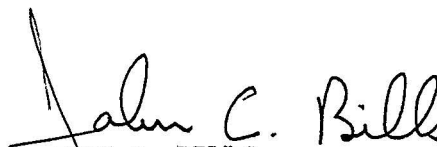
It is noted that report of SA JAMES L. KIRKLAND, dated December 25, 1948, at Philadelphia, verified the fact that JACK INGRAM worked for a short time between 1931 and 1936 for the Thompson-Weinman Company.

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It is noted that the Thompson-Weinman Company is a large well established mining company that operates at Cartersville, Georgia, as well as other localities.

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Very truly yours,


JOHN C. BILLS
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cc: New York

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JANUARY 7, 1949

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R.
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INFORMATION REGARDING HORACE A. INGRAM. ASCERTAIN FROM THOMAS J.
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United States Department of Justice**

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Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL
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Rebulet January 3, 1949, to New York.

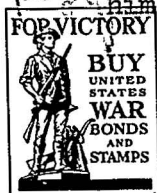
On reviewing this letter, there are several points in regard to which this office desires to make suggestions that may be helpful. Philadelphia does not have detailed information regarding all of the investigative activities in the instant case. Accordingly, some or all of the suggestions may already have been utilized or considered and discarded.

1. The Washington Field Office was instructed in the last paragraph on page 11 to reinterview informants who were active in the Communist Party, in Washington, D. C., during the years 1933 to 1940.

Special Agent HUBERT H. FINZEL, now assigned to Philadelphia, was formerly assigned to the Washington Field Office. It is his recollection that WFO Informant C-203 was not only active in the Communist Party during the period in question, but was actually very closely associated with WILL ALLEN, ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING, HENRY RHINE and JESSICA BUCK RHINE. C-203 is also personally acquainted with FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO and PHILIP RENO and should be able to furnish valuable information regarding them. This Informant likewise knew that ELEANOR NELSON, JESSICA BUCK and HELEN MILLER shared an apartment on "P" Street in Washington, D. C. before JESSICA married HENRY RHINE on September 13, 1934. This Informant should likewise know about affairs carried on by ELEANOR NELSON, including her residence with DAVID ZIMMERMAN, was, while her divorce from PAUL PORTER was pending.

Former Philadelphia Informant PAC 20 was active in the A. F. of L. Union that preceded the United Federal Workers of America - CIO, at Washington, D. C., and claims to have been very friendly and associated with JESSICA BUCK RHINE about 1935. This Informant was never questioned in great detail by Philadelphia regarding his knowledge of Communist Party activities at Washington, D. C., in the middle 1930's. The Informant is presently in Chicago and it is understood that the Chicago Office has interviewed him in connection with IGE investigations. It is suggested that consideration be given to further interviews at Chicago.

(Now Chicago informant # 5674 319) DEFERRED RE-INTERVIEW



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2. According to [redacted] JESSICA BUCK RHINE and HENRY RHINE worked with ELEANOR NELSON in recruiting Government workers into the Communist Party. RHINE himself was employed by NRA in Washington, D. C., from November 6, 1933, to March 31, 1936, and by the WPA in the National Research Department from May 13, 1936, to March 10, 1937. He also had employment with one or more Congressional Committees.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was employed at the NRA at the same time as HENRY RHINE, although it is not known whether they were acquainted.

RHINE moreover was a National representative of the United Federal Workers of America - CIO, from 1936 to 1937, and International representative of that Union from 1937 until about 1942. RHINE is an International Organizer for U.E.R.M.W.A. - CIO, in the Philadelphia area at the present time. His wife, JESSICA BUCK RHINE, who is separated from HENRY, is, so far as is known, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the present time.

It is suggested that consideration be given to interview with both RHINES in an effort to determine whether they are acquainted with CHAMBERS or HISS. HENRY RHINE continues membership in the Communist Party locally and so far as is known, JESSICA RHINE is a member in Indianapolis.

3. It is the recollection of Agent FINZEL that WILL ALLEN was in New York City in 1946 or 1947 at the Albert Hotel, and while there attempted to contact JOHN WILLIAMSON at CP Headquarters. He was denied permission to contact WILLIAMSON. WILLIAMSON's secretary thereafter made the remark, "ALLEN has gone to pot."

It is suggested that consideration might be given to interview with ALLEN.

4. [redacted] has said that JACOB BAKER, the first President of the United Federal Workers - CIO, was forced out of office by the Communists under the leadership of ELEANOR NELSON. It is believed that BAKER is now in New York and that he is very bitter against ELEANOR NELSON and the people who worked with her. It is likewise believed that he can furnish much valuable information regarding the activities of the Communists within Government circles during the period 1933 to 1940. BAKER has been contacted by Agents of the FBI in the past and has been cooperative to the extent of the previous interviews.

It is suggested that consideration be given to further interviews with BAKER in an effort to elicit information regarding the instant case.

Very truly yours,

L. V. Boardman

L. V. BOARDMAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: New York
Washington Field

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI.
Attention - FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, Boston

DATE: 1/7/49

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases; ALGER HISS ET AL
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE (R), INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
(Bureau file 74-1333)

Rebostel 1/7/49 to Director, SACS Washington and New York regarding Woodstock standard typewriter, serial #F-92377.

There are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination seven sheets of paper containing typewriting specimens. These specimens were taken from a machine owned by CHARLES A. WEST, 25 Frank Street, Watertown, Massachusetts, on January 7, 1949. WEST, upon interview, stated he purchased this machine from the LEON TYPEWRITER COMPANY, Washington, D. C., on November 12, 1947. It is to be noted that this typewriter is a Woodstock standard typewriter, serial #F-92377. The right shift key of this typewriter has a printed insert under the glass portion of the key with the following wording: "Purvin Typewriter, Chelsea 3-3600, Navaare 8-0672."

It is requested that the submitted known typewriting specimens be compared with the questioned letters previously submitted to the Laboratory in connection with this case. Upon completion of the examination, the submitted evidence may be retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

January 10, 1949

To:

SAC, Boston

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of
evidence received from your office on January 10, 1949.

Re:

JAY WALKER - RITA A. BRANDES, with aliases
ALICE WALKER, et al
Perjury, Espionage (I.)
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested:

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Specimens:

1259 Seven sheets of paper bearing known typewriting specimens taken from
a notebook standard typewriter, serial number F-92377.

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type
1259 was not used to type 16 through 169.

Specimen 1259 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. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: December 9, 1948

In accordance with instructions received in this office from Inspector HOWARD FLETCHER on this date to the effect that as a result of a conference between Mr. JOHN PEURIFOY and Assistant Attorney General PEYTON FORD that SAM BOYKIN of the State Department had in his possession documents which were to be turned over to the Bureau, Mr. BOYKIN was contacted in his office at the State Department and there was received what Mr. BOYKIN explained were photostatic copies of material that had been furnished to the State Department by the ~~House~~ House Committee on Un-American Activities.

In addition to the photostatic copies there was one plain typewritten page setting forth the typewritten results of documents in longhand, which Mr. BOYKIN explained had not been photostated and which he believed that the Department already had possession of.

Mr. BOYKIN further explained that there were three additional documents which were to be photostated but inasmuch as they were out being searched they would not be photostated until the morning of December 10, 1948, and requested the agent to re-contact him at approximately 10:00 o'clock on the morning of December 10, 1948, at which time he would be furnished the copies of these other three documents.

No knowledge of the material or the circumstances surrounding the disposition of the State Department to turn over this information was made by the agent and it was explained that the agent was merely picking up material which PEYTON FORD had arranged to secure through Mr. PEURIFOY.

This will be done unless the Bureau advises to the contrary.

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