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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Close friends of FELIX and ELIZABETH INSLERMAN relate FELIX employed as Chauffeur in N.Y.C. in middle 1930's and believe so employed when INSLERMAN moved to Baltimore, Describe Esthonian and Latvian Clubs, N.Y.C., where FELIX and ELIZABETH became acquainted. Supply names of other friend who can give more information re FELIX employment and activities in 1930's. Information re FELIX banking account and income tax set out. Phone and mail cover check negative. The HORTONS of Sudbury, Vt., cannot offer information of value regarding ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS.

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Report of SA JOHN J. O'TOOLE, JR., dated 1/12/49 at Albany, NY.
Report of SA JOSEPH M. KELLY at New York, dated 1/21/49

DETAILS:

All of the following information relates to FELIX A. INSLERMAN

ASSOCIATES

AT ARGYLE, NEW YORK:

TED AND MILDRED HORNING;

Mr. and Mrs. HORNING were interviewed by Special Agent JOHN D. MAHONEY and the writer on several occasions. The composite

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picture gained from these interviews is as follows:

MILDRED HORNING advised they consider themselves the closest friends of the INSLEERMANS. She stated she has known DOLLY (ELIZABETH) ~~INSLEERMAN~~ since 1933, when they were in high school in New York City. At the beginning of the interview the HORNING'S stated that they have of course, an extreme interest in the case as it has been written in the newspapers and likewise they have seen the INSLEERMANS on occasions in between the INSLEERMANS' testimony before the Grand Jury. They likewise stated they had no idea or any knowledge of any such alleged activities on behalf of the INSLEERMANS and the matter was a great shock to them.

In tracing the extent of their relationship, the following story was told:

MILDRED believes she met DOLLY in the second year in high school in New York City. To the best of her recollection DOLLY was introduced to FELIX approximately one year after that. They stated that they have remained close friends of the INSLEERMANS from that time; that they have visited at the INSLEERMANS' homes in New York City, Baltimore, and Long Island, as well as in Cambridge.

MILDRED HORNING said that because of her Esthonian background and parentage, she as a child, often visited and was a member of, she believed it to be the Esthonian Workers Club, and the Latvian Youth Club in the early 1930's. MILDRED stated that these organizations formed a nucleus for Esthonians and Latvians around New York City. To the best of her recollection, these organizations at that time, had club rooms on 115th Street in Manhattan and later moved to around 125th Street at about Lexington Avenue (the exact addresses not being recalled).

She said that although ELIZABETH was not of Esthonian or Latvian parentage, because of their close friendship, ELIZABETH became a member or affiliated with these organizations and they used to go to the Club Room regularly, which was utilized as a Social Center. She related that ELIZABETH was introduced to FELIX by one KARL AMATNEEK, who was

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Latvian and who was a classmate of FELIX apparently at Cooper Union. To the best of her recollection, AMATNEEK was an extremely close friend of FELIX and because of his association with DOLLY and herself, the introduction which later led to the marriage, was performed. At the present time she stated AMATNEEK is residing in Greenwich Village, New York City.

She likewise stated that the following persons who were very active in these organizations, and who were very close friends of theirs (the HORNINGS), as well as the INSLERMANS, were: Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD LOTUS, who presently reside at 56 Columbia Avenue, Hastings-on-the-Hudson, New York; and a Mr. LOUIS E. LOO, an Esthonian who, at the present time, resides somewhere on Staten Island, New York.

The HORNINGS related that the INSLERMANS were married in November of 1934, and the date of the HORNINGS' marriage was in April of 1936.

MILDRED HORNING recalls that she used to visit ELIZABETH at ELIZABETH'S apartment prior to her own marriage. It was definitely her recollection that at least for a year or more prior to her marriage, FELIX, while attending school around New York, was employed as a Chauffeur. No specific details as to his employer or as to the type of car he drove could be recalled. Her only recollection is that FELIX would be gone from home at night very often and also took trips, apparently for his employer, for from one to three and four days' duration. This she remembers because the trips were a source of annoyance to ELIZABETH.

It was her recollection that LOUIS E. LOO was likewise employed as a Chauffeur during that time, and that he possibly could offer more information regarding FELIX's employment since she faintly recalled that LOO may have been the one responsible for securing the position for FELIX.

TED HORNING did not become really acquainted with the INSLERMANS until after the HORNINGS were married. MILDRED stated that neither of the INSLERMANS seemed to be politically conscious or interested in such matters until the last election, November, 1948.

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MILDRED advised that the Esthonian and Latvian organizations contained people of all shades of political opinions, from "Red Russians" to conservatives. She said she and ELIZABETH, however, at that time were only interested in the Social aspects of the Club and did not think much about politics.

To the best of her recollection, FELIX was in a similar position and he was an extremely quiet type individual who never discussed such matters. She did recall, however, that FELIX'S father spent most of his spare time around the Club Headquarters and was regarded as a mainstay of the organizations, and likewise had the reputation of being a "Real Red Russian". However, it had been the HORNINGS'S belief that FELIX had never inherited any of the tendencies of his father.

The HORNINGS stated that when the INSLERMANS suddenly moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1936 ELIZABETH preceded FELIX in order to locate a place to live, and to their recollection, ELIZABETH was in Baltimore two or three months before she was joined by FELIX. It was likewise their recollection that FELIX was still employed as a Chauffeur at the time he went to Baltimore.

In view of recent publicity, the HORNINGS state they now can see this sudden move to Baltimore, Maryland was rather odd inasmuch as all of the INSLERMANS' friends were in New York City, and neither of the INSLERMANS seemed to know anyone or to have any definite plans for moving to Baltimore.

They stated that they had visited the INSLERMANS in their various residences at Baltimore and verified the fact that in the Callow Avenue apartment of the INSLERMANS in Baltimore the washroom of the apartment was utilized as a dark-room in connection with the INSLERMANS' hobby of photography.

They stated that at the time, they were not too surprised at the INSLERMANS' purchasing an expensive Leica Camera after they moved to Baltimore because it was ELIZABETH'S nature to be very frugal, & she would save for months and months in order to purchase an item they desired.

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However, the HORNINGS also said that the INSLEEMANS were in very "tough" financial condition both in New York and while in Baltimore and that again, in looking back on this purchase, in view of the instant case, it would seem rather odd that with their poor financial condition they would be able to purchase such an expensive camera.

The HORNINGS related that in 1937 they joined with the INSLEEMANS and both families spent a week or two-week vacation in Florida. The HORNINGS, however, pointed out that the entire vacation was not very expensive inasmuch as all possible measures of economy were practiced.

The only close friends of the INSLEEMANS in Baltimore that the HORNINGS could recall were a family by the name of PEPPER who were neighbors of the INSLEEMANS when they lived on Roseland Avenue.

TED HORNING likewise recalled that FELIX purchased an enlarger, and to the best of his recollection, this purchase was made while FELIX was working for the Dakko Company in Baltimore.

MILDRED HORNING related that in July of 1940 while FELIX was on vacation from the Glenn Martin Aircraft Corporation in Baltimore, FELIX, ELIZABETH and herself drove in INSLEEMANS' car from New York to California. The purpose of the visit was two-fold - - they wished to see some of the west and likewise FELIX wanted to check employment opportunities on the west coast in the Aircraft industry.

MILDRED related that the INSLEEMANS apparently never contacted anyone or knew anyone on the trip, with the exception of their mutual friend, ERMA DEARSTYNE of Schenectady, New York. MILDRED could not recall any places of employment that FELIX had checked as the trip to her was purely a vacation, and she did not interest herself in that.

After the INSLEEMANS return to New York City, they continued to see one another until the beginning of the war when TED was forced out of business. TED HORNING ran a Tire Re-grooving Service at his residence. At this time the HORNINGS decided they would like to try farming of some sort. The HORNINGS, at that time, resided at 122 Nethermont Avenue, White Plains, New York. As a result of this change in their occupation, they eventually located

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the present farm on which they reside, outside of Argyle, New York. Thus, in around 1941 the HORNINGS purchased this farm and, in order to do so they were forced to borrow approximately \$1400. from the INSLERMANS. The HORNINGS explained that this loan was necessary until they were able to dispose of their house at White Plains, New York. This loan was paid back to the INSLERMANS over a period of time, and to the best of their recollection, the final payment of \$650. was made in September of 1943 to the INSLERMANS.

The HORNINGS stated that ELIZABETH would come up from Long Island to visit them occasionally and then, as a result of these visits, ELIZABETH decided that the ideal place to live in order to be afforded economic security in the event of depressions, as well as a place to raise children, would be on a farm. Therefore, in looking around the area of Argyle, ELIZABETH eventually located the farm at RD #2, Cambridge, where INSLERMANS presently reside.

This farm was purchased in 1942 by the INSLERMANS, and the total cost, according to the HORNINGS, was \$2700. The HORNINGS said that it was their recollection that ELIZABETH'S mother, Mrs. RYNDERS, loaned INSLERMANS money to purchase the farm inasmuch as the savings of the INSLERMANS had been loaned to themselves (the HORNINGS) prior to this.

They stated that ELIZABETH stayed alone at the INSLERMANS' farm two winters, between 1943 and 1946. FELIX, at this time, was living and working in Long Island, and would generally come to visit over the week-end, driving up, or ELIZABETH would go to Long Island to visit him. MILDRED stated the idea of ELIZABETH living alone was her own idea, and apparently the INSLERMANS were not getting along too well domestically and this partial separation seemed to be a good idea. The HORNINGS stated that the reason for the discord was the failure of the INSLERMANS to have any children.

They continued by stating that as soon as the Selective Service restrictions concerning employment were lifted, ELIZABETH then made FELIX quit his job at Republic Aircraft and come to look for work in the Cambridge, New York area. As is known, FELIX in September, 1946, began working for the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York.

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while ELIZABETH was residing in Cambridge alone FELIX had purchased a 1937 Ford somewhere on Long Island for \$300., in order that she would have a car of her own. To the best of their recollection, this car was sold after FELIX came to Cambridge, for \$150., to an unknown person.

The HORNINGS insist that neither of the INSLERMANS concerned themselves with politics in all of their prior acquaintanceship until the last National Election, November of 1948. At that time ELIZABETH was most concerned with political matters, and was an ardent supporter of HENRY WALLACE, and FELIX as well.

TED HORNING states he and FELIX have discussed RUSSIA on occasions.

TED'S background, in brief, is this: His original name was BLOOMFIELD; his father fled Russia during the Revolution and settled in Latvia; TED entered the United States illegally in 1923; he lived and worked around New York City until 1926, when he went to visit his brother in Canada. At this time he was jailed by Immigration Authorities, Malone, New York and claims he was deported to Canada about six months later. He then lived in Canada for about 1 year and re-entered the United States legally. He claims citizenship by his marriage. TED claims to be a "White Russian" and consequently violently opposed to the Soviet Government. He stated he has severely criticized Russia on various items which appear in the News and that FELIX generally would defend Russia and offer in defense articles which had appeared in the New York Times, regarding the issue in question.

TED rarely engages in arguments or discussions with ELIZABETH, and he let it be known he did not care too much for ELIZABETH. TED stated that during all their associations, he had never gathered the impression that FELIX was Pro-Soviet or Pro-Communist, but that he was merely interested in the truth about Russia and relied on reputable news services for his apparent sources.

At the time the HORNINGS were last interviewed, TED related that the had visited the INSLERMANS at Cambridge over the preceding week-

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and TED asked some questions in general about the Grand Jury and the instant case. TED stated that FELIX would not give any comments or answers on the matter, and TED specifically asked him if he knew a Colonel BYKOV. TED also asked him the details about his employment as a Chauffeur. FELIX absolutely refused to answer or discuss any matter related to the case. TED HORNING stated that he regarded this as very unusual and made the statement that even though the INSLER-MAANS had been lifelong friends, he regarded FELIX's failure to comment as an indication of guilt.

TED likewise said that had FELIX told him he was not involved in the matter and denied any connection with the case he, TED, as his friend, would have believed him. But, in view of his attitude, he feels rather strongly that perhaps the newspaper accounts are true and, if so, he hopes FELIX is punished to the full extent of the law, and he would be glad to do anything possible along this line.

Both of the HORNINGS brought out the fact that if FELIX were involved they did not think it would be possible that he could be involved without the knowledge and approval of ELIZABETH, because of her domineering nature.

The HORNINGS likewise advised that WALTER BRIGADIER and his wife, residing at 183 weaver Street, Scarsdale, New York, and JOHN KERSONASON, who resides in the Bronx, were active in the Estonian Club, and would probably know the INSLERMAANS. KERSONASON'S address would be known to Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD LOTUS. MILDRED also said that one OTTO KUTT was active in the Club at that time and would have known the INSLERMAANS, but they have no idea as to his present whereabouts.

The HORNINGS related that since the INSLERMAANS have resided in Cambridge, they have done very little traveling. They stated that FELIX has been occupied in his spare time for approximately two years in digging a cellar and building a foundation under his house.

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MILDRED stated that she and ELIZABETH both went to New York City to visit their families in December of 1948 and that in March of 1947 she and ELIZABETH went to New York City, where ELIZABETH visited some doctors. They also stated that FELIX has been doing very little photography work since he has lived there, as his duties around the farm have used up all of his spare time.

The prior addresses of the HORNINGS have been:

753 Vincent Avenue, Bronx, New York
and
2432 University Avenue, Bronx, New York

ERMA DEARSTYNE, nee GRIKE:

DEARSTYNE was interviewed at International General Electric Company by Special Agent JOHN D. MAHONEY. Miss DEARSTYNE'S residence address is RD #2, Schoharie, New York. She related she met ELIZABETH INSLERMAN about 18 years ago through MILDRED HORNING, whose maiden name was TYDON.

Between 1932 - 1934, she stated she was in New York City going to business school, and as a result of her Latvian background, she became acquainted with and resided at MILDRED HORNING'S (TYDON) residence. DEARSTYNE stated she used to go to the Latvian Club to dances with MILDRED HORNING and ELIZABETH INSLERMAN. She recalled the Club as near 57th Street or 78th Street, and it was later moved to around 115th Street or 125th Street.

DEARSTYNE was never a member of this Club, and she recalled that she first met FELIX while there. She advised that FELIX used to play a Mandolin. At the time FELIX was likewise attending school. DEARSTYNE said that she knew FELIX only through Mrs. INSLERMAN and MILDRED and knew nothing of the purpose of the Latvian Club. She said that it may have been called "The Labor Defenders", but she was not sure.

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She said she returned to Schenectady, New York, around 1935 and has exchanged Christmas greetings with the INSLERMANs through the years. She said that it was her recollection that about 1935 FELIX had a job as a Chauffeur, but she did not know who his employer was. She stated that around the summer of 1935 ELIZABETH INSLERMAN and MILDRED HORNING visited her at her residence in Schoharie, New York, and this was where she found out about FELIX'S employment.

She said it was her recollection that FELIX traveled all over as a Chauffeur, but she could not definitely state why she was of this opinion, nor could she remember any other details as to FELIX employment.

She stated that around 1940 FELIX and ELIZABETH, together with MILDRED HORNING, stopped at Schenectady, New York, and tried to get her to go with them on a trip to the west coast. She said that FELIX had heard there were good paying jobs out there, and while he was on his two-week vacation he wished to check into the matter. DEARSTYNE was unable to accompany them.

DEARSTYNE also recalled LOUIS LOO as a friend of FELIX, and who had attended the Club dances. She likewise recalled the name LOTUS and EARL AMATNEEK. She knew of FELIX'S interest in photography, but she had no knowledge as to any matters in connection with instant case, nor did she know anything about the ideological sympathies of either of the INSLERMANs.

RICHARD S. SPENCE:

Mr. SPENCE was interviewed in his office, The Mechanical Engineering Department, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, by Special Agent JOHN D. MAHONEY and the writer. His residence address is RD RD 1, Troy, New York.

SPENCE has worked on the Hermes Project during the school vacation, and as a result, became acquainted with INSLERMAN. A mutual interest in photography was the basis for their friendship and SPENCE related he has been to INSLERMAN'S home on two or three occasions, and INSLERMAN has been to his home once or twice, and that has been the extent of their relationship.

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SPENCE has followed closely the instant case as it appeared in the newspaper, and the entire matter came as a surprise to him. SPENCE could offer no information in relation to this case. However, under questioning, SPENCE recalled that FELIX had told him that in his younger years, while he was attending school, he had worked as a Chauffeur somewhere around New York City. To the best of SPENCE'S recollection, FELIX had worked only for one man while so employed.

He likewise had gathered the impression that most of FELIX'S early life was spent in times of financial stress and, since reading of FELIX, SPENCE now thinks it rather odd that FELIX possessed a Leica Camera and enlarger, inasmuch as he supposedly bought these while in poor financial condition. SPENCE likewise recalled FELIX telling him that he bought 35 mm film in bulk from a firm in New York City which specialized in purchasing the excess film from Newsreel companies in New York City. SPENCE could offer no other information as to the identity of this company, inasmuch as at that time SPENCE did not possess a camera requiring 35 mm film. The only camera store he can recall FELIX mentioning as though he had traded there was, WILLOUGHBY'S in New York City.

RUDY DRENICK:

RUDY DRENICK was interviewed at his place of employment, Building 4, The Racetrack Plant, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, by Special Agent JOHN D. MAHONEY and the writer.

DRENICK, originally a native of Austria, had been to the INSLERMANS' home on several occasions, and had become acquainted with him through their mutual employment on the Hermes Project, and DRENICK, likewise is an Amateur Photographer. DRENICK could offer no information of value in relation to instant case and he stated he had been following the matter closely in the papers.

The entire idea was a shocking surprise to him. He related that he has been to INSLERMANS'S home on a few occasions during the summer, when he helped FELIX install a new foundation on his residence.

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DRENICK knew nothing as to the political philosophy or bent of FELIX or ELIZABETH INSLERMAN. He advised that the identities of two persons who had been riders with FELIX in his car were:

MARGARET BRYAN:

Miss BRYAN, an employee of the American Locomotive Company, Schenectady, New York, and a resident of Stillwater, New York, advised that she had only been a rider with FELIX INSLERMAN for approximately two weeks prior to his suspension. She had no information of value to instant case, and could not recall that FELIX had in his car any work which he was taking home to do. She stated that she had begun riding with FELIX through a mutual friend, Miss M. T. MEEHAN.

MISS M. T. MEEHAN:

Miss MEEHAN, an employee of the General Electric Company at the Peek Street Plant, Schenectady, New York, who resides at Valley Falls, New York, advised that she had ridden with FELIX for a couple of months prior to December, 1948. She had no information of value to instant case. She stated FELIX is an unusually quiet person, and she had never noted any material in his car to indicate he was taking work home.

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. HARRY M. LITCHELL
Mr. P. J. POWERS
Mr. ERNEST W. KUNZ

Mr. CHARLES LENO RABOLLI

All of the above are employees in the immediate room in which INSLERMAN has worked at the Racetrack Plant of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York.

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As has been previously pointed out, this Plant is devoted to the Hermes Project, which deals with Guided Missiles. Interviews were conducted by Special Agent JOHN D. MAHONEY and the writer. From these men, as well as from Mr. ROBERT HARKNESS and Dr. PORTER (previously reported), it was ascertained that the closest and best known persons to INSLEMAN have been interviewed, with the exception of RABOLLI, none of these persons could offer any information of value.

RABOLLI, who works at the desk adjoining INSLEMAN'S, and who resides at 6 Bell Avenue, Troy, New York, had been the closest associate of INSLEMAN, and knew practically the entire background concerning FELIX'S schooling and employment.

RABOLLI advised that INSLEMAN had told him about being employed as a Chauffeur while he was attending school in New York City, and to the best of RABOLLI'S recollection, he stated that FELIX was employed by a man and woman who seemed to have an interest in an Insurance Company in New York City, and who had a son attending Harvard University. The reason the incident about the son is recalled is he remembers FELIX telling him that the son got a \$10,000. a year job immediately upon being graduated from Harvard.

None of these men have ever been aware that FELIX was taking home any material for evening work, although they state it is possible he has done so, inasmuch as it is quite often done. None of them knew anything as to the political or economic philosophy of INSLEMAN.

RABOLLI stated that he gathered the impression that FELIX had a difficult time in his youth due to the depression, and that he had earned his education the hard way.

Special Agent HAROLD B. ROSS ascertained from the records of K. H. AYER, Supervisor of Payroll, Aeronautics and Ordnance Systems Division, General Electric Company, that INSLEMAN had been absent from work on the following days for the following reasons:

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<u>DAY OFF</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>SOURCE</u> <u>VERIFIED</u>
Thursday, 1/23/47	Illness	HORNINGS
Friday, 4/18/47	Personal Business	
Friday, 5/16/47	Personal Business	
Wk Ending 6/29/47	Vacation	N.J. visit brother (HORNINGS)
Mon.&Tues., 7/7, 8/47	Accident	HORNINGS, (slip- pery road)
Ent. wk end. 8/17/47	Vacation	Broth. visit. HORNINGS
Thursday, 8/28/47	Personal	
Wednesday, 9/24/47	Personal wife ill	Alb. Hosp., HORNINGS
Wed.&Thurs. 10/1, 2/47	Personal " "	" "
Thurs.&Fri., 10/7, 8/47	Personal " "	" "
Mon.&Tues., 10/20, 21/47	Personal wkd watr system	
Mon. Tues. Wed, Thurs., 10/27, 28, 29, 30/47	Personal	
Wed. 6/30/48 1/2 day	Personal	
Wk End. 7/18/48	Vacation	Vis. Broth. HORNINGS
Wk End. 8/22/48	"	" "
Fri., 12/10/48	Illness	
Mond. 12/13/48	Personal	
Friday, 12/24/48	Personal	

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Through the cooperation of Mr. E. R. ERBEN, Vice President, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, it was ascertained that FELIX INSLERMAN possessed a permanent pass which would entitle him to visit the Malta Test Station for Guided Missiles in Luther's Forest, outside of Saratoga Springs, New York.

There is no sort of record maintained at Malta to show dates or names of visitors who possess permanent passes, such as possessed by INSLERMAN. To the best of INSLERMAN'S fellow employees' recollection, as well as statements made by INSLERMAN previously, it is believed he was only at this Test Station on one or two occasions. The reasons for the visits are not known.

FINANCIAL

THE SCHENECTADY SAVINGS BANK:

Through the cooperation of Mr. HENRY E. RYDER, Special Agent GERARD J. O'BRIEN and the writer were furnished with the following Account Sheet No. 319967. The information contained thereon is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
12/27/47		\$4000.00		
3/31/47	\$500.00			----- According to the
4/1/47	50.00			(HORNINGS the INSLER-
7/24/47	10.00		\$25.87	(MANS dug new well at
9/18/47	100.00			(this time, this with-
9/23/47	130.00			(drawal thot to pay
10/9/47	200.00			(for same.
10/24/47	35.00			

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<u>Date</u>	<u>withdrawals</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Interest earned</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
12/11/47	\$ 50.00			
12/18/47	50.00			
1/6/48	1030.75 (car)-	-----		The date & amt. of (this withdrawal tallies
1/12/48	200.00		\$21.75	(with purch. INSLERMAN (auto. prev. rptd.
2/3/48		\$109.00		
2/27/48		100.00		
3/31/48		50.00		
4/19/48	200.00			
5/5/48		57.50		
6/8/48	108.00			
7/7/48	300.00		12.71	
7/21/48	65.00			
1/49			10.11	
	BALANCE	<u>\$1358.19</u>		

Also, Account No. 318911, for his son, ROBERT A. INSLERMAN, is as follows:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>
10/8/46	\$50.00	
11/1/46	52.83	
12/27/46	43.35	
7/47		\$1.09
1/48		1.10
7/48		1.11
1/49		1.11
BALANCE	<u>\$150.59</u>	

SCHENECTADY TRUST COMPANY
220 State Street

Through the cooperation of Mr. EDWARD H. McELROY, Assistant Vice President, Special Agent GERARD J. O'BRIEN and the writer were furnished transcripts of the checking account of FELIX and ELIZABETH INSLEBRIAN. The contents of the Deposit transcript is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
10/2/46	\$100.00
10/4/46	150.00
11/1/46	150.00
11/29/46	26.99
11/29/46	100.00
12/31/46	150.00

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
1/21/47	⌘ 10.00
1/23/47	16.85
1/31/47	170.00
3/3/47	100.00
3/10/47	35.00
3/31/47	200.00
4/8/47	25.00
4/30/47	135.00
5/29/47	174.00
6/5/47	90.00
6/30/47	164.58
8/4/47	95.00
9/2/47	100.00
9/23/47	30.00
9/30/47	50.00
10/3/47	110.00
11/24/47	10.00
11/28/47	78.00

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
12/26/47	\$ 5.00
12/31/47	233.00
1/12/48	200.00
1/30/48	100.00
2/11/48	7.50
3/1/48	60.00
3/31/48	100.00
4/19/48	230.00
- 4/30/48	100.00
5/28/48	100.00
- 6/8/48	158.00
6/15/48	72.39
- 6/30/48	174.00
- 7/7/48	300.00
7/21/48	50.00
7/30/48	200.00
8/6/48	10.00
8/31/48	200.00
10/1/48	200.00
10/29/48	200.00
11/30/48	200.00
BALANCE	\$210.76

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Tax Return - 1945

Total Income from Republic Aircraft	\$6631.71
Paid State Tax of	53.87

Deductions indicated he owned two cars.

Tax Return - 1946
Address, RD #2, Cambridge, N.Y.

Income, fm Republic Aircraft	\$3868.00
" " General Electric Co.	1400.
Total Income	<u>\$5268.00</u>

Paid State Tax of	24.54
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Deductions showed now claimed an adopted son as a dependant and possesses only one car.

Tax Return - 1947	
Total Income, General Electric Co.	\$4223.96

State Tax	12.08
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It is noted he had deductions for Doctor and Medical bills of \$591.50.

It is noted that FELIX and ELIZABETH filed joint returns and ELIZABETH was not listed as having any source of income for the above years.

It is pointed out that information from Tax Returns must be concealed, if used, inasmuch as New York Statutes state tax information can only be given out or used in connection with tax fraud matters.

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AT SALEM, NEW YORK:

Mr. J. SHERMAN, owner and operator of Sherman's Garage, advised that in May of 1948 FLLIX INSLERMAN purchased a B-type Allis Chalmers Tractor costing \$1024.66; a Cultivator for \$67.40; the trucking and taxes, \$39.00 - Total amount, \$1131.06.

SHERMAN had accepted in trade W. C. type Allis Chalmers tractor and Cultivator trade-in value \$931.06. INSLERMAN paid the difference. There is no indication as to the method of payment used.

TOLL CALLS AND MAIL:

Through the cooperation of a confidential source the telephone tickets on the residence telephone of the INSLERMANS were reviewed. The tickets which are still retained, date from April 13, 1948 to January 18, 1949.

The toll calls are all in the vicinity of Cambridge, New York, the identity of the persons called as well as the reasons for the calls have been ascertained in all cases and nothing pertinent to instant investigation has been disclosed. Complete notes on the investigation are being retained in this office should they later be needed.

As a result of these checks, it was ascertained that HERBERT VAN KIRK, Attorney at Greenwich, New York, handled the legal matters in connection with the adoption of the child by the INSLERMANS. This child was adopted July 11, 1947. The State Charities Aid Association at 105 East 22nd street, New York 10, New York, had handled the latter.

The original name of the child adopted was JOHN DWIGHT VANGERUD, who had been born September 22, 1945 at Fort Totten, Queens County, New York. Through the adoption it was ascertained that FELIX INSLERMAN possesses \$5000. life insurance.

Information gained from the mail cover placed on the INSLERMANS has been negative and of no value to instant investigation.

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The following interview relates to ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS and was requested by letter dated January 12, 1949 from Washington Field to the Bureau and Bureau teletype dated January 14, 1949.

The results of this interview were previously reported by teletype of January 19, 1949.

AT SUDBURY, VERMONT:

LOLA and ROBERT WYMAN HORTON:

The HORTONS were interviewed at their residence and business address, Sudbury Inn, by Special Agent JOHN D. LAHONEY and the writer. The HORTONS stated they have been acquainted with the HISS family since approximately 1934, and at that time ROBERT HORTON was the Washington Correspondent for the New York World Telegram.

In 1940 he received a Commission in the U. S. Navy, and worked for the O.W.I. while a Rear Admiral in the Navy. The HORTONS advised they were very surprised, as well as upset with the instant case which they have been following in the newspapers and knew of nothing to relate the HISSSES with the alleged story of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

ROBERT HORTON advised he knew HISS first as a newspaper man, and Mrs. HORTON became acquainted with Mrs. HISS when both of them resided in Georgetown on adjoining streets. He advised their mutual interest is their children who play together. The HORTONS insist they have never discussed politics or economics with either Mr. or Mrs. HISS, and they merely assumed ALGER HISS, in view of his position, to be a "New Dealer".

The HORTONS advised they had been entertained at the HISS home only on three occasions and at these times they had never noticed any typewriters in the HISS residence. They stated ALGER had a study off the first floor and they had never been in this room. They said they would assume he would have a typewriter, and would assume that he would do work at home in the evening in this room.

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LOLA HORTON was unable to recall the names of any maids of PRISCILLA HISS. She knew only of one colored maid whom PRISCILLA had for about two years, and to the best of her recollection, the maid's first name was JUANITA (phonetic). It was her recollection that PRISCILLA HISS had called the Ladies Exchange, 2137 K Street, Washington, D.C., for household help.

Mrs. HORTON advised that PRISCILLA HISS had employed a Mrs. BOWIE and a Mrs. GREEN as babysitters. According to Mrs. HORTON, both of these women are extremely well-known and sought-after babysitters in Georgetown. Mrs. BOWIE she knew resided one block from Western High School, and she did not know the address of Mrs. GREEN. Mrs. GREEN, she stated has stayed in the HISS home for several weeks with the children when the parents have been away.

The only persons the HORTONS recalled meeting in the HISS home are a Mr. and Mrs. L. M. C. SMITH, who now reside at Freeport, Maine. At that time the SMITHS lived in Georgetown and Mr. SMITH was employed as a lawyer in the Security and Exchange Commission. According to Mrs. HORTON, SMITH is the heir of the L. C. SMITH TYPEWRITER CO.

The HORTONS stated they have never received any typewritten correspondence from the HISSES. The few notes that have been exchanged between PRISCILLA HISS and LOLA HORTON have been in Mrs. HISS'handwriting. The HORTONS moved to Vermont in 1946 and have not seen the HISS family since that date.

A picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was exhibited without success.

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LEADS

THE ALBANY OFFICE

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK:

Will continue mail cover.

Will ascertain INSLERMAN'S status with General Electric Company when he returns from his leave of absence.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

No leads are being set out for offices receiving copies of this report since all have previously been set out by teletype or in referenced report and the New York office possesses all leads and knows extent of coverage of same to date.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Close friends of FELIX and ELIZABETH INSLERMAN relate FELIX employed as Chauffeur in N.Y.C. in middle 1930's and believe so employed when INSLERMAN moved to Baltimore. Describe Esthonian and Latvian Clubs, N.Y.C., where FELIX and ELIZABETH became acquainted. Supply names of other friend who can give more information re FELIX employment and activities in 1930's. Information re FELIX banking account and income tax set out. Phone and mail cover check negative. The HORTONS of Sudbury, Vt., cannot offer information of value regarding ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 74-1333
Report of SA JOHN J. O'TOOLE, JR., dated 1/12/49 at Albany, NY
Report of SA JOSEPH M. KELLY at New York, dated 1/21/49

DETAILS:

All of the following information relates to FELIX A. INSLERMAN:

ASSOCIATES

AT ARGYLE, NEW YORK:

TED AND MILDRED HORNING:

Mr. and Mrs. HORNING were interviewed by Special Agent JOHN D. MAHONEY and the writer on several occasions. The composite

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picture gained from these interviews is as follows:

MILDRED HORNING advised they consider themselves the closest friends of the INSLEERMANS. She stated she has known DOLLY (ELIZABETH) INSLEERMAN since 1933, when they were in high school in New York City. At the beginning of the interview the HORNINGS stated that they have of course, an extreme interest in the case as it has been written in the newspapers and likewise they have seen the INSLEERMANS on occasions in between the INSLEERMANS' testimony before the Grand Jury. They likewise stated they had no idea or any knowledge of any such alleged activities on behalf of the INSLEERMANS and the matter was a great shock to them.

In tracing the extent of their relationship, the following story was told:

MILDRED believes she met DOLLY in the second year in high school in New York City. To the best of her recollection DOLLY was introduced to FELIX approximately one year after that. They stated that they have remained close friends of the INSLEERMANS from that time; that they have visited at the INSLEERMANS' homes in New York City, Baltimore, and Long Island, as well as in Cambridge.

MILDRED HORNING said that because of her Esthonian background and parentage, she as a child, often visited and was a member of, she believed it to be the Esthonian Workers Club, and the Latvian Youth Club in the early 1930's. MILDRED stated that these organizations formed a nucleus for Esthonians and Latvians around New York City. To the best of her recollection, these organizations at that time, had club rooms on 115th Street in Manhattan and later moved to around 125th Street at about Lexington Avenue (the exact addresses not being recalled).

She said that although ELIZABETH was not of Esthonian or Latvian parentage, because of their close friendship, ELIZABETH became a member or affiliated with these organizations and they used to go to the Club Room regularly, which was utilized as a Social Center. She related that ELIZABETH was introduced to FELIX by one KARL AMATNEEK, who was

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Latvian and who was a classmate of FELIX apparently at Cooper Union. To the best of her recollection, AMATNEEK was an extremely close friend of FELIX and because of his association with DOLLY and herself, the introduction which later led to the marriage, was performed. At the present time she stated AMATNEEK is residing in Greenwich Village, New York City.

She likewise stated that the following persons who were very active in these organizations, and who were very close friends of theirs (the HORNINGS), as well as the INSLERMANS, were: Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD LOTUS, who presently reside at 56 Columbia Avenue, Hastings-on-the-Hudson, New York; and a Mr. LOUIS E. LOO, an Esthonian who, at the present time, resides somewhere on Staten Island, New York.

The HORNINGS related that the INSLERMANS were married in November of 1934, and the date of the HORNINGS' marriage was in April of 1936.

MILDRED HORNING recalls that she used to visit ELIZABETH at ELIZABETH'S apartment prior to her own marriage. It was definitely her recollection that at least for a year or more prior to her marriage, FELIX, while attending school around New York, was employed as a Chauffeur. No specific details as to his employer or as to the type of car he drove could be recalled. Her only recollection is that FELIX would be gone from home at night very often and also took trips, apparently for his employer, for from one to three and four days' duration. This she remembers because the trips were a source of annoyance to ELIZABETH.

It was her recollection that LOUIS E. LOO was likewise employed as a Chauffeur during that time, and that he possibly could offer more information regarding FELIX's employment since she faintly recalled that LOO may have been the one responsible for securing the position for FELIX.

TED HORNING did not become really acquainted with the INSLERMANS until after the HORNINGS were married. MILDRED stated that neither of the INSLERMANS seemed to be politically conscious or interested in such matters until the last election, November, 1948.

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MILDRED advised that the Esthonian and Latvian organizations contained people of all shades of political opinions, from "Red Russians" to conservatives. She said she and ELIZABETH, however, at that time were only interested in the Social aspects of the Club and did not think much about politics.

To the best of her recollection, FELIX was in a similar position and he was an extremely quiet type individual who never discussed such matters. She did recall, however, that FELIX'S father spent most of his spare time around the Club Headquarters and was regarded as a mainstay of the organizations, and likewise had the reputation of being a "Real Red Russian". However, it had been the HORNINGS'S belief that FELIX had never inherited any of the tendencies of his father.

The HORNINGS stated that when the INSLEMANNS suddenly moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1936 ELIZABETH preceded FELIX in order to locate a place to live, and to their recollection, ELIZABETH was in Baltimore two or three months before she was joined by FELIX. It was likewise their recollection that FELIX was still employed as a Chauffeur at the time he went to Baltimore.

In view of recent publicity, the HORNINGS state they now can see this sudden move to Baltimore, Maryland was rather odd inasmuch as all of the INSLEMANNS' friends were in New York City, and neither of the INSLEMANNS seemed to know anyone or to have any definite plans for moving to Baltimore.

They stated that they had visited the INSLEMANNS in their various residences at Baltimore and verified the fact that in the Callow Avenue apartment of the INSLEMANNS in Baltimore the washroom of the apartment was utilized as a dark-room in connection with the INSLEMANNS' hobby of photography.

They stated that at the time, they were not too surprised at the INSLEMANNS' purchasing an expensive Leica Camera after they moved to Baltimore because it was ELIZABETH'S nature to be very frugal, & she would save for months and months in order to purchase an item they desired.

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However, the HORNINGS also said that the INSLEMANNS were in very "tough" financial condition both in New York and while in Baltimore and that again, in looking back on this purchase, in view of the instant case, it would seem rather odd that with their poor financial condition they would be able to purchase such an expensive camera.

The HORNINGS related that in 1937 they joined with the INSLEMANNS and both families spent a week or two-week vacation in Florida. The HORNINGS, however, pointed out that the entire vacation was not very expensive inasmuch as all possible measures of economy were practiced.

The only close friends of the INSLEMANNS in Baltimore that the HORNINGS could recall were a family by the name of PEPPER who were neighbors of the INSLEMANNS when they lived on Roseland Avenue.

TED HORNING likewise recalled that FELIX purchased an enlarger, and to the best of his recollection, this purchase was made while FELIX was working for the Dakko Company in Baltimore.

MILDRED HORNING related that in July of 1940 while FELIX was on vacation from the Glenn Martin Aircraft Corporation in Baltimore, FELIX, ELIZABETH and herself drove in INSLEMANNS' car from New York to California. The purpose of the visit was two-fold - - they wished to see some of the west and likewise FELIX wanted to check employment opportunities on the west coast in the Aircraft industry.

MILDRED related that the INSLEMANNS apparently never contacted anyone or knew anyone on the trip, with the exception of their mutual friend, ERMA DEARSTYNE of Schenectady, New York. MILDRED could not recall any places of employment that FELIX had checked as the trip to her was purely a vacation, and she did not interest herself in that.

After the INSLEMANNS return to New York City, they continued to see one another until the beginning of the war when TED was forced out of business. TED HORNING ran a Fire Re-grooving Service at his residence. At this time the HORNINGS decided they would like to try farming of some sort. The HORNINGS, at that time, resided at 122 Nethermont Avenue, White Plains, New York. As a result of this change in their occupation, they eventually located

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the present farm on which they reside, outside of Argyle, New York. Thus, in around 1941 the HORNINGS purchased this farm and, in order to do so they were forced to borrow approximately \$1400. from the INSLEMANNS. The HORNINGS explained that this loan was necessary until they were able to dispose of their house at White Plains, New York. This loan was paid back to the INSLEMANNS over a period of time, and to the best of their recollection, the final payment of \$650. was made in September of 1943 to the INSLEMANNS.

The HORNINGS stated that ELIZABETH would come up from Long Island to visit them occasionally and then, as a result of these visits, ELIZABETH decided that the ideal place to live in order to be afforded economic security in the event of depressions, as well as a place to raise children, would be on a farm. Therefore, in looking around the area of Argyle, ELIZABETH eventually located the farm at RD #2, Cambridge, where INSLEMANNS presently reside.

This farm was purchased in 1942 by the INSLEMANNS, and the total cost, according to the HORNINGS, was \$2700. The HORNINGS said that it was their recollection that ELIZABETH'S mother, Mrs. RYNDERS, loaned INSLEMANNS money to purchase the farm inasmuch as the savings of the INSLEMANNS had been loaned to themselves (the HORNINGS) prior to this.

They stated that ELIZABETH stayed alone at the INSLEMANNS' farm two winters, between 1943 and 1946. FELIX, at this time, was living and working in Long Island, and would generally come to visit over the week-end, driving up, or ELIZABETH would go to Long Island to visit him. MILDRED stated the idea of ELIZABETH living alone was her own idea, and apparently the INSLEMANNS were not getting along too well domestically and this partial separation seemed to be a good idea. The HORNINGS stated that the reason for the discord was the failure of the INSLEMANNS to have any children.

They continued by stating that as soon as the Selective Service restrictions concerning employment were lifted, ELIZABETH then made FELIX quit his job at Republic Aircraft and come to look for work in the Cambridge, New York area. As is known, FELIX in September, 1946, began working for the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York.

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While ELIZABETH was residing in Cambridge alone FELIX had purchased a 1937 Ford somewhere on Long Island for \$300., in order that she would have a car of her own. To the best of their recollection, this car was sold after FELIX came to Cambridge, for \$150., to an unknown person.

The HORNINGS insist that neither of the INSLERMANS concerned themselves with politics in all of their prior acquaintanceship until the last National Election, November of 1948. At that time ELIZABETH was most concerned with political matters, and was an ardent supporter of HENRY WALLACE, and FELIX as well.

TED HORNING states he and FELIX have discussed RUSSIA on occasions.

TED'S background, in brief, is this: His original name was BLOOMFIELD; his father fled Russia during the Revolution and settled in Latvia; TED entered the United States illegally in 1923; he lived and worked around New York City until 1926, when he went to visit his brother in Canada. At this time he was jailed by Immigration Authorities, Malone, New York and claims he was deported to Canada about six months later. He then lived in Canada for about 1 year and re-entered the United States legally. He claims citizenship by his marriage. TED claims to be a "White Russian" and consequently violently opposed to the Soviet Government. He stated he has severely criticized Russia on various items which appear in the News and that FELIX generally would defend Russia and offer in defense articles which had appeared in the New York Times, regarding the issue in question.

TED rarely engages in arguments or discussions with ELIZABETH, and he let it be known he did not care too much for ELIZABETH. TED stated that during all their associations, he had never gathered the impression that FELIX was Pro-Soviet or Pro-Communist, but that he was merely interested in the truth about Russia and relied on reputable news services for his apparent sources.

At the time the HORNINGS were last interviewed, TED related that they had visited the INSLERMANS at Cambridge over the preceding week-end

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and TED asked some questions in general about the Grand Jury and the instant case. TED stated that FELIX would not give any comments or answers on the matter, and TED specifically asked him if he knew a Colonel BYKOV. TED also asked him the details about his employment as a Chauffeur. FELIX absolutely refused to answer or discuss any matter related to the case. TED HORNING stated that he regarded this as very unusual and made the statement that even though the INSLER-
MANS had been lifelong friends, he regarded FELIX's failure to comment as an indication of guilt.

TED likewise said that had FELIX told him he was not involved in the matter and denied any connection with the case he, TED, as his friend, would have believed him. But, in view of his attitude, he feels rather strongly that perhaps the newspaper accounts are true and, if so, he hopes FELIX is punished to the full extent of the law, and he would be glad to do anything possible along this line.

Both of the HORNING'S brought out the fact that if FELIX were involved they did not think it would be possible that he could be involved without the knowledge and approval of ELIZABETH, because of her domineering nature.

The HORNING'S likewise advised that WALTER BRIGADIER and his wife, residing at 183 weaver Street, Scarsdale, New York, and JOHN KERSNASON, who resides in the Bronx, were active in the Esthonian Club, and would probably know the INSLERMANS. KERSNASON'S address would be known to Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD LOTUS. LILDRED also said that one OTTO KUTT was active in the Club at that time and would have known the INSLERMANS, but they have no idea as to his present whereabouts.

The HORNING'S related that since the INSLERMANS have resided in Cambridge, they have done very little traveling. They stated that FELIX has been occupied in his spare time for approximately two years in digging a cellar and building a foundation under his house.

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MILDRED stated that she and ELIZABETH both went to New York City to visit their families in December of 1948 and that in March of 1947 she and ELIZABETH went to New York City, where ELIZABETH visited some doctors. They also stated that FELIX has been doing very little photography work since he has lived there, as his duties around the farm have used up all of his spare time.

The prior addresses of the HORNING'S have been:

753 Vincent Avenue, Bronx, New York
and
2432 University Avenue, Bronx, New York

ERMA DEARSTYNE, nee GRIKE:

DEARSTYNE was interviewed at International General Electric Company by Special Agent JOHN D. MAHONEY. Miss DEARSTYNE'S residence address is RD #2, Schoharie, New York. She related she met ELIZABETH INSLERMAN about 18 years ago through MILDRED HORNING, whose maiden name was TYDON.

Between 1932 - 1934, she stated she was in New York City going to business school, and as a result of her Latvian background, she became acquainted with and resided at MILDRED HORNING'S (TYDON) residence. DEARSTYNE stated she used to go to the Latvian Club to dances with MILDRED HORNING and ELIZABETH INSLERMAN. She recalled the Club as near 57th Street or 78th Street, and it was later moved to around 115th Street or 125th Street.

DEARSTYNE was never a member of this Club, and she recalled that she first met FELIX while there. She advised that FELIX used to play a Mandolin. At the time FELIX was likewise attending school. DEARSTYNE said that she knew FELIX only through Mrs. INSLERMAN and MILDRED and knew nothing of the purpose of the Latvian Club. She said that it may have been called "The Labor Defenders", but she was not sure.

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She said she returned to Schenectady, New York, around 1935 and has exchanged Christmas greetings with the INSLERMANs through the years. She said that it was her recollection that about 1935 FELIX had a job as a Chauffeur, but she did not know who his employer was. She stated that around the summer of 1935 ELIZABETH INSLERMAN and MILDRED HORNING visited her at her residence in Schoharie, New York, and this was where she found out about FELIX'S employment.

She said it was her recollection that FELIX traveled all over as a Chauffeur, but she could not definitely state why she was of this opinion, nor could she remember any other details as to FELIX employment.

She stated that around 1940 FELIX and ELIZABETH, together with MILDRED HORNING, stopped at Schenectady, New York, and tried to get her to go with them on a trip to the west coast. She said that FELIX had heard there were good paying jobs out there, and while he was on his two-week vacation he wished to check into the matter. DEARSTYNE was unable to accompany them.

DEARSTYNE also recalled LOUIS LOO as a friend of FELIX, and who had attended the Club dances. She likewise recalled the name LOTUS and EARL AMATNEEK. She knew of FELIX'S interest in photography, but she had no knowledge as to any matters in connection with instant case, nor did she know anything about the ideological sympathies of either of the INSLERMANs.

RICHARD S. SPENCE:

Mr. SPENCE was interviewed in his office, The Mechanical Engineering Department, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, by Special Agent JOHN D. MAHONEY and the writer. His residence address is RD 1, Troy, New York.

SPENCE has worked on the Hermes Project during the school vacation, and as a result, became acquainted with INSLERMAN. A mutual interest in photography was the basis for their friendship and SPENCE related he has been to INSLERMAN'S home on two or three occasions, and INSLERMAN has been to his home once or twice, and that has been the extent of their relationship.

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SPENCE has followed closely the instant case as it appeared in the newspaper, and the entire matter came as a surprise to him. SPENCE could offer no information in relation to this case. However, under questioning, SPENCE recalled that FELIX had told him that in his younger years, while he was attending school, he had worked as a Chauffeur somewhere around New York City. To the best of SPENCE'S recollection, FELIX had worked only for one man while so employed.

He likewise had gathered the impression that most of FELIX'S early life was spent in times of financial stress and, since reading of FELIX, SPENCE now thinks it rather odd that FELIX possessed a Leica Camera and enlarger, inasmuch as he supposedly bought these while in poor financial condition. SPENCE likewise recalled FELIX telling him that he bought 35 mm film in bulk from a firm in New York City which specialized in purchasing the excess film from Newsreel companies in New York City. SPENCE could offer no other information as to the identity of this company, inasmuch as at that time SPENCE did not possess a camera requiring 35 mm film. The only camera store he can recall FELIX mentioning as though he had traded there was, WILLOUGHBY'S in New York City.

RUDY DRENICK:

RUDY DRENICK was interviewed at his place of employment, Building 4, The Racetrack Plant, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, by Special Agent JOHN D. MAHONEY and the writer.

DRENICK, originally a native of Austria, had been to the INSLERMANS' home on several occasions, and had become acquainted with him through their mutual employment on the Hermes Project, and DRENICK, likewise is an Amateur Photographer. DRENICK could offer no information of value in relation to instant case and he stated he had been following the matter closely in the papers.

The entire idea was a shocking surprise to him. He related that he has been to INSLERMANS'S home on a few occasions during the summer, when he helped FELIX install a new foundation on his residence.

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DRENICK knew nothing as to the political philosophy or bent of FELIX or ELIZABETH INSLERMAN. He advised that the identities of two persons who had been riders with FELIX in his car were:

MARGARET BRYAN:

Miss BRYAN, an employee of the American Locomotive Company, Schenectady, New York, and a resident of Stillwater, New York, advised that she had only been a rider with FELIX INSLERMAN for approximately two weeks prior to his suspension. She had no information of value to instant case, and could not recall that FELIX had in his car any work which he was taking home to do. She stated that she had begun riding with FELIX through a mutual friend, Miss M. T. MEEHAN.

MISS M. T. MEEHAN:

Miss MEEHAN, an employee of the General Electric Company at the Peek Street Plant, Schenectady, New York, who resides at Valley Falls, New York, advised that she had ridden with FELIX for a couple of months prior to December, 1948. She had no information of value to instant case. She stated FELIX is an unusually quiet person, and she had never noted any material in his car to indicate he was taking work home.

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. HARRY M. MITCHELL
Mr. P. J. POWERS
Mr. ERNST W. KUNZ

Mr. CHARLES LENO RABOLLI

All of the above are employees in the immediate room in which INSLERMAN has worked at the Racetrack Plant of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York.

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As has been previously pointed out, this Plant is devoted to the Hermes Project, which deals with Guided Missiles. Interviews were conducted by Special Agent JOHN D. MAHONEY and the writer. From these men, as well as from Mr. ROBERT HARKNESS and Dr. PORTER (previously reported), it was ascertained that the closest and best known persons to INSLEMAN have been interviewed, with the exception of RABOLLI, none of these persons could offer any information of value.

RABOLLI, who works at the desk adjoining INSLEMAN'S, and who resides at 6 Bell Avenue, Troy, New York, had been the closest associate of INSLEMAN, and knew practically the entire background concerning FELIX'S schooling and employment.

RABOLLI advised that INSLEMAN had told him about being employed as a Chauffeur while he was attending school in New York City, and to the best of RABOLLI'S recollection, he stated that FELIX was employed by a man and woman who seemed to have an interest in an Insurance Company in New York City, and who had a son attending Harvard University. The reason the incident about the son is recalled is he remembers FELIX telling him that the son got a \$10,000. a year job immediately upon being graduated from Harvard.

None of these men have ever been aware that FELIX was taking home any material for evening work, although they state it is possible he has done so, inasmuch as it is quite often done. None of them knew anything as to the political or economic philosophy of INSLEMAN.

RABOLLI stated that he gathered the impression that FELIX had a difficult time in his youth due to the depression, and that he had earned his education the hard way.

Special Agent HAROLD B. ROSS ascertained from the records of K. H. AYER, Supervisor of Payroll, Aeronautics and Ordnance Systems Division, General Electric Company, that INSLEMAN had been absent from work on the following days for the following reasons:

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<u>DAY OFF</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>SOURCE</u> <u>VERIFIED</u>
Thursday, 1/23/47	Illness	HORNINGS
Friday, 4/18/47	Personal Business	
Friday, 5/16/47	Personal Business	
Wk Ending 6/29/47	Vacation	N.J. visit brother (HORNINGS)
Mon.&Tues., 7/7, 8/47	Accident	HORNINGS, (slip- pery road)
Ent. wk end. 8/17/47	Vacation	Broth. visit. HORNINGS
Thursday, 8/28/47	Personal	
Wednesday, 9/24/47	Personal wife ill	Alb. Hosp., HORNINGS
Wed.&Thurs. 10/1, 2/47	Personal " "	" "
Thurs.&Fri., 10/7, 8/47	Personal " "	" "
Mon.&Tues., 10/20, 21/47	Personal wkd watr system	
Mon. Tues. Wed, Thurs., 10/27, 28, 29, 30/47	Personal	
Wed. 6/30/48 1/2 day	Personal	
Wk End. 7/18/48	Vacation	Vis. Broth. HORNINGS
Wk End. 8/22/48	"	" "
Fri., 12/10/48	Illness	
Mond. 12/13/48	Personal	
Friday, 12/24/48	Personal	

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Through the cooperation of Mr. E. R. ERBEN, Vice President, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, it was ascertained that FLLIX INSLERMAN possessed a permanent pass which would entitle him to visit the Malta Test Station for Guided Missles in Luther's Forest, outside of Saratoga Springs, New York.

There is no sort of record maintained at Malta to show dates or names of visitors who possess permanent passes, such as possessed by INSLERMAN. To the best of INSLERMAN'S fellow employees' recollection, as well as statements made by INSLERMAN previously, it is believed he was only at this Test Station on one or two occasions. The reasons for the visits are not known.

FINANCIAL

THE SCHENECTADY SAVINGS BANK:

Through the cooperation of Mr. HENRY E. RYDER, Special Agent GERARD J. O'BRIEN and the writer were furnished with the following Account Sheet No. 319967. The information contained thereon is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
12/27/47		\$4000.00		
3/31/47	\$500.00			----- According to the
4/1/47	50.00			(HORNINGS the INSLER-
7/24/47	10.00		\$25.87	(MANS dug new well at
9/18/47	100.00			(this time, this with-
9/23/47	130.00			(drawal thot to pay
10/9/47	200.00			(for same.
10/24/47	35.00			

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<u>Date</u>	<u>withdrawals</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
12/11/47	\$ 50.00			
12/18/47	50.00			
1/6/48	1030.75 (car)-	- - - - -		The date & amt. of (this withdrawal tallies
1/12/48	200.00		\$21.75	(with purch. INSLERMAN (auto. prev. rptd.
2/3/48		\$109.00		
2/27/48		100.00		
3/31/48		50.00		
4/19/48	200.00			
5/5/48		57.50		
6/8/48	108.00			
7/7/48	300.00		12.71	
7/21/48	65.00			
1/49			10.11	
	BALANCE	<u>\$1358.19</u>		

Also, Account No. 318911, for his son, ROBERT A. INSLERMAN, is as follows:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>
10/8/46	\$50.00	
11/1/46	52.83	
12/27/46	43.35	
7/47		\$1.09
1/48		1.10
7/48		1.11
1/49		1.11
BALANCE	<u>\$150.59</u>	

SCHEENECTADY TRUST COMPANY
220 State Street

Through the cooperation of Mr. EDWARD H. McELROY, Assistant Vice President, Special Agent GERARD J. O'BRIEN and the writer were furnished transcripts of the checking account of FELIX and ELIZABETH INSLEBMAN. The contents of the Deposit transcript is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
10/2/46	\$100.00
10/4/46	150.00
11/1/46	150.00
11/29/46	26.99
11/29/46	100.00
12/31/46	150.00

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
1/21/47	\$ 10.00
1/23/47	16.85
1/31/47	170.00
3/3/47	100.00
3/10/47	35.00
3/31/47	200.00
4/8/47	25.00
4/30/47	135.00
5/29/47	174.00
6/5/47	90.00
6/30/47	164.58
8/4/47	95.00
9/2/47	100.00
9/23/47	30.00
9/30/47	50.00
10/31/47	110.00
11/24/47	10.00
11/28/47	78.00

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
12/26/47	\$ 5.00
12/31/47	233.00
1/12/48	200.00
1/30/48	100.00
2/11/48	7.50
3/1/48	60.00
3/31/48	100.00
4/19/48	230.00
4/30/48	100.00
5/28/48	100.00
6/8/48	158.00
6/15/48	72.39
6/30/48	174.00
7/7/48	300.00
7/21/48	50.00
7/30/48	200.00
8/6/48	10.00
8/31/48	200.00
10/1/48	200.00
10/29/48	200.00
11/30/48	200.00
BALANCE	\$210.76

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The transcript which shows the dates and amounts of checks cashed on this account is not being set forth herein inasmuch as it does not seem to be of value. Notes on the complete transcript are being retained in this office should there be a need for them.

INCOME TAX

Through the services of a confidential source, the New York State Department of Taxation file on FELIX and ELIZABETH INSLERMAN was reviewed. The following pertinent information is set forth:

Tax Return - 1943

Address, 131-35th Street, Lindenhurst, Long Island

This return indicated INSLERMAN filed a return in 1942 in New York State, but not in 1941.

Total Income for Year \$5573.16
Republic Aircraft, employer

Paid State Tax 46.97
Based upon his deductions, it was indicated he possessed two cars during this year and claimed a loss on his farm of \$405.00.

He likewise indicated he valued the farm and buildings at \$2000.00

Tax Return - 1944

Total Income, Republic Aircraft \$ 7596.21
Paid State Tax 71.72
Claims loss in farm operations this year of 1414.54
Deductions indicated possessed two cars, a Ford and a Chevrolet.

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Tax Return - 1945

Total Income from Republic Aircraft	\$6631.71
Paid State Tax of	53.87

Deductions indicated he owned two cars.

Tax Return - 1946
Address, RD #2, Cambridge, N.Y.

Income, fm Republic Aircraft	\$3868.00
" " General Electric Co.	1400.
Total Income	<u>\$5268.00</u>

Paid State Tax of	24.54
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Deductions showed now claimed an adopted son as a dependant and possesses only one car.

Tax Return - 1947	
Total Income, General Electric Co.	\$4223.96

State Tax	12.08
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It is noted he had deductions for Doctor and Medical bills of \$591.50.

It is noted that FELIX and ELIZABETH filed joint returns and ELIZABETH was not listed as having any source of income for the above years.

It is pointed out that information from Tax Returns must be concealed, if used, inasmuch as New York Statutes state tax information can only be given out or used in connection with tax fraud matters.

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AT SALEM, NEW YORK:

Mr. J. SHERMAN, owner and operator of Sherman's Garage, advised that in May of 1948 FELIX INSLERMAN purchased a B-type Allis Chalmers Tractor costing \$1024.66; a Cultivator for \$67.40; the trucking and taxes, \$39.00 - Total amount, \$1131.06.

SHERMAN had accepted in trade W. C. type Allis Chalmers tractor and Cultivator trade-in value \$931.06. INSERMAN paid the difference. There is no indication as to the method of payment used.

TOLL CALLS AND MAIL:

Through the cooperation of a confidential source the telephone tickets on the residence telephone of the INSLERMANS were reviewed. The tickets which are still retained, date from April 13, 1948 to January 18, 1949.

The toll calls are all in the vicinity of Cambridge, New York, the identity of the persons called as well as the reasons for the calls have been ascertained in all cases and nothing pertinent to instant investigation has been disclosed. Complete notes on the investigation are being retained in this office should they later be needed.

As a result of these checks, it was ascertained that HERBERT VAN KIRK, Attorney at Greenwich, New York, handled the legal matters in connection with the adoption of the child by the INSLERMANS. This child was adopted July 11, 1947. The State Charities Aid Association at 105 East 22nd Street, New York 10, New York, had handled the latter.

The original name of the child adopted was JOHN DWIGHT VANGERUD, who had been born September 22, 1945 at Fort Totten, Queens County, New York. Through the adoption it was ascertained that FELIX INSLERMAN possesses \$5000. life insurance.

Information gained from the mail cover placed on the INSLERMANS has been negative and of no value to instant investigation.

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The following interview relates to ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS and was requested by letter dated January 12, 1949 from Washington Field to the Bureau and Bureau teletype dated January 14, 1949.

The results of this interview were previously reported by teletype of January 19, 1949.

AT SUDBURY, VERMONT:

LOLA and ROBERT WYMAN HORTON:

The HORTONS were interviewed at their residence and business address, Sudbury Inn, by Special Agent JOHN D. LAHONEY and the writer. The HORTONS stated they have been acquainted with the HISS family since approximately 1934, and at that time ROBERT HORTON was the Washington Correspondent for the New York world Telegram.

In 1940 he received a Commission in the U. S. Navy, and worked for the O.W.I. while a Rear Admiral in the Navy. The HORTONS advised they were very surprised, as well as upset with the instant case which they have been following in the newspapers and knew of nothing to relate the HISSSES with the alleged story of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

ROBERT HORTON advised he knew HISS first as a newspaper man, and Mrs. HORTON became acquainted with Mrs. HISS when both of them resided in Georgetown on adjoining streets. He advised their mutual interest is their children who play together. The HORTONS insist they have never discussed politics or economics with either Mr. or Mrs. HISS, and they merely assumed ALGER HISS, in view of his position, to be a "New Dealer".

The HORTONS advised they had been entertained at the HISS home only on three occasions and at these times they had never noticed any typewriters in the HISS residence. They stated ALGER had a study off the first floor and they had never been in this room. They said they would assume he would have a typewriter, and would assume that he would do work at home in the evening in this room.

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LOLA HORTON was unable to recall the names of any maids of PRISCILLA HISS. She knew only of one colored maid whom PRISCILLA had for about two years, and to the best of her recollection, the maid's first name was JUANITA (phonetic). It was her recollection that PRISCILLA HISS had called the Ladies Exchange, 2137 K Street, Washington, D.C., for household help.

Mrs. HORTON advised that PRISCILLA HISS had employed a Mrs. BOWIE and a Mrs. GREEN as babysitters. According to Mrs. HORTON, both of these women are extremely well-known and sought-after babysitters in Georgetown. Mrs. BOWIE she knew resided one block from Western High School, and she did not know the address of Mrs. GREEN. Mrs. GREEN, she stated has stayed in the HISS home for several weeks with the children when the parents have been away.

The only persons the HORTONS recalled meeting in the HISS home are a Mr. and Mrs. L. M. C. SMITH, who now reside at Freeport, Maine. At that time the SMITHS lived in Georgetown and Mr. SMITH was employed as a lawyer in the Security and Exchange Commission. According to Mrs. HORTON, SMITH is the heir of the L. C. SMITH TYPEWRITER CO.

The HORTONS stated they have never received any typewritten correspondence from the HISSSES. The few notes that have been exchanged between PRISCILLA HISS and LOLA HORTON have been in Mrs. HISS' handwriting. The HORTONS moved to Vermont in 1946 and have not seen the HISS family since that date.

A picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was exhibited without success.

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LEADS

THE ALBANY OFFICE

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK:

Will continue mail cover.

Will ascertain INSLERMAN'S status with General Electric Company when he returns from his leave of absence.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

No leads are being set out for offices receiving copies of this report since all have previously been set out by teletype or in referenced report and the New York office possesses all leads and knows extent of coverage of same to date.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Report Made At:	: Date Made	: Period	: Report Made By
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	: 1/27/49	: 1/14, 17-21, 24-26/49	: ROBERT J. WILSON RJW-JCS
Title	: Character Of Case		
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.;	: PERJURY		
ALGER HISS, et al	: ESPIONAGE - R		

SYNOPSIS:

PETER JOHN CASWELL, former roommate of TIMOTHY HOBSON, New York City, from 8/12/46 to 12/15/46, advises he has never received any correspondence from HOBSON. Photographs of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, taken 4/36, obtained from Railroad Retirement Board, Chicago, Illinois. WALTER V. SCHAEFER, Northwestern University, Law Professor, advises he partially arranged for ALGER HISS to lecture at NU on 11/12/46. Stated he had no correspondence from HISS but suggested Governor ADLAI STEVENSON might have some correspondence from HISS. JOHN H. WARD, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, former neighbor of ALGER HISS at 3405 "O" Street NW, Washington, D.C., advises he does not know ALGER HISS, however, he is a social acquaintance of DONALD HISS. Mrs. THOMAS TYLER, Chicago, formerly Mrs. EDWARD BURLING, Washington, D.C., states she has known DONALD HISS since 1932 and ALGER HISS only slightly. No derogatory information furnished concerning DONALD or ALGER HISS. Pertinent information from Woodstock Typewriter Company records re investigation of FANSLER-HISS typewriter set out. By report FBI Laboratory advises that specimens K253 through K258 and K298 submitted by Chicago Division not identified as being typed on same typewriter as questioned documents. CGO-5609 not acquainted with subjects this case except possibly DAVID CARPENTER and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN. Photographs of CARPENTER and SILVERMAN obtained and being exhibited for identification to CGO-5609

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on 1/28/49. CGO-5674, former PAC-20, presently in St. Petersburg, Florida on vacation. New York requested to set out lead to Miami to interview CGO-5674 re this case.

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REFERENCES:

Bufile 74-1333.
Bulet to New York 1/5/49.
Baltimore teletype to Bureau 1/5/49.
Report of Special Agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON dated 1/14/49 at Chicago, Illinois.
Butel to Chicago 1/14/49.
New York teletype to Bureau, Chicago, and Washington Field 1/17/49.
Bulet to Chicago 1/18/49.
Butels to Chicago 1/24/49 (2).
Washington Field teletype to Chicago 1/25/49.
Report of Special Agent JOSEPH M. KELLY dated 1/21/49 at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Referenced teletype from New York dated January 17, 1949 requested the Chicago Division to interview PETER JOHN CASWELL, Conde-Nast Publications, Wrigley Building, Chicago, and former roommate of TIMOTHY HOBSON, concerning any typewritten correspondence in CASWELL's possession from HOBSON.

PETER JOHN CASWELL
Conde-Nast Publications
Room 1602, Wrigley Building
400 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Re: TIMOTHY HOBSON

Mr. CASWELL advised the writer on January 20, 1949 that he first met TIMOTHY HOBSON in May 1946 in New York City at a social occasion which he cannot now recall. He advised that he and HOBSON shared a bachelor apartment

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on 113th Street, New York City, from August 1, 1946 until December 15, 1946, at which time HOBSON moved out. Mr. CASWELL advised that he has never received any letters or correspondence of any nature from TIMOTHY HOBSON and that since December 1946 he has had very infrequent occasion to contact HOBSON, that usually being when he visits New York.

He stated that during this period of joint tenancy in New York City with HOBSON that he was then attending Columbia University and that HOBSON was employed by the Reynolds Metal Company, New York City. He further stated that previous to May 1946 he had never met HOBSON or any members of his family and that since 1946 he has never been very closely associated with any of HOBSON's family and he did not know anything of their background. He further stated that while he shared an apartment with HOBSON in New York City he never observed HOBSON in the possession of any typewriter.

Referenced Bureau letter to Chicago dated January 18, 1949 advised that ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN had been employed by the Railroad Retirement Board and requested the Chicago Office to obtain photographs of SILVERMAN from his personnel file at the Railroad Retirement Board at Chicago, Illinois and furnish copies of such photograph to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York.

Mr. JOHN MC CLOUD
Assistant Personnel Manager
Railroad Retirement Board
884 N. Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

Mr. MC CLOUD advised the writer on January 25, 1949 that ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN had been employed by the Railroad Retirement Board at Washington, D.C. from March 16, 1936 until March 16, 1942, at which time SILVERMAN resigned to transfer to the Army Air Forces, War Department. Mr. MC CLOUD declined furnishing the photograph of SILVERMAN in his personnel file to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the grounds that it was the only photograph of SILVERMAN available. Mr. MC CLOUD, however, furnished the writer with nine photostatic copies of the photograph of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and in accordance with Bureau instructions copies of this photograph were sent to interested offices. Mr. MC CLOUD further advised that instant photograph of SILVERMAN was taken approximately April 16, 1936 when SILVERMAN was appointed by executive order to the permanent position of Chief Economist, Railroad Retirement Board.

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Referenced Bureau letter to New York dated January 5, 1949 advised that ALGER HISS delivered an address at Northwestern University during 1946 and requested that the University be contacted to secure any typewritten correspondence from HISS.

Dean HAROLD HAVIGHURST
Law School,
Northwestern University
357 E. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALGER HISS

Dean HAVIGHURST advised Special Agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON on January 14, 1949 that the arrangements for ALGER HISS to lecture before the Law School on November 12, 1946 were made by ADLAI STEVENSON, present Governor of Illinois, and WALTER SCHAEFER, Professor of Law, Northwestern University Law School. Dean HAVIGHURST further advised that SCHAEFER was presently on leave to the Governor's office at Springfield, Illinois.

The SAC, Springfield telephonically advised this office on January 20, 1949 that SCHAEFER was presently in Chicago and the lead previously set out to interview SCHAEFER should be covered in this territory.

WALTER V. SCHAEFER
621 Mountain Road
Lake Bluff, Illinois
and
Professor, Law School
Northwestern University
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALGER HISS

Mr. SCHAEFER was telephonically contacted by the writer for an appointment for interview on January 20, 1949, at which time Mr. SCHAEFER advised the writer that he had been apprised of the interest and request of the FBI in this case by Dean HAVIGHURST, of the Law School, and that an interview with him was unnecessary and that he wished to state at that time that he has never received any letters or correspondence of any kind from ALGER HISS. Mr. SCHAEFER stated that ALGER HISS had lectured before the Law School on November 12, 1946 and that he, as ADLAI STEVENSON's representative, had partially made arrangements with HISS for this lecture. He advised, however, that he believed Mr. STEVENSON, present Governor of Illinois, had

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several letters in his personal file in Springfield, Illinois from ALGER HISS in regard to arrangements for HISS to lecture before the Law School in November 1946.

Mr. SCHAEFER advised that Governor STEVENSON was presently in Washington, D.C. and would return to Springfield on January 24, 1949, and accordingly a lead was set out to the Springfield Office to interview Governor STEVENSON.

Referenced telotype from the Washington Field Office dated January 25, 1949 requested that JOHN H. WARD, Secretary of the Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, Illinois, who formerly resided at 3405 "O" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., be interviewed with respect to ALGER HISS' associates and neighbors.

Mr. JOHN H. WARD
Secretary of Commonwealth Edison Company
72 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALGER HISS

Mr. WARD advised the writer on January 26, 1949 that he had resided at 3405 "O" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. from September 1934 until approximately June 1936 while he was employed by the National Recovery Act Administration in Washington, D.C. Mr. WARD advised that he never heard of ALGER HISS before 1941 and was not aware of the identity of persons residing at 3411 "O" Street. Mr. WARD continued in stating that the only neighbor he could recall at this time was STERLING MC KITRICK (ph.) who resided at 3407 "O" Street during the time that he was also employed by the National Recovery Act Administration, Washington, D.C.

Mr. WARD advised that he met DONALD HISS in May 1941 through a social acquaintance of his, Mrs. EDWARD BURLING, at the home of Mrs. BURLING's mother-in-law in Washington, D.C. He stated that at this time and subsequent times he considered himself only to be a social acquaintance of DONALD HISS and that during a few conversations in the presence of HILL, the name of DONALD HISS' brother ALGER HISS was mentioned, but that he himself has never met ALGER HISS nor did he have any information concerning him or his background.

Mr. WARD continued in stating that the name of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was totally unknown to him until the recent publicity given to him in the newspapers.

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Mr. WARD advised that Mrs. EDWARD BURLING was presently Mrs. THOMAS S. TYLER, 45 E. Elm Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that Mrs. TYLER's former husband, EDWARD BURLING, was a member of the law firm in Washington, D.C., Acheson, Burling and Hiss.

~~CORNELL~~ TYLER (Mrs. THOMAS S. TYLER)
formerly Mrs. EDWARD BURLING
45 E. Elm Street
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALGER HISS

Mrs. TYLER advised the writer on January 26, 1949 that she was formerly the wife of EDWARD BURLING, an attorney who was and is still a member of the law firm Acheson, Burling and Hiss in Washington, D.C. She stated that she has been acquainted with DONALD HISS, a member of the law firm of her former husband, since 1932 and has been fairly closely associated with DONALD HISS from that date until approximately 1946. She stated that all her associations with DONALD HISS were social and that she had no information concerning any Communistic tendencies or activities on the part of either DONALD HISS or his brother ALGER HISS.

Mrs. TYLER explained that she has met ALGER HISS on perhaps a half dozen social occasions but that she knew nothing concerning his background or had any information that would be of any value concerning the current investigation of ALGER HISS. She advised that ALGER HISS, in the late 1930's, generally traveled in what she termed a "leftist" group in Washington, D.C., and that she meant that by a "leftist" group, a group of people who were extremely liberal in their political views but that she did not mean that it inferred anything to do with Communism.

She stated that she and her friends have always regarded ALGER HISS to be a very brilliant, attractive young attorney and that she has never heard the name of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or any of his aliases mentioned to her by the writer connected in any way with either DONALD or ALGER HISS.

Mrs. TYLER stated that she could think of only two persons whom she believed were well acquainted with ALGER HISS in Washington, D.C. or elsewhere and they were Mrs. THEODORE DOMINICK, 3122 "O" Street, N.W. and WILLIAM YOUNGMAN, an attorney, both of Washington, D.C. Mrs. TYLER advised in connection with Mrs. DOMINICK that Mrs. DOMINICK had advised her several months ago that she had written to ALGER HISS expressing her sympathy for the false accusations made against him by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and that Mrs. DOMINICK inferred that she received a reply to this letter.

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FANSLER-HISS TYPEWRITER:

Referenced Bureau teletype to Chicago dated January 14, 1949 advised that investigation concerning HISS' Woodstock typewriter should be limited to machines manufactured between January 1, 1926 and January 1, 1929 with serial numbers ranging from 145,000 to 204,500. The Bureau further advised that in view of the fact that ALGER HISS alleges that PRISCILLA HISS sold their Woodstock typewriter to a second-hand typewriter concern or dealer in Washington, D.C. sometime after 1938, the Chicago Office should ascertain from the Woodstock factory if any machines within the above range have been returned to the factory at Woodstock, Illinois from Washington, D.C. after 1936 or from New York City after 1946.

Mr. MELVIN O. JOHNSON
Secretary - Treasurer
Woodstock Typewriter Company
Woodstock, Illinois

Mr. JOHNSON advised Special Agents WESLEY A. ANDERSON and DON C. SWANSON on January 20, 1949 that records of the Woodstock Typewriter Company did not reflect any machines in the above enumerated sequence of serial numbers which had been returned to the factory after 1943.

Mr. JOHNSON stated that his records did reflect, however, that the following machines were received at the factory from the Woodstock Washington Branch during the period 1937 to 1940, but that the identity of the persons from whom the Washington Branch obtained these machines was not known or indicated and that these machines were disposed of to various concerns as is also indicated below:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date Sold</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>
November 30, 1939	147735 156043 156080 156085	January 20, 1940	L. SHAPIRO, 175 W. Lake St., Chicago, Illinois
November 30, 1939	156037	February 2, 1940	Woodstock Typewriter Agency, 339 W. Federal, Youngstown, Ohio

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<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date Sold</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>
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The records of the Woodstock Company further indicate that a Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 8K178117E may have been received from WALLACE ENTWHISTLE, Washington, D.C. on April 29, 1939 and that this machine was disposed of as indicated above to the B & P Office Supply Company, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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The records further indicate that Woodstock typewriters, Serial numbers 164531 and 164241, were received in 1937 and 1938 respectively from WALLACE WERKLE, 2100 "I" Street, and WILLIAM H. SMITH, 320 "T" Street, both Washington, D.C., and may have been returned to them inasmuch as no other disposition of these two typewriters was indicated.

It is noted that the Woodstock records reflect other typewriters were received by the Washington Woodstock Branch during the period 1937 to 1940, however, these records did not reflect the name of the person from whom the Washington Branch secured these machines nor what the disposition of these machines was other than that they were disposed of in Washington, D.C.

The above information concerning these typewriters was communicated to the Bureau and interested offices by teletype on January 19, 1949.

Referenced Bureau teletype to Chicago dated January 24, 1949 instructed all offices receiving a copy of teletype from Chicago dated January 19, 1949 to endeavor to trace the typewriters mentioned in that teletype in their respective divisions and to secure typewriting specimens from these typewriters if located and forward to the FBI Laboratory at Washington, D.C.

ROBERT C. GOLDBLATT
Star Typewriter Company
189 W. Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. GOLDBLATT was interviewed by the writer on January 25, 1949, at which time he advised that it is his practice to destroy all sales, purchases and service records in connection with his company after five years duration. Mr. GOLDBLATT advised that he is authorized dealer of the Woodstock typewriters and that he has in the past sold second-hand Woodstocks which he had purchased from the Woodstock factory.

Mr. GOLDBLATT was apprised of the serial numbers of the typewriters sold to him by the Woodstock Company on December 4, 1940, at which time Mr. GOLDBLATT searched all available records and his present stock of typewriters and advised that he had no information reflecting upon any of the questioned typewriters. Mr. GOLDBLATT further advised that he could not from memory advise as to what disposition he had made with the typewriters he had purchased from the Woodstock factory on December 4, 1940.

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It was Mr. GOLDBLATT's opinion that from the description of the typewriters given to him by the writer in regard to age and serial number that such typewriter was bought by him from the Woodstock factory for anywhere from \$2.50 to \$8.00 and resold for not more than \$15.00; that such typewriter was bought by the type of person who would not be in business and would very probably have discarded the typewriter by this time.

Mr. GOLDBLATT further advised that LEROY SHAPIRO, formerly in business at 175 W. Lake Street, was now legally known as LEROY KING. He stated that KING owns and operates the Universal Office Machine Company, 33 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

LEROY KING
aka LEROY SHAPIRO
Universal Office Machine Company
33 W. Harrison Street
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. KING advised the writer on January 25, 1949 that he was formerly known as LEROY SHAPIRO and that he had been in business as a typewriter agency at 175 W. Lake Street during 1940. Mr. KING advised, however, that due to his frequent moving around in Chicago he had no records concerning any purchases or sales of typewriters previous to 1945.

Mr. KING was apprised of the serial number and make of typewriters purchased by him from the Woodstock Company in 1940, at which time he stated that he could not from memory recall what disposition he had made of these typewriters and that a search of his present stock of typewriters failed to reflect any within the pertinent serial range.

Miss LILLIAN SIMPSON, Manager
Austin Typewriter Exchange
5509 W. Lake Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Miss SIMPSON advised the writer on January 25, 1949 that she has owned and operated this typewriter exchange at this address since 1938 but that she did not have any records covering any sales or purchases of typewriters prior to March 1, 1944 unless she had sold a new machine.

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Miss SIMPSON was apprised of the serial number of the typewriter purchased by her from the Woodstock factory in 1940, at which time she advised that she could not from memory recall what disposition she had made of that second-hand Woodstock typewriter and that a search of her present stock of typewriters failed to reflect instant typewriter.

TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY:

By letter dated January 10, 1949 the FBI Laboratory at Washington, D.C. advised that it had concluded from examination that the typewritten specimens submitted as evidence by the Chicago Division, designated as K253 through K258, were not prepared on the machine which was used to prepare specimens Q6 through Q69 in instant case.

By letter dated January 13, 1949 the FBI Laboratory at Washington, D.C. also advised that it had concluded from examination that the typewritten specimen designated as K292 submitted by the Chicago Division was not prepared on the machine which was used to prepare Specimens Q5 through Q69 in instant case.

MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATION:

Referenced Baltimore teletype to Director dated January 5, 1949 requested that CGO-5609 be contacted with reference to background information on the subjects of instant case.

Confidential Informant CGO-5609 advised Special Agents HERBERT C. POHLMANN and WESLEY A. ANDERSON on January 14 and 19, 1949 that he went to Baltimore, Maryland in 1939 and was a member of the Communist Party for Maryland and Washington, D.C. The informant advised that he did not know any of the subjects in instant case except possibly DAVID CARPENTER and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

The informant further advised that a Mrs. HARRIS, who murdered her husband, a Communist Party member, in Washington, D.C. about two years ago, might possibly be able to furnish pertinent information or names of persons who would be in a position to know about Communist Party government groups. The informant stated that he believed Mrs. HARRIS was presently in prison.

CGO-5609 further advised that a BILL JOHNSON, a member of the District Board of the Communist Party for Maryland and Washington, D.C., who had worked

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with Communist Party government groups, as a possible source of information, although the informant did not presently know whether or not JOHNSON was still a member of the Communist Party.

The informant continued in stating that a ~~DOROTHY STRANGE~~, a school teacher in Washington, D.C., was expelled from the Communist Party several years ago and if contacted might be able to furnish information with respect to the subjects in this case.

The informant further suggested that ~~ALBERT UNDERWOOD~~, a Communist Party member who was connected with Communist Party government groups in Washington, D.C., and who held Communist Party meetings in his home about two years ago, might be in a position to furnish valuable information concerning the subjects in instant case. The informant stated, however, that he did not know whether or not ~~STRANGE~~ or ~~UNDERWOOD~~ were now members of the Communist Party.

The photographs of DAVID CARPENTER and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN will be exhibited to CGO-5609 on January 28, 1949.

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated January 24, 1949 in which the Chicago Division was requested to interview former Philadelphia Informant PAC 20, presently CGO-5674, with reference to ~~JESSICA BUCKRHINE~~. An inquiry by Special Agent MAURITZ E. GAHLON on January 25, 1949 reflected that CGO-5674 was presently on vacation at St. Petersburg, Florida.

The New York Office was requested by teletype that date to set out a lead for the Miami Division to interview CGO-5674.

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LEADS

Although various divisions have conducted investigations as a result of leads set out by telephone or teletype, such leads as have been set out by the Chicago Division are being reset in this report for reasons of clarity.

THE CLEVELAND DIVISION:

At Youngstown, Ohio -

Will interview Manager, Woodstock Typewriter Agency, 339 W. Federal Street, relative to Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 156037, sold to that agency on February 2, 1940 by the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois.

Will, if instant typewriter is located; obtain typewriting specimens and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes: (Chicago teletype to Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City dated 1/19/49).

THE DENVER DIVISION:

At Denver, Colorado -

Will interview Manager, Typewriter and Office Supply Company, 304 University Building, relative to Woodstock typewriters, Serial numbers 156050 and 198743, sold to that company by the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois on November 2, 1940.

Will, if instant typewriters are located, obtain typewriting specimens and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. (Chicago teletype to Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City 1/19/49).

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THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE:

At Springfield, Missouri -

Will interview Manager, Ozark Typewriter Company, 402 Jefferson Avenue, relative to Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 5N-172213E, sold to that company on September 29, 1939 by the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois.

Will, if instant typewriter is located, obtain typewriting specimens and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. (Chicago teletype to Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City 1/19/49).

THE NEW YORK DIVISION:

At New York, New York -

Will set out a lead to the Miami Division to interview former Philadelphia informant PAC 20, presently Confidential Informant CGO-5674, who is at the present time on vacation at 336 3rd Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida. Instant lead was not set out by the Chicago Division inasmuch as this division was not in possession of information previously furnished Miami relative to this case. (Chicago teletype to New York 1/25/49).

THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION:

At Springfield, Illinois -

Will interview G. A. HOLTZ, 602 Ferguson Building relative to Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 156068, sold to that individual by the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois, on November 17, 1940.

Will, if instant typewriter is located, obtain typewriting specimens and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

At East St. Louis, Illinois -

Will interview Manager, B & P Office Supply Company, 343 Collinsville Avenue, relative to Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 8K-178117-E, sold to that company by the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois, on May 19, 1940.

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Will, if instant typewriter is located, obtain typewriting specimens and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. (Chicago teletype to Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City 1/19/49)

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION:

At Washington, D.C. -

Will consider the advisability of locating and interviewing BILL JOHNSON, Mrs. HARRIS, DOROTHY STRANGE and ALBERT UNDERWOOD, who have been reported by CGO-5609 to have been probably associated with the Communist Party government groups in Washington, D.C. and vicinity, and who, according to CGO-5609, might possibly be in a position to furnish background information with respect to the subjects of this case. (Chicago teletypes to the Bureau and Washington Field 1/14, 19/49)

Will interview ROY VALANCE, 3106 43rd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., who endorsed ALGER HISS for membership in June 1947 and who submitted HISS' application for membership in the American Bar Association. (Report of SA WESLEY A. ANDERSON dated 1/14/49 at Chicago, Illinois, and Chicago teletype to Bureau and WFO dated 1/19/49).

Will endeavor to locate WALLACE ENTWHISTLE, who may have sent his Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 8K178117, to the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois, on April 29, 1939. Factory records indicate the typewriter may have been returned to ENTWHISTLE although it is not clearly indicated.

If instant typewriter is located, typewriting specimens should be obtained and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. (Chicago teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City 1/19/49).

Will endeavor to locate WALLACE WERKLE, 2100 "I" Street, and WILLIAM H. SMITH, 320 "T" Street, Washington, D.C., who in 1937 and 1938 respectively may have sent Woodstock typewriters, Serial numbers 164531 and 164241, to the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois. Factory records indicate that these machines may have been returned to WERKLE and SMITH.

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If located, typewriting specimens should be obtained and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. (Chicago teletype to Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City, 1/19/49).

Will endeavor to locate STERLING MC KITRICK (ph) who resided at 3407 "O" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., during 1934-36 to interview MC KITRICK concerning association of HISS to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, neighbors and associates, and appropriate leads be set out.

Will interview Mrs. THEODORE DOMINICK, 3122 "O" Street, N.W., and WILLIAM YOUNGMAN, attorney, both Washington, D.C., to obtain background information re ALGER HISS. (Chicago teletype to WFO 1/27/49).

THE CHICAGO DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois -

Will recontact Confidential Informant CGO-5609 on January 28, 1949 and exhibit photographs of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, with alias: David Carpenter, to determine if this informant can identify SILVERMAN and CARPENTER as associates of his in Baltimore, Maryland in 1939 and to obtain further background relative to subjects in instant case.

Will interview ANTHONY MICHEL, First National Bank, Chicago, when Bureau authority is received, concerning any typewritten correspondence in his possession emanating from ALGER HISS.

At Rockford, Illinois -

Will contact the firm of Goerlitz-Beckwell Company to attempt to determine present location of Woodstock typewriters, Serial numbers 156063 and 171908, which were sold by the Woodstock Company to this firm on February 1, 1940.

Will obtain typewritten specimens from these typewriters, if located, and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

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Copies of this report are being designated for the Los Angeles and Baltimore Divisions for information purposes inasmuch as they are currently conducting investigation requested by the Bureau and other offices regarding this case and the information contained in this report may be of some assistance to them.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Report Made At:	: Date Made	: Period	: Report Made By
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	: 1/27/49	: 1/14,17-21, 24-26/49	: ROBERT J. WILSON RJW-JCS
Title	: Character Of Case		
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.;	: PERJURY		
ALGER HISS, et al	: ESPIONAGE - R		

SYNOPSIS:

PETER JOHN CASWELL, former roommate of TIMOTHY HOBSON, New York City, from 8/12/46 to 12/15/46, advises he has never received any correspondence from HOBSON. Photographs of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, taken 4/36, obtained from Railroad Retirement Board, Chicago, Illinois. WALTER V. SCHAEFER, Northwestern University, Law Professor, advises he partially arranged for ALGER HISS to lecture at NU on 11/12/46. Stated he had no correspondence from HISS but suggested Governor ADLAI STEVENSON might have some correspondence from HISS. JOHN H. WARD, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, former neighbor of ALGER HISS at 3405 "O" Street NW, Washington, D.C., advises he does not know ALGER HISS, however, he is a social acquaintance of DONALD HISS. Mrs. THOMAS TYLER, Chicago, formerly Mrs. EDWARD BURLING, Washington, D.C., states she has known DONALD HISS since 1932 and ALGER HISS only slightly. No derogatory information furnished concerning DONALD or ALGER HISS. Pertinent information from Woodstock Typewriter Company records re investigation of FANSLER-HISS typewriter set out. By report FBI Laboratory advises that specimens K253 through K258 and K298 submitted by Chicago Division not identified as being typed on same typewriter as questioned documents. CGO-5609 not acquainted with subjects this case except possibly DAVID CARPENTER and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN. Photographs of CARPENTER and SILVERMAN obtained and being exhibited for identification to CGO-5609

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on 1/28/49. CGO-5674, former PAC-20, presently in St. Petersburg, Florida on vacation. New York requested to set out lead to Miami to interview CGO-5674 re this case.

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REFERENCES:

Bufile 74-1333.
Bulet to New York 1/5/49.
Baltimore teletype to Bureau 1/5/49.
Report of Special Agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON dated 1/14/49 at Chicago, Illinois.
Butel to Chicago 1/14/49.
New York teletype to Bureau, Chicago, and Washington Field 1/17/49.
Bulet to Chicago 1/18/49.
Butels to Chicago 1/24/49 (2).
Washington Field teletype to Chicago 1/25/49.
Report of Special Agent JOSEPH M. KELLY dated 1/21/49 at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Referenced teletype from New York dated January 17, 1949 requested the Chicago Division to interview PETER JOHN CASWELL, Conde-Nast Publications, Wrigley Building, Chicago, and former roommate of TIMOTHY HOBSON, concerning any typewritten correspondence in CASWELL's possession from HOBSON.

PETER JOHN CASWELL
Conde-Nast Publications
Room 1602, Wrigley Building
400 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Re: TIMOTHY HOBSON

Mr. CASWELL advised the writer on January 20, 1949 that he first met TIMOTHY HOBSON in May 1946 in New York City at a social occasion which he cannot now recall. He advised that he and HOBSON shared a bachelor apartment

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on 113th Street, New York City, from August 1, 1946 until December 15, 1946, at which time HOBSON moved out. Mr. CASWELL advised that he has never received any letters or correspondence of any nature from TIMOTHY HOBSON and that since December 1946 he has had very infrequent occasion to contact HOBSON, that usually being when he visits New York.

He stated that during this period of joint tenancy in New York City with HOBSON that he was then attending Columbia University and that HOBSON was employed by the Reynolds Metal Company, New York City. He further stated that previous to May 1946 he had never met HOBSON or any members of his family and that since 1946 he has never been very closely associated with any of HOBSON's family and he did not know anything of their background. He further stated that while he shared an apartment with HOBSON in New York City he never observed HOBSON in the possession of any typewriter.

Referenced Bureau letter to Chicago dated January 18, 1949 advised that ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN had been employed by the Railroad Retirement Board and requested the Chicago Office to obtain photographs of SILVERMAN from his personnel file at the Railroad Retirement Board at Chicago, Illinois and furnish copies of such photograph to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York.

Mr. JOHN MC CLOUD
Assistant Personnel Manager
Railroad Retirement Board
884 N. Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

Mr. MC CLOUD advised the writer on January 25, 1949 that ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN had been employed by the Railroad Retirement Board at Washington, D.C. from March 16, 1936 until March 16, 1942, at which time SILVERMAN resigned to transfer to the Army Air Forces, War Department. Mr. MC CLOUD declined furnishing the photograph of SILVERMAN in his personnel file to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the grounds that it was the only photograph of SILVERMAN available. Mr. MC CLOUD, however, furnished the writer with nine photostatic copies of the photograph of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and in accordance with Bureau instructions copies of this photograph were sent to interested offices. Mr. MC CLOUD further advised that instant photograph of SILVERMAN was taken approximately April 16, 1936 when SILVERMAN was appointed by executive order to the permanent position of Chief Economist, Railroad Retirement Board.

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Referenced Bureau letter to New York dated January 5, 1949 advised that ALGER HISS delivered an address at Northwestern University during 1946 and requested that the University be contacted to secure any typewritten correspondence from HISS.

Dean HAROLD HAVIGHURST
Law School,
Northwestern University
357 E. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALGER HISS

Dean HAVIGHURST advised Special Agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON on January 14, 1949 that the arrangements for ALGER HISS to lecture before the Law School on November 12, 1946 were made by ADLAI STEVENSON, present Governor of Illinois, and WALTER SCHAEFER, Professor of Law, Northwestern University Law School. Dean HAVIGHURST further advised that SCHAEFER was presently on leave to the Governor's office at Springfield, Illinois.

The SAC, Springfield telephonically advised this office on January 20, 1949 that SCHAEFER was presently in Chicago and the lead previously set out to interview SCHAEFER should be covered in this territory.

WALTER V. SCHAEFER
621 Mountain Road
Lake Bluff, Illinois
and
Professor, Law School
Northwestern University
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALGER HISS

Mr. SCHAEFER was telephonically contacted by the writer for an appointment for interview on January 20, 1949, at which time Mr. SCHAEFER advised the writer that he had been apprised of the interest and request of the FBI in this case by Dean HAVIGHURST, of the Law School, and that an interview with him was unnecessary and that he wished to state at that time that he has never received any letters or correspondence of any kind from ALGER HISS. Mr. SCHAEFER stated that ALGER HISS had lectured before the Law School on November 12, 1946 and that he, as ADLAI STEVENSON's representative, had partially made arrangements with HISS for this lecture. He advised, however, that he believed Mr. STEVENSON, present Governor of Illinois, had

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several letters in his personal file in Springfield, Illinois from ALGER HISS in regard to arrangements for HISS to lecture before the Law School in November 1946.

Mr. SCHAEFER advised that Governor STEVENSON was presently in Washington, D.C. and would return to Springfield on January 24, 1949, and accordingly a lead was set out to the Springfield Office to interview Governor STEVENSON.

Referenced teletype from the Washington Field Office dated January 25, 1949 requested that JOHN H. WARD, Secretary of the Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago; Illinois, who formerly resided at 3405 "O" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., be interviewed with respect to ALGER HISS' associates and neighbors.

Mr. JOHN H. WARD
Secretary of Commonwealth Edison Company
72 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALGER HISS

Mr. WARD advised the writer on January 26, 1949 that he had resided at 3405 "O" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. from September 1934 until approximately June 1936 while he was employed by the National Recovery Act Administration in Washington, D.C. Mr. WARD advised that he never heard of ALGER HISS before 1941 and was not aware of the identity of persons residing at 3411 "O" Street. Mr. WARD continued in stating that the only neighbor he could recall at this time was STERLING MC KITRICK (ph.) who resided at 3407 "O" Street during the time that he was also employed by the National Recovery Act Administration, Washington, D.C.

Mr. WARD advised that he met DONALD HISS in May 1941 through a social acquaintance of his, Mrs. EDWARD BURLING, at the home of Mrs. BURLING's mother-in-law in Washington, D.C. He stated that at this time and subsequent times he considered himself only to be a social acquaintance of DONALD HISS and that during a few conversations in the presence of HILL, the name of DONALD HISS' brother ALGER HISS was mentioned, but that he himself has never met ALGER HISS nor did he have any information concerning him or his background.

Mr. WARD continued in stating that the name of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was totally unknown to him until the recent publicity given to him in the newspapers.

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Mr. WARD advised that Mrs. EDWARD BURLING was presently Mrs. THOMAS S. TYLER, 45 E. Elm Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that Mrs. TYLER's former husband, EDWARD BURLING, was a member of the law firm in Washington, D.C., Acheson, Burling and Hiss.

CORNELIA TYLER (Mrs. THOMAS S. TYLER)
formerly Mrs. EDWARD BURLING
45 E. Elm Street
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALGER HISS

Mrs. TYLER advised the writer on January 26, 1949 that she was formerly the wife of EDWARD BURLING, an attorney who was and is still a member of the law firm Acheson, Burling and Hiss in Washington, D.C. She stated that she has been acquainted with DONALD HISS, a member of the law firm of her former husband, since 1932 and has been fairly closely associated with DONALD HISS from that date until approximately 1946. She stated that all her associations with DONALD HISS were social and that she had no information concerning any Communistic tendencies or activities on the part of either DONALD HISS or his brother ALGER HISS.

Mrs. TYLER explained that she has met ALGER HISS on perhaps a half dozen social occasions but that she knew nothing concerning his background or had any information that would be of any value concerning the current investigation of ALGER HISS. She advised that ALGER HISS, in the late 1930's, generally traveled in what she termed a "leftist" group in Washington, D.C., and that she meant that by a "leftist" group, a group of people who were extremely liberal in their political views but that she did not mean that it inferred anything to do with Communism.

She stated that she and her friends have always regarded ALGER HISS to be a very brilliant, attractive young attorney and that she has never heard the name of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or any of his aliases mentioned to her by the writer connected in any way with either DONALD or ALGER HISS.

Mrs. TYLER stated that she could think of only two persons whom she believed were well acquainted with ALGER HISS in Washington, D.C. or elsewhere and they were Mrs. THEODORE DOMINICK, 3122 "O" Street, N.W. and WILLIAM YOUNGMAN, an attorney, both of Washington, D.C. Mrs. TYLER advised in connection with Mrs. DOMINICK that Mrs. DOMINICK had advised her several months ago that she had written to ALGER HISS expressing her sympathy for the false accusations made against him by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and that Mrs. DOMINICK inferred that she received a reply to this letter.

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FANSLER-HISS TYPEWRITER:

Referenced Bureau teletype to Chicago dated January 14, 1949 advised that investigation concerning HISS' Woodstock typewriter should be limited to machines manufactured between January 1, 1926 and January 1, 1929 with serial numbers ranging from 145,000 to 204,500. The Bureau further advised that in view of the fact that ALGER HISS alleges that PRISCILLA HISS sold their Woodstock typewriter to a second-hand typewriter concern or dealer in Washington, D.C. sometime after 1938, the Chicago Office should ascertain from the Woodstock factory if any machines within the above range have been returned to the factory at Woodstock, Illinois from Washington, D.C. after 1936 or from New York City after 1946.

Mr. MELVIN O. JOHNSON
Secretary - Treasurer
Woodstock Typewriter Company
Woodstock, Illinois

Mr. JOHNSON advised Special Agents WESLEY A. ANDERSON and DON C. SWANSON on January 20, 1949 that records of the Woodstock Typewriter Company did not reflect any machines in the above enumerated sequence of serial numbers which had been returned to the factory after 1943.

Mr. JOHNSON stated that his records did reflect, however, that the following machines were received at the factory from the Woodstock Washington Branch during the period 1937 to 1940, but that the identity of the persons from whom the Washington Branch obtained these machines was not known or indicated and that these machines were disposed of to various concerns as is also indicated below:

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The records of the Woodstock Company further indicate that a Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 8K178117E may have been received from WALLACE ENTWISTLE, Washington, D.C. on April 29, 1939 and that this machine was disposed of as indicated above to the B & P Office Supply Company, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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The records further indicate that Woodstock typewriters, Serial numbers 164531 and 164241, were received in 1937 and 1938 respectively from WALLACE WERKLE, 2100 "I" Street, and WILLIAM H. SMITH, 320 "T" Street, both Washington, D.C., and may have been returned to them inasmuch as no other disposition of these two typewriters was indicated.

It is noted that the Woodstock records reflect other typewriters were received by the Washington Woodstock Branch during the period 1937 to 1940, however, these records did not reflect the name of the person from whom the Washington Branch secured these machines nor what the disposition of these machines was other than that they were disposed of in Washington, D.C.

The above information concerning these typewriters was communicated to the Bureau and interested offices by teletype on January 19, 1949.

Referenced Bureau teletype to Chicago dated January 24, 1949 instructed all offices receiving a copy of teletype from Chicago dated January 19, 1949 to endeavor to trace the typewriters mentioned in that teletype in their respective divisions and to secure typewriting specimens from these typewriters if located and forward to the FBI Laboratory at Washington, D.C.

ROBERT C. GOLDBLATT
Star Typewriter Company
189 W. Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. GOLDBLATT was interviewed by the writer on January 25, 1949, at which time he advised that it is his practice to destroy all sales, purchases and service records in connection with his company after five years duration. Mr. GOLDBLATT advised that he is authorized dealer of the Woodstock typewriters and that he has in the past sold second-hand Woodstocks which he had purchased from the Woodstock factory.

Mr. GOLDBLATT was apprised of the serial numbers of the typewriters sold to him by the Woodstock Company on December 4, 1940, at which time Mr. GOLDBLATT searched all available records and his present stock of typewriters and advised that he had no information reflecting upon any of the questioned typewriters. Mr. GOLDBLATT further advised that he could not from memory advise as to what disposition he had made with the typewriters he had purchased from the Woodstock factory on December 4, 1940.

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It was Mr. GOLDBLATT's opinion that from the description of the typewriters given to him by the writer in regard to age and serial number that such typewriter was bought by him from the Woodstock factory for anywhere from \$2.50 to \$8.00 and resold for not more than \$15.00; that such typewriter was bought by the type of person who would not be in business and would very probably have discarded the typewriter by this time.

Mr. GOLDBLATT further advised that LEROY SHAPIRO, formerly in business at 175 W. Lake Street, was now legally known as LEROY KING. He stated that KING owns and operates the Universal Office Machine Company, 33 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

LEROY KING
aka LEROY SHAPIRO
Universal Office Machine Company
33 W. Harrison Street
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. KING advised the writer on January 25, 1949 that he was formerly known as LEROY SHAPIRO and that he had been in business as a typewriter agency at 175 W. Lake Street during 1940. Mr. KING advised, however, that due to his frequent moving around in Chicago he had no records concerning any purchases or sales of typewriters previous to 1945.

Mr. KING was apprised of the serial number and make of typewriters purchased by him from the Woodstock Company in 1940, at which time he stated that he could not from memory recall what disposition he had made of these typewriters and that a search of his present stock of typewriters failed to reflect any within the pertinent serial range.

Miss LILLIAN SIMPSON, Manager
Austin Typewriter Exchange
5509 W. Lake Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Miss SIMPSON advised the writer on January 25, 1949 that she has owned and operated this typewriter exchange at this address since 1938 but that she did not have any records covering any sales or purchases of typewriters prior to March 1, 1944 unless she had sold a new machine.

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Miss SIMPSON was apprised of the serial number of the typewriter purchased by her from the Woodstock factory in 1940, at which time she advised that she could not from memory recall what disposition she had made of that second-hand Woodstock typewriter and that a search of her present stock of typewriters failed to reflect instant typewriter.

TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY:

By letter dated January 10, 1949 the FBI Laboratory at Washington, D.C. advised that it had concluded from examination that the typewritten specimens submitted as evidence by the Chicago Division, designated as K253 through K258, were not prepared on the machine which was used to prepare specimens Q6 through Q69 in instant case.

By letter dated January 13, 1949 the FBI Laboratory at Washington, D.C. also advised that it had concluded from examination that the typewritten specimen designated as K292 submitted by the Chicago Division was not prepared on the machine which was used to prepare Specimens Q5 through Q69 in instant case.

MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATION:

Referenced Baltimore teletype to Director dated January 5, 1949 requested that CGO-5609 be contacted with reference to background information on the subjects of instant case.

Confidential Informant CGO-5609 advised Special Agents HERBERT C. POHLMANN and WESLEY A. ANDERSON on January 14 and 19, 1949 that he went to Baltimore, Maryland in 1939 and was a member of the Communist Party for Maryland and Washington, D.C. The informant advised that he did not know any of the subjects in instant case except possibly DAVID CARPENTER and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

The informant further advised that a Mrs. HARRIS, who murdered her husband, a Communist Party member, in Washington, D.C. about two years ago, might possibly be able to furnish pertinent information or names of persons who would be in a position to know about Communist Party government groups. The informant stated that he believed Mrs. HARRIS was presently in prison.

CGO-5609 further advised that a BILL JOHNSON, a member of the District Board of the Communist Party for Maryland and Washington, D.C., who had worked

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with Communist Party government groups, as a possible source of information, although the informant did not presently know whether or not JOHNSON was still a member of the Communist Party.

The informant continued in stating that a DOROTHY STRANGE, a school teacher in Washington, D.C., was expelled from the Communist Party several years ago and if contacted might be able to furnish information with respect to the subjects in this case.

The informant further suggested that ALBERT UNDERWOOD, a Communist Party member who was connected with Communist Party government groups in Washington, D.C., and who held Communist Party meetings in his home about two years ago, might be in a position to furnish valuable information concerning the subjects in instant case. The informant stated, however, that he did not know whether or not STRANGE or UNDERWOOD were now members of the Communist Party.

The photographs of DAVID CARPENTER and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN will be exhibited to CGO-5609 on January 28, 1949.

Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated January 24, 1949 in which the Chicago Division was requested to interview former Philadelphia Informant PAC 20, presently CGO-5674, with reference to JESSICA BUCKRHINE. An inquiry by Special Agent MAURITZ E. GAHLON on January 25, 1949 reflected that CGO-5674 was presently on vacation at St. Petersburg, Florida.

The New York Office was requested by teletype that date to set out a lead for the Miami Division to interview CGO-5674.

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LEADS

Although various divisions have conducted investigations as a result of leads set out by telephone or teletype, such leads as have been set out by the Chicago Division are being reset in this report for reasons of clarity.

THE CLEVELAND DIVISION:

At Youngstown, Ohio -

Will interview Manager, Woodstock Typewriter Agency, 339 W. Federal Street, relative to Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 156037, sold to that agency on February 2, 1940 by the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois.

Will, if instant typewriter is located, obtain typewriting specimens and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. (Chicago teletype to Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City dated 1/19/49).

THE DENVER DIVISION:

At Denver, Colorado -

Will interview Manager, Typewriter and Office Supply Company, 304 University Building, relative to Woodstock typewriters, Serial numbers 156050 and 198743, sold to that company by the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois on November 2, 1940.

Will, if instant typewriters are located, obtain typewriting specimens and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. (Chicago teletype to Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City 1/19/49).

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THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE:

At Springfield, Missouri -

Will interview Manager, Ozark Typewriter Company, 402 Jefferson Avenue, relative to Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 5N-172213E, sold to that company on September 29, 1939 by the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois.

Will, if instant typewriter is located, obtain typewriting specimens and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. (Chicago teletype to Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City 1/19/49).

THE NEW YORK DIVISION:

At New York, New York -

Will set out a lead to the Miami Division to interview former Philadelphia informant PAC 20, presently Confidential Informant CGO-5674, who is at the present time on vacation at 336 3rd Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida. Instant lead was not set out by the Chicago Division inasmuch as this division was not in possession of information previously furnished Miami relative to this case. (Chicago teletype to New York 1/25/49).

THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION:

At Springfield, Illinois -

Will interview G. A. HOLTZ, 602 Ferguson Building relative to Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 156068, sold to that individual by the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois, on November 17, 1940.

Will, if instant typewriter is located, obtain typewriting specimens and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

At East St. Louis, Illinois -

Will interview Manager, B & P Office Supply Company, 343 Collinsville Avenue, relative to Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 8K-178117-E, sold to that company by the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois, on May 19, 1940.

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Will, if instant typewriter is located, obtain typewriting specimens and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. (Chicago teletype to Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City 1/19/49)

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION:

At Washington, D.C. -

Will consider the advisability of locating and interviewing BILL JOHNSON, Mrs. HARRIS, DOROTHY STRANGE and ALBERT UNDERWOOD, who have been reported by CGO-5609 to have been probably associated with the Communist Party government groups in Washington, D.C. and vicinity, and who, according to CGO-5609, might possibly be in a position to furnish background information with respect to the subjects of this case. (Chicago teletypes to the Bureau and Washington Field 1/14,19/49)

Will interview ROY VALANCE, 3106 43rd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., who endorsed ALGER HISS for membership in June 1947 and who submitted HISS' application for membership in the American Bar Association. (Report of SA WESLEY A. ANDERSON dated 1/14/49 at Chicago, Illinois, and Chicago teletype to Bureau and WFO dated 1/19/49).

Will endeavor to locate WALLACE ENTWHISTLE, who may have sent his Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 8K178117, to the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois, on April 29, 1939. Factory records indicate the typewriter may have been returned to ENTWHISTLE although it is not clearly indicated.

If instant typewriter is located, typewriting specimens should be obtained and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. (Chicago teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City 1/19/49).

Will endeavor to locate WALLACE WERKLE, 2100 "I" Street, and WILLIAM H. SMITH, 320 "T" Street, Washington, D.C., who in 1937 and 1938 respectively may have sent Woodstock typewriters, Serial numbers 164531 and 164241, to the Woodstock Typewriter Company, Woodstock, Illinois. Factory records indicate that these machines may have been returned to WERKLE and SMITH.

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If located, typewriting specimens should be obtained and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. (Chicago teletype to Washington Field Office, Cleveland, Springfield, Denver and Kansas City, 1/19/49).

Will endeavor to locate STERLING MC KITRICK (ph) who resided at 3407 "O" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., during 1934-36 to interview MC KITRICK concerning association of HISS to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, neighbors and associates, and appropriate leads be set out.

Will interview Mrs. THEODORE DOMINICK, 3122 "O" Street, N.W., and WILLIAM YOUNGMAN, attorney, both Washington, D.C., to obtain background information re ALGER HISS. (Chicago teletype to WFO 1/27/49).

THE CHICAGO DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois -

Will recontact Confidential Informant CGO-5609 on January 28, 1949 and exhibit photographs of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, with alias: David Carpenter, to determine if this informant can identify SILVERMAN and CARPENTER as associates of his in Baltimore, Maryland in 1939 and to obtain further background relative to subjects in instant case.

Will interview ANTHONY MICHEL, First National Bank, Chicago, when Bureau authority is received, concerning any typewritten correspondence in his possession emanating from ALGER HISS.

At Rockford, Illinois -

Will contact the firm of Goerlitz-Beckwell Company to attempt to determine present location of Woodstock typewriters, Serial numbers 156063 and 171908, which were sold by the Woodstock Company to this firm on February 1, 1940.

Will obtain typewritten specimens from these typewriters, if located, and forward to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

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Copies of this report are being designated for the Los Angeles and Baltimore Divisions for information purposes inasmuch as they are currently conducting investigation requested by the Bureau and other offices regarding this case and the information contained in this report may be of some assistance to them.



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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DARYL HUTCHINS has no specific knowledge of Communist activities or Communist associates of ALGER HISS. WILLIAM V. CROSSWITE departed San Francisco enroute Washington, D. C., January 14, 1949 EASTON ROTHWELL presently traveling on the East Coast and is probably in New York or Washington, D. C. JOHN A. SUTRO, a classmate of ALGER HISS, associated with him at the United Nations Conference on International Organization at San Francisco in 1945. He has no knowledge of Communist activities of HISS. GRAHAM STUART, Stanford University, knew HISS slightly at the State Department but has received no correspondence from him. CARL SPAETH, Dean of the Stanford Law School, knew HISS well but had no knowledge of any Communist activities on the part of HISS. CARL SPAETH furnished one typewritten letter received from HISS dated in 1947. Confidential Informant T-1 furnished five letters from HISS received over a period of 1940-48. Laboratory examination indicates none of these were written on the same typewriter which prepared the letters furnished by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Unknown subject KEITH not identified at San Francisco although the organization referred to by ASIMOW may have been the Technical Bureau, which was organized in 1932 to furnish technical aid to Russia. No record of PETE GREEN located. One ED CRANE or WILLIAM MORGAN was acquainted with ISAAC FOLKOFF and he is suggested as a possibility of being identical with KEITH.

*cc AAG Campbell
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 New York teletype to San Francisco, January 3, 1949.
 Report of SA HAROLD F. DODGE at Los Angeles,
 January 7, 1949.
 Report of SA MAURICE A. TAYLOR dated at Washington,
 D. C., January 4, 1949.
 Washington Field teletype to San Francisco dated
 January 14, 1949.
 Bureau letter dated January 10, 1949.
 Washington Field teletype to Bureau and San Francisco,
 dated January 17, 1949.
 Bureau teletype dated January 18, 1949.
 New York teletype to San Francisco dated January 20, 1949.

DETAILS:

DARYL HUTCHINS, who resides at 2715 Montana Street, Berkeley, California, was interviewed by Special Agent CHARLES F. BRUSCH and the writer on January 6, 1949, at the Oakland Resident Agency. HUTCHINS advised that during the United Nations Conference on International Organization held in San Francisco in the Spring of 1945, he was employed as an announcer for the National Broadcasting Company and that the State Department broadcast several programs for which he acted as announcer. These broadcasts were entitled, "Our Foreign Policy." It was HUTCHINS' understanding that the script was furnished by the State Department. He stated that one script he felt was Communist propaganda and was broadcast in May or June, 1945. He stated he could not recall the specific text of this script but that it was his recollection that in general, the ideas expressed over the air followed closely the ideas expressed at that time in the People's World, which he knew to be a Communist-dominated newspaper. He was questioned closely concerning the text or specific statements made over the air which he thought might have been Communistic, but he could not recall anything specifically. He stated he had a photograph taken at the time of the broadcast which showed ALGER HISS, Dean VIRGINIA GILDERSLEEVE of Barnard College, ARCHIBALD MACLEISH, an Assistant Secretary of State, and DARYL HUTCHINS seated before a microphone. There were also three unidentified individuals in the photograph. It is noted that these persons are wearing UNCIO delegation buttons.

HUTCHINS stated that he had no specific knowledge of any Communist activities on the part of ALGER HISS, and that he had no first-hand knowledge of any Communists who had been associated with

ALGER HISS at the United Nations Conference. As a matter of interest, HUTCHINS stated that he interviewed GERALD L. K. SMITH at the time of the United Nations Conference and that thereafter, SMITH put HUTCHINS' name in a publication written by SMITH. Following this, HUTCHINS stated he has had considerable difficulty, due to pressure exerted by the B'nai Brith and Anti-Defamation League to have his broadcast discontinued. HUTCHINS stated he believed GERALD L. K. SMITH was sincere in his fight against Communism.

HUTCHINS also stated that he had talked to ROBERT STRIPLING, Chief Investigator of the House Un-American Activities Committee, by long distance telephone and told him that he had this photograph of ALGER HISS in his possession. A copy of this photograph was obtained from HUTCHINS and copies were made and are being furnished to the Bureau and New York Office.

HUTCHINS stated that he would endeavor to locate a copy of the script referred to above which he thought followed the Communist Party line. He was recontacted on January 12 and stated that he had been unable to locate this script and believed that it had been destroyed.

It was determined from the office of the United States Attorney at San Francisco, and from the records of the Canterbury Hotel, San Francisco, that WILLIAM V. CROSSWHITE, an attorney for the Department of Justice, had departed from San Francisco enroute to Washington, D. C., on January 14, 1949.

Mrs. FRANCEL H. SHAW, Secretary of the Hoover Institute at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised that EASTON ROTHWELL, Deputy Director of the Hoover Institute, was presently traveling on the East Coast of the United States and might be located either at the Brookings Institute, 722 Jackson Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C., or in care of the Belgian-American Educational Foundation, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York. She expected that Mr. ROTHWELL would return to Palo Alto approximately the first week of February, 1949.

JOHN A. SUTRO, an attorney of the firm, Pillsbury, Madison, & Sutro, Attorneys, 225 Bush Street, San Francisco, California, was interviewed January 4, 1949, by Special Agent CHARLES F. BRUSCH and the writer, and was reinterviewed January 18, 1949, by Special Agent RALPH M. LINDSEY and the writer. Mr. SUTRO stated that he had been a classmate of ALGER HISS at Harvard University from 1926 to 1929, but that they had not been intimate at that time. The only definite association, other than attendance at classes together, which Mr. SUTRO could recall, was

that he and HISS were both members of the Lincoln Inn eating club while attending Harvard University Law School. Mr. SUTRO stated that he was again associated with ALGER HISS at the time of the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco in early 1945, and that at that time he came to know ALGER HISS very well and he invited HISS to his home on several occasions. During this period, HISS was residing at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco and was acting as Secretary General of the UNCIO Conference. Mr. SUTRO volunteered the information that his wife, ELIZABETH LAWRENCE HISS, was a distant relative of ALGER HISS. He stated that he, SUTRO, had first introduced ALGER HISS to his wife at their home sometime during 1945; that he recalled that his wife and ALGER HISS had endeavored to determine the exact relationship between them; that they had been unable to do so. Mr. SUTRO recalled that it was a distant relationship, only to the extent that several generations back they had both had a common ancestor.

Mr. SUTRO described HISS as having been a very personable individual, quiet, unpretentious, and according to SUTRO, the kind of a person you would refer to as "a good guy." He said that he had absolutely no idea that HISS was in any way associated with Communists until the recent newspaper publicity had indicated this. SUTRO stated that until the WHITTAKER CHAMBERS publicity appeared in the newspapers, HISS had always been considered as one of the outstanding graduates of the Harvard Law School. SUTRO stated that he had introduced ALGER HISS to his mother-in-law, CAROLINE DOW HISS, sometime in late 1946 or early 1947. He said that his mother-in-law had not been in contact with HISS since that date, and had not corresponded with him. He advised also that his wife, ELIZABETH LAWRENCE HISS, had not corresponded with or seen ALGER HISS since that time.

Mr. SUTRO stated that he has attempted to reconcile his knowledge of HISS's character with the allegations made against him by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He stated that he realizes that the defense that HISS has put up has been an extremely bad one, and for this reason, he is convinced that HISS is probably guilty as charged; however, he stated he was interested in seeing exactly what evidence would be placed before the jury. SUTRO stated that the only way he could reconcile HISS's character with the charges was that HISS was either covering for someone, possibly his wife, or he had been pressured into acting for the Communists for some reasons unknown.

Mr. SUTRO stated that ALGER HISS's best friend is one RICHARD H. ~~FIELD~~, a Professor of Law at Harvard University. He said he is convinced that ~~FIELD~~, due to his close association with ALGER HISS, must know something, and he is also convinced that if what he knew was favorable

to ALGER HISS, he would have come forward with it by now. He stated that if approached properly, FIELD might furnish the information to the Bureau, but on the other hand, he would be just as likely to advise that he knew nothing and withhold any information which might be unfavorable to ALGER HISS. Mr. SUTRO requested that in the event RICHARD H. FIELD is contacted, his, SUTRO's, name be held in the strictest confidence as being the one who referred the Bureau to FIELD.

Mr. SUTRO also suggested that the Bureau interview RICHARD HANSON HISS III, SUTRO's brother-in-law, who is presently residing at Route 4, Box 106, Siesta Key, Sarasota, Florida. He said that RICHARD HANSON HISS III had been associated with the State Department during the war and had become acquainted with ALGER HISS at the time, and in view of the fact that they were distant relatives, he thought it quite likely that RICHARD HANSON HISS III might have some correspondence from ALGER HISS.

GRAHAM STUART, Chairman of the Political Science Department, Stanford University, was interviewed January 20, 1949, by Special Agent PAUL C. FULLER and the writer. He stated he had been associated with the State Department in an advisory capacity since 1936; that he is now a member of the Advisory Committee of the Foreign Service Institute. He stated he had met ALGER HISS casually during the war at the State Department, but that he had never known him well nor considered him more than an acquaintance. He had also had a slight contact with him during the UNCIO in San Francisco in 1945. He advised he had never corresponded either officially or personally with ALGER HISS. He stated he never particularly liked ALGER HISS as he did not feel that HISS was qualified to step into a high State Department position without long years of training and experience in protocol. He stated, however, that he had no knowledge of any Communist connections on the part of ALGER HISS, and that he had been greatly surprised at the recent newspaper publicity.

CARL SPAETH, Dean of the Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, California, was interviewed on January 20, 1949, by Special Agent PAUL C. FULLER and the writer. He stated he met ALGER HISS first at the State Department in 1940 when he, SPAETH, was employed there and that he associated with him casually at the time but did not know him well. He said that during 1947, both he and ALGER HISS attended some meetings of the Brookings Institute at Washington, D. C., and at that time, he came to know HISS intimately, and had had many long discussions with HISS concerning United States foreign policy with regard to Russia. As an example of this, CARL SPAETH stated that HISS's view of Russia was that he advocated a policy of containment for Russia, that is, a firm policy, stop Russia now, and then negotiate later. He said also that HISS expressed the ideas that due to the implications of the atomic bomb, which would have such a terrific

impact, that both the United States and Russia would hesitate to use this bomb, and thus, both nations were fighting a cold war which, were it not for the existence of the atomic bomb, would instead be a shooting war. Dr. SPAETH said that he recalled specifically that ALGER HISS had stated that more care was needed in fighting Russian espionage and there must be closer control of economic and related matters. He said he recalled specifically that ALGER HISS had mentioned the United States should safeguard her economic and industrial secrets.

CARL SPAETH voluntarily furnished a copy of the letter received by him from ALGER HISS dated November 12, 1947. This letter has been transmitted to the Laboratory for comparison with the questioned documents in this case. It was noted that in this letter, ALGER HISS mentioned a close friend of his, HANSON BALDWIN of the New York Times, and an article written by BALDWIN expressing the American attitude toward Communist expansion, which article coincided with HISS's belief in this regard.

CARL SPAETH also suggested that JOHN S. DICKEY, presently the President of Dartmouth University, who was associated with ALGER HISS in the State Department, might have some information concerning HISS.

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished five letters which he had received from ALGER HISS over the period 1940 to 1948. At the time this informant furnished these letters, he specifically requested that in the event they were not identified by the Laboratory, that his name be retained confidentially in the Bureau files and not be distributed to outside agencies. He stated that in the event these letters were identified, he was willing to introduce them into evidence if properly subpoenaed. However, the FBI Laboratory by letter dated January 10, 1949, advised that these letters, which were identified as Specimens K-239, K-240, K-241, K-242, and K-243, had not been prepared on the same typewriter upon which the questioned specimens had been prepared.

It is noted that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had previously testified that a Soviet agent named BILL sent CHAMBERS to San Francisco in early 1935 with a money belt containing \$10,000, to await contact there. CHAMBERS was subsequently contacted by a person introducing himself as PETE. CHAMBERS subsequently knew PETE as KEITH, which name he stated was a pseudonym, and it was his vague recollection that he later learned that KEITH's real name was CRANE. KEITH took CHAMBERS to an old-time Communist Party member and underground worker who has been identified as ISAAC FOLKOFF of San Francisco, California. CHAMBERS also stated that KEITH had been a contact of AZIMOV, now believed to be MORRIS ASIMOW, of Los Angeles, California. ASIMOW has advised that during the early 1930's,

he furnished technical information to one PETE GREEN, who was connected with the Society which met at the International House, Berkeley, California, and which was organized for the purpose of furnishing technical information to Russia. The possibility has been suggested that the PETE GREEN mentioned by ASIMOW and the unknown subject KEITH, may be identical.

The following investigation has been conducted at San Francisco in an effort to identify the unknown subject KEITH:

The files of the San Francisco Office contain no record of PETE GREEN identifiable with the individual above-mentioned.

During 1946, Confidential Informant [] advised of the formation of an organization known as the International Technical Exchange, which appeared to be an effort on the part of local Communists to form a facility for obtaining scientific, technical, and industrial information for the benefit of Soviet Russia and Communist China. [] advised that according to FRANK C. COLLINS, one of the officers of this organization in 1946, an organization known as the Technical Bureau was organized locally in 1932 for the purpose of furnishing technical information to the Soviet Union which desperately needed it at that time. This organization, according to FRANK CHARLES COLLINS, was dissolved in 1934 as the result of what he termed reactionary pressure.

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The indices of the San Francisco Division and the indices of Confidential Informants [] and [] were examined but no record was located regarding this Technical Bureau which was operating in 1932 to 1934. Considerable information is available concerning the activities of FRANK CHARLES COLLINS, who was a Communist Party member in Alameda County, California, in 1946. However, the New York Field Division advised San Francisco by letter dated July 16, 1945, that an organization known as VOLTEC, which was the Society for Voluntary Technical Aid to Soviet Russia, had at one time been in existence in New York City in 1939 and had headquarters at 136 McDougall Street and later at 36 W. 18th Street, New York City. This organization was subsequently replaced by the Technical Bureau of the Friends of the Soviet Union.

Confidential Informant [] advised that his files contain a record of an organization known as the California Society for Technical Aid to Russia, which was in existence in 1921 and had headquarters at 110 W. 40th Street, New York City. The files of [] contain no reference to any individual named PETE GREEN who might have been associated with this or a subsequent organization of its nature.

The files of the San Francisco Office were examined for all references to any individuals having a surname of CRANE, but no

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record was located which could definitely be identified with the unknown subject KEITH. However, as of possible interest, it is to be noted that on May 10, 1945, at 8:55 AM, Confidential Informant [] received a report that one DE LAP (phonetic) contacted ISAAC FOLKOFF. FOLKOFF stated he was having a meeting. DE LAP asked if FOLKOFF knew "this fellow ED CRANE or BILL MORGAN." FOLKOFF replied yes. DE LAP asked if he was "O.K.," and said he came into the shop and wanted to "spill his soul to me," and he, DE LAP just wanted to know if he was all right. FOLKOFF said he had not seen him in two years but at that time, he was O. K. DE LAP said that he was to come back at ten o'clock and he guessed that he was O. K. It is not possible to accurately evaluate this report. However, it is indicated that the name BILL MORGAN may be an alias for ED CRANE.

There is no record in the files of the San Francisco Office concerning ED CRANE. However, the files do reflect that one WILLIAM MORGAN was a reporter and photographer for the People's World newspaper in San Francisco during the years 1938 and 1939, and that on June 27, 1939, WILLIAM MORGAN furnished the San Francisco Office with a typewritten report concerning allegations of German espionage on the part of one KARL ERHART SIEGEL. At that time MORGAN said he was generally known as BILL MORGAN and gave his address as care of the People's World newspaper, 583 Market Street, San Francisco, California. Copies of the People's World newspaper for February 19, 1938; and July 28, 1938, contain articles written by WILLIAM MORGAN, the first concerning one JOHN PENN, who is known to this office as JOHN VOICH, a Communist, and the second being an article concerning a Dr. LEO ELOESSER. There is no additional information available concerning MORGAN's activities, his description, or his present whereabouts. However, the files of Confidential Informant [] reflect that an individual named WILLIAM MORGAN was associated with the People's World at Long Beach, California, where he arranged for a forum on United States foreign policy, December 14, 1945, sponsored by the People's World.

With regard to the DE LAP (phonetic) mentioned by Confidential Informant [] this may refer to either RUSSELL G. De LAPPE or his brother, WESLEY R. De LAPPE, both Communists. Confidential Informant [] has previously reported that in 1934, WESLEY R. De LAPPE acted as a courier in bringing \$1,000 for use in the general strike in San Francisco. Confidential Informant [] previously reported that RUSSELL G. De LAPPE was prominent in the International Technical Exchange in Berkeley, California, in 1945; the same organization discussed earlier in this report.

The possibility is suggested that the ED CRANE or WILLIAM MORGAN may be identical with the unknown subject KEITH.

The file concerning ISAAC FOLKOFF has been reviewed for any information relating to an individual closely associated with FOLKOFF who might be similar in description to the unknown subject KEITH. It was noted from the review of this file that one of ISAAC FOLKOFF's close associates was an individual named WARWICK M. TOMPKINS. Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that during 1942, TOMPKINS obtained employment at AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION with the assistance of FOLKOFF. In addition, TOMPKINS has been closely associated with the financial activities of the Communist Party in this area. He is presently engaged in taking and showing moving pictures. It is noted that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS described KEITH as being a photographer. TOMPKINS is described as having been born January 25, 1900, at Troy, New York, height, 5'10", weight, 180 lbs., brown hair, large head, heavy features; he carries his head forward when walking and is of heavy build and has a ruddy complexion. Photographs of TOMPKINS have previously been transmitted to the New York Field Division.

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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK OFFICE -

1 copy of a photograph identified as ALGER HISS making a radio broadcast at San Francisco in 1945.

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LEADS

THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE

At New York City:

Will endeavor to locate EASTON ROTHWELL in care of Belgian-American Educational Foundation. This lead set out by teletype dated January 20, 1949.

Will exhibit photograph of WARWICK TOMPKINS to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. This lead set out by letter dated January 21, 1949.

If advisable, will interview HANSON BALDWIN of the New York Times. This lead set out by teletype dated January 20, 1949.

THE MIAMI OFFICE

At Sarasota, Florida:

Will interview RICHARD HANSON HISS III, Route 4, Box 106, Siesta Key. This lead set out by teletype, January 19, 1949.

THE BOSTON OFFICE

At Cambridge, Massachusetts:

Will interview RICHARD H. FIELD, Professor of Law, Harvard University, who was a classmate of HISS. This lead set out by teletype, January 19, 1949.

At Hanover, New Hampshire :

Will interview JOHN S. DICKEY, President of Dartmouth University. This lead was set out by teletype, January 20, 1949.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C.:

Will endeavor to locate and interview EASTON ROTHWELL, Brookings Institute, or at the Statler Hotel. This lead set out by teletype dated January 20, 1949.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California:

Will report to San Francisco any information in their files concerning ED CRANE or WILLIAM MORGAN, associated with the People's World at Long Beach, California. This lead set out by teletype, January 25, 1949.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

At San Francisco, California:

Will make arrangements to interview in an effort to identify the unknown subject KEITH.

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Copies of this report are being sent to the New Haven Office for information in connection with their investigation.

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SOURCE

Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] who specifically requested that his name be kept confidential with regard to the fact that he had made available his correspondence with ALGER HISS.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DARYL HUTCHINS has no specific knowledge of Communist activities or Communist associates of ALGER HISS. WILLIAM V. CROSSWHITE departed San Francisco enroute Washington, D. C., January 14, 1949. EASTON ROTHWELL presently traveling on the East Coast and is probably in New York or Washington, D. C. JOHN A. SUTRO, a classmate of ALGER HISS, associated with him at the United Nations Conference on International Organization at San Francisco in 1945. He has no knowledge of Communist activities of HISS. GRAHAM STUART, Stanford University, knew HISS slightly at the State Department but has received no correspondence from him. CARL SPAETH, Dean of the Stanford Law School, knew HISS well but had no knowledge of any Communist activities on the part of HISS. CARL SPAETH furnished one typewritten letter received from HISS dated in 1947. Confidential Informant T-1 furnished five letters from HISS received over a period of 1940-48. Laboratory examination indicates none of these were written on the same typewriter which prepared the letters furnished by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Unknown subject KEITH not identified at San Francisco although the organization referred to by ASIMOW may have been the Technical Bureau, which was organized in 1932 to furnish technical aid to Russia. No record of PETE GREEN located. One ED CRANE or WILLIAM MORGAN was acquainted with ISAAC FOLKOFF and he is suggested as a possibility of being identical with KEITH.

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