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February 23, 1949

Director, FBI

JAY LENO MILLER, et al  
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Reference is made to Baltimore teletype to the Bureau dated February 18, 1949, concerning the progress of the pre-trial examination of Whitaker Chambers at Baltimore, Maryland, on that date.

It was pointed out in referenced teletype that Mr. Ray Bourke of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice was present at the pre-trial examination and probably had requested a transcript of the proceedings. It will not be necessary for the Baltimore Office to arrange to obtain a copy of such transcripts; however, the New York Office should contact Mr. T. J. Donegan to determine if the Department has received such a transcript and, if so, the New York Office should thoroughly review it for any information pertinent to this matter.

cc - Baltimore

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

JAHAM. RICHARD F. CLEVELAND, BALTIMORE ATTORNEY FOR CHAMBERS, FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO TODAY RE PROGRESS OF PRETRIAL EXAMINATION OF CHAMBERS AT BALTIMORE SINCE RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY. EDWARD C. MC LEAN, NYC ATTORNEY FOR HISS, IS DOING THE QUESTIONING. DETAILED QUESTIONING OF CHAMBERS RE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS IDENTIFIED AS LABORATORY AS Q ONE THRU Q SIXTYNINE AND RE PUMPKIN DOCUMENTS, COMPLETED. MC LEAN THEN LAUNCHED INTO DETAILED QUESTIONING OF CHAMBERS FOR CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF ALL CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN HIM AND ALGER HISS. LATTER LINE OF QUESTIONING PROCEEDING THIS AFTERNOON AND CLEVELAND STATES HE DOES NOT BELIEVE PRETRIAL EXAM WILL BE COMPLETED TODAY AND REPORTED CONVERSATION RE SETTING OF A DATE TO CONTINUE PROCEEDINGS. CHAMBERS HAS BEEN QUESTIONED RE HIS OWN TYPEWRITERS AND HAS PROMISED TO PRODUCE SPECIMENS FROM SAME AT PRETRIAL PROCEEDING. CLEVELAND REPORTS CHAMBERS APPEARS TO BE CONCERNED THAT THE CP MAY ENDEAVOR TO REMOVE THESE TYPEWRITERS FROM HIS HOME AT WESTMINSTER, MD. MR. WHEARTY REPRESENTING DEPARTMENT AT CONTINUED PRETRIAL EXAM AND PROBABLY HAS REQUESTED A TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS. BUREAU ADVISE IF DESIRED THAT BALTIMORE ARRANGE FOR COPY OF SUCH TRANSCRIPT FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF BUREAU.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R, ISR.  
HERBERT SOLOW INTERVIEWED AT OFFICES OF FORTUNE MAGAZINE, THREE FIVE  
ZERO FIFTH AVENUE, WHERE HE IS A MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL STAFF. HE  
STATED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH CHAMBERS SINCE NINETEEN TWENTY ONE  
WHEN THEY WERE STUDENTS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NYC. HE SAID THAT HE  
WAS A CLOSE FRIEND DURING CHAMBERS- TWO YEARS ATTENDANCE AT COLUMBIA,  
AND MET HIM ON FREQUENT OCCASIONS DURING THE NINETEEN TWENTIES. SOLOW  
SAID THESE MEETINGS HAD NO SIGNIFICANCE OTHER THAN SOCIAL BASIS. SOLOW  
SAID HE SAW HIM SIMILARLY ON OCCASIONS FROM THIRTY ONE TO ABOUT THIRTY  
FIVE WHEN SOLOW CEASED MEETING WITH CHAMBERS BECAUSE OF A DISCUSSION  
THEY HAD RE THE FRENCH RUSSIAN TREATY WHICH SOLOW STATED WAS NEGOTIATED  
ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE. HE SAID THAT CHAMBERS HAD EXPRESSED OBVIOUS  
PRO-RUSSIAN VIEWPOINTS, AND THAT SOLOW TOLD CHAMBERS HE WAS A QUOTE **B**  
CYNICAL STALINIST UNQUOTE, AND TOLD HIM THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO SEE HIM  
ANY MORE. SOLOW STATED HE HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HIM UNTIL FEB.

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*cc: MWD*

WA AND WFL 7 BA1 PAGE TWO

THIRTY EIGHT WHEN CHAMBERS CAME TO HIS APARTMENT ON GAY STREET, NYC.  
SOLOW STATED AT THAT TIME HE WAS WRITING A SERIES OF ARTICLES RE THE  
RUEINS, WA. ROBINSON, ET AL PASSPORT FRAUD CASE, AND WAS ALSO INTERESTED  
IN THE INVESTIGATION INVOLVING JULIETTE POYNTZ, AN ALLEGED COMMUNIST WHO  
SUDDENTLY DISAPPEARED. SOLOW STATED WHEN CHAMBERS CAME TO HIS APARTMENT,  
HE APPEARED NERVOUS, AND BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED ARGUMENT IN  
THIRTY FIVE, BOTH WERE CAUTIOUS IN THEIR REMARKS. SOLOW RECALLS ALSO  
CHAMBERS MADE AN INQUIRY OF SOLOW AS TO WHETHER HIS NAME WOULD BE INCLUDED  
AMONG THOSE BEING PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY WHICH SOLOW STATED HAD  
CONVENED TO HEAR CIRCUMSTANCES RE JULIETTE POYNTZ. SOLOW ADVISED THAT  
CHAMBERS INDICATED HE KNEW THAT SOLOW WAS A CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE OF CARLO  
TRESCA, PROMINENTLY MENTIONED IN THE POYNTZ CASE, AND WONDERED WHETHER  
SOLOW MAY HAVE GIVEN CHAMBERS- NAME TO TRESCA BECAUSE CHAMBERS  
FELT SOLOW WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN COMMUNIST UNDER-  
GROUND WORK. SOLOW FURTHER STATED THAT THE REAL PURPOSE OF CHAMBERS  
VISIT WAS NOT KNOWN TO HIM UNTIL APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS LATER WHEN  
CHAMBERS AGAIN VISITED SOLOW AND ADVISED HIM OF HIS PREDICAMENT RE CHAMBERS  
BREAK WITH THE CP. AT THAT TIME SOLOW SAID CHAMBERS TOLD HIM IN A  
GENERAL WAY HIS CP UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES AND ASKED SOLOW FOR HIS ASSIST-  
ANCE. SOLOW SAID HE ADVISED CHAMBERS THE FIRST THING HE SHOULD DO IS

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TO PUT DOWN ON PAPER HIS COMPLETE HISTORY AND ACTIVITY WITH THE CP AND  
LET THE CP KNOW OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS DOCUMENT PRIOR TO ADVISING THEM  
HE WAS CEASING CP ACTIVITY. ACCORDING TO SOLOW, CHAMBERS EXPRESSED A  
STRONG DESIRE TO GIVE HIS STORY OF CP ACTIVITIES TO A RESPONSIBLE IN-  
DIVIDUAL IN WASH, DC. IN THIS REGARD, SOLOW TOOK CHAMBERS TO SEE CARLO  
TRESCA AT LATTER-S HOME IN BROOKLYN, NY, AND ACCORDING TO SOLOW, TRESCA  
AGREED TO ASSIST. SOLOW SAID THAT A PERIOD OF TIME ELAPSED FOLLOWING  
HIS ORIGINAL VISIT TO TRESCA, AND NO ACTION WAS FORTHCOMING FROM HIM  
WHICH WOULD ALLOW CHAMBERS TO TELL HIS STORY AND OBTAIN THE PROTECTION  
HE FELT HE NEEDED. ABOUT THIS TIME, SOLOW SAID HE HAD COME ACROSS  
ISAAC DOH LEVINE, WHO APPEARED TO BE QUITE ACTIVE IN ANTI-COMMUNIST WORK,  
AND WHO POSSIBLY MAY HAVE HAD ENTRE TO SOME HIGH GOV-T OFFICIAL. CHAMBERS  
AGREED TO SOLOW-S SUGGESTION TO SEE LEVINE AND MEETING WAS ARRANGED.  
PRIOR TO THE FIRST MEETING, SOLOW SAID HE MET LEVINE PRIVATELY AND EX-  
PLAINED IN A GENERAL WAY THE PREDICAMENT THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED FRIEND OF  
HIS WAS IN RE HIS DESIRE TO BREAK WITH THE CP. LEVINE AGREED TO SEE  
CHAMBERS, AND THE FIRST MEETING WAS ARRANGED AT A TEA ROOM ON MADISON  
AVENUE ABOUT SIXTY FOURTH STREET IN DEC. THIRTY EIGHT. SOLOW SAID FOLLO  
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ING THIS ORIGINAL MEETING, AT WHICH CHAMBERS WAS INTRODUCED TO LEVINE  
UNDER THE NAME OF CARL, AT CHAMBERS- REQUEST, THEY HAD SUBSEQUENT MEET-  
INGS DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIRTY NINE AT OTHER LOCATIONS  
INCLUDING LEVINE-S APARTMENT IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN. SOLOW EMPHASIZED  
THAT IN ALL PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS, LEVINE DID NOT KNOW THE TRUE IDEN-  
TITY OF CHAMBERS OTHER THAN AS CARL. DURING THE PERIOD OF THESE DISCUSS-  
IONS, IT IS SOLOW-S RECOLLECTION THAT CHAMBERS OBTAINED THE POSITION  
WITH TIME MAGAZINE. SHORTLY AFTER CHAMBERS WENT WITH TIME, HE RECEIV-  
ED A PHONE CALL AT TIME; AND A PARTY ASKED FOR CHAMBERS AND IDENTIFIED  
HIMSELF AS ISAAC DON LEVINE. SOLOW STATED THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT  
CHAMBERS KNEW LEVINE WAS AWARE OF HIS IDENTITY, AND SOLOW EXPRESSED  
THE OPINION THAT IT WAS THE RESULT OF PRIVATE INQUIRY OF LEVINE-S PART  
OF EX-COMMUNISTS IN NYC. SOLOW SAID THAT AT THIS TIME, HE WAS ALIQUOT-  
LY DROPPED FROM THE INTERVIEWS AND HE HAD NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH  
CHAMBERS ALTHOUGH HE SAW HIM ON FREQUENT OCCASIONS AT TIME MAGAZINE WHEN  
SOLOW WAS CONTACTING OTHER PERSONS AT THE MAGAZINE. FROM THIS POINT,  
SOLOW SAID HE HAD NO IDEA OF WHAT TRANSPIRED INCLUDING LEVINE-S UL-  
TIMATE INTERVIEW WITH A.A. BERLE IN THE STATE DEPT. SOLOW SAID HE WAS  
ADVISED OF THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE DISCUSSIONS AFTER HE WENT TO WORK  
FOR TIME MAGAZINE ABOUT FORTY TWO, AT WHICH TIME HE HAD A DISCUSSION  
WITH CHAMBERS RE THE SUDDEN DISCONTINUANCE OF CONFERENCE BETWEEN LEVINE,  
CHAMBERS AND SOLOW. SOLOW SAID THAT IT WAS HIS HONEST OPINION THE REASON  
HE WAS DROPPED FROM THE DISCUSSIONS WAS THE FACT THAT HE AND LEVINE WERE  
BOTH NEWSPAPERMEN AND LEVINE WANTED EXCLUSIVE INFO REGARDING THE FINAL  
DISPOSITION OF CHAMBERS- STORY TO THE GOV-T. SOLOW SAID THAT IN HIS  
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EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH CHAMBERS FOLLOWING HIS BREAK WITH THE CP, HE RE-  
CALLS CHAMBERS MENTIONING TWO NAMES INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION  
THESE WERE ~~JOHN AET~~ AND ~~LAURENCE DUGGAN~~. SOLOW STATED CHAMBERS MAY HAVE  
MENTIONED OTHER NAMES, BUT SOLOW WAS UNABLE TO RECALL THEM EVEN IN VIEW  
OF HIS ADMISSION THAT HE HAS FOLLOWED THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE INSTANT  
INVESTIGATION VERY CLOSELY. HE STATED HE REMEMBERS AET-S NAME BECAUSE  
SOLOW WAS APPOINTED TO BE AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE LA FOLLETTE SUB-  
COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS IN THIRTY SIX AND THAT AET WAS GENERAL COUNSEL  
FOR THIS COMMITTEE. SOLOW SAID HE SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND OUT THAT IT WAS  
THRU AET-S INTERCESSION THAT HE WAS RELEASED FROM THE COMMITTEE AFTER  
SEVERAL MONTHS BECAUSE OF HIS KNOWN ANTI-COMMUNIST ARTICLES WHICH HE  
HAD WRITTEN FOR VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS IN NYC. SOLOW SAID THE REASON HE  
REMEMBERED THE NAME OF DUGGAN WAS BECAUSE DUGGAN, SR. WAS AN INSTRU-  
~~CTOR~~ AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY DURING SOLOW-S ATTENDANCE IN THE EARLY TWENT-  
IES. SOLOW SAID WHEN HE SAW CHAMBERS ORIGINALLY IN THIRTY EIGHT, HE  
ASKED CHAMBERS ABOUT AET, AND CHAMBERS TOLD HIM HE WAS ONE OF THE LEAD-  
ERS OF THE CP UNDERGROUND. SOLOW THEN MADE THE OBSERVATION THAT AT THE  
TIME LAURENCE DUGGAN COMMITTED SUICIDE IN NYC IN DEC. FORTY EIGHT, THAT  
HE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TIME MAGAZINE THAT THEY MIGHT GET SOME INTER-  
ESTING INFO RE DUGGAN FROM HEDDA GUNPERTZ. SOLOW CLAIMS THAT HE  
CANNOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL WHERE HE HEARD INFO RE GUNPERTZ AND WHO  
WOULD LINK HER TO THE DEATH OF DUGGAN. IT WAS SOLOW-S RECOLLECTION HE  
HAD HEARD SCHEPLAGE THAT GUNPERTZ OPERATED "A SPY SOCIAL CEN<sup>N</sup>TRE" SOME  
PLACE IN PENNSYLVANIA AND THAT DUGGAN HAD EITHER VISITED OR WAS ATTACH-  
ED TO THIS "SPY SOCIAL CENTER." SOLOW SAID THAT HE LEARNED WHEN TIME  
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CORRESPONDENTS CONTACTED HEDDA GUMPertz SHE TOLD THEM THAT SHE HAD A  
SUBPOENA TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FGJ, AND WOULD MAKE NO COMMENT TO NEWSPEN.

SOLOW STATED HE ALSO TOLD TIME THAT ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY KNOW SOMETHING  
OF DUGGAN'S ACTIVITIES WAS GUSTAVO DURAN. DURAN WAS DESCRIBED  
BY SOLOW AS BEING OF SPANISH ORIGIN AND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE  
DEPT. OR DIRECTLY BY ANBASSADOR SPRUILLE BRADEN AS CONFIDENTIAL SECRE-  
TARY. SOLOW SAID HE HAD HEARD STORIES INDICATING DURAN WAS A COMMUNIST.  
IT MAY BE NOTED THAT DURAN IS SUBJECT OF A PENDING NY INVESTIGATION  
ENTITLED GUSTAVO DURAN, ISR. ONLY REASON SOLOW SUGGESTED DURAN'S NAME  
TO TIME WAS BECAUSE DURAN WORKED FOR STATE DEPT- OR FOR BRADEN -  
AND WAS BELIEVED TO BE A COMMUNIST. SOLOW WAS QUESTIONED RE HIS TRIP  
TO WASH, DC IN THIRTY EIGHT WITH LISTON CAK, FORMER COMMUNIST, AND A  
WOMAN BELIEVED BY SOLOW TO BE A MRS. BLACKWELL. THE PURPOSE OF THIS  
TRIP SOLOW SAID WAS TO OBTAIN STATE DEPT. INTERCESSION FOR MRS. BLACK-  
WELL-S HUSBAND WHO WAS BEING DETAINED IN SPAIN WHERE HE WAS FIGHTING  
FOR THE LOYALISTS. SOLOW SAID THAT HE CONTACTED CHAMBERS ON THIS TRIP,  
BUT COULD NOT RECALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE CONTACT WAS MADE.  
SOLOW STATED HE CALLED CHAMBERS HIMSELF AT A NUMBER GIVEN TO HIM BY  
CHAMBERS TO BE USED FOR ANY EVENTUALITY AND ALSO SOLOW ARRANGED THE MEET-  
ING PLACE AT A RESTAURANT HE BELIEVES TO BE HASLINGERS RESTAURANT.  
THIS RESTAURANT, SOLOW SAID, WAS LOCATED ON THE NEW YORK ROAD TO WASHINGTON  
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AND IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE WASLINGER RESTAURANT NEAR THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPOT IN BALTIMORE. HE STATED THAT THEY DROVE TO BALTIMORE FROM WASHINGTON AND CONTACTED CHAMBERS WITH OAK, BECAUSE IT WAS SOLOW-S DESIRE TO HAVE CHAMBERS MEET SOMEBODY IN A SIMILAR POSITION INsofar AS OAK HAD ALSO RECENTLY BROKE WITH THE CP. SOLOW DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT MRS. BLACKWELL WAS PRESENT DURING THE CONVERSATION. IT WAS SOLOW-S RECOLLECTION THAT THE REMARKS MADE DURING THIS CONVERSATION WERE CAREFULLY COUNCHED. HE RECALLS THAT CHAMBERS SAID HE WAS HIGHLY NERVOUS BECAUSE HE HAD BROKEN WITH THE CP AND WAS VERY CAUTIOUS WITH PEOPLE HE CONVERSED WITH. SOLOW EMPHASIZED CHAMBERS GAVE HIM THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS DESIROUS OF MEETING PEOPLE FREQUENTLY IF NOTHING ELSE THAN TO SHOW THAT HE WAS ALIVE. IT WAS ALSO STATED BY SOLOW THAT NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE THAT HE CAN RECALL TRANSPIRED AT THIS MEETING IN BALTIMORE BETWEEN OAK, CHAMBERS AND HIMSELF. RE ALGER HISS, SOLOW STATED THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL CHAMBERS EVER MAKING ANY REMARKS ABOUT HIM, BUT INDICATED THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM INDEPENDENT SOURCES THAT HISS WAS QUOTE QUEER POLITICALLY UNQUOTE, AND IN VIEW OF THIS, WAS NOT GREATLY SUPPISED WHEN THE PRESENT PROCEEDINGS ORIGINATED INVOLVING HISS AND CHAMBERS. SOLOW COULD OFFER NO INFO OR BACKGROUND RE ACTIVITY OF AGER HISS. RE DURAN. AS BUREAU IS AWARE, DURAN IS AT UNITED NATIONS, NYC. BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW RE KNOWLEDGE INSTANT MATTER.

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SAC, New York:

February 25, 1949

Director, FBI

JAY DAVID WITTMAN CHAMBERS, was., et al  
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Reference is made to New York teletype to the Bureau dated February 17, 1949.

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No interview should be had by your office with Gustavo Duren in connection with information contained in referenced teletype.

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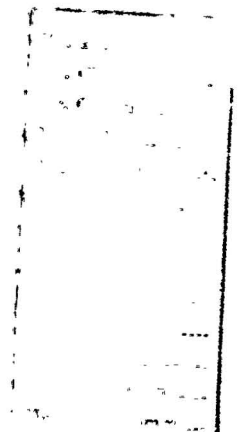
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*NBI Mr. Fletcher*  
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JAHAM. UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN AUTHENTIC SPECIMENS OF ALGER HISS SIGNATURE AND HANDWRITING IN ORDER TO SHOW CONCLUSIVELY THAT ALGER HISS WROTE Q ONE THROUGH Q FOUR AND SIGNED K FORTY AND K THREE FOUR NAUGHT THROUGH K THREE FOUR TWO. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SOMEONE TESTIFY THAT THEY ACTUALLY OBSERVED HISS WRITE HIS SIGNATURE AND THEN HAVE AN FBI HANDWRITING EXPERT TESTIFY THAT THIS SIGNATURE WAS WRITTEN BY THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO WROTE Q ONE THROUGH Q FOUR AND WHO SIGNED K FORTY AND K THREE FOUR NAUGHT THROUGH K THREE FOUR TWO. THE SIGNED STATEMENT OF ALGER HISS DATED DEC FOUR, FORTYEIGHT, AND THE SIGNED FINGERPRINT CARD OF ALGER HISS DATED DEC SIXTEENTH, FORTYEIGHT, WERE EXAMINED BY FBI HANDWRITING EXPERTS. BECAUSE OF THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT HAD ELAPSED BETWEEN THE WRITING OF THESE SIGNATURES AND THE SIGNATURE APPEARING ON K THREE FOUR NAUGHT THROUGH K THREE FOUR TWO, AS WELL AS K FORTY, NO IDENTIFICATION WAS POSSIBLE. THE WFO SHOULD AGAIN REVIEW THE SELECTIVE SERVICE FILE OF ALGER HISS FOR HIS KNOWN SIGNATURE AND HANDWRITING WHICH CAN BE AUTHENTICATED. IF ANY SWORN STATEMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THIS FILE

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THE INDIVIDUALS BEFORE WHOM THEY WERE SWORN SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED WITH  
THE AIM IN VIEW THAT THEY MAY BE USED TO TESTIFY THAT THE SIGNATURE  
AND WRITING IS IN FACT THAT OF ALGER HISS. PERSONNEL FILE OF ALGER  
HISS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE SHOULD BE REVIEWED WITH THE SAME OBJECTIVE  
IN VIEW. ALSO CHECK THE RECORDS FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE OF ALGER  
HISS IN THE US SUPREME COURT, CHECK HIS BANK RECORDS IN WASHINGTON,  
AS WELL AS AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION RECORDS. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN  
MIND THAT SIGNATURES AND HANDWRITING IN THE PERIOD OF NINETEEN THIRTY  
SIX DASH THIRTYEIGHT SHOULD PROVE TO BE MOST VALUABLE. EXPEDITE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 2, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York dated February 25, 1949 in the captioned matter enclosing a brown envelope addressed to AUGUST J. INSLERMAN, 337 East 34th Street, Apartment 15, New York, New York, bearing the return address of the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street, New York, New York, and its contents, consisting of a passport and various notes written in the Estonian Language.

The Bureau advised that it has been determined that these notes have no bearing on the instant investigation and instructed the New York Office to return this envelope and contents to Mr. FELIX INSLERMAN from whom they were obtained during the course of a search on December 23, 1948.

Since FELIX INSLERMAN resides at Cambridge, New York, which is located within the territory covered by the Albany Office and since the envelope and its contents were seized in the course of a search of the INSLERMAN residence at Cambridge by agents of the Albany Office, it is believed appropriate for agents of the Albany Office to return these articles to INSLERMAN.

Accordingly, the envelope and its contents are being forwarded to the Albany Office by registered mail for return to FELIX INSLERMAN.

2 cc: Albany (Enc. 1, REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

February 28, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 25, 1949.

Re: JAHAM  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

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Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter dated February 24, 1949

EX-100

Examination requested: Document

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

Specimens:

K651 A ten-page signed statement dated December 4, 1948 at Baltimore, Maryland, bearing the known signature of ALGER HISS.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

From a study of the ALGER HISS signature appearing on specimen K651, a definite conclusion could not be reached as to whether the person writing that signature wrote the HISS signature on K40 or the HISS signatures appearing on specimens K340 through K342. Due to the fact there are variations in the signature K651 from other signatures of HISS which are possibly due to the elapsed time between the writing of K40, K340 through K342 and the signature of HISS appearing on specimen K651. K40 was written in 1933 and K340 through K342 were written in 1936. K651 was written in the letter part of 1948.

Specimen K651 will be returned to the New York Office as soon as arrangements have been made for the completion of the laboratory's files.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 24, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

*J* SUBJECT: JAHAM  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Attention: FBI Laboratory

Enclosed herewith is a 10 page signed statement of ALGER HISS dated December 4, 1948 at Baltimore, Maryland.

It is desired that the signature of ALGER HISS appearing on this statement be compared with the signature of ALGER HISS appearing on Specimen K40. This signature should also be compared with the signatures of ALGER HISS appearing on Documents K340, K341, and K342.

K651

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At the conclusion of such examination, the enclosed signed statement should be returned to this office as it was obtained from Special Assistant to the Attorney General THOMAS J. DONEGAN, and it will be necessary to return this statement to him.

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~~ENCL~~ cc: Washington Field  
Baltimore

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

February 28, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 25, 1949.

Re: JAHAN  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

65-14920

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Examination requested by:

New York

Reference:

Letter dated February 24, 1949

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

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by Letter *10-16-74 JMB/boz*  
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- K626 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated April 3, 1947, to Mr. Wm. Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- K627 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 23, 1947, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- K628 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 29, 1947, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- K629 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated June 5, 1947, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- K630 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated June 9, 1947, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, 34 Nassau Street, New York 5, New York, signed ALGER HISS.

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

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- 1631 A mimeographed copy of a typewritten letter with typewritten letterhead of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 700 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., dated June 17, 1947, bearing mimeographed signature of ALGER HISS.
- 1632 Typewritten copy of a letter dated October 4, 1947, to President Paul S. Douglas, The American University, Washington 6, D. C., bearing typewritten signature of ALGER HISS.
- 1633 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 10, 1947, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- 1634 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 23, 1947, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Colonial Hotel, Hot Springs, Virginia, signed ALGER HISS.
- 1635 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 23, 1947, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- 1636 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated November 4, 1947, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- 1637 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated November 20, 1947, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- 1638 A three-page mimeographic copy of a typewritten memorandum beginning "Memorandum to the Trustees: Very shortly after I ...", typewritten signature on third page ALGER HISS, President.
- 1639 A two-page mimeographic copy of a typewritten article entitled "Biographical sketch of Mr. Elwood H. Thompson".
- 1640 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated December 4, 1947, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- 1641 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated January 15, 1948, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- 1642 A plain sheet of white paper bearing typewritten copy of a letter dated February 7, 1948, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, bearing typewritten signature of ALGER HISS.
- 1643 A two-page letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated March 30, 1948, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.

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- K644 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated April 1, 1943, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- K645 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 17, 1943, to Mr. Wm. Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, "Coxsore" Route 6, Louisville 7, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- K646 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated August 6, 1943, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- K647 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated September 27, 1943, to Mr. Wm. Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.
- K648 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated December 3, 1943, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, typewritten signature of ALGER HISS.
- K649 Original and carbon copy of a "Statement of ALGER HISS released to the press December 3, 1943".
- K650 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, dated December 3, 1943, to Mr. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, signed ALGER HISS.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machines which were used to type K626 through K650 were not used to type 45 or 46 through 49.

The submitted evidence is returned herewith to the New York Office, photographic copies having been retained for the files of the Laboratory.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 24, 1949

*J* FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

95228

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Enclosed herewith are 25 typewritten documents that were obtained from Mr. WILLIAM MARSHALL BULLITT.

It is desired that these typewritten documents be compared with the known and questioned specimens in possession of the Bureau. At the conclusion of this examination, it is desired that you return these documents to this office as it is necessary to return them to Mr. BULLITT.

*25* Encls. 25

cc: Washington Field

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~ *J*

REGISTERED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

DATE: 2-9-49

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

At 2:30 p.m. today, ASAC Belmont, New York, called in and stated that Mr. Donegan had confidentially advised that Adolf Berle, formerly of the State Department, would appear again before the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury were not satisfied with the statements made by Berle, and it will be recalled that Berle's information as received from Chambers was not actually obtained from him until June, 1943, when it was secured from him by a Liaison Agent. Berle, when previously before the Grand Jury, stated he had turned over the information he had received to the Bureau, and when asked on what date, he said sometime after his interview with Chambers. He was not definite. It will be further recalled that he had claimed that he thought he had advised Mr. Tamm of the information furnished by Chambers. Bureau files reflect that Berle's information was actually secured by liaison in June, 1943, the date not being certain. There was no memorandum in the file reflecting that Mr. Tamm received information from Berle. Mr. Tamm was recently asked specifically whether or not he ever received information from Berle which had come from Chambers previously. Mr. Tamm stated no, he could not recall that he had ever received the results of Chambers' consultation from Berle.

Mr. Belmont stated that Mr. Donegan wished to be advised as to the actual facts with reference to the statement relating to Mr. Tamm and the actual receipt of Berle's notes by the Bureau so that he will be aware of the facts when Mr. Berle appears before the Grand Jury.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the New York Office be authorized to inform Mr. Donegan of the facts as stated above.

HBF:cmw

*yes do so & be certain we watch & make certain Berle doesn't "pass the buck" to us.*

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : *HB* H. B. FLETCHER *4727*

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

DATE: 2-11-49

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

*Admitted*  
*NC*

Reference is made to memorandum dated February 9, 1949, relating to the fact that the Grand Jury is recalling before it Adolf Berle, formerly of the State Department.

At 2:50 p.m., February 10, 1949, I advised ASAC Belmont, New York, that the facts were that Berle's notes of his conference with Chambers were actually obtained by the Bureau on a date not certain in June, 1943; that there was no memorandum in the file reflecting that Mr. Tamm had ever been furnished any information concerning this matter by Berle. Having in mind the statement of Berle that he thought he had advised Mr. Tamm of the conference, Mr. Tamm was recently asked specifically whether or not Berle had furnished this information related to him by Chambers, and Mr. Tamm stated (no), he could not recall any such matter. I also advised Mr. Belmont that we wanted to be certain that Berle did not "pass the buck" to us at this time.

*F.L.*  
*[Signature]*  
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Mr. Belmont stated he would advise Mr. Donegan of this information.

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WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK 52 25 10-30P  
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*CHAMBERS CASE*

JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP. R. IS-R. REMYLET FEB. EIGHTEEN AND MYTEL FEB. TWENTYFIRST, RE DEFENSE MOTIONS FILED IN INSTANT CASE. ARGUMENT ON ALL THREE MOTIONS COMPLETED LATE YESTERDAY P.M. BEFORE USDJ BONDY, WITH EDWARD C. ~~MC~~ LEAN AND RAYMOND P. ~~W~~HEARTY REPRESENTING DEFENSE AND GOVERNMENT RESPECTIVELY. WITH RESPECT TO MOTION FOR BILL OF PARTICULARS, MC LEAN DECLARED DEFENDANT IS ENTITLED TO BE INFORMED OF EXACT NATURE OF DOCUMENTS ALLEGED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR OF INDICTMENT TO HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO CHAMBERS BY DEFENDANT, WHEN AND WHERE SUCH DOCUMENTS WERE SO FURNISHED AND IF GOVERNMENT CLAIMS SUCH DOCUMENTS CONSIST ONLY OF BALTIMORE OR INCLUDES PUMPKIN PAPERS AS WELL, OR BOTH PLUS OTHERS. WHEARTY REPLIED BOTH CATEGORIES INCLUDED IN THOSE MENTIONED IN FIRST COUNT, THAT GOVERNMENT CANNOT STATE MORE PRECISELY THE DATE THEY WERE DELIVERED THAN AT MEETINGS BETWEEN CHAMBERS AND HISS EACH WEEK OR TEN DAYS OR FORTNIGHT. WHEARTY AGREED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO DEFENSE FOR INSPECTION ALL DOCUMENTS NOW IN POSSESSION OF GOVERNMENT AND TO FURNISH MORE SPECIFIC DATA RE DATES OF DELIVERY THEREOF IF SUCH DATA ARE DEVELOPED. CONCERNING WHO ABSTRACTED

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DOCUMENTS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT, WHEARTY DECLARED GOVERNMENT WILL ALLEGE ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF THAT ALGER HISS REMOVED SUCH DOCUMENTS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT, THAT HE PRESUMABLY RETURNED THEM TO THE FILES AND THAT THEY WERE COPIED ON A TYPEWRITER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET LOCATED. WITH RESPECT TO COUNT TWO, WHEARTY CONTENDED INDICTMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF RE DEFENDANT BEING APPRISED OF NATURE OF INVESTIGATION GJ WAS CONDUCTING AND REFERRED COURT TO HIS ANSWERING AFFIDAVIT. IT IS TO BE NOTED THIS OFFICE NOT IN POSSESSION OF GOVERNMENT-S REPLY TO DEFENSE MOTION PAPERS AND THAT DONEGAN WILL FURNISH COPIES THEREOF WHEN HE SECURES THEM. JUDGE BONDY INDICATED HE WAS NOT IMPRESSED BY THIS REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC DATA RE ADVICE GIVEN HISS PRIOR TO HIS GJ APPEARANCE. WHEARTY REPEATED THAT GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BE MORE DEFINITE THAN TO SAY THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN CHAMBERS AND HISS DID TAKE PLACE SUBSEQUENT TO JAN. FIRST, THIRTY SEVEN AT INTERVALS OF ONE WEEK, TEN DAYS OR A FORTNIGHT, PLUS THREE TO FIVE SOCIAL OCCASIONS. WHEARTY DECLARED THAT IN HIS PRE TRIAL TESTIMONY FEB. EIGHTEEN LAST AT BALTIMORE, CHAMBERS TESTIFIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN THREE TO FIVE SOCIAL MEETINGS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND HISS. ON DEFENSE MOTION FOR PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN PAPERS, DOCUMENTS AND

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OTHER OBJECTS PRIOR TO TRIAL, SET OUT AS ELEVEN ITEMS IN APPENDIX B IN MOVING PAPERS, FOLLOWING DISPOSITION MADE. ON ITEMS ONE AND TWO, WHEARTY AGREED TO TURN OVER TO DEFENSE FOR INSPECTION THE BALTIMORE PAPERS AND PRINTS OF PUMPKIN FILM. AS TO ITEM THREE, HE STATED GOVERNMENT HAS NO ADDL DOCUMENTS DELIVERED TO CHAMBERS BY ANY PERSON. AS TO ITEM FOUR, STATED MICROFILM STILL IN POSSESSION OF HCUA AND COURT ORDERED MC LEAN TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE IT FROM HCUA. ON ITEMS FIVE AND SIX, WHEARTY AGREED TO FURNISH MATERIAL REQUESTED. ON ITEM SEVEN, WHEARTY POINTED OUT GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY AGREED TO FURNISH FOUR SMALL SHEETS OF PAPER BEARING HANDWRITING OF ALGER HISS AND POINT WAS NOT PRESSED FURTHER. ON ITEM EIGHT, WHEARTY STATED GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE TYPEWRITER BUT AGREED TO ALLOW DEFENSE INSPECTION THEREOF. IF AND WHEN FOUND. COURT DENIED ITEMS NINE AND TEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THEIR BEING RENEWED AT TIME OF TRIAL AND RESERVED DECISION ON ITEM ELEVEN. ALSO RESERVED DECISION ON THIRD DEFENSE MOTION WHICH WAS FOR INSPECTION OF CERTAIN GJ MINUTES. COPIES OF TRANSCRIPT OF ABOVE DESCRIBED ORAL ARGUMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU WHEN SECURED.

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cc - Mr. Fletcher  
Called Laboratory  
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BY [Signature]

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March 2, 1949

Mr. Victor Lasky  
New York World-Telegram  
New York 15, New York

Dear Mr. Lasky:

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I have your note and in re-surveying the matter, I find that at this time it simply is not possible to be of any assistance.

I appreciated the information you so thoughtfully passed on and I do hope you will understand our position.

Sincerely yours,

L. B. Nichols

LBN:FLL

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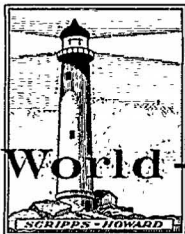
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# New York World-Telegram

New York 15, N.Y.

Tuesday

Dear Mr. Nichols:

*Whitaker Chambers*

Do I take it that the material I requested isn't coming?

By the way I understand a guy named Jerry ~~Reilly~~ used to room with Henry Hill Collins in his apartment which Chambers said was used by the spy ring for a time. He may well be Gerald Reilly, who was or is with NLRB and is now-- at any rate -- an ex-Commie. If so, he may know

something re Alger.

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Cordially

Victor ~~asky~~

*Letter WFO 5-4-49 re Chambers JFD*

*ack 3-2-49*

*Victor asky F.L.G. [Signature]*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744

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- TO:  Director  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Fletcher  
 Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. Carlson  
 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Gandy  
 Personnel Files Section  
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 Mrs. Skillman

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| Mr. Tolson.....     |
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| Mr. Pennington..... |
| Mr. Quinn Tamm..... |
| Mr. Nease.....      |
| Miss Gandy.....     |

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Clyde Tolson

March 4, 1949

74-1333

SAC, New York

Re: JAHAM  
PLJUFY; LSPIONAGE - R  
(Your file 65-14920)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report dated ~~March 2, 1949~~ <sup>Dec 23, 1948</sup>, in connection with ~~the above~~ <sup>the above</sup> entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Specimens K696 through K699.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

REGISTERED MAIL

LIP:HH

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
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SAC, Philadelphia

Re: JAHAM  
Perjury; Espionage - R  
Internal Security - R  
Your file 65-2440

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-95246 RU dated 3/1/49, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are transmitted herewith the following:  
K652

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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REGISTERED MAIL

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

DATE: March 1, 1949

FROM : L. L. Laughlin *LL*

SUBJECT: <sup>①</sup> JAHAM  
ESPIONAGE - R  
PERJURY

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In your absence, ASAC Belmont, New York, called at 12:05 P.M. and advised that the Baltimore Office has located and presently has under surveillance William\* Rosen who was wanted by the Special Assistant handling this case to appear before the Grand Jury in SDNY. Mr. Belmont stated that the New York Office has discussed the matter of serving a subpoena on Rosen with Special Assistant T. J. Donegan and Mr. Donegan recommended that the Baltimore Field Office get in touch with the United States Attorney in Baltimore and request him to issue a subpoena calling for Rosen's appearance before the Grand Jury in SDNY tomorrow morning. Mr. Donegan further suggested that if the United States Attorney in Baltimore has any questions it should be suggested that he get in touch with Mr. Raymond P. Whearty of the Department.

Mr. Belmont indicated that Mr. Donegan's recommendation in this regard would be followed and that the Baltimore agents would serve the subpoena as soon as it is issued.

*H. Thompson*  
*Room 2246*

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Mr. Alexander M. Campbell  
Assistant Attorney General

March 2, 1949

Director - FBI

Attention: Mr. Ray hearty

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

Reference is made to a conversation between Mr. Ray hearty and Inspector Howard B. Fletcher of this Bureau on the afternoon of February 28, 1949. Pursuant to a request made by Mr. hearty, the following material is being delivered on this date to Mr. hearty by Inspector Fletcher which, it is understood, will be made available to Mr. McLean, attorney for Alger Hiss, for examination:

The original set of the Chambers' documents, previously referred to as Q-1 through Q-69, which Chambers made available at a pre-trial deposition in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 17, 1948.

One photographic set of the "Pumpkin" prints which were developed from the negatives obtained from the House Un-American Activities Committee. These prints have previously been referred to as Grand Jury Exhibits Nos. 47, 48, 49 and 51. Each exhibit pertains to a separate roll of film. You will recall that five rolls of film were recovered by the House Un-American Activities Committee from Chambers and that one roll, when developed, was found to be a complete blank. This roll has been referred to as Grand Jury Exhibit No. 50.

One copy of the report of Special Agent Lambert G. Zander dated February 4, 1949, at Washington, D. C., which pertains to the identification of the Chambers' documents (Q-1 through Q-69) with the State Department documents. With reference to the present classification of these documents at the State Department, your attention is invited to page thirteen of the above report, which states that there was no specific classification for these documents at the time they were received other than the nature of the material, which would classify them as "Strictly Confidential." There is no information available as to the present classification of the State Department documents.

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One copy of the report of Special Agent Jack S. Purton dated January 31, 1949, at Washington, D. C., which relates to Grand Jury Exhibits Nos. 49 and 51 and the identification of these documents with Navy Department documents. You will note that no information is available as to the present or past classification of these documents.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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For your information, the documents described as Q-1 through Q-69 refer to sixty-nine separate pages of documents and not sixty-nine documents. The FBI Laboratory has assigned a different "Q" number to each page of each document.

The available originals of the typewriting specimens which have been identified with the typewriting in the Chambers' documents (Q-6 through Q-69) will be made available to you within the very near future. In this connection, some of the typewriting specimens have been returned to those persons from whom they were received and you will be advised as to their current custody.

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You will recall that according to Chambers, he, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Alger Hiss, made a trip to the vicinity of Peterborough, New Hampshire, during August, 1937; that enroute they stopped at Thomaston, Connecticut, and at Peterborough, New Hampshire.

In order to assist in the establishment of Hiss' presence in Connecticut and New Hampshire during this period, the Washington Field Office should immediately contact the offices of the larger gasoline companies in order to determine if Alger Hiss or his wife, Priscilla, had a gasoline charge account in 1937 or at any time thereafter. If so, the records may reflect that Hiss purchased gasoline in or near one of the above mentioned towns in Connecticut or New Hampshire during the period of his alleged trip.

This matter should be afforded your immediate attention.

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RE: ALGER HISS - A

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John J. Walsh dated February 24, 1949, at Washington, D. C., which reflects information concerning the investigation conducted in the neighborhoods where Alger Hiss formerly resided in Washington, D. C. Inasmuch as no undeveloped leads were set out in this report, it appears necessary that certain leads suggested in the details should be covered if they have not already been covered by your office. These leads are as follows:

On page 9 it is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Ellarth S. Lewis formerly resided at 3201 P Street, N. W.

On page 10 Mr. Jack E. Tate advised that Mary Catherine Woodward, presently teaching at Bryn Mawr, is a classmate of Triscilla Hiss and would know her well.

On page 14 it is reported that Mrs. James S. Rowley advised that Triscilla Hiss was a close friend of Mrs. Ernest I. Lewis.

On page 26 Mr. Edward Burling, Jr. advised that Triscilla Hiss has been associated with Mr. Thomas Garback, now Mr. Douglas Burden, and that Mr. Burden had visited in Triscilla Hiss' home in the spring of 1936.

On page 42 Mrs. F. V. Gillispie B. Smith advised that Mr. Elliot M. Mara, a nationally known painter, was a good friend of Triscilla and Alger Hiss and might be able to furnish information.

As stated above, it is believed that these individuals aforementioned in the report of Agent Walsh should be contacted for any pertinent information they may have concerning Triscilla and Alger Hiss, the Woodstock typewriter and typewritten specimens, if your office has not already conducted such investigation.

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There are enclosed herewith for your assistance and the assistance of T. J. Donegan, SAAG, two copies of the list of documents set forth in the report of Special Agent Lambert G. Zander, February 4, 1949, Washington, D. C.

The documents in the attached list have been identified with the corresponding C numbers (C-1 through C-69) as set forth in the FBI Laboratory report to the Attorney General dated December 13, 1948, a copy of which was made available to your office by letter dated January 14, 1949.

You should note that C-1 was not set forth in Special Agent Zander's report inasmuch as it did not pertain to any particular State Department document.

The information pertaining to these documents should be made a part of the summary report now being prepared by the New York Office.

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Q 1 Handwritten note with "M28" at top and beginning "Tel From Mary".

This document cannot be identified with any State Department documents

Q 2 Handwritten document bearing notation "30 Potez-No. 63" and beginning "About March 2 U. S. Embassy in Paris."

Telegram from Paris dated March 2, 1938 No. 324, Serial No. 793.94/12565 signed "WILSON."

Paraphrase marked "Confidential" referring to telegram No. 324 of March 2, 1938 from the American Embassy at Paris, Serial No. 793.94/12565 by "FF:EGC:HFS."

Telegram dated March 5, 1938 at Washington, D. C. to American Embassy, Tokyo, Serial No. 793.94/12565, signed "HULL" and "S.W."

Q 3 Handwritten note beginning "Chatfield NA"

Telegram dated London, March 3, 1938, Message No. 179, Serial 500.A15 A 5 Construction/126, signed "JOHNSON".

Q 4 Handwritten note beginning "Mar. 11 GAUSS, U. S. Consul at Shanghai."

Telegram from Shanghai via NR dated March 11, 1938, No. 378, Serial No. 793.94/12630 signed "GAUSS."

Q 5 Memorandum (undated) handwritten date of January 7, 1938, beginning: Reliable source reports that since signing the tripartite Anti-Comintern Pact....

MID report - captioned, Sino-Japanese situation, developments December, 1937 - January 3, 1938, dated January 7, 1938, serial No. 793.94 MID reports/260.

6 Memorandum dated February 11, 1938 to Mr. Secretary, Mr. WELLES, Mr. SAYRE, Mr. FEIS and Mr. MURPHY signed SKH.

Memorandum from the Adviser on Political Relations dated February 11, 1938, addressed to the Secretary of State, Mr. WELLES, Mr. SAYRE, Mr. FEIS and Mr. MURPHY initialed by SKH referring to a memorandum by Mr. JONES based on Consul BOYCE's report.

A voluntary report on the New Economic Organization of Manchukuo from Consul RICHARD F. BOYCE at Yokohama, Japan.

Voluntary report entitled New Economic Organization of Manchukuo from Consul RICHARD F. BOYCE, American Consulate, Yokohama, Japan, completed January 6, 1938 and mailed January 7, 1938.

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Letter from American Consulate at Yokohama, Japan dated January 18, 1938 concerning the New Economic Organization in Manchukuo, Serial 893.50 Manchuria/40 signed by Consul RICHARD F. BOYCE.

Memorandum from the Division of Far Eastern Affairs dated February 2, 1938 referring to the memorandum entitled "Japan's Capital Resources" prepared by Mr. IVAN WHITE and initialed FE:JNJ:VCI.

Memorandum of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs dated February 7, 1938 beginning "FE suggests that Consul BOYCE'S report.... is exceedingly timely" and initialed MMH.

- Q 22 Page captioned Europe with paragraphs under dates of January 5 and 12. Telegram dated January 5, 1938 from Paris, No. 20, Serial No. 793.94/11975.
- Telegram from Paris dated January 12, 1938, No. 55, File 740.00/263.
- Telegram from Paris dated January 12, 1938, No. 56, Serial No. 740.00/264.
- Q 23 Page captioned Europe with sub-captions England, January 24 and Spain, January 21. Telegram from London dated January 24, 1938, No. 57, Serial 841.248/142, signed "JOHNSON."
- Spain,*  
*January 21*
- Telegram dated January 21, 1938 from Seville, No. 1, Serial No. 852.00/7235.
- Q 24 Page captioned Far East containing messages under dates of January 22, January 27, January 28 and January 29. Telegram from Peiping via N. R. dated January 27, 1938, No. 63, Serial 493.11/2086, signed "LOCKHART."
- Telegram from Washington, D. C. via Naval Radio dated January 27, 1938

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Q 25

Page bearing the captions Great Britain with message of January 28 and France with message of January 25.

Q 26

Page captioned Far East containing six headings under dates from January 29 to February 2 with messages from Peiping, Tokyo, Shanghai and Rome.

to American Embassy, Peiping, China, Serial 493.11/2086, signed "HULL" and initialed SKH.

Telegram from Washington, D. C. dated January 28, 1938 to American Embassy, Tokyo, Serial 493.11/2086, signed "HULL" and initialed SKH.

Telegram dated January 23, 1938, unnumbered from Tsingtao for War Department from Dorn, Serial 793.94/12175.

Telegram dated January 27, 1938, from Hankow via N. R. No. 47 for War Department from STILLMILL, Serial No. 793.94/12173.

Telegram dated January 23, 1938 from Bern, No. 7, Serial 894.51/548.

Telegram dated January 28, 1938 from Peiping, No. 69, Serial No. 793.94/12239.

Telegram undated and unnumbered received January 29, 1938, from Milan, Serial No. 793.94/12248.

Telegram from London dated January 28, 1938, No. 70, Serial 500.A 15 A 5 Construction/84, signed "JOHNSON."

Telegram from Paris dated January 25, 1938, No. 136, Serial 740.00/277, signed "MULLITT."

Telegram dated January 28, 1938, from London, No. 69, Serial No. 500.A 15 A 5 Construction/83.

Memorandum of Division of Far Eastern Affairs dated February 3, 1938 referring to "Tokyo's 71, February 3, 4:00 pm" and signed MR.

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Telegram from Peiping via N. H. dated January 29, 1938, No. 73, Serial 493.11/2087, signed "LOCKHART."

Telegram from Peiping dated January 29, 1938, No. 74, Serial 493.11/2088, signed "LOCKHART."

Telegram from Washington, D. C. via Naval Radio dated February 1, 1938 to American Embassy, Peiping, Serial 493.11/2088, signed "HULL (M.K.H.)."

Telegram from Peiping via N. H. dated February 2, 1938, No. 80, Serial 493.11/2090, signed "LOCKHART."

Telegram from Tokyo dated February 2, 1938, No. 67, Serial 893.24/350 signed "GITH."

Confidential paraphrase of telegram No. 67 of February 2, 1938 from the American Ambassador at Tokyo.

Telegram from Tokyo dated January 30, 1938, Serial No. 793.94/12259 re Military Attache Report.

Telegram dated January 31, 1938 from Second Brigade, USMC, Serial No. 793.94/12257 re Japanese reinforcement of Lahu region.

Telegram dated January 31, 1938 from Washington, D. C. to Rome No. 7, Serial No. 793.94/12248.

Q 27 Memorandum dated February 7, 1938  
Thru entitled The Significance of the  
Q 29 Establishment of the Manchukuo Heavy  
Industries Development Company,  
signed "L.H."

Memorandum on letterhead of Division  
of Far Eastern Affairs, dated February 7,  
1938 entitled The Significance of the  
Establishment of the Manchukuo Heavy  
Industries Development Company, initialed  
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CONTENTS OF CHARLES ROBERTS

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Q 30 Page captioned War East with two paragraphs under dates of February 11.

Telegram from Peiping via N. A. dated February 11, 1938, No. 104, Serial 793.94/12390, signed "LCCHEMART."

Telegram from Shanghai via N. R. dated February 11, 1938, No. 240, Serial 393.1164 University of Shanghai/3, signed "GROSS."

Copy of private and confidential letter dated October 18, 1937 at Shanghai, China to Japanese Consul General, Shanghai, from ROBERT TAYLOR and W. T. MCKIM.

Q 31 Page dated February 9, 1938 beginning "Yokohama reports."

Memorandum of Division of Far Eastern Affairs dated February 9, 1938 beginning, "Yokohama reports that Mr. AHN is scheduled, etc." in typing and concluding with handwritten notation ending, "the attitude of the American Government toward his venture," and initialed FR:JONES:LN.

Q 32 Message from Berlin dated February 12, 1938 to Secretary of State, signed "GILBERT."

Telegram from Berlin dated February 12, 1938, No. 52, Serial 711.41/383, signed "GILBERT."

Q 33 and Q 34 Message from Tokyo dated February 12, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 100, signed "GHEE."

Telegram from Tokyo dated February 12, 1938, No. 100, Serial 793.94/12412, signed "GHEE."

Q 35 Message from Vienna dated February 13, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 17, signed "ILLY."

Telegram from Vienna dated February 13, 1938, No. 17, Serial 762.63/424, signed "ILLY."

Q 36 and Q 37 Message from Vienna dated February 14, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 18, signed "ILLY."

Memorandum of Division of European Affairs dated February 15, 1938 referring to Vienna's telegram No. 18 of February 14, 9:00 pm, concluding "The incumbent occupies an extraordinarily powerful position in the Austrian Government," and initialed Cu: FLACK:DG.



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- Q 38      Message from Berlin dated February 14, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 56 signed "GILBERT."
- Q 39      Message from Peiping dated February 14, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 110, signed "LOCHMART."
- Q 40      Message from Chefoo dated February 14, 1938 to Secretary of State signed "ALLEN."
- Q 41      Message dated February 15, 1938 telegram sent to Vienna signed "HULL."
- Q 42      Message from Vienna dated February 15, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 20, signed "WILLY."
- Q 43      Message from Paris dated February 15, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 241, signed "BULLITT."
- Q 44 and Q 45      Message from Paris dated February 15, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 240 signed "BULLITT."
- Q 46 and Q 47      Message from Vienna dated February 16, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 25, signed "WILLY."
- Q 48      Message from Paris dated February 16, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 255, signed "BULLITT."
- Telegram from Vienna dated February 14, 1938, No. 18, Serial 762.63/427, signed "WILLY."
- Telegram from Berlin dated February 14, 1938, No. 56, Serial 741.62/225 signed "GILBERT."
- Telegram from Peiping via H. A. dated February 14, 1938, No. 110, Serial 793.94/12416 signed "LOCHMART."
- Telegram from Chefoo via H. A. Serial 793.94/12418 signed "ALLEN" referring to Japanese troop movements.
- Telegram sent February 15, 1938, 4:00 pm to American Legation, Vienna, No. 6, signed "HULL" and initialed S.
- Telegram sent from Washington, D. C. on February 15, 1938 to American Legation, Vienna, Serial 762.63/427 signed "HULL" and initialed S..
- Telegram from Vienna dated February 15, 1938, No. 20, Serial 762.63/428 signed "WILLY."
- Telegram from Paris dated February 15, 1938, No. 241, Serial 762.63/430, signed "BULLITT."
- Telegram from Paris dated February 15, 1938, No. 240, Serial 762.63/429 signed "BULLITT."
- Telegram from Vienna dated February 16, 1938, No. 25, Serial 762.63/440 signed "WILLY."
- Telegram from Paris dated February 16, 1938, No. 255, Serial 762.63/438 signed "BULLITT."

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- Q 49 Message from London dated Feb. 16, 1938, No. 136, signed "JOHNSTON"
- Q 50 and Q 51 Message from Paris dated Feb. 16, 1938, No. 249 signed "HULLIT"
- Q 52 Message to Secretary of State from Tientsin dated February 17, 1938, and signed "CALEWELL."
- Q 53 Message from Tokyo dated February 17, 1938, No. 111, to Secretary of State signed "GILL."
- Q 54 Message from Berlin dated February 17, 1938 to Secretary of State signed "GILBERT."
- Q 55 Message from Paris dated February 17, 1938 to Secretary of State, No. 269, signed "HULLITT."
- Q 56 Message dated February 18, 1938 captioned "German Domination of Central Europe and Czechoslovak Trade Agreement" signed "FEG."

- Telegram from London dated February 16, 1938, No. 136, Serial No. 500.A 15 A 5 Construction/109, signed "JOHNSTON."
- Confidential note to the Secretary of the Navy referring to enclosure of copy of telegram received from London dated February 18, 1938, Serial No. 500.A 15 A 5 Construction/109.
- Telegram from Paris dated February 16, 1938, No. 249, Serial No. 762.63/437, signed "HULLIT."
- Telegram from Tientsin via N. T. dated February 17, 1938, No. 39, serial 693.002/513 signed "CALEWELL."
- Telegram from Washington, D. C. dated March 19, 1938, to American Embassy, Tokyo, signed "HULL" and D. ..., serial 693.002/513.
- Telegram from Washington, D. C. dated February 21, 1938, to American Consul, Tientsin, China, signed "HULL" (M.P.H.), Serial 693.002/513.
- Telegram from Tokyo dated February 17, 1938, No. 111, Serial No. 693.94224/258 signed "GILL."
- Telegram from Berlin dated February 17, 1938, No. 60, serial 762.63/441, signed "GILBERT."
- Telegram from Paris dated February 17, 1938, No. 261, Serial 762.63/443, signed "HULLITT."
- Memorandum dated February 18, 1938, entitled "German Domination of Central Europe and Czechoslovak Trade Agreement," Serial No. 611/6031/591.

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- Q 57 Sheet headed "Austria, Germany" referring to items dated February 14, to 18 from Vienna, Berlin and Rome.
- Q 58 London No. 257, March 28, 8:00 pm, signed "KILBIDY."
- Q 59 Note dated March 29 referring to CARR, U. S. Minister at Prague and summary of cable signed by CARR.
- Q 60 Message headed Warsaw, No. 38 March 29, 4:00 pm, signed "RIDDLE."
- Q 61 Message from Rome No. 77 dated March 29 referring to "My 69 March 20" signed "PHILLIPS."
- Q 62 Message dated March 26 from LANE, U. S. Minister at Belgrade.
- Q 63 Message captioned "Germany" and dated March 26 from RAWEDAL, U. S. Consul at Buenos Aires.
- Telegram from Vienna dated February 16, 1938, No. 24, Serial 762.63/434 signed "HILY."
- Telegram from Berlin dated February 14, 1938, No. 54, Serial 611.6231/1010 signed "GILBERT."
- Telegram from Rome dated February 17, 1938, No. 34, Serial 762.63/444 signed "PHILLIPS."
- Telegram from Berlin dated February 18, 1938, No. 62, Serial 762.63/453 signed "GILBERT."
- Telegram from London dated March 28, 1938 No. 257 Serial 741.65/521 signed "KILBIDY."
- Telegram from Praha dated March 29, 1938 No. 50, Serial 760F.62/184, signed "CARR."
- Telegram from Warsaw dated March 29, 1938, No. 38, serial 740.00/338 signed "RIDDLE."
- Telegram from Rome dated March 29, 1938, No. 77, Serial No. 741.65/522 signed "PHILLIPS."
- Telegram from Belgrade dated March 26, 1938, No. 47, serial 760M.62/66, signed "LANE."
- Telegram from Buenos Aires, dated March 26, 1938, serial 662.3511/2 signed "RAWEDAL," concerning purchase of cereals and linseed by Germany in Argentina.

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Q 64 Message dated March 28 from U. S. Consal at Tampico, Mexico.

Telegram from Tampico dated March 28, 1938, serial 612.6563/3179, signed ARMSTRONG, referring to information from officials of oil companies.

Q 65 Message dated March 28 from PHILLIPS, U. S. Ambassador at Rome.

Telegram from Rome dated March 28, 1938, No. 76, serial 741.00/100 signed "PHILLIPS."

Q 66 Page bearing paragraphs under captions "England," "Germany," and "Italy," for dates March 29, March 30 and April 1.

Telegram from London dated March 29, 1938, No. 260, serial 500.A 15 A 5 CONSTRUCTION/141 signed "KIMBURY."

Telegram from Washington, D. C. to American Embassy, London, referring to "Your 260," serial 500.A 15 A 5 CONSTRUCTION/141, signed "HULL."

Copies of notes dated March 31, 1938, from CORDON HULL to the Minister of Canada, the Ambassador of the French Republic, and the British Ambassador, serial 500.A 15 A 5 CONSTRUCTION/141.

Telegram from Washington, D. C., dated March 31, 1938, to American Embassy, Rome, signed HULL, serial 500.A 15 A 5 CONSTRUCTION/141.

Telegram from Washington, D. C., dated March 31, 1938, to American Embassy, Tokyo, signed HULL, serial 500.A 15 A 5 CONSTRUCTION/141.

Letter from U. S. Legation, The Hague, Netherlands, dated February 26, 1938, No. 193, signed J. WEBB BARNES, serial 356.51/345.

Letter from U. S. Legation, The Hague, Netherlands, dated February 26, 1938, No. 194, concerning Netherlands' press reaction to HITLER'S Reichstag speech, signed J. WEBB BARNES, serial 762.00/100.

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Note headed "Far East" and dated March 28 referring to G.M., U. S. Ambassador to Tokyo, and U. S. Marine Detachment at Tientsin.

Telegram from Paris dated March 30, 1938, No. 497, signed "HULL", serial 7637.62/169.

Telegram from Genoa dated April 1, 1938, serial 865.33/5 signed "HULL".

Telegram from Tokyo dated March 28, 1938, No. 211, serial 894.51/566, signed "G.M."

Paraphrase of telegram received from American Embassy, Tokyo, Japan, dated March 28, 1938, No. 211, signed "G.M."

Note dated March 28, 1938, from Secretary of State to Secretary of Treasury enclosing paraphrase of telegram No. 211 of March 28, 1938, from the American Embassy, Tokyo, serial 894.51/566.

Telegram from Gardet Tientsin dated March 28, 1938, to Navy Department, ending with No. 0935, serial 793/94/12724.

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Page captioned "Japan" containing five paragraphs under dates of March 30, 31, April 1, March 31 and March 23.

Memorandum of Division of Latin American Affairs dated March 28, 1938, referring to telephone message from Bureau of Customs re Jap attempt to purchase manganese mine on Cocos Island.

Telegram from Wash., D. C. to San Jose, Costa Rica, dated March 30, 1938, Serial No. 818.6359/19B signed "HULL" and "G.M." concerning manganese mine on Cocos Island.

Telegram from Washington, D. C. to Panama dated March 30, 1938, Serial No. 818.6359/19A signed "HULL" and "G.M." concerning manganese mine on Cocos Island.

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Telegram from Panama via N. A. dated  
March 31, 1938, No. 25, Serial No.  
818.6359/20 signed "WILKINSON."

Telegram from San Jose dated April 1,  
1938 No. 22, Serial No. 818.6359/21  
signed "WILKINSON."

Telegram from Fourth Marines dated  
March 31, 1938, #8631, serial  
No. 793.94/12744. Message ends with  
#1859.

Telegram from Peiping via N. A. dated  
March 31, 1938, No. 201, serial  
No. 693.116 WILKINSON/6, signed  
"WILKINSON."

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Letter from American Consulate at  
Yokohama, Japan dated January 6, 1938  
enclosing a report on the New  
Economic Organization in Manchukuo.

Letter from the American Consulate  
at Yokohama, Japan dated January 6,  
1938 enclosing a report on the New  
Economic Organization in Manchukuo,  
Serial 893.50 WILKINSON/39 signed by  
RICHARD F. LOYCE, American Consul.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd *Jadd*

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

DATE: February 16, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓  
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Miss Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

ALLEGATIONS OF CHAMBERS REGARDING WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, was.,  
FORMERLY KNOWN AS UNKNOWN SUBJECT KEITH

Whittaker Chambers has advised that one of the photographers in his underground apparatus was known to him as "Keith" which name was a party pseudonym. He stated that "Keith" was connected with Colonel Bykov in New York City and came to Washington in 1937 for a short time to do some photographic work for Chambers in an apartment located in the Northwest Section of the city. He recalled that "Keith" came East from California. Chambers stated that he was introduced to "Keith" by Colonel Bykov. Chambers also advised that in 1935 his then superior "Bill" sent him to San Francisco with a money belt for the use of unknown individuals on the West Coast. He said he registered at the Golden Gate YICA under the name Lloyed Cantwell and by pre-arrangement was contacted by "Keith" whom he then met under the name "Pete." Subsequently "Keith" introduced him to an elderly man named Volkoff who has since been identified as Isaac Folkoff well known Communist on the West Coast. He stated that Volkoff was connected with the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat. Chambers said he was not certain whether he delivered the money belt to "Keith" or Volkoff. He said it was his understanding that the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat was then operating a courier system to Japan and he assumed that the money was for underground purposes. Chambers was not certain as to how much money he carried to the West Coast.

Chambers subsequently advised that he had a vague recollection that "Keith's" real name may have been Crane; that "Keith" was connected with John Loomis Sherman and that Sherman may have brought "Keith" into the apparatus when Sherman was on the West Coast. The San Francisco Office advised that in May, 1948, it was learned through a technical surveillance on the residence of Isaac Folkoff that an inquiry was made of Folkoff as to whether he knew this fellow Ed Crane or Bill Morgan. Folkoff stated that he had not seen him for two years but that he was "okay." It was further determined that the Ed Crane mentioned by Folkoff was identical with William Edward Crane, a Communist on the West Coast. A photograph of this individual was displayed to Whittaker Chambers on February 1, 1949, and he identified Crane as the individual known to him as "Keith."

INTERVIEWS WITH WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE

William Edward Crane has been interviewed by the Los Angeles Office intermittantly since February 7, 1949. He has furnished the following information in substantiation of Chambers' allegations.

Crane stated he joined the Communist Party in San Francisco about 1932 and shortly thereafter he was singled out by "Pop" Folkoff (Isaac

Folkoff), who took an interest in him and then arranged for him to meet John Loomis Sherman. Upon meeting Sherman, he wanted Crane to drop out of the Party and to do special work for an organization called ~~International Press Correspondence~~. Crane and Sherman went to Los Angeles where Sherman introduced Crane to an Italian couple who were later connected with Crane and Chambers in New York City. After publishing a newspaper in Los Angeles for three or four months, Sherman said that someone was after him and that he would have to leave. Sherman and Crane went to New York where Sherman introduced Crane to one "Bob," whom Crane has identified from a photograph as Whittaker Chambers. Crane remained in New York a month or so and then returned to San Francisco alone. Sherman followed him a few months later and sailed for the Orient.

After Sherman sailed for the Orient, Crane returned to New York City where he worked for Chambers doing photographic work. Crane recalled making several trips back and forth across the country, but could not recall the dates or reasons for this travel. He recalled meeting Chambers in San Francisco at the YKCA by pre-arrangement at which time Chambers was registered under the name of Cantwell. Crane said that Chambers delivered to him a rubber money belt for safe-keeping, and Crane kept it at home and later delivered it to Chambers in New York City. He recalled that Folkoff was with him and Chambers on one occasion while Chambers was in San Francisco at the time he delivered the money belt, but he was not certain that Folkoff was present when the money belt changed hands. He recalled the amount of money in the belt was at least two thousand dollars.

Crane stated that while in New York City after Sherman had left for the Orient he again met the Italian couple whom he had met in Los Angeles. The Italians had no work to do and to keep them occupied Chambers instructed Crane to teach the Italian's wife photography, which he did. The Italian man was known as "Pete," and had fought in the Spanish Revolution. Crane said that the Italian was not working for the apparatus although he and Chambers had a fixed meeting with the Italian once a month. Crane recalled that he worked with Chambers in New York, Washington, and Baltimore but only recalls doing photographic work in New York and Baltimore. He recalled on one occasion in Baltimore that he photographed Treasury Department and State Department documents every night for a week straight. He did not know the original source of these documents, and stated he has no recollection of ever having met Alger Hiss.

Crane recalled having met a red-haired Russian man named "Pete" (Colonel ~~Bykov~~) and has recently read that Chambers has identified this Russian as a colonel. He said that Chambers introduced him to this man at a pre-arranged meeting in New York City.

Crane advised that in the Fall of 1937 Chambers told him that their work had fallen into the hands of the Nazis and that everyone seemed to be traitors. It was decided that Crane should return to the West Coast and get out of the work. Chambers told Crane that Sherman was living in



southern California and warned him to stay away from Sherman and that everything would be all right. Crane advised that since his return to the West Coast he has had no connection whatever with Soviet espionage.

Crane advised that in about 1932 he met one Margaret Gutelius at a Communist Party meeting in California. In September, 1934, he and this woman lived together in Berkeley, California, as man and wife and they continued living in this manner during 1934 and 1935. He said that he could have <sup>had</sup> the money belt in his possession while residing with this woman in Berkeley. When Crane returned to New York to work for Chambers and up to the time that he left the work, he lived with Margaret Gutelius, who was then attending Columbia University Medical School. He stated that Gutelius knew that he was connected with some underground work and added that on one occasion she and Crane went with Colonel Bykov and Bykov's wife to a night club. (The Gutelius woman is presently residing in New Orleans, Louisiana, and her married name is Mrs. James ~~Watt~~.)

Crane advised he received a leica camera from John Loomis Sherman in San Francisco and later gave it to Chambers in New York City. He believes that Chambers later gave the camera to the wife of the Italian to whom Crane gave lessons in photography. He believes this woman may still have this camera. (The identity of this Italian woman has not been established to date.)

Crane stated that Chambers furnished him with money with which to purchase another leica camera in New York City. Crane had this camera until recently when it was obtained from him for examination by the FBI Laboratory. Crane recalls that he did some photographing of documents during one week in the summer of 1937 in an apartment in Washington, D. C. occupied by a girl known to Chambers; and that this girl would be away from the apartment while the photographing was being done.

Crane recalled that Chambers had mentioned some persons in the younger set at the State Department including the names of Alger Hiss, Laurence Duggan, Dean Acheson, Adolph Berle, and also the late Harry Dexter White. He stated that these conversations may have been with Colonel Bykov, and it was his impression that material was to be expected from some of these people or that some of them were considered as possible sources of material. Crane said that he was subsequently suprised to read some of the anti-Soviet statements made by Adolph Berle.

With further reference to Colonel Bykov, Crane advised that he was probably introduced to Colonel Bykov by Chambers and that he, Crane, kept prearranged meetings with Colonel Bykov on the average of once or twice a month. Crane said he never really knew the reason for his contacts with Bykov but on occasions he delivered money from Bykov to Chambers and sometimes when Chambers could not keep meetings with Bykov, Chambers would send Crane.

During the course of the interviews with Crane, a search of his home was made with his consent. However, this search revealed no film or documents pertinent to this case.

ACTION:

The above is being brought to your attention at this time inasmuch as Crane has substantiated to a large extent Chamber's allegations concerning his involvement in Soviet espionage. The interviews with him are continuing and he will undoubtedly be a valuable witness in the case against Alger Hiss because of his knowledge of the apparatus which was handled by Colonel Bykov, of which Alger Hiss allegedly was a part thereof. You will be kept informed of any further pertinent developments as a result of the interviews with Crane. All leads growing out of the above information furnished by Crane are being given expeditious attention as are all other leads in this case.

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*J. J. 16*



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York 7, New York

February 16, 1949

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Director, FBI

Att: Assistant Director D. M. Ladd

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Handwritten initials and signature: "MC" and a large signature.

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith is a photostatic copy of a statement in the handwriting of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS which was left by CHAMBERS with the agents interviewing him in a sealed envelope at the close of the interview on February 15, 1949. Mr. CHAMBERS requested that the agents open the envelope and read the communication following his departure.

DELETED BY [unclear]

As Inspector H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau was telephonically advised on the evening of February 15th, Mr. CHAMBERS is being interviewed for complete details as to the names, dates and places involved, as well as the identities of all persons who have knowledge of his activities along this line. CHAMBERS will also be questioned relative to any leanings of other persons mentioned by him in connection with this case which would indicate that they participated in activities of this type, either with CHAMBERS or with others. He will be closely questioned concerning ALGER HISS.

The Bureau will be further advised at the termination of the interview with Mr. CHAMBERS. For the information of the Bureau, Mr. CHAMBERS' request that only one agent interview him concerning this matter will not be acceded to unless absolutely necessary.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
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SPECIAL DELIVERY

enc. (attached to memo to Dir. dated 2-18-49)

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# Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *D.M.L.*

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *H.B.F.*

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

DATE: February 18, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated February 15, 1949, with regard to a letter and envelope left by Chambers with the interviewing agents of the New York Office upon the completion of an interview on that date. You will recall that the envelope contained a statement by Chambers in which he admitted that he has been a homosexual.

There is attached hereto a photostatic copy of Chambers' statement and a typed copy of the same statement.

The New York Office has advised that Chambers is being interviewed for complete details as to the names, dates and places involved in the attached statement, as well as the identities of all persons who may have knowledge of Chambers activities along this line. Chambers will also be questioned relative to any leanings of other persons mentioned by him in connection with this case which would indicate that they participated in activities of this type either with Chambers or with others. Chambers will also be closely questioned concerning Alger Hiss.

You will be kept advised of any additional information in this regard.  
 Attachment

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RECOMMENDATION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 DATE 1-31-81 BY 10320 PWR/ew

It is recommended that the information contained in the attached statement and the information which Chambers may subsequently furnish concerning this matter be made available to T. J. Donegan by the New York Office.

*V. J. [Signature]*

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*Belmont  
 advised 10:50 AM  
 2-19-49*

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We have now reached a point in my testimony where I must testify to certain facts which should be told only to a priest. Therefore, to save embarrassment to myself, and possibly to others, I have attached a general statement of these facts which may be used as a basis for specific questions.

As a special courtesy, I should like to have only one agent present during this interview. For some reason the presence of a second agent makes the ordeal more difficult.

Whittaker Chambers

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ENCLOSURE

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Alger Hiss's defense obviously intends to press the charge that I have had homosexual relations with certain individuals. With the resumption of pre-trial deposition, it is necessary to face this issue since my answer or refusal to answer certain questions must have a direct bearing on the case. I am for stating the facts. They are as follows:

The cause of separation between my father and my mother, which I have described in my statement, was chiefly due to my father's active homosexuality.

As a boy, I was aware that something peculiar was involved, and I even knew the name of the other participant. But the nature of homosexuality remained secret to me. Nevertheless, I undoubtedly inherited this tendency from my father. It was no doubt further intensified by the domination of our home by my mother, who taught us that sex is an evil.

Yet I did not know what homosexuality meant until I was more thirty years old. Until then, some of my friendships with men were too intense but they were completely innocent. My relations with women were slow to develop, but were normal.

The defense will probably bear down on my relationships with ~~Michael~~ Intrator and Frank ~~Bang~~.

I. Relations with Intrator. Nothing in this relationship at any time exceeded the strong friendship natural between two men deeply interested in the same political and journalistic experiences.

II. Relations with Frank Bang. No physical relations occurred during this friendship. Nevertheless, it was a homosexual relationship. For the first three or four years, this friendship was perfectly innocent,

based on common interests in camping, canoeing and outdoor living. But when both of us became involved with the same girl (I shall describe the relationship in the course of my general statement), I became conscious that my friendship with Frank Bang was excessive. I am not sure how much he realized. Both of us individually continued to live with various women. One of these subsequently told my wife that "the trouble with Frank is that he is in love with Whittaker". At the time this remark was made, I was seeing Frank Bang very seldom. I presently ceased seeing him altogether. By that time both of us were married and the fathers of children.

When I say this relationship was homosexual, I mean that Frank Bang and I were attracted to each to the exclusion of most of other relationships. It was the kind of exclusive comradeship that often develops in war between soldiers. The manifestations of this relationship are quite obvious to other people - much more so than to the persons involved. Hence the defense may have many people who would charge a much greater degree of relationship than actually existed.

III. Relations with others. In 1933 or 4, a young fellow stopped me on the street in N.Y. and asked me if I could give him a meal and lodgings for the night. I fed him and he told me about his life as a miner's son. I was footloose, so I took him to a hotel to spend the night. There he presently taught me an experience I did not know existed. At the same time, he revealed to me, and unleashed, the hereditary tendency of which I was still unaware. Because it had been repressed so long, it was all the more violent when once set free. For three or four years, I fought a wavering battle against this affliction. Ten years or more ago, with God's help, I absolutely conquered it. This does not mean that I am

completely immune to such stimuli. It does mean that my self-control is complete and that for years I have lived a blameless and devoted life as husband and father.

The Hiss forces, of course, will seek to prove that my weakness entered into my relations with Alger~~Hiss~~ and possibly others. This is completely untrue. At no time, did I have such relations, or ever the thought of such relations with Hiss or with anybody else in the Communist Party or connected with Communist work of any kind. I kept my secret as jealously from my associates in the C. P. as I did from everyone else. I tell it now only because, in this case, I stand for truth. Having testified mercilessly against others, it has become my function to testify mercilessly against myself. I have said before that I am consciously destroying myself. This is not from love of self destruction but because only if we are consciously prepared to destroy ourselves in the struggle can the thing we are fighting be destroyed.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE

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

DATE: March 7, 1949

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

At the Executive Conference on February 28, 1949, attended by Messrs. Tolson, Ladd, Glavin, Tracy, Harbo, Mohr, Carlson, Nichols, N. H. McCabe, Rosen and Fletcher, the Hiss-Chambers case was discussed with reference to a suggestion of Mr. Tom Donegan relating to the testimony to be made concerning the document identification. Mr. Donegan advised that as far as he can determine, there will be at least two and may be three document experts who will testify in this case in behalf of the defense, and if, in fact, such experts do testify in behalf of Hiss, it will mean that their testimony will be in contradiction to the findings which will be made by the Bureau document examiner. Mr. Donegan suggested that perhaps it might be desirable to have more than one Bureau document examiner testify to the findings in this case. The policy in the past has been to have but one Bureau document examiner testify in any given document identification matter.

The Conference was of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Donegan should be informed that it appeared to be undesirable to have more than one Bureau document examiner testify. The defense could assert that there must be some particular reason for such action, that the Bureau was attempting to bolster its own experts, and also cross examination would reveal that it was not until the last minute that the second Bureau document examiner went over the material to reach his findings.

If you agree, the New York Office will be advised in accord with the recommendation of the Conference.

Respectfully,  
For the Conference

Clyde Tolson

Belmont advised  
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cc - Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Mohr

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*F. L. Jones*

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WHEARTY DID STATE GOVT. WOULD OBJECT TO A NUMBER OF REQUESTS DEFENSE MADE IN THEIR MOTION PAPERS SUCH AS FBI REPORTS. MC LEAN DECLARED DEFENSE HAS MADE STRENUOUS BUT UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO LOCATE HISS TYPEWRITER, THAT HE UNDERSTANDS FBI HAS ALSO SEARCHED FOR IT AND THAT IF IT HAS BEEN LOCATED, AN EXAMINATION THEREOF IS VITAL TO DEFENSE. WHEARTY DID NOT INDICATE GOVT. DOES NOT KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF TYPEWRITER AND HEARING WAS THEN ADJOURNED.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *EBF*

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: 2-23-49

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Reference is made to the attached teletype from the New York Office dated February 21, 1949, which relates to activities on the part of Hiss' attorney to secure the various pertinent documents in this matter for examination by defense experts. It is noted that Hiss' attorney stressed the fact that their efforts to locate the typewriter of Hiss was unsuccessful and that the FBI was searching for it.

At 9:45 a.m. today, Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department called me and stated that last Friday Mr. McLean had indicated that he had a good lead on the typewriter. He also remarked that everywhere that he has gone Bureau Agents had been ahead of him. Mr. Whearty stated his purpose in calling was to find out whether it was a fact that the typewriter had not yet been located. I told him it had not been located.

ACTION: None. For information.

HBF:cmw

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *10/1* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE R  
INTERNAL SECURITY R

DATE: February 23, 1949

It is requested that the Baltimore Office make inquiry at the Mineral Pigments Company located at Muirik, Maryland, which has been determined to be the only color company located between Washington and Baltimore. This is believed to be a logical lead in view of the fact that ZIMMERMAN'S background reveals that he was employed as a chemist by a color company located between Washington and Baltimore.

cc: Baltimore (SD)  
New York

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: February 23, 1949

It will be recalled that as set out in New York teletype to Washington Field Office dated February 1, 1949, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has advised that in the latter part of 1934 he began to act as a courier between JAY PETERS in New York and the underground Communist group organized by HAROLD WARE in Washington, D. C., called "Apparatus A". CHAMBERS stated that his duties as a courier were taken over by an unknown subject described only as being a small dark Jewess. CHAMBERS has stated that this Jewess was the secretary of one ANDREE EMERREY who was known to him as a member of the Communist Party and the daughter of a former police official in Hungary. CHAMBERS stated that EMERREY was acquainted with JOHN COLLIER who was then head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior and that through COLLIER she was able to secure a position in the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington. CHAMBERS stated that at about this time, that is, 1934 or 1935, he drove JAY PETERS, ANDREE EMERREY and the unknown subject Jewess from New York City to Washington and that from the conversation on this trip and from JAY PETERS, he learned that the unknown subject Jewess was to operate as a courier as set out above. CHAMBERS stated that he never saw the unknown subject Jewess again but that on one occasion he did visit ANDREE EMERREY in Washington. He recalled that EMERREY at this time was living in an apartment house on Florida Avenue near the intersection of Florida and Connecticut Avenues, Northwest.

ANDREE EMERREY is known to the Bureau, New York and San Francisco Offices as the present Mrs. ROY HUDSON. Both she and her husband are long-time party members and have resided in New York City and Pittsburgh.

Investigation at Washington has reflected that EMERREY was employed as Chief of the Planning Division, Indian Rehabilitation, Office of Indian Affairs, United States Department of Interior from May, 1935 until the latter part of July or the early part of August, 1935. In connection with this employment, EMERREY supervised some fifteen technical employees and thirteen file, clerical, stenographic and drafting employees. As Head of this Planning Division, EMERREY was a P-4 earning \$4,600 per annum.

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February 23, 1949

This office has interviewed numerous individuals at the Office of Indian Affairs, United States Department of Interior without effecting an identification in connection with EMERREY's secretary. Investigation conducted by the Washington Field Office has also indicated that EMERREY lived for a short time in 1935 at 2129 Florida Avenue, Northwest, which is a short block from the intersection of Florida and Connecticut Avenues. Present and past residents of this apartment house, as well as the 1935 manager, do not recall EMERREY.

The San Francisco Office, at the request of this office, has interviewed one WALTER WOHLKE, now Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of Interior, Sacramento, California. WOHLKE was named by several individuals as one who would probably recall EMERREY and it is noted that WOHLKE wrote the plan sheet in which details of EMERREY's position were set out.

WOHLKE said he recalled EMERREY and that she, one WARD ~~SHEPARD~~ and an unknown woman with the initials "KKK" became embroiled in a love triangle with the result that SHEPARD suffered a nervous breakdown and his wife was admitted to the St. Elizabeth's Hospital. WOHLKE stated that as far as he could recall, "KKK" was a secretary to SHEPARD. WOHLKE could not identify the unknown Jewess nor could he give further information.

SHEPARD was interviewed on February 18, 1949. He has stated that he first met ANDREE EMERREY on a ship on which both were returning from Europe in the summer of 1933 or 1934, probably the latter date. He said that he continued his acquaintance with EMERREY and was able to secure for her a position with the Indian Rehabilitation Unit of the Office of Indian Affairs and that this position was made available to her through JOHN COLLIER. According to SHEPARD, COLLIER interviewed her for this position. SHEPARD specifically denied that he had any untoward relations with EMERREY and further advised that he had never employed a secretary whose initials were "KKK". He did recall a girl named KATHRYN KENNEDY EVERETT, a divorcee who was employed in his office for a short time somewhere between 1933 and 1935 and may have been employed throughout those years. SHEPARD also said that he had been told by WOHLKE sometime around 1940 that KATHRYN KENNEDY EVERETT and a blind dictaphone operator in SHEPARD's office had been vying

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for his attention. SHEPARD stated that WOHLKE told him this jocosely and that the matter had escaped his attention until he was told of it by WOHLKE. SHEPARD advised that he had attached no importance to it and that in his opinion WOHLKE had regarded the matter lightly. SHEPARD was not advised, of course, that this Bureau had learned of this matter through WOHLKE.

The Indian Rehabilitation Unit of the United States Department of Interior was first created, according to numerous employees of USDI, by a grant of money and personnel from the United States Department of Agriculture in about 1935. At any rate, very early in the early part of 1935. This organization was discontinued in the Spring of 1936 and reinstated shortly thereafter with funds made available by the Emergency Relief Program; consequently, there are two sets of personnel and two sets of records involved in the Indian Rehabilitation organization. It is thought that the records reflecting EMERREY's organizational setup are probably with the United States Department of Agriculture but efforts to locate these records at the USDA have thus far met with negative results. Payrolls at the USDI for the pertinent period have been searched but EMERREY's name does not appear thereon. The Fiscal Division of the United States Department of Agriculture has advised that the only copy of Rural Resettlement Administration payrolls are in the General Accounting Office and the USDA is unable to furnish information necessary to locate these records at GAO.

The New York Office has advised by teletype dated February 14, 1949 that JOHN COLLIER, now a New York resident, has been interviewed and does not recall any one named ANDREE EMERREY. COLLIER did recall a woman of "foreign extraction" but recalled no details about her. The New York Office should reinterview JOHN COLLIER in view of the fact that Mr. WARD SHEPARD has stated that he made a recommendation directly to COLLIER that he, COLLIER, hire EMERREY and that SHEPARD also recalled COLLIER interviewed EMERREY. It is suggested that CHAMBERS himself be reinterviewed in connection with information set out in New York teletype dated February 1, 1949 to the effect that "It is possible that there was or had been some personal relationship between him, COLLIER, and Miss EMERREY.

SHEPARD has stated that one DANIEL MURPHY, currently believed to be in Minneapolis, was probably EMERREY's immediate supervisor. Inquiry at the USDI reflects that DANIEL MURPHY is in the Office of the Regional

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Director, Office of Indian Affairs, USDI, 214 Federal Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. C. E. LANSON, Personnel Officer, Office of Indian Affairs, advised that according to his records MURPHY is presently in Sacramento due to the illness of WALTER WOEHLIKE.

The St. Paul and the San Francisco Office should immediately check to determine whether MURPHY is in fact now present in Minneapolis or San Francisco and he should be immediately interviewed by either office.

The Washington Field Office will continue to try to establish the identity of the unsub secretary to EMEREY. It is noted that the office which interviews MURPHY should make every effort to identify this unsub secretary and should question MURPHY closely in connection with the disposition of any personnel plans or organizational charts which existed at the time he was connected with Indian Rehabilitation.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 24, 1949

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

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

WILLIAM LEED FIGMAN

Rerep SA CLARK J. LOVRELL, dated February 8, 1949 at Milwaukee.

On page five of reference report, FIGMAN relates an incident wherein he forwarded to a woman in Moscow, Russia a shipment of household goods and other items at the request of the woman's husband who is a professor acquaintance of FIGMAN's at Leipzig University, Germany. It will be noted that at the time of interview, FIGMAN was anxious that this information be furnished to the FBI, yet he would not let the letter and the license forms out of his possession for the purpose of photostating. By letter dated February 16, 1949, FIGMAN advised this office that he had been unable to make satisfactory arrangements to have these items photostated in Appleton, Wisconsin and ordered to come to Milwaukee where this could be done in his presence.

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FIGMAN appeared at the Milwaukee Office the morning of February 23, 1949 and in his presence photostatic copies of these documents were made. Upon his own suggestion, FIGMAN wrote his name, date, and a number on the face of each original before it was photostated. He then initialed and dated the negatives of each photostat on the back thereof.

There are being enclosed with the copy of this letter to New York Office the negative photostats and one positive copy from the negative of each of the following documents in the order as numbered by FIGMAN:

1. A letter from Sears Roebuck and Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; dated December 7, year not given, and addressed to Dr. WARD FIGMAN, 2006 North Stratford Street, Arlington, Virginia.

2. The reverse side of letter #1.

3. A document in Russian described in #1 as "official license" bearing serial number 91777 at the top of the document.

4. Same as #3 but bearing serial number 91778.

5. Same as #3 but bearing serial number 91779.

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There is enclosed with this letter to the Bureau one positive copy of each of the above documents. UC.

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F.L. [Signature]

JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP. R., IS-R. SAAG T. J. DONEGAN FURNISHED ACCOUNT  
GJ ACTIVITY TODAY. LEE PRESSMAN TESTIFIED [Redacted]

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[Redacted] AND WIFE

ALSO TESTIFIED, IT BEING RECALLED THEY WERE SUBPOENAED [Redacted]

[Redacted] AND WERE VERY UNCOOPERATIVE AND  
NOTHING OF ASSISTANCE OR INTEREST TO INSTANT CASE DEVELOPED. INTER-  
ROGATION OF THEM WILL PROBABLY BE RESUMED NEXT WEEK. ANNA LOUISE

STRONG WILL BE SOLE WITNESS TOMORROW.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE R  
INTERNAL SECURITY R

DATE: February 24, 1949

Investigation by this office reflected that one JOHN R. CARROLL also known as JOHNNY CARROLL, during approximately 1937 and for a few years thereafter, was employed as a clerk and later business manager of the publication "Work" of the Workers Alliance of America with headquarters in Washington, D.C. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has advised that DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN utilized the apartment of a friend in either North East or South East Washington in order to photograph documents which CHAMBERS turned over to ZIMMERMAN. To date, efforts to locate that apartment have been negative. Investigation of CARROLL has reflected that he was an ardent camera enthusiast while employed by the Workers Alliance and it is believed that he actually did photographic work for that organization. It is believed advisable to interview CARROLL and he is believed to reside at 69 Mason Drive, Brookline, Massachusetts. CARROLL while in this area, resided at 4116 Wells Ave., Brentwood, Maryland and 1116 Owens Pl., N.E. He was formerly employed by the L. P. Steuart Oil Burner Distributors at 138 12th St., N.E. He lived for a time at 2109 Cedar St., Mt. Rainier, Maryland. The Boston Office is requested to interrogate CARROLL as to his knowledge of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, was, and if he has any knowledge of ZIMMERMAN'S photographic activities as alleged by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Will determine from CARROLL, if not involved in this case, whether or not he has any knowledge of any close associates or friends of ZIMMERMAN who live in the vicinity of Lincoln Park, 11th and East Capitol Sts., Washington, D.C.

A photograph of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, was, is enclosed for the assistance of the Boston Office in interviewing CARROLL.

The following is a description of ZIMMERMAN:

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Name:	DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, was, DAVID CARPENTER, STEVE POTTER, HAROLD WILSON
Born:	June 21, 1906 at Baltimore, Maryland
Citizenship:	United States
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	140 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown

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Complexion:	Sallow
Peculiarities:	Deep furrows running from corners of eyes past nostrils, smokes pipe continuously, has dirty appearance.
Marital status:	Married. Wife, MARION ZIMMERMAN also known as MARION CARPENTER
Occupation:	Book reviewer and proof reader for the New York Daily Worker
Residences:	Formerly lived with mother, RACHEL ZIMMERMAN, 100 Jackson Pl., Baltimore, Maryland
Father:	MORRIS ZIMMERMAN
Brother:	JESSE ZIMMERMAN

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 TO : MR. JONES *ref*  
 FROM : MR. FLETCHER *HB*  
 SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS  
 PERJURY;  
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DATE: 2-25-49

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 11:20 a.m. today, ASAC Belmont, New York, called in and stated that with reference to the lead set out for the New Haven Office to interview Mrs. William C. Marshall of Ansonia, Connecticut, he had made arrangements so that an Agent of the New York Office could be present, since it is indicated her information relates to the strictly confidential data regarding Chambers, and they want to be certain that an Agent fully conversant with the facts was present at the interview.

I told him it would be proper to have a New York Agent present.

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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP R, ISR. RENVTEL FEB TWENTYTHREE INST RE PETER MAGRINI. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN STATEN ISLAND "ADVANCE" ISSUE, MARCH SIX, THIRTYSEVEN, REFLECTS ARTICLE ON YOLE MAGRINI, INDICATING SHE HAD TAKEN UP PHOTOGRAPHY TWO YEARS BEFORE AND HAD USED A MINIATURE CAMERA, BUT "LATER SHE TRADED IT FOR A LEICA." THE ARTICLE RELATED THAT YOLE MAGRINI DID HER OWN PRINTING OF PHOTOGRAPHS AT HOME, AND STATED THAT SHE HAD TAKEN A NUMBER OF STARTLING SHOTS, MAINLY OF THE PUSH CART AREA ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE OF NY, AND ALSO OF THE STAPLETON STATEN ISLAND WATERFRONT. ARTICLE SAID YOLE MAGRINI RESIDED ONE NAUGHT FOUR ST. MARKS PLACE, STATEN ISLAND, NY. IT IS NOTED THAT CHECK MADE BY WFO IN FORTYSIX OF PASSPORT RECORD REFLECTED THAT PETER MICHELANGELO MAGRINI IN FEB, THIRTYNINE GAVE ONE NAUGHT FOUR ST. MARKS PLACE, AS HIS RESIDENCE. THIS WOULD INDICATE YOLE MAGRINI WAS PETER MAGRINI-S FORMER WIFE AND FURTHER TIES IN WITH INFO GIVEN BY CRANE THAT HE HAD TAUGHT MAGRINI-S FORMER WIFE PHOTOGRAPHY AND THAT SHE MAY HAVE THE LEICA CAMERA CRANE HAD ORIGINALLY SECURED FROM SHERMAN. EFFORTS TO LOCATE WHEREABOUTS OF YOLANDA MAGRINI CONTINUING.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 25, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAHAM; PERJURY;  
ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to Washington Field Office letter to the Bureau, carbon copy to New York and Savannah, dated February 8, 1949.

Referenced letter requested that a photograph of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, with aliases, be forwarded to the Savannah Office.

Accordingly two photographs of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, with aliases are being forwarded as enclosures with this letter to the Savannah Office.

The Savannah Office is requested to conduct the investigation indicated in referenced letter in regard to determining whether DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN is identical with DAVID WINSTON ZIMMERMAN mentioned in referenced letter.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAHAM; PERJURY;  
ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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DATE: February 25, 1949

Reference is made to Los Angeles teletype dated February 16, 1949. Said teletype requested that photographs of subjects in this case be forwarded to the Los Angeles Office.

Accordingly there are being forwarded as enclosures with this letter, Air Mail Special Delivery to Los Angeles, a photograph of each of the following individuals for the use of the Los Angeles Office in this investigation:

WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN  
HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH, with alias  
DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, with aliases (2 photographs)  
FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, with aliases  
ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING, with alias  
FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN, with alias

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(U) In addition it is noted that pictures of the following subjects in this case are presently available to the Los Angeles Office in their copy of the Russian Intelligence Album: [X]

HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR.  
ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN with alias  
ALEXANDER STEVENS, with alias

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Also it is noted that copies of photographs of the following three individuals have previously been forwarded to the Los Angeles Office:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases  
ALGER HISS  
PRISCILLA HISS, with aliases

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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Photographs of WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE with alias and of MORRIS ASINOW, with alias are in the possession of the Los Angeles Office.

In addition to the above photographs of the subjects in this case, there are being forwarded as enclosures with this letter photographs of the following individuals who have had connection with the subjects of this case

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for the assistance of the Los Angeles Office:

MARGARET GUTELIUS, also known as Mrs. James Watt  
MRS. JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
LEE PRESSMAN  
JOHN KABT  
MAX BEDACHT

There is no photograph of MAXIM LIEBER presently available to this Office. Efforts are being made to secure a photograph of MAXIM LIEBER and when same is secured, it will be forwarded to the Los Angeles Office.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC GUY HOTTEL, Washington Field  
 SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: February 25, 1949

Re: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

Rebulet February 3, 1949.

Officer record of Lt. Colonel JEROME K. OHRBACH, formerly associated in the Army Air Force Maintenance and Materiels Distribution Division with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, 1943 and 1944, disclosed the following:

OHRBACH commissioned First Lt. ASN 0908736, on June 10, 1942. Received following military assignments; from June, 1942 to December, 1942, Eastern Procurement Division, Materiel Command; from December, 1942 to March, 1943, Headquarters Materiel Command; from March, 1943 to about July, 1944, Headquarters, Army Air Forces Maintenance Materiel Distribution Division, Pentagon, Washington, D. C., overseas July, 1944 to January, 1945; - released from active duty February 2, 1945.

Record further reflects OHRBACH under immediate command of Brigadier General WILLIAM O'DWYER of the Economic Section, Allied Control Council in Italy and was a Special Project Officer for Major General BENNETT E. MYERS from January, 1944, to June, 1944.

SILVERMAN employed AAF, Washington, D. C., March 27, 1942, to August 18, 1945. From August 1, 1943 until resignation August 18, 1945 was Director of Materiels, Maintenance and Distribution of the Army Air Force under supervision of Major General MYERS.

OHRBACH associated with OHRBACH, Inc., Department Store, New York City, as President.

New York is requested to interview OHRBACH in accordance with instructions contained in referenced Bulet.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
 Perjury  
 Espionage - R  
 Internal Security - R

DATE: February 25, 1949

Rebulet dated February 3, 1949 requesting investigation of *B*  
ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

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Dr. GUSTAVE PECK, formerly employed as special assistant, Labor Advisory Board, N.R.A., advised that SILVERMAN was employed by the Board as a statistician from October, 1933 to June, 1934 at which time, he was dismissed for inefficiency and unsatisfactory services. It is PECK's belief that SILVERMAN may have been recommended for this position by Dr. LEO WOLMAN, former chairman of the Board who is presently located at the National Bureau for Economic Research, Columbus Circle, New York City; further, that SILVERMAN's immediate supervisor was Mr. HOWARD A. MEYERS, now believed to be a practicing attorney in the Boston area and an instructor at Boston University.

The New York and Boston Offices are requested to interview Dr. WOLMAN and Mr. MEYERS in attempts to establish reasons for SILVERMAN's dismissal and any association with individuals as set out in Bureau letter dated December 13, 1948.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE  
SUBJECT: JAHAM,  
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 25, 1949

ReNYtel February 14, 1949, requesting this office to interview MARY MCGAIR, former Personnel Director, Indian Affairs, for information in her possession concerning ANDREE EMERREY, cited by CHAMBERS in New York teletype February 1, 1949.

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It will be recalled that an unsub secretary to ANDREE EMERREY took over from CHAMBERS as a courier for the HAROLD WARE group between Washington and New York City probably in the summer of 1935. MARY MCGAIR now resides at 71 West 12th Street, Apartment G-3, New York City. The phone number of this apartment is Oregon 5-0577 and it is held in the name of Miss JANE KALLENBERG. MCGAIR works at the Area Office of the New York State Department of Social Welfare, 205 East 42nd Street, New York City. Telephone Murray Hill 4-5000. New York should interview.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher

DATE: March 9, 1949

FROM : J. E. Milnes

*JEM F* *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: PAHAM  
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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 5:47 p.m. this date, Supervisor Al Tuohy of the New York Division called. He said that Supervisor Feehan of the Laboratory was scheduled to arrive at LaGuardia at 9:35 a.m. tomorrow morning. Mr. Tuohy indicated Mr. Feehan would be met by Special Agent Shannon at the time he arrived; however, in the event Supervisor Feehan missed Special Agent Shannon, then he should go to the American Airlines ticket counter where Special Agent Shannon would contact him. I informed Supervisor Feehan of the above.

*F.L. [Signature]*

At 6:40 p.m., ASAC Belmont called and said they had definitely determined that Mr. Tom Murphy, Chief of the Criminal Division in the U. S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, together with Mr. Donegan, was going to try the Hiss perjury case. It appears that we were previously advised that there had been some discussion about Mr. Kelley of the Department handling this matter. You will recall that I advised you of the above.

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GAHAM, PERJURY, ESP R. RE NEW HAVEN TEL FEB TWENTY THIRD, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, WHICH STATES THAT IN VIEW OF FACT CHAMBERS NOT ABLE TO IDENTIFY PLACE AT WHICH HE STAYED IN THOMASTON, CONN, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IN SUCH DIRECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY NEW HAVEN. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND NEW HAVEN OFFICE CHAMBERS, WHEN HE WAS FIRST QUESTIONED CONCERNING HIS TRIP WITH ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS TO THOMASTON, CONN., PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND TO THE SUMMER HOME OF HARRY DEXTER WHITE IN THE LATE SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE GEORGRAPHICAL ASPECTS OF THE SMALL SQUARE IN THE CENTER OF THOMASTON, AS WELL AS THE ANGLES OF THE ROADS LEADING OFF OF THE SQUARE AND THE LOCATION OF THE TOURIST HOME AT WHICH ALL THREE STOPPED AS BEING A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THIS TOWN SQUARE. IT WILL ALSO BE RECALLED THAT CHAMBERS HAS A FAIR RECOLLECTION THAT ALGER HISS SIGNED A GUEST REGISTER IN THOMASTON, CONN, ON THIS OCCASION. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR STOP AT PETERBOROUGH HE DEFINITELY RECALLED SEEING A PLAY

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"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER" AND THAT INVESTIGATION AT PETERBOROUGH REFLECTED THAT THIS PLAY ACTUALLY WAS PORTRAYED BY THE PETERBOROUGH PLAYERS AT STERN-S FARM DURING THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST TENTH TO AUGUST FIFTEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. WHILE IN PETERBOROUGH WITH AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE ON FEB TWENTY SECOND, CHAMBERS ALSO RATHER DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED THE BLEAK HOUSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THAT CITY AS BEING THE TOURIST HOME AT WHICH THE HISSES AND HIMSELF RESIDED FOR ONE NIGHT WHILE ON THIS TRIP. IT IS OF COURSE APPRECIATED THAT CHAMBERS WAS UNABLE TO DEFINITELY IDENTIFY THE PARTICULAR HOUSE IN THAMASTON IN WHICH THE HISSES STAYED. HOWEVER, IF THIS TOURIST HOME IN THOMASTON IS LOCATED AND A REGISTER SHOWING THAT ALGER HISS SIGNED SUCH REGISTER USING THE TRUE NAMES OF THE PARTY OR FICTITIOUS ONES, IT WILL DEFINITELY PROVE THAT ALGER HISS SAW WHITTAKER CHAMBERS SUBSEQUENT TO DEC NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, UPON WHICH THE SECOND COUNT IN THE PERJURY INDICTMENT AGAINST HISS IS BASED. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS NOT DEFINITELY PROVED THIS ASSOCIATION IT IS BELIEVED THAT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY THE NEW HAVEN OFFICE. CHAMBERS HAS DESCRIBED THE AREA IN

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WHICH THIS HOUSE WAS PROBABLY LOCATED AS BEING IN A TRIANGLE BOUNDED BY THE TOWN MAIN STREET /ROUTE TWO NAUGHT TWO/ ON THE WEST., ELM STREET ON THE EAST, AND UNION STREET. IN THIS REGARD CHAMBERS DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE HOUSE MAY BE ON THE WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET. IT WAS ALSO OBSERVED THAT THERE IS A PARKING LOT OPPOSITE THE THOMASTON HOTEL WHICH IS EMBRACED IN THIS TRIANGLE AND THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD A TOURIST HOME MAY HAVE BEEN LOCATED ON THIS GROUND. THE POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT ONE OF THE HOUSES IN THIS AREA MIGHT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE. OR ALTERED SO THAT CHAMBERS COULD NOT RECOGNIZE IT. IT IS, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED THAT THE HISTORY OF EVERY HOUSE IN THIS DESCRIBED TRIANGLE DURING THE PERINEENT PERIOD BE ASCERTAINED. IT IS APPRECIATED THAT THIS MAY ENTAIL THE INVESTIGATION OF PROBABLY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO TWO HUNDRED HOUSES, HOWEVER, IT IS FELT THAT EVERY ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THIS TOURIST HOME.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 25, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WFO

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

This office has been instructed to determine the personnel who were associated, departmentalwise, with ALGER HISS and to interview each person along the lines suggested in this letter.

For your information ALGER HISS was employed from May, 1933 to April, 1935 as a Principal Attorney, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The Washington Field Office has determined that Miss MARGARET BRAISLIN BENNETT was employed as an attorney at the Agriculture Adjustment Administration, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., from December, 1933 through February, 1935.

The personnel file of MARGARET BRAISLIN PORTER nee BENNETT concerning her employment at the National Labor Relations Board, was reviewed at the Industrial Records Section of the National Archives. This file reflected that MARGARET PORTER served as legal secretary for the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, from November, 1932 through May, 1933. She served as an attorney at the Agriculture Adjustment Administration, December, 1933 through February, 1935. From June 1, 1935, until 1936 she served as an associate attorney at the Resettlement Administration.

The personnel file of JOHN WOLCOTT PORTER, husband of MARGARET PORTER nee BENNETT, was reviewed at room 4212, Department of Justice. This file reflects that JOHN PORTER served as a special attorney in the Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice at Denver, Colorado, from 1938 to 1943. Mr. PORTER was investigated under the Hatch Act and the report of Special Agent FRANK T. GRASSY, dated October 20, 1931, at Denver, Colorado, entitled "JOHN W. PORTER, Special Attorney, Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice, Internal Security, Hatch Act" reflects that while the PORTERS resided at R.F.D. #3, Box 76, Littleton, Colorado, that they received from two to ten letters per day. MARGARET B. PORTER'S mail was addressed to the secretary of the Civil Liberties Union.

This file also contains a memorandum from the Director to Mr. PEYTON FORD, the Assistant to the Attorney General, dated January 12, 1948, subject - JOHN WILLIAM PORTER, Security Matter - C. This memorandum refers to the Hatch Act Investigation that was conducted relative to JOHN W. PORTER, a special attorney in the Anti-Trust Division at Denver, Colorado. This memorandum states that PORTER has been identified as chairman of the Pasadena East Side Branch of the Los Angeles Communist Party and that he was employed by the law firm of KATZ, GALLAGHER, and MARGOLIS, which is a known Communist law firm in Los Angeles.

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The Los Angeles Office is being requested to locate MARGARET ~~B.~~ PORTER nee BENNETT, wife of JOHN W. PORTER, who was associated with the law firm of Katz, Gallagher and Margolis in January, 1948 and who has been identified as Chairman of the Pasadena East Side Branch of the Los Angeles Communist Party. MARGARET B. PORTER nee BENNETT should be interviewed as to the information she has at her disposal relative to ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS. Determine the relationship between HISS and BENNETT during their mutual employment at the Agriculture Adjustment Administration. Obtain close social and professional contacts of ALGER HISS. If BENNETT ever visited the HISS home obtain names of maids and baby sitters. Determine if she ever corresponded with either ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS and if she possesses any typewritten correspondence from ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS.

A photograph of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN is being enclosed for your use in regard to this investigation. Photographs of ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for use in conducting this investigation were forwarded to your office by letter to the Director, from the New York Office, subject, JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al, Perjury, Espionage - R, dated January 21, 1949.

CC: Los Angeles (AMSD), encl.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 25, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WFO

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

This office has been instructed to determine the personnel who were associated, departmentalwise, with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and to interview each person along the lines suggested in this letter.

For your information ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN was born in Poland on February 7, 1900 and became a naturalized United States citizen at Boston, Massachusetts on June 24, 1921. During 1933 and 1934 SILVERMAN was employed on the Labor Advisor Board, National Recovery Administration and from 1934 to 1936 he was employed as an economist for the United States Tariff Commission, both Washington, D. C.

Investigation reflects that SILVERMAN resided in apartment #203 at 40 Independence Avenue, S.W. (also known as 40 B Street, S.W.), Washington, D.C. during 1934 and 1935. A neighbor of SILVERMAN at this address during this period was THOMAS P. BUMGARDNER who occupied apartment #204 with his family. THOMAS P. BUMGARDNER died at Washington, D. C. on April 6, 1938.

A former neighbor who still corresponds with Mrs. THOMAS P. BUMGARDNER advised that Mrs. BUMGARDNER resides at 201 Lineberger Street, Shelby, North Carolina. At the time of Mr. BUMGARDNER'S death his daughter, Mrs. RUFUS HAUSS, resided at Ramseur, North Carolina.

The Charlotte Office is being requested to locate Mrs. THOMAS P. BUMGARDNER and interview her regarding the activities of SILVERMAN during the time he resided in apartment 204 at 40 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D. C. Determine the names of all associates of SILVERMAN and any information indicating SILVERMAN was engaged in subversive activities. Display photographs of ALGER HISS, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to Mrs. BUMGARDNER to determine if she can identify these individuals or if she ever saw these persons in the company of SILVERMAN.

A photograph of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN is being enclosed for your use in regard to this investigation. Photographs of ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for use in conducting this investigation were forwarded to your office by letter to the Director, from the New York Office, subject JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al, Perjury, Espionage - R, dated January 21, 1949.

Enclosure (1)

CC: Charlotte (2)  
Washington Field (2)  
New York (1)

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 JAHAM, PERJURY; ESP DASH R; IS DASH R. REBULET JAN. NINETEEN LAST,  
 REQUESTING ALL PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE LETTER OF KATHERINE WILLS PERLO,  
 WHO WERE REPORTEDLY ACTIVE IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNDERGROUND APPARATUS  
 OF THE CP, BE INTERVIEWED. WALTER RICHARDS SASSAMAN WAS MENTIONED IN  
 PERLO LETTER AND IS BELIEVED CAN BE REACHED AT ONE THREE TWO FOUR  
 MACCABEES BLDG., DETROIT, ACCORDING TO P. O. RECORDS JULY, NINETEEN  
 FORTYFOUR. PERSONNEL RECORDS AT AGRICULTURE REFLECT IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR  
 IN NINETEEN FORTYTHREE WAS NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER AND A REFERENCE  
 WAS LISTED AS ALGER HISS. SASSAMAN IS MARRIED TO LUCILLE SASSAMAN.  
 FOR THE BENEFIT OF DETROIT, OTHER PERSONS LISTED BY MRS. PERLO AS BEING  
 ACTIVE IN CP UNDERGROUND WERE HER HUSBAND, VICTOR PERLO, NATHAN MITT,  
 HENRY HILL COLLINS, CHARLES WALTER, LENORE STRAUSS, JOHN ABT, GEORGE  
 SILVERMAN, ROSE CLINTON, CHARLES COLE AND LEN DECAUX WHO ARE WELL KNOWN  
 TO THE BUREAU AS BEING ENGAGED IN COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OR SOVIET ESPIONAGE.  
 DETROIT WILL INTERVIEW SASSAMAN IN THIS MATTER.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

DATE: 3-1-49

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

*Boyer*

*J.P.G.*

At 9:30 a.m. today, I talked with ASAC Belmont, New York, with reference to the typewriting specimens in this case. I pointed out to him that the Bureau files reflected that the Landon School letter was in the possession of Mr. Donegan, and that there had been returned to the New York Office another typewriting specimen which had been obtained from an insurance company by subpoena. I asked Mr. Belmont to determine the present whereabouts of these two different specimens.

Mr. Belmont called back at 10:20 a.m. and stated that Mr. Donegan still has the Landon School material, and the New York Office still has in its possession the typewriting specimen secured from the insurance company under subpoena. I told Mr. Belmont we would advise Mr. Whearty of the location of these two specimens.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE R  
INTERNAL SECURITY R

DATE: February 23, 1949

It is requested that the Oklahoma City Office interview LAURA MERMIN whose husband is believed to be presently employed on the faculty of the law school at the University of Oklahoma at Norman. This office has ascertained that LAURA MERMIN, several years ago, was connected with the Workers Alliance of America in Washington, D.C. as a stenographer and information from her is desired concerning one DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN. For your information, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has stated upon interview to agents of this office that DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, was DAVID ZIMMERMAN, DAVID CARPENTER, HAROLD WILSON, utilized an apartment of a communist friend believed to have been located in North East Washington, for the photographing of confidential documents which came into CHAMBERS'S possession. ZIMMERMAN has been interviewed by agents of the New York Office and he has refused to furnish any information concerning his background which is pertinent during the years 1937 and 1938. He has admitted however that he is presently employed as a proof reader by the Daily Worker and in the past did Communist Party work. It is desired that you question LAURA MERMIN for all information she has concerning ZIMMERMAN, was. Specifically, it is requested that the Oklahoma City Office endeavor to ascertain from LAURA MERMIN if she has any knowledge as to any apartments which ZIMMERMAN used in North East or South East Washington or the names and identities of any of his close associates living in that area. It should be determined from her if she has any knowledge concerning any secret or underground communist activity on the part of ZIMMERMAN.

For assistance, a photograph of ZIMMERMAN is enclosed for the Oklahoma City Office and the following is his description: DEFERRED RECORDING

Name:	DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, was DAVID CARPENTER, STEVE POTTER, HAROLD WILSON
Born:	June 21, 1906 at Baltimore, Maryland
Citizenship:	United States
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	140 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown
Complexion:	Sallow

cc: Oklahoma City Office (AMSD) (Encl.)  
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Peculiarities: Deep furrows running from corners of eyes  
past nostrils, smokes pipe continuously,  
has dirty appearance.

Marital status: Married, wife, ~~MARION ZIMMERMAN~~ also known as  
~~MARION CARPENTER~~

Occupation: Book reviewer and proof reader for the New York  
Daily Worker.

Residences: Formerly lived with mother RACHEL ZIMMERMAN,  
100 Jackson Pl., Baltimore, Maryland.

Father: MORRIS ZIMMERMAN

Brother: JESSE ZIMMERMAN

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *H. H. [unclear]* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE -- R  
INTERNAL SECURITY -- R

DATE: March 2, 1949

ReNYtel 2/24/49 reflecting that LAURENCE R. BROWN, former member of the NYE Committee maintained a bank account at the Lincoln National Bank, 17th and H Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.

Please be advised that the records of the Lincoln National Bank indicate that BROWN still carries an active account there and his address is given as 222 Church Road, Ardmore, Pennsylvania. The Philadelphia office is requested to interview BROWN in connection with any information he may have with regard to ALGER HISS. Typewritten correspondence from HISS to BROWN should be secured and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory and BROWN should be shown pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS at the time of the interview. It will be recalled that HISS worked for the NYE Committee (Senate Munitions Committee) at the same time as did BROWN, and STEPHEN RAUSHENBUSH, Coordinator of this committee, has indicated that in his opinion BROWN and HISS were acquainted.

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cc: Philadelphia  
New York

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R  
INTERNAL SECURITY-R

DATE: March 2, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau Letter dated February 3, 1949 requesting investigation of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

Mrs. ESTHER S. MERRILL, former Secretary to Mr. SILVERMAN at the Railroad Retirement Board and Army Air Forces, advised upon interview that Major JOSEPH JENNING was a fellow employee of SILVERMAN at the Army Air Forces. JENNING now resides at 12 Bronson Avenue, Scarsdale, New York.

The New York Office is requested to interview Mr. JENNING relative to his association with SILVERMAN as outlined in referenced Bureau Letter.

cc - New York

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Miss Gandy	

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, BALTIMORE

○ JAHAM. BALTIMORE WILL INTERVIEW CHARLES F. WAGNER, LISTED IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AS ARCHITECT, RESIDING AT ACCOKEEK, MARYLAND, AND WHO, ACCORDING TO KELLOCKS, RESIDED AT LONGVIEW, ACCOKEEK, AT SAME TIME AS SALLY RINGE AND LENORE THOMAS AND WHO WOULD KNOW IF ALGER HISS VISITED THEM OR ACQUAINTED WITH THEM.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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*Mr. Tolson*  
*W. K. ...*

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JAHAM, BESSIE AND DOLORES MAGRINI, WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF PETER MICHAEL-ANGELO MARGINI, WAS, PRESENTLY RESIDING AT EIGHT SIX SIX THREE TWENTY FIRST AVE, BKLYN. NO PHONE LISTED AT THIS ADDRESS. DAUGHTER IS ATTENDING THIRD GRADE AT PS TWO HUNDRED, BENSON AVENUE AND BAY TWENTY THIRD STREET WHERE SHE TRANSFERRED FROM PS SEVEN SEVEN ON DEC SIX, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. BESSIE TOLD MR. COOK, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT PS TWO HUNDRED LAST WEEK THAT PETER WAS IN CALIFORNIA, BUT GAVE NO INDICATION WHEN HE WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN. BESSIE RECEIVING AIRMAIL LETTERS FROM CALIFORNIA OR ARIZONA ACCORDING TO CARRIER. MAIL COVER PLACED. LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO RECONTACT CNDI LA-THREE TWO TWO NINE TO ASCERTAIN MAGRINI-S WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA, ALSO DATE HE WILL RETURN TO NYC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, GUY HOTTEL, WASHINGTON, FIELD

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

DATE: March 3, 1949

The Washington Field Division has been instructed to determine the personnel who were associated, departmentalwise, with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and to interview each person along the lines suggested in this letter.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

The Chicago Office by letter dated February 23, 1949, furnished the names of persons who were employed with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN at the Railroad Retirement Board, Washington, D. C. Among those listed was RUTH WARNKE, an Economist who was employed by the Railroad Retirement Board on August 22, 1938. She served in the Research and Information Service which was headed by SILVERMAN. WARNKE transferred from the Railroad Retirement Board to the Office of Price Administration on May 6, 1942.

In July of 1942, RUTH WARNKE married JULES YANOVER, w.a.s. JULIUS YANOFF and JULIUS YANOVER, who was active from March 1941, to February 1943 in Washington, D. C., as proprietor of the Washington Bookshop. Mr. and Mrs. YANOVER were last known to reside at 1302 North Linwood Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

In early 1942 this office conducted a Hatch Act Investigation concerning RUTH ELIZABETH WARNKE. For your information this investigation reflected that WARNKE was then employed as an Economist in the Research and Information Service, Railroad Retirement Board; that the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives listed RUTH E. WARNKE as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action; that a highly confidential source of information revealed that WARNKE's name appeared in the active indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and an informant advised that for a short while WARNKE did publicity work for this organization; that she attended a convention of the American Peace Mobilization in New York City, registering at the Hotel Lincoln as a delegate to the convention; that she was reported to have been a delegate to the American Youth Congress held in Washington, D. C., on November 1 through 3, 1940, and also a delegate attending the Town Meeting of Youth held in Washington, D. C., on February 7 through 9, 1941, under the sponsorship of the Washington Youth Council of the American Youth Congress; that she attended a Russian film at the Washington Bookshop on November 1, 1941.

The Baltimore Office should locate and interview Mrs. RUTH YANOVER nee WARNKE regarding the activities of SILVERMAN during the time she was employed at the Railroad Retirement Board. Determine the names of associates of SILVERMAN

cc - Baltimore  
New York

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especially social and luncheon companions. Ascertain any information that would indicate SILVERMAN knew ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or that he was engaged in subversive activities.

A photograph of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN is being enclosed.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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 TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
 SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: March 4, 1949

For the information of the Houston Division, New York City on March 3, 1949, teletyped the Washington Field Office to prepare a chronology of the microfilm given to the House Committee on Un-American Activities investigators by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on December 2, 1948. This is the microfilm that was secreted by CHAMBERS in the pumpkin on his farm and consisted of three rolls of undeveloped film in aluminum containers and two rolls of developed film wrapped in wzx paper.

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The Washington Field Office is currently attempting to account for the location of these films at all times since December 2, 1948, and to set out in some detail who had possession of these films and the action taken by these persons with relation to the films while in their possession.

In this connection, the following is quoted from the referenced teletype:

"Third re all so called pumpkin microfilm designated GJ exhibits fortyseven thru fiftyone, WFO is requested to determine identity of all individuals having possession of same from time of delivery of same by CHAMBERS to HCUA investigators on December second last to date and action taken by these persons with relation to film while in their possession. Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLY requests expeditious investigation and report for necessary assistance in proper preparation of summary report."

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has advised that ROBERT STRIPLING, former Chief Investigator, is now residing in San Augustine, Texas. They were unable to furnish a street address for STRIPLING but advised that his father was a local druggist and that the family was prominent in San Augustine and ventured the opinion that STRIPLING could be found with little difficulty.

The Houston Division is requested to ascertain from STRIPLING exactly what action he took with reference to the pumpkin film and on what dates he took this action. In this connection, HCUA investigators have advised that it is their recollection that STRIPLING was pictured with this film on one or two occasions, probably in late January or early February, 1949. It is noted that a picture was taken of the film and STRIPLING shortly after it was located. This picture has already been viewed and it is unnecessary to question STRIPLING in this regard except to determine from him that this film did not leave the HCUA office. Particular emphasis should be placed on any occasions on which the film left the HCUA office.

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Director, FBI  
Re: JAHAM  
March 4, 1949

The Washington Field Office is in possession of facts concerning the trip taken by Investigator WHEELER and the film to Rochester, New York and to Dupont in New Jersey and details concerning the processing and printing of the film. Details in connection with the examination of the film by the Bureau are also known.

This matter should be given immediate and preferred attention and in the event that STRIPLING is not in San Augustine, Texas, his present address should be ascertained and the appropriate office requested by teletype to interview STRIPLING in this matter.

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JAHAM. RELET WASHINGTON FIFED MARCH FOUR TRANSMITTING DOCUMENT OBTAINED UNDER  
SUBPOENA FROM RECORDS RIGGS NATIONAL BANK, FARLEGS AND MECHANICS BRANCH,  
WASHINGTON, D. C. DOCUMENT DESCRIBED AS QUOTE POWER OF ATTORNEY BY INDIVIDUAL  
FOR THE COLLECTION OF CHECKS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES UNQUOTE  
CONTAINING HANDWRITING AND SIGNATURE OF ALGER HISS. THIS SPECIMEN IDENTIFIED  
IN LABORATORY AS K SEVEN ZERO TWO. USING WRITING THIS DOCUMENT ALONE IT IS NOT  
SUFFICIENTLY COMPARABLE WITH Q ONE THROUGH Q FOUR FOR DEFINITE CONCLUSION.  
HOWEVER, WRITING K SEVEN ZERO TWO IS IDENT WITH K THREE FOUR ZERO, K THREE FOUR  
ONE, K THREE FOUR TWO AND K FIVE FOUR SEVEN AND BY USING AS A UNIT ANY ONE OR  
MORE OF THEM WITH K SEVEN ZERO TWO THEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY Q ONE THROUGH Q FOUR  
AS WRITING OF HISS. HISS SIGNATURE K SEVEN ZERO TWO IS IDENT WITH HISS  
SIGNATURE K FOUR ZERO. RELET NEW YORK MARCH FOUR CONCERNING AVAILABILITY  
ADDITIONAL HANDWRITING ALGER HISS IN QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING ADMISSION TO NEW  
YORK BAR AT APPELLATE DIVISION SUPREME COURT, FIRST DEPARTMENT, NYC. SUGGEST  
OBTAINING, IF POSSIBLE, GOOD PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY THIS QUESTIONNAIRE AND SUBMIT FOR  
COMPARISON IN LABORATORY. NEW YORK ADVISE.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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F. W. JONES

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: 0  
JAHAM  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: March 4, 1949

ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

Reference is made to Bureau letter to the Washington Field Office dated February 3, 1949, instructing the Washington Field Office to conduct an investigation with reference to ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN who has been prominently mentioned by CHAMBERS in connection with the above captioned matter. The Washington Field Office was requested to determine the personnel and names of all persons who were associated with SILVERMAN and also in addition, to conduct neighborhood investigations in Washington, D. C. at various residences where SILVERMAN resided.

Investigation conducted in Washington, D. C. reflects SILVERMAN resided at 2138 California Street, N. W., Apartment #409 during 1936 and 1937. Further, that during this same period, ELIZABETH HARRIS resided in Apartment #406; BENJAMIN FOX resided in Apartment #412; and VIRGINIA FOX resided in Apartment #410.

ELIZABETH HARRIS now resides at 81 W. Home Street, Long Beach, California (June 26, 1948); BENJAMIN FOX is employed at the Signal Corps, Radar Laboratory, Camp Evans, Belmar, New Jersey and resides at 320 14th Avenue, Belmar, New Jersey (July 23, 1948); and VIRGINIA FOX teaches and resides at the Kent Place School, Summit, New Jersey.

Your particular attention is called to the fact that according to CHAMBERS, during the latter part of December of 1936 or the first part of January 1937, three Persian rugs were shipped to SILVERMAN in Washington, D. C. from New York City. Thereafter, SILVERMAN delivered one rug to the late HARRY DEXTER WHITE and subsequently delivered a second rug to ALGER HISS at a pre-arranged meeting on the outskirts of Washington and in the vicinity of Maryland University. CHAMBERS advised that SILVERMAN put the rug in his car and drove to the pre-arranged meeting place and that he, CHAMBERS, accompanied by ALGER HISS in the latter's automobile, met SILVERMAN where the transfer of the rug from SILVERMAN's car to HISS's car was made.

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Letter to the Director

March 4, 1949

SILVERMAN has been interviewed on various occasions and has declined to furnish any information in connection with this case on advice of counsel.

The Newark Office is requested to interview VIRGINIA FOX and BENJAMIN FOX. The Los Angeles Office is requested to interview ELIZABETH HARRIS. Each office is requested to interview these persons and attempt to ascertain all associates and activities of SILVERMAN and also to substantiate the fact that he received three rugs during the first part of January 1937, and subsequently transported two of them in his automobile as alleged by CHAMBERS.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Enclosed for the Newark and Los Angeles Offices is one photograph each of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, GUY HOTTEL, WASHINGTON FIELD

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

DATE: March 4, 1949

The Washington Field Office has been instructed to determine the personnel who were associated, departmentalwise, with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and to interview each person along the lines suggested in this letter.

For your information ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN was employed from October 1, 1933 to July 12, 1934 as a Special Assistant to the Labor Advisory Board on Codes, National Recovery Administration, Washington, D. C.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

Investigation conducted by this office reflects that SILVERMAN was very friendly with HENRY COLLINS who was employed by NRA during SILVERMAN'S employment at NRA. Persons contacted suggested that RUTH RETICKER, a former NRA employee who is believed was employed on the Labor Advisory Board, be interviewed concerning SILVERMAN. She likewise should know of the close friendship existing between HENRY COLLINS and SILVERMAN.

Report of Special Agent JAMES FREW, dated February 1, 1949 at New York, title as set forth in this memo, reflects that Miss RUTH RETICKER, Chief of the Legislative Reference Unit, Bureau of Employment Security, Social Security Administration, New York City was interviewed concerning PHILIP RENO.

The New York Office is requested to re-interview Miss RUTH RETICKER regarding the activities of SILVERMAN during the time he was employed at NRA. Determine the names of all associates of SILVERMAN, especially social and luncheon companions. Ascertain the relationship between HENRY COLLINS and SILVERMAN. Question Miss RETICKER relative to the circumstances surrounding SILVERMAN'S leaving NRA. It has been alleged that SILVERMAN engaged in arguments with GUSTAV PECK and SIDNEY HILLMAN his superiors at NRA. Ascertain any information that would indicate SILVERMAN knew ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or that he was engaged in subversive activities.

Photograph of SILVERMAN was forwarded to the New York Office as an enclosure in a letter from the Chicago Office to the Director, captioned as above and dated January 25, 1949.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Washington Field

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

DATE: March 7, 1949

This office has been requested to determine the personnel who were associated, departmentalwise, with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and to interview each person along the lines suggested in this letter.

The Chicago Office, by letter dated February 23, 1949, furnished the names of persons who were employed with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN at the Railroad Retirement Board, Washington, D. C. Among those listed was HELEN F. ROBISON, nee Feinsod, an Economic Statistician who was employed by the Railroad Retirement Board on April 13, 1936. She served in the research and information service, which was headed by SILVERMAN. ROBISON transferred from the Railroad Retirement Board to the Office of Emergency Management on March 18, 1942.

For your information, a highly confidential source of information reported in 1941 that the names of HELEN F. FEINSOD, which was Mrs. ROBISON's maiden name prior to her marriage, and JOSEPH ROBISON, husband of HELEN ROBISON, nee Feinsod, were listed in the active indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. Mrs. ROBISON was interviewed in connection with a Hatch Act investigation on February 20, 1942, and in a signed statement denied that she was a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

The records of the Silver Spring, Maryland, Post Office, reflect that on February 10, 1947, Mrs. JOSEPH B. ROBISON changed her address from 9702 Lawson Place, Silver Spring, Maryland, to 142 Rocklyn Avenue, Lynbrook, Long Island, New York.

The New York Office should interview Mrs. HELEN F. ROBISON regarding the activities of SILVERMAN during the time she was employed at the Railroad Retirement Board. Determine the names of associates of SILVERMAN, especially social and luncheon companions. Ascertain any information that would indicate SILVERMAN knew ALGER HESS or HITTAKER CHAMBERS, or that he was engaged in subversive activities.

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JAHAN. REUFOLET MARCH ONE LAST. RE INTERVIEW OF DR. MARGARET MARY NICHOLSON. CHAMBERS STATED THAT MRS. CHAMBERS AND HIS DAUGHTER, ELLEN, ACCOMPANIED MRS. HISS AND TIMOTHY HOBSON TO DR. NICHOLSON-S OFFICE WHILE THEY RESIDED AT THE "P" STREET ADDRESS IN SEPTEMBER, THIRTYFIVE. CHAMBERS STATED THAT DR. NICHOLSON EXAMINED ELLEN-S FEET AND NOTICED THAT SHE WAS FLAT FOOTED. THIS EXAMINATION WAS CONDUCTED ON HER OWN ACCORD. HE STATED ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO DR. NICHOLSON TALKED TO ELLEN CHAMBERS AND TOLD HER THAT INVESTIGATORS HAD BEEN TO SEE HER AND SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF HISS WOULD WAIVE PRIVILEGES TO EXAMINE THE DOCUMENTS. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, DR. NICHOLSON WROTE MRS. CHAMBERS A LETTER ASKING WHETHER MRS. CHAMBERS WOULD WAIVE HER RIGHTS SO THAT HISS COULD HAVE ACCESS TO HER DOCUMENTS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT MR. VEZZANA WENT TO SEE DR. NICHOLSON FOR HISS AND IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS WHO INTERVIEWED DR. NICHOLSON FOR HISS SHOULD BE SECURED. CHAMBERS STATED THAT DR. NICHOLSON SPOKE TO HIS WIFE ON MONDAY LAST AND THIS CONVERSATION REFRESHED DR. NICHOLSON-S MEMORY. DR. NICHOLSON EXPECTS MRS. CHAMBERS TO VISIT HER ON SUNDAY NEXT TO FURTHER REFRESH HER RECOLLECTION. WFO REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW DR. NICHOLSON NEXT WEEK RELATIVE TO HER KNOWLEDGE OF THE ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN MRS. HISS AND MRS. CHAMBERS.

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Director, FBI

Re: <sup>0</sup>JAHAM

Dear Sir:

Reference Washington Field letter to Director dated  
March 1, 1949.

The above referenced letter requests that MELVIN JAMES  
~~FOX~~ and his mother, Mrs. JOSEPH J. <sup>J</sup>COHEN be interviewed concerning a  
~~GEORGE SILVERMAN~~.

It has been ascertained that MELVIN J. FOX is no longer  
in New York City, and has left a forwarding address in care of the  
Office of National Planning Association, Washington, D. C. This was the  
only address available at the Carnegie Endowment for International  
Peace, former employer of FOX.

For the information of the Washington Field Office in  
conducting an interview with FOX, your attention is directed to the  
report of SA Lamont L. Thompson, Washington Field Office, dated April 27,  
1942, entitled "Special Inquiry, Office for Emergency Management", which  
is an investigation concerning FOX, in which FOX gave as references  
V. FRANK COE and HARRY DEXTER WHITE, whom he became acquainted with  
during his employment in the Treasury Department.

It should be ascertained from Mr. FOX if he has any  
knowledge as to when his mother Mrs. JOSEPH J. COHEN will return from  
Europe, and as to her address where she may be located at that time in  
order that she may be interviewed.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
Edward Scheidt, SAC

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RE GUEST HOUSE, THOMASTON, CONN. AT WHICH CHAMBERS AND HISS REPORTEDLY STAYED SOME TIME IN AUGUST, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. SEE LAB REPORT DATED MARCH FOUR, FORTYNINE, CONCERNING HANDWRITING EXAMINATIONS MADE OF GUEST REGISTER FOR HOSFORD TOURIST HOME, PLYMOUTH, CONN., AND NEW HAVEN LETTER TO BUREAU AND NEW YORK DATED MARCH SECOND LAST CONCERNING THE SAME MATTER. IN VIEW OF STRONG POSSIBILITY CONSIDERING DESCRIPTION OF TOURIST HOUSE ORIGINALLY GIVEN BY CHAMBERS, THAT HOSFORD TOURIST HOME MAY BE HOME WHERE CHAMBERS AND HISS SPENT A NIGHT EVEN THOUGH LAB UNABLE TO REACH CONCLUSION, IT IS SUGGESTED BEFORE NEW HAVEN UNDERTAKES TO CHECK SOME TWO HUNDRED OR TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY HOMES IN THOMASTON, CONN., THAT NEW YORK MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DRIVE CHAMBERS TO PLYMOUTH SO THAT HE MAY DEFINITELY ESTABLISH OR ELIMINATE HOSFORD HOME AS TOURIST HOME IN QUESTION. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN NEW HAVEN PENDING ADVICE NEW YORK THIS MATTER.

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 JAHAM. RE WFO TEL FEB. FIFTEEN REQUESTING INTERVIEW RE ALGER HISS AT LEXINGTON PARK, MD., WITH MRS. L. R. MC KEE, FORMER SECRETARY OF LAWRENCE DUGGAN. MRS. MC KEE CHARACTERIZED DUGGAN AS MAN OF PRINCIPLE, HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY, AND ABSOLUTELY LOYAL. SHE DISCLAIMS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HISS EVER BEING EMPLOYED IN STATE DEPT. OR ANY ASSOCIATION BETWEEN HISS AND DUGGAN, STATING SHE IS POSITIVE HISS AND DUGGAN NEVER SHARED SAME OFFICE WHILE SHE WAS DUGGAN'S SECRETARY THIRTYSIX TO FORTYTWO. DOES NOT RECALL CHAMBERS AS AN ASSOCIATE OF DUGGAN OR ANY CONFERENCES OR MEETINGS BETWEEN DUGGAN AND HISS. MRS. MC KEE SUGGESTED CONTACTING FOLLOWING PERSONS FOR INFO RE ANY CONNECTIONS BETWEEN HISS AND DUGGAN. ONE, GEORGE H. BUTLER, FORMER STATE DEPT ASSISTANT OF DUGGAN. TWO, ELLIS O. BRIGGS, STATE DEPT CAREER MAN AND FORMER DUGGAN ASSISTANT. THREE, PAUL C. DANIELS, AND FOUR, HERBERT BURSLEY, CAREER MEN FORMERLY UNDER DUGGAN ON ONE OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY DESKS. INTERVIEW WITH ABOVE PERSONS, POSSIBLY ALREADY CONDUCTED, BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF WFO.

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CORCORAN MARRIED JESSE SAMUEL ZIMMERMAN IN MAY, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE IN  
FLORIDA WHILE MARYANNE ASSIGNED THERE AS A WAC. ZIMMERMAN NEVER ~~RESIDED~~  
RESIDED AT PITTSBURGH AND THEY ARE NOW RESIDING AT NINE NAUGHT EIGHT  
PRESIDENT ST., BROOKLYN, FIFTEEN, NEW YORK. MARYANNE EMPLOYED DURING  
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GAHAM. RENYTEL MARCH EIGHT. ADDRESS OF JESSICA BUCK RHINE HAS BEEN DETERMINED FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE TO BE EIGHT TWO FIVE EUGENE STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, AS OF DECEMBER TWENTY <sup>FIVE</sup> ~~FIRST~~ LAST. THIS OFFICE IS NOT AWARE IF INDIANAPOLIS HAS SUFFICIENT INFO TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW WITH JESSICA RHINE. THEREFORE, NEW YORK SHOULD ADVISE INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE CONCERNING INTERVIEW DESIRED. PHILA WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW HENRY RHINE TOMORROW.

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JAHAM. MRS. CHAMBERS STATED THAT WHILE RESIDING ON EUTAW PLACE, BALTIMORE, SHE SAW PRISCILLA HISS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. ON ONE OF THESE OCCASIONS, MRS. CHAMBERS WAS SITTING IN A SMALL PARK NEAR HER RESIDENCE WITH HER BABY CONVERSING WITH A REGISTERED NURSE WHO WAS CARING FOR A DOCTOR-S SMALL CHILD WHO ALSO LIVED IN THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD. MRS. HISS CAME TO THE PARK, SPOKE TO MRS. CHAMBERS AND WHEN SHE OBSERVED THE REGISTERED NURSE TALKING TO MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. HISS IMMEDIATELY LEFT. MRS. CHAMBERS PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED THAT THE DOCTOR WHO EMPLOYED THIS REGISTERED NURSE LIVED ON THE CORNER OF MC MECHEN STREET AND EUTAW PLACE. SHE STATED SHE INTRODUCED MRS. HISS UNDER SOME OTHER NAME TO THIS NURSE. BALTIMORE IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE REGISTERED NURSE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THIS NURSE WOULD HAVE ANY RECOLLECTION AS TO THE MEETING BETWEEN MRS. CHAMBERS AND MRS. HISS. AVAILABLE PHOTOS OF MRS. CHAMBERS AND MRS. HISS SHOULD BE EXHIBITED TO THIS REGISTERED NURSE. THIS MEETING BETWEEN MRS. CHAMBERS AND MRS. HISS OCCURRED SOME TIME DURING THE FALL OF NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE. IT IS REQUESTED THAT AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED. SUTEL IMMEDIATELY.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Director, FBI

FROM Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAHAM  
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DATE: March 9, 1949

Reference New York teletype dated February 24, 1949 requesting WFO to check the records of the Department of Agriculture in order to ascertain the whereabouts of JACK I. LEVY.

Records at the Department of Agriculture reflect JACK I. LEVY was born August 23, 1910 at Brownsville, Pennsylvania. He was employed as Assistant Attorney, Office of General Council, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Department of Agriculture, from September 1934 until May 1935. ALGER HISS was employed in the same office during this period. LEVY's last known employment was the law firm of Sonnenschein, Berkson, Lautman, Levinson and Morse, 77 West Washington Street, Chicago, as of May 1935.

It is suggested that LEVY be interviewed to determine his acquaintance with ALGER HISS and whether he has ever received any typewritten correspondence from him. If so, obtain a specimen of any typewritten correspondence for laboratory examination. It is desired to determine any specific knowledge concerning ALGER HISS' un-American activities. Obtain the names of any close personal friends of ALGER HISS while employed with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Leads should be set out by the Chicago Field Office to have this individual interviewed by the Field Office covering his present residence.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
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DATE: March 9, 1949

Washington Field Division has been instructed to determine the persons who were associated departmentalwise with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and interview these persons concerning SILVERMAN's activities, associates, etc.

The Chicago Office by letter dated February 23, 1949 furnished the names of persons who were employed with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN at the Railroad Retirement Board, Washington, D.C. Among those persons listed was HERMAN H. BARTIMER, Actuary, appointed April 4, 1936 and transferred from Railroad Retirement to the War Department May 3, 1942.

At HERMAN BARTIMER's last address in Washington, D.C. his present address was given as 1704 Utah Place, Baltimore, with an office phone number of Plaza 2360, Extention 353.

The Baltimore Office is requested to interview HERMAN BARTIMER regarding the activities of SILVERMAN during BARTIMER's employment with the Railroad Retirement Board and also in the War Department and to determine the names of the associates of SILVERMAN, particularly social. Ascertain any information that would indicate SILVERMAN knew WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or ALGER HISS or that SILVERMAN was engaged in any subversive activities.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

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DATE: March 9, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 3, 1949 requesting investigation of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

SILVERMAN was employed by the Army Air Forces from 1942 to 1945 as Head of the Analysis and Plans Section which was under the Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel, who was then General ECHOLS. General BENNETT MEYERS was then Executive to General ECHOLS and interviews of SILVERMAN's fellow employees denote General MEYERS may have recommended SILVERMAN for this position. As head of this section it was SILVERMAN's responsibility to analyze and tabulate all production figures regarding the B-29; also the recording, modifications, aircraft dispersion, market, strikes and various supply problems relative to these aircraft. Consequently most work performed by this section was of a highly classified nature and was graded from restricted to top secret.

According to Miss BENTLEY's allegations before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, SILVERMAN did furnish to her indirectly technical information which in turn was given to couriers of the Soviet Republic.

Previous to SILVERMAN's employment in this section, this work had formerly been performed by Statistical Control which was headed by Colonel CHARLES THORTON, now associated with Used Aircraft, Culver City, California. According to fellow employees, when SILVERMAN was appointed to this position it was through the recommendation of General BENNETT MEYERS. SILVERMAN immediately decided that all B-29 production figures and modifications should be handled by his section and consequently this brought about a minor disagreement with Statistical Control.

The Los Angeles Office is requested to interview Colonel THORTON relative to SILVERMAN's associations and duties while in this position; also THORTON should be questioned regarding this disagreement which existed between his section and SILVERMAN's.

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cc - Los Angeles (AMSD)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, GUY HOTTEL, WASHINGTON FIELD  
 SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: March 9, 1949

Rebulet to Washington Field dated February 3, 1949.

STEPHEN M. WALTER, who from late 1937 to late 1938, resided on the third floor of the Garden Tower Apartments, 2325 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and next door to Apartment 311 which was occupied by ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, advised that his maid for this period was BLANCHE LEE, who at present is living at 610 Royal Plaza, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. WALTER advised that BLANCHE LEE was friendly with SILVERMAN'S maid and would be in a position to observe many of their guests at that time. WALTER in a signed statement advised that he had a nodding acquaintance with ALGER HISS and remembered taking HISS up on the manually operated elevator and letting him out on the third floor, but he did not know which apartment HISS entered.

WALTER also said that BLANCHE LEE was playing the numbers at this time of service with WALTER and had won a large sum of money playing the apartment number, which WALTER believed to be 312. This, according to WALTER, should help her remember the pertinent time. WALTER further related that BLANCHE LEE'S brother, whose first name she did not recall, was presently serving a life sentence in the Virginia State Prison for murder.

Miami will locate BLANCHE LEE and interview her in regard to the SILVERMANS, their activities and any guests they had during this period, keeping in mind the fact that HISS has been placed on the same floor the SILVERMANS resided. Further, according to CHAMBERS, during the later part of December 1936 or January 1937, three Persian Rugs were shipped to SILVERMAN in Washington, D. C. from New York City. Thereafter SILVERMAN delivered one rug to the late HARRY DEXTER WHITE and one to ALGER HISS, and kept one for himself. FLORENCE TOMPKINS aka, Mrs. FLORENCE BANKS, SILVERMAN'S maid, has verified the giving of a rug to WHITE and keeping one in the SILVERMAN home. This rug, as FLORENCE TOMPKINS described it, was about nine feet by twelve feet, had a lot of red in it, and had a four inch fringe around its borders, which was lighter than the rest of the rug. Miami will interview BLANCHE LEE regarding her knowledge of such a rug.

cc - Miami (AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY)

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DATE: March 9, 1949

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SILVERMAN was employed by the Army Air Forces from 1942 to 1945 as Chief of the Analysis and Plans Branch, which was under the Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel, who was then a General ECHOLS. In this capacity it was SILVERMAN's responsibility to have this section analyzed, systematize and tabulate all information relative to B-29 production, modification, theater dispersion and supply. Consequently these reports were of a highly classified and secret nature.

According to Miss BENTLEY's allegations before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, SILVERMAN did indirectly furnish to her classified information which in turn was transmitted to couriers of the Soviet Government.

Interview of SILVERMAN's associates at the Army Air Forces denotes he did have access to all such classified material which originated in his section. Further, that the Security Officer for this section was Captain ALBERT E. RUTAN, who is now discharged from the armed forces and was last known to reside at 511 Cornell Avenue, Albany 6, California.

The San Francisco Office is requested to interview Mr. RUTAN in attempts to establish the method of handling classified and secret information in this section. Also RUTAN should be questioned concerning SILVERMAN's associates and activities during the time of his employment and if it would be possible for either SILVERMAN or any other individual in this section to take top secret information to their homes for further study and analysis.

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Mr. Fletcher  
J. J. [Signature]

JAHAM. RE REP SA LAMBERT G. ZANDER FEB. FOUR LAST AT WFO. SUTEL  
 IF THERE ARE NOW CONTAINED IN STATE DEPARTMENT FILES ANY HANDWRITTEN  
 OR TYPEWRITTEN NOTES, MEMORANDA, CONDENSATIONS, OR PARAPHRASINGS OF  
 STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY ALGER HISS IN MANNER Q DASH  
 ONE THROUGH Q DASH SIXTY NINE WERE PREPARED. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
 CONNELLEY POINTS OUT DEFENSE CONCEIVABLY MIGHT CLAIM WITH RESPECT  
 TO Q DASH TWO THROUGH Q DASH SIXTY NINE THAT HISS PREPARED SUCH PARA-  
 PHRASINGS IN COURSE OF ORDINARY OFFICIAL ROUTINE AND THAT THEY WOULD-  
 PRESUMABLY HAVE BEEN FILED IN SD FILES AND THAT HISS HAS NO KNOW-  
 LEDGE OF THEIR ULTIMATE DISPOSITION. FURTHER THAT THE DEFENSE MAY  
 INTRODUCE ANY PARAPHRASINGS ETC. PREPARED BY HISS IN FILES, IF, IN  
 FACT HISS DID ENGAGE IN SUCH PRACTICE.

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 JAHAM. RE BOSTON LETTER MARCH NINE INSTANT. ITEMS TWO AND THREE  
 OF REFERENCE LETTER LISTED AS ENCLOSURES TO NY DID NOT ARRIVE WITH  
 INSTANT LETTER. BOSTON REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN AND ADVISE NY OF  
 PRESENT LOCATION OF THESE ITEMS AS WELL AS THE GUEST BOOKS FOR THE  
 YEARS NINETEEN THIRTY SIX AND NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. NY WILL ADVISE  
 RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH MRS. STERN.

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JAHAM. RE WFO TEL MARCH TWO LAST. WFO REQUESTED TO SUTEL IMMEDIATELY NAME OF OFFICIAL OF RIGGS NATIONAL BANK, COMPETENT OF PRODUCING RECORD OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS. BALTIMORE SUTEL IMMEDIATELY NAME OF OFFICIAL OF SCHMIDT MOTOR COMPANY, RANDALLSTOWN, MARYLAND, WHO IS COMPETENT TO PRODUCE RECORDS CONCERNING SALE OF NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN FORD TO ESTHER CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN.

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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP-R, IS-R. WHILE BEING INTERVIEWED ON ANOTHER MATTER, JACOB VINER, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, PRINCETON, NJ. EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN CONTACTED CONCERNING ALGER HISS. HE STATED HE WORKED IN STATE DEPARTMENT DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND WAS ACQUAINTED WITH HISS. HE DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD ANY INFORMATION OF VALUE BUT EXPRESSED OPINION THAT HISS IS NOT GUILTY. INTERVIEWING AGENT ADVISES VINER EXHIBITED A VERY POOR MEMORY AND OPENLY PRIDES HIMSELF ON HIS POOR MEMORY. VINER NOT BEING INTERVIEWED UNLESS NEWARK ADVISED TO DO SO.

*Mr. Fletcher*  
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JAHAM. RE NEWARK TEL MARCH NINTH, FORTYNINE. INTERVIEW JACOB VINER, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, FOR ALL INFO IN HIS POSSESSION RE CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES OF ALGER HISS DURING PERIOD THEY WORKED TOGETHER. ASCERTAIN IF VINER HAS HANDWRITING, HANDPRINTING SPECIMENS OF HISS OR TYPEWRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM HISS.

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GAHAM. BULET TO WFO DATED JAN. NINETEEN, FORTYNINE, REQUESTED THAT NUMBER OF PERSONS BE INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF OR ACTIVITIES IN A COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND APPARATUS OPERATING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THESE NAMES WERE LISTED IN AN ANONYMOUS LETTER TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR. THE ANONYMOUS LETTER, LATER DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY MRS. KATHERINE WILLS PERLO, SET OUT THE LIST OF NAMES, WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE MEMBERS OF THE ABOVE APPARATUS. THE NAMES OF HENRY RHINE AND HIS WIFE, JESSICA BUCK RHINE, APPEARED ON THIS LIST. BOTH HAVE LONG BEEN CONNECTED WITH CP ACTIVITIES. JESSICA WAS EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN UNIONS. SHE ALLEGEDLY SHARED AN APARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH ELEANOR NELSON AND HELEN SCHNETZLER, AKA HELEN MILLER. NELSON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY INFORMANTS AS A MEMBER OF CP AND MILLER WAS DISMISSED FROM THE LABOR DEPARTMENT IN NINETEEN FORTYONE FOR COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. JESSICA WAS ACTIVE IN LOCAL TWO FOUR TWO OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. THE CHARTER OF THIS LOCAL WAS LATER LIFTED BY THE

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BECAUSE OF ALLEGED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF JESSICA AND FOUR OTHERS. INVESTIGATION HAS REFLECTED JESSICA RHINE RESIDING AT EIGHT TWO FIVE EUGENE ST., INDIANAPOLIS, AS OF DEC. TWENTYFIFTH, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT, AND IS BELIEVED TO BE SEPARATED FROM HER HUSBAND. SHE IS TO BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED AS TO ANY PARTICIPATION IN OR KNOWLEDGE OF ANY COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND GROUP IN WASHINGTON, D.C., DURING HER STAY THERE, PARTICULARLY AS TO ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND ALGER HISS, EXPEDITE.

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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP- R, IS - R. RE WFO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED MARCH FOUR LAST. NEITHER BENJAMIN FOX OR VIRGINIA FOX, NO RELATION, ACQUAINTED WITH ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN. VIRGINIA FOX SHARED HER APARTMENT WITH ELOISE DUNBRACCO, PRESENTLY TEACHER AT HOLTON ARMS SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, DC. WFO CONTACT DUNBRACCO.

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○ JAHAM, PERJURY, IS-R, ESPIONAGE-R. RE CONF TEL OF BALTIMORE TO BUREAU, WFO, NY AND BOSTON, MARCH THIRD LAST AND NY TEL TO BUREAU AND BOSTON MARCH SEVENTH, REQUESTING BOSTON INTERVIEW MRS. JOHN ALFORD, FORMERLY ROBERTA FANSLER, AND ALSO ROBERT AND LOLA HORTON. MRS. ALFORD PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY BOSTON AND RESULTS SET FORTH IN BOSTON REPORTS OF SA FREDERICK M. CONNORS DATED DEC. TWENTY SECOND, FORTYEIGHT AND JAN. THIRD, FORTYNINE. ROBERT AND LOLA HORTON, ACCORDING TO BALTIMORE, ARE LOCATED AT SUDBURY, VERMONT, WHICH IS COVERED BY ALBANY OFFICE. COPIES OF REFERENCED TEL BEING FORWARDED TO ALBANY THIS DATE AMSD WITH REQUEST THAT ALBANY COVER LEAD TO INTERVIEW THE HORTONS AT SUDBURY, VERMONT.

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JAHAM. RE NY TEL MARCH NINE REQUESTING BALTO TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
REGISTERED NURSE WHO WAS TALKING WITH MRS. CHAMBERS NEAR CHAMBERS  
EUTAW PLACE APT. IN BALTO. DURING FALL OF THIRTYFIVE WHEN PRISCILLA  
HISS PUT IN AN APPEARANCE. THIS SAME INFO OBTAINED BY BALTO. WHEN SA  
SPENCER AND PLANT WERE IN BALTO. SOMETIME AGO INTERVIEWING MR. AND MRS.  
CHAMBERS. EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION ALREADY CONDUCTED BY BALTO. HAS  
FAILED TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE THIS REGISTERED NURSE AND NO FURTHER  
LEADS ON THIS ANGLE ARE AVAILABLE.

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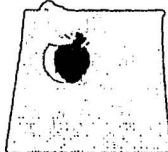
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JAHAM. RE ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN. REF BULST DATED FEBRUARY THREE, LAST, REQUESTS PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF ALL MATERIAL IN PERSONNEL FILE OF ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, FORMERLY EMPLOYED WAR DEPARTMENT, MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, FORTYTWO TO AUGUST EIGHTEEN, FORTYEIGHT, AS ASSISTANT CHIEF, AIR STAFF, MATERIEL AND SERVICES CONTROL DIVISION, AAF, DC. INFO RE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, REFERENCES, ADDRESSES, IDENTITY FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND SUPERVISORS. RECORD LOCATED ARMY RECORDS BRANCH, ST. LOUIS. RECORD WAS FORWARDED TO WAR DEPARTMENT, DC, AUGUST, FORTYEIGHT, HOWEVER, THEY WERE RETURNED TO ST. LOUIS, OCTOBER THIRTEEN, FORTYEIGHT. PERSONNEL OFFICE AAF REQUESTED RECORDS ABOUT FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE, LAST, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT RECEIVED. ST. LOUIS HANDLE IF RECORDS AVAILABLE, AND FORWARD PHOTOSTATIC COPIES TO WFO. SILVERMAN BORN FEBRUARY TWO, NINETEEN HUNDRED, IN POLAND.

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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
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JAHAM, PERJ., ESP- R. RENYTEL DATED MARCH FIRST. BALTIMORE CI [redacted]

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[redacted] ADVISED JOSEPH JAFFE TRANSFERRED FROM LANGLEY MEMORIAL AERONAUTICAL LABORATORY TO ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND EFFECTIVE JANUARY ELEVEN, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. HIS POSITION AT APG WAS THAT OF ASSOCIATE PHYSICIST IN THE BALLASTIC RESEARCH LABORATORY. JAFFE VOLUNTARILY RESIGNED EIGHT DASH FOURTEEN DASH FORTYFIVE QUOTE TO CONTINUE WORK AT ALLEGHANY BALLISTICS LABORATORY UNQUOTE. HE, HOWEVER; ACCORDING TO E. J. HARSCH, SECURITY OFFICER FOR JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY AT THE APPLIED PHYSIC LABORATORY, SILVER SPRINGS, MARYLAND BEGAN EMPLOYMENT AT THIS LABORATORY IN AUGUST OF NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. HIS EMPLOYMENT WAS TERMINATED BY THE NAVY FOR SECURITY REASONS APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN FORTYSIX JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY WAS DIRECTED TO TERMINATE JAFFE BY LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BUREAU OF ORDINANCE OF THE NAVY, LETTER DATED APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN FORTYSIX. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM HARSCH, BUT REPORT OF JESESE F. FARR AT BALTIMORE DATED DECEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN FORTYSIX AND ENTITLED COGOG, IS- C, A COPY OF WHICH WAS FURNISHED TO BOTH WFO AND NEW YORK REFLECTED CONSIDERABLE MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING JAFFE. SEE INDEX ON PAGE SIXTYEIGHT FOR INFORMATION REGARDING HIM AND HIS WIFE, LEAH LEIVOWITZ JAFFE.

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RECORDS OF POST INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, APG REFLECT JAFFE CLEARED TO HANDLE RESTRICTED DATA AFTER COMPLETE LOYALTY INVESTIGATION BY SECOND ARMY INTELLIGENCE DURING AUGUST NINETEEN FORTYFOUR. WITH REFERENCE TO JAFFE- S CLAIM OF HAVING SERVED AS INFORMANT FOR POST INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, PRESENT CIVILIAN INVESTIGATOR CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THAT INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM DESCRIBED BY JAFFE WAS IN EFFECT DURING NINETEEN FORTYTHREE BUT THAT WHEN SYSTEM WAS DISCONTINUED ALL RECORDS WERE DESTROYED. IO EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT JAFFE HAD SERVED AS INFORMANT SINCE HE WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A POOR SECURITY RISK DURING TIME OF EMPLOYMENT. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER DESCRIBED BY JAFFE WAS IDENTIFIED BY PRESENT IO AND WAS CONTACTED BUT HE DID NOT RECALL NOR DID HE BELIEVE JAFFE- S SERVICES HAD BEEN USED AS JAFFE CLAIMED IN RETEL. INASMUCH AS HE TOO WAS SUSPICIOUS OF JAFFE- S LOYALTY, IO ADDED THE ARMY HAD RECEIVED UNFAVORABLE NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY WHICH REVEALED THE METHOD USED AS DESCRIBED BY JAFFE IN RETEL. THE ARMY, AT THE TIME OF THE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY, DESTROYED ALL OF THEIR FILES REGARDING THIS SYSTEM OF INVESTIGATION AND THEREFORE IS UNABLE TO POSITIVELY VERIFY OR DISCREDIT JAFFE- S STATEMENT. JAFFE WROTE TO DR. VERNE F. SWAIM DURING JUNE NINETEEN FORTYSIX ASKING SWAIM TO SERVE AS A CHARACTER REFERENCE. IN HIS LETTER JAFFE ADMITTED HAVING RECENTLY BEEN DISCHARGED BY THE NAVY FOR SECURITY REASONS. HE DENIED, HOWEVER, EVER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNIST

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ACTIVITIES <sup>F</sup> ON ANY KIND. IN THE EVENT THERE IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING JAFFE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE WFO, WHICH IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE NY DIVISION TO HAVE, PRIOR TO ANOTHER INTERVIEW WITH JAFFE, IT IS SUGSGESTED THIS BE FORWARDED TO NY.

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JAHAM, PERJURY, IS-R. ESPIONAGE-R. RE WFO LET TO DIRECTOR, FEB. TWENTY FIFTH LAST, REQUESTING MR. HOWARD A. MEYERS, FORMER SUPERVISOR OF ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, BE INTERVIEWED BY BOSTON. MEYERS ADVISED HIS CONTACT WITH SILVERMAN WHOLLY OF A BUSINESS NATURE AND THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HIS FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES AND WAS UNACQUAINTED WITH SILVERMAN-S IDEOLOGIES, MEYERS STATES OTHER SUBJECTS OF THIS CASE ARE UNKNOWN TO HIM AND HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH SILVERMAN. MEYERS ADVISES THAT REASON FOR SILVERMAN-S DISMISSAL AROSE IN A DIFFERENCE IN POLICY WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN SILVERMAN AND SIDNEY HILLMAN THE NATURE OF WHICH HE CANNOT RECALL. THIS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION RECEIVED PUBLICITY AND ACCORDING TO MEYERS, SILVERMAN WAS REQUESTED TO RESIGN. MEYERS STATES THAT DR. GUSTAVE PECK, WHOM IT IS NOTED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED, WOULD PROBABLY BE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO COULD FURNISH THE MOST INFORMATION CONCERNING SILVERMAN. RE WFO LETTER TO DIRECTOR DATED FEB. TWENTY FOUR SETTING OUT LEAD FOR BOSTON TO LOCATE JOHN R. CARROLL, SIXTY NINE HASON DRIVE, BROOKLINE, MASS. INVESTIGATION TO DATE AT BOSTON HAS FILED TO DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTITY OR WHEREABOUTS OF CARROLL. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK U R G E N T

SAHAM. RENVYTEL MARCH NINE WHICH IN TURN REFERRED LA TELS FEB EIGHT AND MARCH TWO RE CRANE. IN REFNYTEL BALTO WAS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF APARTMENT DESCRIBED BY CRANE AS USED FOR PHOTOGRAPHY IN REFLATEL FEB EIGHT WOULD SEEM IDENTICAL WITH SPIEGEL APARTMENT IN BALTO. BALTO INVESTIGATION HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT WILLIAM E. CRANE JR. RESIDED FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS IN SUMMER OF THIRTYSEVEN IN SECOND FLOOR FRONT APARTMENT AT FOURTEEN WEST FRANKLIN ST, BALTO, TELEPHONE, VERNON THREE NINE NINE THREE. CRANE WAS A PHOTOGRAPHER ALLEGEDLY EMPLOYED AS SUCH BY A BALTO NEWSPAPER BUT SUCH EMPLOYMENT COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED AT BALTO SUNPAPERS OR BALTO NEWS POST. NO INDICATION THAT CRANE DEVELOPED OR PRINTED PHOTOS OR OPERATED A DARK ROOM AT FOURTEEN W. FRANKLIN ST. ONLY ONE WITNESS, JOHN J. BOLTON, SON OF CRANES LANDLADY, DEVELOPED WHO RECALLS CRANE AND COULD POSSIBLY IDENTIFY HIM POSITIVELY. IF NY DESIRES SUCH POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION, REQUEST L. A. FURNISH PHOTO OF CRANE FOR EXHIBITION TO BOLTON. SINCE PROBABLE DEFINITE ADDRESS FOR CRANE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN BALTO, PERHAPS L. A. CAN DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION IN REINTERVIEW WITH CRANE WHICH MIGHT FACILITATE FURTHER BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AT BALTO IF SUCH FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS DESIRABLE. FOURTEEN W. FRANKLIN ST, BALTO IS A FOUR STORY BRICK BUILDING WITH SINGLE ENTRANCE ON RIGHT FRONT. ON IMMEDIATE RIGHT FACING FOURTEEN W. FRANKLIN STREET UNITARIAN CHURCH AND CHURCH YARD LOCATED ON N. W. CORNER OF FRANKLIN AND CHARLES STREETS. ON

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LONG LINE OF ROW HOUSES EXTENDING THE BALANCE OF THE CITY BLOCK. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THE FIRST FLOOR HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY A BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT WITH THE OTHER THREE FLOORS SUB-DIVIDED INTO SMALL APARTMENTS, FIRST FLOOR PRESENTLY BEING OCCUPIED BY A DRESS SHOP. FOURTEEN W. FRANKLIN ST IS PRACTICALLY DOWNTOWN AND DEFINITELY NOT NEAR ANY BREWERY. INRETEL FEB EIGHT CRANE STATES PHOTOGRAPHING WAS DONE IN SOMEONES APARTMENT LOCATED UPSTAIRS OVER AN OFFICE, PROBABLY REAL ESTATE OFFICE IN TWO STORY BUILDING NEAR BREWERY IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT IN CENTRAL PART OF BALTO. CRANE WOULD HARDLY SPEAK OF HIS OWN APARTMENT AS SOMEONES APARTMENT. SPIEGEL APARTMENT AT ONE TWELVE E. MADISON ST, BALTIMORE WAS IN THREE STORY BUILDING WITH BURCH COMPANY OFFICE ON FIRST FLOOR. SPIEGELS ALSO OCCUPIED SECOND FLOOR FRONT APARTMENT AT THIS ADDRESS WHICH IS ABOUT FIVE BLOCKS FURTHER OUT OF DOWNTOWN BALTO IN RESIDENTIAL AREA BUT STILL IN CENTRAL PART OF BALTO. BREWERY LOCATED NOT TOO FAR DISTANT AND OTHER BUILDING NEARBY MIGHT BE MISTAKEN FOR BREWERY. ABOVE WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE LOGICALLY THAT CRANE PROBABLY DID PHOTOGRAPHING FOR CHAMBERS IN SPIEGEL APARTMENT RATHER THAN IN HIS OWN APARTMENT AT FOURTEEN W. FRANKLIN ST. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT POSSIBLY CHAMBERS HAD DISCONTINUED USING SPIEGEL APARTMENT BEFORE CRANE TOOK APARTMENT AT FOURTEEN W. FRANKLIN ST, ALTHOUGH SPIEGELS CONTINUED TO LIVE AT ONE TWELVE EAST MADISON ST UNTIL ABOUT JUNE THIRTYEIGHT.

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PAHAM. RETELS TO BUREAU AND WFO FEB. TWENTYFOURTH AND MARCH SEVENTH LAST RE CHRONOLOGY IN THE HANDLING OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. WFO WAS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW VINCENT P. RUSSO, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DJ, TO DETERMINE THE EXACT CHRONOLOGY IN THE HANDLING OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE EXACT CHRONOLOGY IN THE HANDLING OF THESE DOCUMENTS BE EXPEDITED IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THIS INFORMATION BE FORWARDED TO THIS OFFICE. SUTEL COMPLETE INFORMATION AS TO THE HANDLING OF THESE DOCUMENTS IMMEDIATELY.

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JAHAM. REMYTELS FEB. SEVEN AND SEVENTEEN LAST RE INTERVIEWS WILLIAM L. WHITE AND JAY ~~LOVESTONE~~. WFO REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH CLARA ~~HEUSS~~, ONE FIVE FOUR FOUR THIRTYFOURTH ST., NW, WDC, SO NYO CAN REINTERVIEW MRS. WHITE. SUTEL.

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JAHAM. RE BALTIMORE TEL MARCH THIRD AND BOSTON TEL MARCH TENTH,  
 INSTANT. REF BALTIMORE TEL REFLECTS THAT LENORE STRAUS, NEE LENORE  
 THOMAS, DENIED ALGER OR PRISCILLA HISS EVER VISITED AT ACCOKEEK, MD.,  
 BUT LENORE ADVISES SHE MET PRISCILLA HISS ONCE ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE  
 OR NINETEEN THIRTY SIX IN WASHINGTON, DC THROUGH PRISCILLA'S SISTER-  
 IN-LAW, ROBERTA FANSLER, NOW MRS. JOWA ALFORD, OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE  
 ISLAND. BOSTON WILL IMMEDIATELY RE-INTERVIEW MRS. ALFORD FOR ANY INFO  
 CONCERNING ACQUAINTANCE BETWEEN LENORE STRAUS AND ALGER OR PRISCILLA  
 HISS, AS INDICATED IN REF BALTIMORE TEL. THIS POINT WAS NOT COVERED  
 PREVIOUSLY IN INVESTIGATIONS REPORTED BY BOSTON OFFICE. BOSTON WILL  
 DETERMINE WHETHER MRS. ALFORD HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ALGER OR PRISCILLA  
 HISS VISITING AT LONGVIEW, ACCOKEEK, MD., WHERE LENORE STRAUS AND  
 SALLY RINGE RESIDED, AND DETERMINE IF MRS. ALFORD HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE  
 OF ACQUAINTANCESHIP BETWEEN ALGER OR PRISCILLA HISS AND SALLY RINGE,  
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FOR INFO ALBANY OFFICE--A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF WFO ADVISED THAT ON MARCH EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY SIX, PRISCILLA HISS, IN CONVERSATION WITH WOMAN NAMED LOLA, WHO MAY BE LOLA HORTON, MADE MENTION OF LENORE STRAUS, SAYING THAT A BILL MEYERS, PHONETIC, WAS A FRIEND OF LENORE STRAUS. REF BALT TEL REFLECTS ROBERT AND LOLA HORTON WERE MUTUAL FRIENDS OF HISS FAMILY AND OF LENORE STRAUS AND LENORES HUSBAND, ROBERT WARE STRAUS, WHO WORKED UNDER ROBERT HORTON IN NEW DEAL AGENCIES. ACCORDINGLY, ALBANY WILL RE-INTERVIEW ROBERT AND LOLA HORTON AT SUDBURY, VT., RE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ACQUAINTANCE SHIP BETWEEN LENORE STRAUS AND ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS, PERIOD OF SUCH ACQUAINTANCESHIP, AND ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ALGER OR PRISCILLA HISS VISITING LENORE STRAUS OR SALLY RINGE AT LONGVIEW, ACCOKEEK, MD. BOSTON AND ALBANY WILL EXPEDITE AND SUTEL.

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JAHAM. RENVTEL MARCH EIGHT. HENRY RHINE CONTACTED THIS AM AND DECLINED...  
TO BE INTERVIEWED AT THAT TIME ON BASIS OF SLIGHT ILLNESS. RHINE THERE  
AFTER CONTACTED SOL WALDBAUM, CP ATTORNEY, WHO AT FIRST ADVISED RHINE TO  
GO TO FBI MONDAY TO "SEE WHAT THEY WANT". RHINE TOLD WALDBAUM HE THOUGHT  
HE KNEW WHAT WAS WANTED AND DESIRED TO DISCUSS IT WITH HIM FIRST. AT  
APPROXIMATELY FIVE PM TODAY, RHINE DISCUSSED SITUATION PERSONALLY WITH  
WALDBAUM AND RELATED INFO RE FBI INQUIRIES IN NYC LAST WEEK CONCERNING  
THEIR ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE HIM AND WIFE JESSICA. SAID FBI AGENT IN NY  
TOLD HIS BROTHER HE HAD A LIST OF NAMES THAT HAD TO BE CHECKED CONCERNING  
ESPIONAGE. TOLD WALDBAUM HE HAD BEEN IN WASHINGTON AS GOVT. WORKER YEARS  
AGO, BUT THAT HE KNEW NOTHING OF ACTIVITIES THERE. SAID EX WIFE,  
JESSICA, WAS VERY CLOSE TO LATTIMER OF RRE DURING HER EMPLOYMENT IN WASH.  
TOLD WALDBAUM IF HE CAME TO FBI ON MONDAY, HE MIGHT BE ASKED IF HE KNEW  
ELEANOR NELSON, AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO ADMIT THAT HE KNEW HER. SAID  
HE WAS NOT CONCERNED EXCEPT IF FBI TRIED TO "TIE THIS UP" WITH TRADE  
UNION ACTIVITIES. INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO COME TO FBI IF INTERVIEW WAS  
TO DEAL WITH TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES BUT PROBABLY NOT OTHERWISE. TRANS-  
SCRIPT OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN WALDBAUM AND RHINE WILL BE FURNISHED NY  
AND BUREAU SPECIAL DELIVERY TOMORROW PM. IF RHINE AGREES TO COME TO  
FBI OFFICE MONDAY, HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED UNLESS ADVICE RECEIVED TO CON-

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JAHAM. RE NYTEL MARCH TEN, LAST, REQUESTING NAME OF OFFICIAL OF RIGGS  
NATIONAL BANK COMPETENT OF PRODUCING RECORDS OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT OF ALGER  
AND PRISCILLA HISS. THE INDIVIDUAL COMPETENT TO TESTIFY AND PRODUCE IS  
LYNN O. DELASHMUTT, PRESENTLY ASSISTANT VICE-PRESIDENT AND BRANCH MANAGER  
OF THE FRIENDSHIP BRANCH OF THE RIGGS NATIONAL BANK, WISCONSIN AVENUE AND  
WARREN STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC. RESIDENCE SEVEN ONE ONE FOUR HAMPDEN  
LANE, BETHESDA, MARYLAND. IF SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM TO ISSUE THE LEDGER  
CARDS, TOGETHER WITH SUPPORTING DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAWAL SLIPS OF ALGER AND  
PRISCILLA HISS MAINTAINED AT THE FARMERS AND MECHANICS BRANCH OF THE RIGGS  
NATIONAL BANK, WISCONSIN AVENUE AND M STREET, NW, SHOULD BE SUBPOENAED.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JAHAM, PERJURY, IS -R, ESPIONAGE-R. RE NY TEL TO BUREAU AND BOSTON, ADVISING ENCLOSURES TO NY DID NOT ARRIVE WITH BOSTON LETTER DATED MARCH NINTH LAST. NY IS ADVISED ITEM ONE WHICH HAS BEEN RECEIVED WAS SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER WITH A COPY OF THE REFERENCED LETTER. ITEMS TWO AND THREE WERE FORWARDED TO NY REGISTERED MAIL WITH ANOTHER COPY OF THIS LETTER. IN THE EVENT DELIVERY HAS NOT BEEN MADE BY NY POST OFFICE, SUGGEST CHECK BE MADE WITH REGISTRY SECTION AND BOSTON BE ADVISED. GUEST BOOKS FOR YEARS NINETEEN THIRTY SIX AND THIRTY EIGHT OF PETERBORO PLAYERS, PETERBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE, WERE NOT TAKEN BY BOSTON AGENTS AS INVESTIGATION HAS INDICATED THE TRIP TO NEW HAMPSHIRE BY CHAMBERS WAS IN YEAR NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AND THE PLAY QUOTE SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER UNQUOTE WAS PUT ON DURING THE NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN SUMMER SEASON.

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JAHAN. BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH STATE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND OBTAIN COPY OF TRANSFER OF TITLE OF OLD FORD AUTO WHICH WAS TRANSFERRED FROM NAME OF DAVID BREEN TO MRS. JAY OR MRS. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. COPY OF INFO SHOWING TITLE OF NEW NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN FORD AUTO REGISTERED IN NAME OF MRS. CHAMBERS WHICH WAS PURCHASED NOVEMBER, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN, SCHMIDT MOTOR COMPANY, RANDALLSTOWN, MARYLAND, SHOULD ALSO BE OBTAINED. SUTEL INFO FOR SUMMARY REPORT.

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 JAHAM, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. MRS. STEARNS REINTERVIEWED TODAY STATES THAT HER RECOLLECTION NOW IS THAT SHE RETAINED ONLY TWO REGISTERS COVERING A THREE YEAR PERIOD. SHE DESCRIBED REGISTER NUMBER ONE AS THE LARGER OF THE TWO WITH BLACK HARD COVER, POSSIBLY SIXTEEN INCHES BY TWELVE INCHES. THIS CONTAINED NAMES OF GUESTS OVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD. REGISTER NUMBER TWO WAS SMALLER APPROXIMATELY TWELVE INCHES BY EIGHT INCHES WITH A HARD COVER, COLOR UNKNOWN. SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OTHER RECORDS, BUT HAS GIVEN PERMISSION FOR BUREAU AGENTS TO CONDUCT ANY SEARCH THEY DEEM NECESSARY PROVIDED THEY CONTACT RICHARD NOYES. SHE BELIEVES THE ADVERTISING PLACARD SHOWING DATES OF "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER" FROM AUGUST TEN THROUGH FIFTEENTH TO BE CORRECT AS SUBSCRIBERS FORMS WERE MADE UP IN THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON WHILE THE ADVERTISEMENTS WERE MADE UP JUST PRIOR TO THE SHOW-S OPENING. ACCORDING TO STEARNS AN EXTRA DAY WAS PROBABLY ADDED AS A SOURCE OF EXTRA INCOME SINCE INSTANT SHOW WAS A NON-ROYALTY PLAY. HOWEVER, SHE FEELS THAT A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF THE PETERBOROUGH TRANSCRIPT WOULD BE THE BEST BASIS FOR HER TESTIMONY AS TO EXACT DATES OF SHOW-S RUN. BOSTON IS REQUESTED TO SECURE AND FURNISH NEW YORK PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF TRANSCRIPT CONTAINING INSTANT ADVERTISEMENT.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, URGENT

JAHAM. RE BACKGROUND OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. IN THE INTERVIEW OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, HE ADVISED THAT WHILE HE WAS ATTENDING COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH ROBINSON MORTON, CHAMBERS ADVISED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL IS NOW WORKING FOR LIFE MAGAZINE IN THE ART DEPT., IN DETROIT MICH. CHAMBERS ADVISED IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR, HE HITCH DASH HIKE FROM NYC TO SEATTLE, WASH. AND RETURN. WHILE IN SEATTLE, HE STAYED FOR FIVE DAYS WITH ROBINSON MORTON, WHOSE HOME WAS LOCATED THERE. CHAMBERS FURTHER ADVISED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN SEATTLE HE JOINED THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD, BELIEVING THAT MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO HIM IN GETTING FREIGHT TRAIN RIDES BACK TO NY, BECAUSE HE HEARD THAT THE TRAINS WERE MANNED BY IWW MEN, AND THAT THERE WAS AN ADVANTAGE IN HAVING AN IWW MEMBERSHIP CARD. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ROBINSON MORTON BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED FOR ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND HIS ACTIVITIES. IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT THE EXACT DATES OF ~~THEIR~~ CONTACT BETWEEN MORTON AND CHAMBERS SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED ~~WHENEVER~~ THROUGH THIS INTERVIEW WITH MORTON AND ALSO ANY KNOWLEDGE MORTON MIGHT HAVE CHAMBERS MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD. SUTEL RESULTS.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 8, 1949

FROM : SAC, Miami

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

Reference is made to the Bureau letter to Washington Field dated January 17, 1949, which sets forth information furnished the Bureau by ED NELLOR of the Washington Times Herald. NELLOR had received information from an individual known as ROBERT RADOVAN concerning an address book which RADOVAN had secured from a Russian by the name of KARZOV.

Reference is also made to Washington Field letter to the Bureau dated January 28, 1949, which sets forth the results of an interview with ROBERT RADOVAN on January 27, 1949, wherein RADOVAN indicates that the address book is believed to be in the possession of one GEORGE SENFT of Miami Beach, Florida.

The files of the Miami Office show that on October 18, 1948, Detective PETER STEWART of the Miami Beach Police Department informed the Miami Office that he had arrested one HOWARD CARL RADOVAN for vagrancy on October 17, 1948, Miami Beach PD No. 13919. Detective STEWART said that upon searching RADOVAN he was found to be in possession of a small black notebook believed to be the property of one PAUL T. KALV of Washington, D. C.

Detective STEWART turned this small notebook over to Special Agent GUY R. BAILEY of the Miami Office for examination and it was noted by Special Agent BAILEY that this book contained the names of various persons and various employment and personnel agencies in Washington, D. C., Chicago, Michigan and Ohio. The notebook indicated that the owner of it was PAUL D. KALV who had served in the Russian Army during the first World War from 1915 to 1920, being discharged as a lieutenant colonel. It also indicated that KALV was naturalized at Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 5, 1931, and that he had served with the U. S. Army in World War II in the Air Corps, Military Government Overseas, and also as an Electrical Engineer officer, being discharged as a Captain on January 12, 1945, Army Serial No. O-922740. There was also an indication that KALV had worked for the War Department in 1946 and 1947, the Office of War Information of the War and Navy Department in 1945 and 1946, the War Production Board in 1942 and 1943, the Civil Aeronautics Administration 1937 to 1939, the U. S. Naval Academy 1936 to 1937, U. S. Military Academy in 1936, all employment being in the capacity of an electrical engineer.

Inasmuch as the names and addresses and the information in this notebook did not appear to be of a questionable nature, Special Agent GUY R. BAILEY returned same to Detective PETER STEWART.

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In connection with PAUL D. KALV, the Miami files show that a Loyalty investigation was conducted of this individual by the Bureau in November, 1948, under the caption "PAUL DIMITRY KALV, aka Paul Dimitry Kalachov, Communications Engineer, Civilian Personnel Branch, HQ SQ MATS, Washington, D. C., Department of the Army, LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES."

It would appear that the individual referred to by RADOVAN in the referenced Bureau letter as KARZOV is identical with the subject of the Bureau loyalty investigation, PAUL DIMITRY KALV.

Detective ARTHUR LEONARD of the Miami Beach Police Department, upon checking the files and records of the Miami Beach Police Department, advised that KALV's notebook was mailed back to him at 1400 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, D. C. in November, 1948, and the Miami Beach Police Department received a letter of thanks from KALV for returning his property.

Special Agent BAILEY and Special Agent J. RICHARD BUTTS both examined the book and all names except those of employment agencies were checked against the indices of the Miami Office with negative results. Agents BAILEY and BUTTS both emphatically state that the name of ALGER HISS was not in the black book.



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

January 21, 1948

CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was; ET AL  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 18, 1949. There are being transmitted herewith one photostatic copy of sixteen State Department documents, consisting of thirty-four pages, for inclusion with the documents already forwarded to the Bureau by this office. Following is a list of the photostatic copies being forwarded:

Paraphrase marked "Confidential" referring to telegram No. 324 of March 2, 1938 from the American Embassy at Paris, Serial No. 793.94/12565 by "FE:EGC:HES".

Paraphrase of telegram received from American Embassy, Tokyo, Japan, dated March 28, 1938, #211, signed Crew.

Telegram sent from Washington, D.C. on February 15, 1938 to American Legation, Vienna, Serial 762.63/427 signed HULL and initialed SW.

Telegram dated January 27, 1938, from Henkow via N. R. No. 47 for War Department from STILLWELL, Serial No. 793.94/12173.

Memorandum dated February 18, 1938, entitled "German domination of Central Europe and Czechoslovak trade agreement, file no. 611.60F31/591.

Tel #61 from Tokyo dated January 30, 1938, file no. 793.94/12259, re. Military Attache report of assembling of Japanese troops in Formosa.

Tel, unnumbered, dated January 31, 1938, from 2nd Brigade USMC, file no. 793.94/12257, re Japanese reinforcing Wuhu region with troops which left Tientsin January 29, 1938.

Tel #7 to Rome, dated January 31, 1938, file 793.94/12248, asking full investigation of report from Consulate at Milan that Italian aircraft and men had been ordered to Japan.

cc: Washington Field

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o Tel #69 from London, dated January 28, 1938, file 500.A 15 A 5 Construction/83 giving text of note which the British proposed to send to the Japanese early in February.

o Received January 23, 1938, unnumbered from Tsingtao, FOR WAR DEPT FROM DORN, file 793.94/12175, re Japanese landing a battery of truck drawn 10 centimeter howitzers & 4 batteries horse drawn 77 millimeter guns.

o Tel #7 from Bern dated January 28, 1938, file 894.51/548, re info received from Swiss Nat'l Bank official that Japan putting out feelers re possibility of getting large loan in Switzerland.

o Tel #68 from Peiping dated January 28, 1938, file 793.94/12239, re estimate of American military observers of trucks and locomotives arrived in North China between January 19 and 25.

o Received January 29, 1938, unnumbered tel. from Milan, file no. 793.94/12248, reporting Italian aircraft and men had been ordered to Japan.

o Tel #1 from Seville dated January 21, 1938, file 852.00/7235, re political optimism rudly shaken by events of Teruel, tightening of frontiers attributed to plot against France, etc.

o Tel #55 from Paris dated January 12, 1938, file 740.00/263, that Italian charge in Paris, Prunas, said Germany and Italy had reached complete agreement on Austria and annexation of Tyrolians not expected to cause any difficulties.

o #56 from Paris dated January 12, 1938, file 740.00/264, that Delbos said Poncet reported from Berlin that Germans would agree to limitation of production of military planes, that he believed there was complete understanding between Italy and Germany on Austria. 3500

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A comparison was made between the documents in the possession of Mr. T. J. DONEGAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and it was found that he does not have the following documents:

o Teletype #47 from Hankow 1/22/38

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Telegram dated March 5, 1938 at Washington, D. C. to American Embassy, Tokyo, Serial No. 793.94/12565, signed "HULL" and "S.W."

Confidential note to the Secretary of the Navy referring to enclosure of copy of telegram received from London dated February 18, 1938, Serial No. 500.A 15 A 5 Construction/109.

Note dated March 28, 1938, from Secretary of State to Secretary of Treasury enclosing paraphrase of telegram #211 of March 28, 1938, from the American Embassy, Tokyo, serial 894.51/566.

Copies of notes dated March 31, 1938, from Cordell Hull to the Minister of Canada, the Ambassador of the French Republic, and the British Ambassador, serial 500.A 15 A 5 CONSTRUCTION/141.

Telegram from Washington, D. C., dated March 31, 1938, to American Embassy, Rome, signed Hull, serial 500.A 15 A 5 CONSTRUCTION/141.

Telegram from Washington, D.C., dated March 31, 1938, to American Embassy, Tokyo, signed Hull, serial 500.A 15 A 5 CONSTRUCTION/141.

Letter from U. S. Legation, The Hague, Netherlands, dated February 26, 1938, #194, concerning Netherlands's press reaction to Hitler's Reichstag speech, signed J. Webb Benton, serial 762.00/180.

Telegram from Washington, D. C., dated March 18, 1938, to American Embassy, Tokyo, signed Hull and S.W., serial 693.002/513.

Telegram from Washington, D.C., dated February 21, 1938, to American Consul, Tientsin, China, signed Hull (M.M.H.), Serial 693.002/513.

Telegram from Peiping via N.R. dated January 29, 1938, #73, Serial 493.11/2087, signed LOCKHART.

Telegram from Washington, D.C. via Naval Radio dated February 1, 1938 to American Embassy, Peiping, Serial 493.11/2088, signed HULL (M.M.H.)

Confidential paraphrase of telegram #67 of February 2, 1938 from the American Ambassador at Tokyo.

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Telegram from London dated January 28, 1938, #70, Serial 500.A 15 A 5 Construction/84, signed JOHNSON.

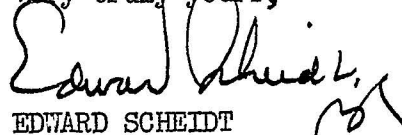
Telegram from Washington, D. C. via Naval Radio dated January 27, 1938 to American Embassy, Peiping, China, Serial 493.11/2086, signed HULL and initialed SKH.

Telegram from Washington, D. C. dated January 28, 1938 to American Embassy, Tokyo, Serial 493.11/2086, signed HULL and initialed SKH.

Copy of private and confidential letter dated October 18, 1938 at Shanghai, China to Japanese Consul General, Shanghai, from W. ROBERT TAYLOR and M. T. RANKIN.

In the course of this comparison it was found that photostatic copies of sixteen documents being forwarded herewith were among the original sets prepared by this office from those documents in the possession of Mr. DONEGAN, one set of which was previously transmitted to the Bureau on January 11, 1949. It is felt that the sixteen documents being transmitted with this letter should have been included among those originally sent by this office.

Very truly yours,

  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

New York, New York  
January 31, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was;  
ALGER HISS, ET AL  
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

In the matter of the trial of ALGER HISS, Perjury, set for February 24, 1949, the possibilities as to what the Government will be able to show to prove the allegations as to Perjury upon the part of HISS as to the statement that he did not receive from CHAMBERS the documents as alleged by CHAMBERS on the first count, and that he did not see CHAMBERS personally after December 1, 1936, and, more definitely, he had not seen him after January 1, 1937, in the second count as opposed to the element of time appearing in the dates of the documents produced by CHAMBERS, which are dated January to March, 1938, and which would have been in the possession of CHAMBERS through HISS sometime subsequent to the respective dates of the documents, there will be produced proof involving the various elementary situations as follows:

(1) JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS will be expected to testify as to all facts as to his relation as a Soviet underground agent with HISS, who was familiar with his identity and purpose. Secondly, he will be expected to introduce the documents from the State Department which he obtained from HISS.

This will involve immediate effort to attack the credibility of CHAMBERS. Due to the handling of the documents themselves through the attorneys for CHAMBERS and HISS after being made available at Baltimore in a libel action and the handling of these by the representatives of the House Un-American Activities Committee, there will be a rather involved chain of proof which is being worked out.

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(2) As would be desirable and, if no objections are sustained, we will have such witnesses as HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH and FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO to prove that they, as agents, furnished material to CHAMBERS as a Soviet Agent from their respective places of employment with the United States Government. RENO has recently indicated some possibilities of becoming mentally unstable due to worry and probably fear. As to this same situation there will be other possible witnesses depending upon the extent to which we can follow this line of proof.

(3) In connection with the proof of the writing of the phrases of these documents on the typewriter belonging to HISS, we have a number of specimens, communications signed by ALGER HISS or his wife prepared on this typewriter, the latest being dated May 25, 1937. As to this it would be desirable to show the typewriter in the possession of HISS and his wife, particularly during the period of the dates of the documents, namely early 1938. Regarding this there is a statement of HISS that his wife disposed of this typewriter in Washington subsequent to 1938. The efforts as to this are being continued in order to show later dates of such specimens or to locate the typewriter and to determine to whom it was disposed of to.

(4) As to the statement of CHAMBERS that he was associated with HISS and his wife late into 1938 after he, CHAMBERS, had broken with the Communist Party apparatus, he stated he was in Peterborough, New Hampshire, with Mr. and Mrs. HISS in August, 1937, where CHAMBERS called on HARRY DEXTER WHITE, who may or may not have seen HISS and his wife. We have been unable to identify the place where they stopped in Peterborough, New Hampshire, or en route at Thomaston, Connecticut, and it may be necessary to take CHAMBERS to these two areas to identify the place and thereafter locate persons who can identify them.

As to the rugs which CHAMBERS said BORIS BYKOV, Russian Agent, instructed that he give to ALGER HISS, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN in the latter part of 1936, the sale of these rugs has been shown to be about December 29, 1936, and when worked out will show later contacts with HISS by CHAMBERS than is now claimed by HISS.

Notwithstanding the many contacts of CHAMBERS with HISS and the fact that he resided with HISS at his residence and also sublet an

apartment from him at another address, we have little to show the association and intimacy of HISS and CHAMBERS and this is being worked out in great detail by the Washington Field Office in order that we may have, if possible, several witnesses to show this independent of the testimony of CHAMBERS. Mrs. CHAMBERS may be able to supply some detail as to this which will assist.

CHAMBERS is to proceed to Washington, D.C., today to assist the Washington Field Office in identifying places and persons, if necessary.

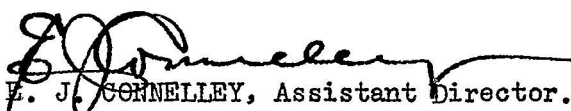
Various other persons such as DAVID ZIMMERMAN, alias Carpenter, and FELIX A. INSLERMAN, the photographers who did work for CHAMBERS, are being closely checked for additional possibilities as to whether they can be used, if possible, although both are reluctant to admit anything which would actually involve them as espionage agents.

I will try to emphasize particularly that part of the investigation which can be used in the Perjury trial with suitable attention to the other details necessary as to any evidence concerning espionage violations by other persons who have been named. This latter will require considerable additional work with regard to each particular group which has been, at least, identified in part to us by CHAMBERS in order to determine their activities and the date when they ceased to be active or when their activities may have been assimilated by others who are now active. With regard to most of those named, the statute of limitations will probably frustrate their prosecution, based upon the information now available.

During the present week after the Washington Field Office report, which is now en route, is received, we will endeavor to prepare a summary report as to all possible witnesses who can be used in the trial of HISS in order that this will be available to whomever is trying the case in order to afford ample time for full consideration.

While many and sundry matters and other detail necessary generally as to both phases of the inquiry have been covered, which is not mentioned above, there still remains some inquiry regarding both phases, particularly the latter, concerning the various espionage agents. The principal objective at the moment is to assemble or obtain everything which will be necessary for the trial set for February 24, 1949.

Respectfully,

  
E. J. CORNELLEY, Assistant Director.

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*Mr. Litcher*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 7-14-77

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
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Re Pulet January 3, 1949, wherein a lead is set forth for the interview of Communist Party informants who were active in the CP during the period 1939-50. The following informants, who were either active in the CP during that period or who were familiar with CP activities and figures, have been interviewed:

[ ] who was not a member of the CP but who has been closely associated with numerous CP figures and CP front organizations.

[ ] who has been active in the Coop Movement, in the founding of the United Federal Workers of America and in the Washington Bookshop Association.

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[ ] who has been active in the Labor Movement over a period of years and has been associated with numerous CP figures.

[ ] who was an active member of the CP from 1936-43.

DEFENSE RECORDS

Confidential Informant [ ] was not acquainted with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. The informant recalled that DONALD HISS had at one time been a lecturer at the Federal Workers School from 1939-40. The informant stated that ALGER HISS had appeared at the School on a few occasions purely as a spectator. [ ] knew nothing about either ALGER or DONALD HISS but recalled that they appeared to be admired by some of the Communists connected with this School.

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The informant recalled in this connection particularly HELEN MILLER, who was discharged by the Department of Labor because of her Communist activity. The informant recalled NATHAN WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, ALICE BARROWS, MARION BRADSHAW and JOHN T. BERNARD (former Congressman from Minnesota). All were very active in the UFWA Union affairs and along with ELEANOR NELSON, appeared to be among the leading Communists exerting influence in this Union. According to the informant, NATHAN WITT and LEE PRESSMAN appeared to be the domineering figures in this group. She recalled that BEN ALLEN often boasted of his friendship with LEE PRESSMAN.

Regarding ELEANOR NELSON [ ] stated that NELSON sometime in the late 1930's shared an apartment in the 3600 block of Connecticut Avenue with one SOPHIE KATZ, who was a photographer of sorts. The informant did not know whether or not SOPHIE KATZ was actually a member of the CP but recalled that KATZ seemed to be somewhat esteemed by CP figures. The informant knew ELEANOR NELSON to be a member of the CP and stated that NELSON had on occasions indicated

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WFO LETTER TO DIRECTOR

RE: J. DAVID WEITAKER CHALFERS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - 2, 1949

that the informant join the Communist Party. Among NELSON's closer associates were HELEN MILLER, JESSICA RICK RHINE, and HENRY RHINE. [ ] advised that ELEANOR NELSON and JESSICA RICK and HELEN MILLER had once shared an apartment in the 2200 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. She advised that NELSON was also a close friend of ARTHUR STEIN, who appeared to be among the leading Communists in this area and described NELSON as having the "morals of a tom cat." (S)

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[ ] stated that PHIL ZENO was at one time President of Local #10 of the UPWA and was a close friend of ARTHUR and ANNIE STEIN and of CRAIG WINCENT and his wife, JOYCE CAFFRELL. The informant recalled that HENRY RHINE was an organizer for the United Public Workers of America and that JESSICA, his wife, was employed at Railroad Retirement Board. She stated that regarding Railroad Retirement Board, she recalled the last two occasions when employees of RRR had visited the Federal Workers School, asking if "this is where we go to join the Communist Party." These people stated that they could not get anywhere in RRR unless they joined the Party and that they had been told to go to the Federal Workers School to join. The informant recalled the name of one of these people, that is GEORGE RIDER (Phonetic) or RYER, whom she described as an Attorney who was approximately 40 years of age and was bald-headed. (S)

Regarding HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH, the informant stated that she recalled him vaguely as having been an occasional visitor to the Library at the Federal Workers School and stated that he appeared to be acquainted with ELEANOR NELSON. (S)

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Regarding WEBSTER CHAY POWELL, Informant [ ] could not recall the name of POWELL but stated that she had attended a social function on one occasion at the Green Acres Progressive School. Among other persons present at this function were FEM ALLEN, JESSICA RICK RHINE, HENRY RHINE and HORACE WARNER TRUSTELL. The informant recalled that TRUSTELL had been active in the American League Against War and Fascism, that he "talked the general Communist Party line" and that he was an associate of many persons suspected by or known to the informant to be members of the CP. One particular associate recalled by the informant was CHARLES TAGGIFT (GIFT has been reported by Confidential Informants [ ] and [ ] to be a member of the CP). He was until recently an employee of the Washington Naval Gun Factory. (S)

Regarding SIDNEY SCHOSTECK, whose name has come up in connection with this case, the informant recalled only that SCHOSTECK had been killed while fighting for Spain. (S)

Regarding SOPHIE WENZEL, the informant recalled WENZEL as having been active in union affairs and as having appeared to be on the "inside of things." She stated that WENZEL was a close friend of SYLVIA SLOOFF. (S)

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WFO LETTER TO DIRECTOR

Feb. 2, 1949

RE: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAPMERS

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Confidential Informant [ ] stated that PHIL REIC was one of the original members of the staff of the NWA and apparently belonged to an "inner group" which appeared to be Communist dominated and which included ELEANOR NELSON, HENRY RINE, JESSICA RUCK RHINE, JANET GAINES and ELIZABETH G. HALE. He recalled that ARTHUR STEIN was one of the "policy-making boys" in this "inner group." The informant stated that ELEANOR NELSON and one MIKE WAIGLES also exerted considerable influence among this group. Another person recalled by the informant as being around this group was CHARLES KLATO, described by the informant as being a little hunchback. The informant stated that IRVING RECHTER also spent considerable time with this group and appeared to exert considerable influence in the Communist domination of union affairs.

Regarding WEBSTER STAY POWELL, the informant recalled that the POWELLS had operated a progressive school in their home known as Green Acres. He recalled attending a party at the POWELL home which he believed to be a benefit party for the school. The informant recalled that among the persons present at this party were CHARLES KLATO, FRED LAKE and DONALD HENDERSON. The informant stated that he had no proof of membership in the Communist Party regarding any of these people but stated that they were all generally considered as being Communists. He recalled that GALDNER JACKSON frequently played around with this group but has now definitely broken away from it and might be an excellent source of information.

[ ] also recalled HORACE WARNER TRUESDELL as apparently being among the more highly esteemed men in CP circles in the Washington area.

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[ ] who was particularly associated with a group of persons suspected by him of being Communists in the Central Labor Union in the middle 1930's furnished the following information:

ELEANOR NELSON came to Washington during the early to middle 1930's from New York, and seemed from the beginning to be a leader of another group of persons who had also begun working for the Government and were from New York. He stated that NELSON became active in the American Federation of Government Employees, an A. F. of L. Government Employees Union, and with others attempted to gain control of the Central Labor Union. He recalled that these people frequently packed meetings and before Central Labor Union meetings, would meet as a separate group to plan their strategy for the ensuing CU meeting. Among the persons more prominently active in this group was JOE RINIS, presently associated in the contracting business in the firm, RINIS and TUGMAN. The informant stated that RINIS had at one time attended some school on Communism in Russia. Other persons active in this group were HENRY RINE and his wife, JESSICA RUCK RINE, JANET GAINES, ROBERT BAILEY and ELIZABETH G. HALE. According to the informant, JOE RINIS seemed to be the leading figure of this group along with ELEANOR NELSON and from his observation, RINIS appeared to give the orders to all of them including

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INFO LETTER TO DIRECTOR

Feb. 2, 1949

RE: J. DAVID WHITTAKER DEAN PERS

HITLOR BELSON. The informant stated that this group had subsequently broken away and formed the nucleus for the United Federal Workers of America.

Confidential Informant [ ] furnished the following information regarding figures in this case:

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~~NATHAN WITT~~

Informant did not recall when she first met WITT but knew him prior to her entry into the Communist Party about 1936. She was associated with him in varying degrees until about 1943. Her outstanding recollection regarding NAT WITT's definite association with high Communist Party functionaries resulted from a conference in the home of MARION and ARTHUR BAGHRAGH on Hintwood Place, Northwest, about September, 1940. This conference was held to discuss ways and means of raising money through the Communist Party and among Communist Party followers for the support of the campaign of JOHN T. BERNARD (Minnesota) for Congress. BERNARD had received the Farmer-Labor nomination for the House of Representatives, according to the informant, and had previously been a member of Congress in the middle 1930's, at which time he was the only Communist to be a member of Congress.

The conference referred to above was attended by MARION and ARTHUR BAGHRAGH, Mr. and Mrs. ~~LEE SPESLAN~~, ALICE ~~BARROWS~~, and an unidentified man who was a member of the CP from Minnesota and who had driven BERNARD from Minnesota to Washington for this conference, JOHN T. BERNARD and NATHAN WITT, and Confidential Informant [ ]

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According to the informant, BERNARD previously was acquainted intimately with other persons present at this conference and obviously had known them for a considerable period of time. NAT WITT was the domineering figure during the conference. The informant pointed out that this conference was during the period of the HITLER-STALIN Pact and all persons present were avowed Communists. During the conference, NAT WITT jokingly remarked that things were not as easy as they had been due to the HITLER-STALIN Pact.

The informant stated that she was never in WITT's house and did not recall that WITT was ever in her home. The occasion of the above conference was the only conference of high CP functionaries the informant ever attended with WITT and was the closest contact she ever had with him in connection with CP activity. The informant stated that all persons present at this conference were absolutely CP members and stated that she had discussed with them at various times the CP role in world events.

~~JOHN ABT~~

Informant stated that she did not know ABT well but knew he was the brother of MARION BAGHRAGH and the husband of JESSICA SMITH. She stated that

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she had met him on a couple of occasions and knew that he was a member of the CP from conversations she had with MARION BAGHRACH and also from conversations with JOHN T. BERNARD and with VITA CLAIR HIRSONWIND. The informant advised that HIRSONWIND had told her that CLAIR HATHAWAY (former "Daily Worker" editor) told her that MARION BAGHRACH and JOHN ART were both very comineering and that he (HATHAWAY) and ART had had a "run-in" in New York regarding CP matters. The informant originally contacted ART about 1938 while working with ART's sister, MARTIN BAGHRACH in CP activities at the Capitol. The informant's last knowledge of ART was in New York about a year ago when the informant was visiting ALFRED K. and MYRTLE EDITH STERN. During a conversation, the STERNS referred to the coming role of the WILSON Party during the campaign and election. ALFRED STERN quoted JOHN ART as having said it would be possible for the CP to elect ten Congressmen in the coming campaign.

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MARION BAGHRACH

MARION BAGHRACH was a close CP associate of Confidential Informant [redacted] during the late 1930's and possibly early 1940's. About 1937, MARION BAGHRACH was employed in the inner office of Representative JOHN T. BERNARD, who has been referred to previously in this memo, and used to sit in on all of his conferences. BAGHRACH often jokingly told [redacted] about JOHN T. BERNARD's Secretary, ANTHONY (last name unknown) who was a Catholic and strongly anti-Communist. BAGHRACH referred to how mad ANTHONY or TONY would get over being shut out of these conferences while BAGHRACH attended them. [redacted] stated that BAGHRACH actually worked and had a desk in the same room as BERNARD, acting so on orders from BERNARD and instructions from the CP. She stated that she and BAGHRACH had reached the conclusion that TONY took the job as Secretary to BERNARD in order to mitigate CP influence on BERNARD's actions. She stated that BAGHRACH had been successful in blocking these efforts.

It should be noted that the informant has previously furnished information that JOHN T. BERNARD was influential along with the informant in persuading former Representative ROBERT POWELL, of Pennsylvania to attend a Spanish Loyalist dinner or party about 1937 at the home of WEBSTER CLAY POWELL. POWELL has been identified as being a member of the same underground group of the CP in Washington as ALGER HISS, LEE PRESSMAN, HAROLD WARE, NATHAN WITT and others.

JESSICA SMITH

Informant first met JESSICA SMITH in 1925 and was told by SMITH at that time that she was a CP member. SMITH had just returned from Russia and was very fanatically pro-Russian. She had made this trip to Russia along with LUCY BRANNON (Phonetic). They had gone to Russia in 1923, as part of a Labor Union delegation. The trip was financed by one A. X. FRIER, prominent New York Communist. Informant stated that LUCY BRANNON was not a member of

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the CP to the best of her knowledge. JESSICA SMITH had remained in Russia for about one year after the remainder of the Labor Union delegation had returned to the United States. JESSICA SMITH, at the time informant met her, was a CP fanatic and, according to the informant, was the second person informant had ever met who was known to her to be a member of the CP. [redacted] was introduced to SMITH by IVY BRANNON in JESSICA SMITH's bedroom in a house on the site of the present U.S. Supreme Court Building. Informant said that at the time she, herself, was very enthusiastic and thrilled over meeting a real Communist and hearing her talk about how wonderful everything was in Russia. Informant stated that she had no other contact with JESSICA SMITH until 1937, 1938 and 1939, when she was on close friendly terms with MARTON BACHRACH, sister-in-law of JESSICA SMITH.

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LAWRENCE DUGGAN

Informant stated that she had never met DUGGAN personally and has no knowledge of CP membership or activity on his part. Her only knowledge of him was that during the spring of 1940, while informant was working on the United American-Spanish Aid Committee in Washington, [redacted] (more recently connected with Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in New York) told her that DUGGAN would most likely be the person in the State Department who had been cooperative with the United American-Spanish Aid Committee or whatever name that organization was known by at that particular time. It was informant's belief that DUGGAN was merely anti-Fascist and anti-FRANCO and probably not a CP member. Informant recalled DUGGAN having been spoken of by other CP members as being anti-Fascist. She did not recall the names of others but recalled that TERESA LISS may have been one of the persons so referring to DUGGAN.

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[redacted] was not personally acquainted with GURRIE but recalled that [redacted] DESPRES had accompanied GURRIE on a trip to China for the State Department. She stated that she knew DESPRES to be a member of the CP and recalled having discussed with HENRY HILL COLLINS how important this trip by DESPRES with GURRIE was to the CP movement.

ROBERT COE

Informant was acquainted with ROBERT COE particularly during 1940 and 1941 during a time when COE was employed as Director of FARM Research, Incorporated, which, according to the informant, was a "straight party outfit." Informant knew COE to be a member of the CP, having discussed this with MARIE COLLEMAN, aka Mrs. EUGENE COLLEMAN. MARIE COLLEMAN at times acted as a cartoonist for the Farm Research, Incorporated magazine. Informant stated that she was

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very close to these people at the time because she was doing propaganda work for the CP, the idea being to have Congressmen make speeches containing CP propaganda. Informant's work in this connection dealt primarily with the agricultural situation. The informant recalled having attended some CP meetings in the office of BOB COE during this period and states that she and BOB COE had to know and trust each other as they were doing important CP work, the purposes of which frequently overlapped.

It should be noted that Farm Research, Incorporated, of which BOB COE was Director, also employed during the middle 1930's for a considerable time WEBSTER CLAY POWELL, who has been referred to before. It is believed that ~~HAROLD~~ ~~AND~~, who has also been mentioned prominently by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in connection with the CP underground group, was associated at one time with Farm Research, Inc.

ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS

Informant stated that she has met both ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS but has never been closely associated with either of them. Informant knew nothing of any CP affiliation on the part of either one of the HISSes. Informant knew ALGER and PRISCILLA to be Liberals but stated that she had no idea of any CP membership or activity on the part of either of them at any time. Informant recalled particularly one occasion several years ago when she met PRISCILLA HISS and at which time, she was coldly avoided by PRISCILLA. The informant at the time did not attach any particular significance to this act on PRISCILLA's part but did consider it unusual.

STANLEY SCHOSTECK  
SOPHIE LENKEN

Informant stated that SCHOSTECK was a boyfriend of SOPHIE LENKEN. SCHOSTECK was active in organizing the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. He is a son or a grandson of a member of Unit #1 of the CP which was organized in 1905 - one of the original CP revolutionaries in the United States. While in Washington, ~~STANLEY~~ SCHOSTECK and SOPHIE LENKEN were very important in the activities of the Young Communist League and also in the Central Labor Union. During this period, SCHOSTECK also roomed with one ~~WILLIE~~ ~~ARVOLD~~ (CP name) with aliases, ~~WILLIE~~ ~~ARMSTEIN~~ and ~~WILLIE~~ ~~ARMSTEIN~~, who was a GP organizer in the District of Columbia in 1936. The informant stated that SCHOSTECK had subsequently gone to Spain and had been killed fighting for the Spanish Loyalist forces.

1 According to the informant, SOPHIE LENKEN was a close social acquaintance of EDITH WAHL, wife of DAVID WAHL. EDITH often referred to SOPHIE as "my friend SOPHIE." SOPHIE LENKEN, according to the informant, was also on close friendly terms with ~~DAVE~~ and ~~MIRIAM~~ ~~WAIGLES~~.

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In regard to the above WILLIE ARNOLD, reference is made to a previous lead in this case to identify and interview one ROY WARTER, who was reportedly a CP organizer in the District of Columbia about 1935. It is believed that WILLIE ARNOLD might be a very logical suspect for being identical with ROY WARTER.

The informant was not acquainted with VINCENT ARENO, LANCE CLARK, PHIL ARENO, BENJAMIN FRIEDMAN, BENJAMIN FIELDS.

Regarding GARDNER JACKSON, whom the Bureau has instructed interviewing, informant stated that she has been acquainted with GARDNER and PAT JACKSON for a long time and states that JACKSON is not a member of the CP to her knowledge and as a matter of fact hates the CP. She stated, however, that JACKSON should be an excellent source of information regarding numerous CP personalities.

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Regarding HORACE WARREN TRUESDELL, who has been referred to by several informants as having been an associate of various persons in this case, [redacted] advised that he had occasion to observe CP records and noted that HORACE TRUESDELL and his wife, ADELAIDE, were listed as having paid CP dues for several months in 1936 or 1937. The informant stated that in 1940, ANN GOODMAN, who was on the Executive Committee of the Washington Committee for Aid to China, and MURIEL KOENIGSBERGER, who was Executive Secretary of the Committee, told the informant that TRUESDELL could always be depended on to "plug the Party line." The informant recalled that TRUESDELL was also active in the Descendants of the American Revolution, which according to the informant was organized by instructions from the CP in order to compete with the Daughters of the American Revolution. The informant was of the opinion that TRUESDELL had left the CP about 1937 and did not know whether or not TRUESDELL had ever actually rejoined the Party. The informant had been told by JANE FOSTER that it was not considered worth while attempting to re-recruit TRUESDELL since for all practical purposes he was "as much one of us as ever."

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