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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REBUTEL

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SIXTEEN LAST. DAISY FANSLER STATED THAT SHE RECALLED THAT HER FATHER, THOMAS FANSLER, BEFORE HIS DEATH IN NINETEEN FORTY GAVE AN OLD TYPE UPRIGHT TYPEWRITER TO PRISCILLA HISS, WHO TOOK THE TYPEWRITER TO WASHINGTON, DC. DAISY FANSLER CLAIMED SHE DID NOT KNOW MAKE OF TYPEWRITER AND FURTHER CLAIMED SHE COULD NOT STATE THAT THIS SAME MACHINE WAS SEEN BY HER IN THE HISS APARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, ALTHOUGH SHE DID STATE THAT SHE HAD SEEN A TYPEWRITER IN THE HISS APARTMENT. SHE STATED THAT THE MACHINE GIVEN PRISCILLA HISS WAS PROBABLY USED BY THOMAS FANSLER, S PRIVATE SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE DISSOLUTION OF THE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN PHILADELPHIA. SHE CLAIMED THAT SHE DID NOT RECALL THE SECRETARYS NAME AND ADDRESS. SHE CLAIMED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW WHAT DISPOSITION WAS MADE BY PRISCILLA HISS OF HER DECEASED FATHERS TYPEWRITER. A WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS PREPARED CONTAINING THE ABOVE FACTS WHICH SHE DECLINED TO SIGN ALTHOUGH SHE SAID ~~THE~~ THE FACTS WERE TRUE. MISS FANSLER SAID SHE HAD DISCUSSED THE FACTS CONCERNING THE TYPEWRITER WITH PRISCILLA HISS PREVIOUSLY. THEREFORE IT APPEARED THAT MISS FANSLER WAS PREPARED FOR THE INTERVIEW. MISS FANSLER RECALLED THAT

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HER DECEASED FATHER HAD STATED AT THE TIME THE TYPEWRITER WAS GIVEN TO PRISCILLA HISS THAT POSSIBLY TIMOTHY HOBSON, PRISCILLA HISS SON BY A FORMER MARRIAGE QUOTE COULD LEARN TO TYPE ON THE MACHINE UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO MISS FANSLER, TIMOTHY HOBSON IS THE SON OF THAYER HOBSON, EMPLOYEE OF THE MORROW PUBLISHING CO., NYC. MISS FANSLER WAS OF THE BELIEF THAT TIMOTHY HOBSON WAS IN NEW YORK CITY AT PRESENT. REPORT ~~FOLLOWS~~ ~~XXXX~~ FOLLOWS.

RICHARDSON

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*cc: Mr. Jones*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

DATE: December 19, 1948

FROM : T. B. Estep

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

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

At 10:45 A.M., December 19, 1948, Special Agent Tom Spencer telephonically advised from New York the following regarding Francis B. Sayre.

Special Agents Frank O'Brien and Spencer went over to the New Amsterdam which docked this A.M. at Hoboken, New Jersey. They were accompanied by Deputy U. S. Marshal Farson. Farson had subpoenas for Mr. Sayre and also Miss Annabelle Newcomb.

Mr. Sayre was served with a subpoena at 7:10 A.M. and Miss Newcomb was served at 7:20 A.M. today by the Deputy Marshal. These subpoenas called for their appearance before the Federal Grand Jury at New York City at either 10:00 or 11:00 A.M. Monday, December 20, 1948.

According to Spencer, Mr. Sayre, who is extremely cooperative, has been out of the country since August and he is leaving on the 11:30 A.M. train today for Washington. While he was aboard the ship on the high seas he received a radiogram from the House Un-American Activities Committee requesting his presence before that Committee in Washington on Wednesday, December 22. Mr. Sayre told the Agents that he would like to appear before that Committee and have the Grand Jury appearance extended after that date, adding, however, that he is not ignoring the Grand Jury subpoena but hoping for a delay. The Agents told him that this was something that they could do nothing about.

About that time in the conversation with Mr. Sayre by the Agents, an individual named Robert Clark, who is Agent in Charge of the State Department's New York Office, had a message for Mr. Sayre from the State Department indicating that Mr. Sayre was to contact the Justice Department the first thing tomorrow morning.

Agent Spencer called Mr. Donegan, who advised that he knows nothing about any conversation by an official of the Justice Department with an official of the State Department so far as Mr. Sayre is concerned. Agent Spencer pointed out that from the conversation that took place between Clark and Sayre it looks like someone in Justice called the State Department and requested that Clark relay the message to Sayre requesting that he contact the Justice Department the first thing Monday morning. Spencer pointed out that it is not known what the contact of Mr. Sayre with the Justice Department is about.

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Agent Spencer stated that Mr. Donegan wants the Washington Field Office to contact Sayre later today (Sayre's train gets in about 3:00 P.M.) to determine if Sayre has refreshed his recollection enough to talk to Special Agents. If Mr. Sayre has not, then the Agents in New York will interview Sayre at the time he answers the Federal Grand Jury subpoena in New York, according to Agent Spencer, who pointed out that all this information is contained in a teletype to the Bureau and Washington Field Office which is being sent out immediately.

Agent Spencer also stated that this telephone call was made to the Bureau because of the extreme importance of the case and the fact that there has been some news flashes over the radio, something about the marshal serving Sayre with a subpoena aboard ship.

At your request the writer telephoned back to Agent Spencer at 11:00 A.M. He advised that full information on the addresses of Sayre and Newcomb together with their telephone numbers is contained in the teletype being sent to the Bureau and Washington Field Office.

He stated Sayre's address is:

4853 Rockwood Parkway  
Telephone - Ordway 3434  
His State Department Phone - Republic 5600, Extension 3860.

He stated that the address of Annabelle Newcomb is:

4707 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest,  
Apartment 113  
Telephone - Emerson 6800.

Agent Spencer reiterated that Mr. Donegan had made a request that Washington Field Office, early this evening after "they have caught their breath," contact Mr. Sayre and Miss Newcomb either by phone or in person and ask if their recollections have been sufficiently refreshed so that they can be interviewed by Agents; if they say no, it will not be necessary for Washington Field Office to do anything further as Agents in New York City will interview both of them at the time they answer the Grand Jury subpoena.

ACTION TAKEN: As instructed, the writer telephonically contacted Special Agent Maurice Taylor, on duty at Washington Field Office, at 12:20 P.M. Special Agent Taylor is also the Agent to whom this case is assigned. He received the two copies for Washington Field Office of the New York teletype to the Bureau and Washington Field Office referred to by Agent Spencer. He was advised of the request of Mr. Donegan as set out above. He was also advised of your instructions that he talk with Supervisor Delavigne, Washington Field Office, concerning this matter and to have Mr. Delavigne telephone you, at Ordway 4421.

Addendum:

Special Agent, WFO, telephonically advised of your request that he be given the contents of Detroit wire, dated 12-18-48, concerning Larry S. Davidow. This was done. Agent Taylor also requested that the letter of February 11, 1946, from the Washington Field Office to the Bureau setting forth information on Mandel in connection with the investigation of George Schwartzwalder be made available so that an Agent from the WFO could peruse it in connection with an interview with Mandel. The Files Section was requested to locate same.

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: December 20, 1948

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

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

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*JDF*

Reference is made to WFO teletype dated December 19, 1948, which relates to the efforts to interview Francis B. Sayre and Annabelle Newcomb. The information contained in this teletype was furnished also to me by Mr. Delavigne of the WFO at 7:30 P.M. December 19, 1948.

At 9:30 A.M. today I talked again with Mr. Delavigne and he inquired as to whether they should make an effort to interview Mr. Sayre having in mind that he had stated that he planned to go to New York immediately after his conference with the State Department this morning. I told him if it could be conveniently done the interview with Sayre should be had. However, if this were not possible, his address in New York City should be ascertained for whatever value it might have. He stated that they would conduct the interview with Annabelle Newcomb at once.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 20, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS  
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On December 16, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that ARNOLD SROOG of the Daily Worker Staff, New York City, communicated with ROBERT HALL, Washington representative of the Daily Worker. SROOG pointed out to HALL "On this film angle, which to me is pretty hot, I've got stuff that makes it seem hotter here in New York....." SROOG pointed out that according to United Press a high Justice Department official had stated that the House Committee on Un-American Activities had almost ruined one roll of undeveloped microfilm by putting a flash light on it when it was taken out of the pumpkin; further that according to NIXON (Congressman NIXON) there were two such rolls of undeveloped film. "Now we want to know if the second roll was developed and I would suggest that you go over to the Department of Justice tomorrow and find out if they developed the second roll." Continuing, SROOG advised HALL that if the answer was in the affirmative "which we presume it is, then the story is real hot for us". HALL pointed out to SROOG that the House Committee on Un-American Activities had admitted that one roll of the film was worthless and that the other was developed, but developed in such a way that it was almost illegible "because it was old". SROOG then stated, according to this Informant, "Well, that was the angle we were working on, according to what we know about microfilm it was just impossible to get anything out of it and we got a pretty big expert who gave us that; it's still a case, I think!"

At this time SROOG advised HALL that there was just one more thing "we'd" like to find out "without tipping them off as to what we're shooting at, just how it was, what kind of marks there were, by which they identified the date of manufacture of films. We have reason to believe that that's not straight, see. Now, they say it's code marks but they don't identify what kind. As far as we know, the only marks that are put on microfilm by Kodak are emulsion marks and according to our expert, Kodak has only been putting the emulsion marks on microfilm for the last three or four years, get the pitch? Of course, he may be wrong on that. If I could find out whether they were actually emulsion marks, then it would be worth a trip to Rochester to dig, but we're trying to get that."

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Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS  
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It is noted that according to this Informant, the SROOG expert is in the microfilm business at the present time and he has stated that five or six years is the outside limit to develop microfilm no matter how it is wrapped or packed. u

The above is being furnished for your information. u

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WASHINGTON, BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD  
DIRECTOR AND SACS, BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK

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11:00 AM

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J. L. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, IS - R. SEWFOTEL TO BALTIMORE,  
DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, WHEREIN INFO RE ATTENDANCE OF PHISCELLA HISS  
AT MARYLAND UNIVERSITY WAS SET OUT. ABOVE TELETYPE ALSO SET OUT HER  
ADDRESS AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AS ONE ONE SEVEN FRONT ST., CR ST. CO. N,  
MARYLAND. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED  
AT CRISTERTOWN RE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE HISSSES RESIDED THERE,  
BEARING IN MIND THE POSSIBILITY THAT, IF THE ABOVE RESIDENCE WERE RENTED,  
THERE MAY HAVE BEEN TYPEDWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE HISSSES AND  
THE PARTNER OF HIS AGENT. ANY CORRESPONDENCE FOUND WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN  
PREPARED BY THE HISSSES SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ISR, ESP-R. AT REQUEST OF SPECIAL ASST. T. J. DONEGAN, A GRAND JURY SUBPOENA WAS ISSUED INSTANT DATE FOR APPEARANCE HEDE MESSING DEC. TWENTY TWO NEXT AND QUOTE FROM DAY TO DAY THEREAFTER UNQUOTE UNTIL RELEASED BY COURT. SUBPOENA BEING SERVED BY AN AGENT INSTANT DATE TO PROTECT INFORMANT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU AUTHORITY.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP-R. REFERENCE PHONE CALL FROM BUREAU TO ASAC A. H. BELMONT DEC. NINETEENTH LAST RETEL FROM DETROIT TO BUREAU AND NY DEC. EIGHTEENTH LAST. BENJAMIN C. STOLBERG, WELL KNOWN ANTI-COMMUNIST AUTHOR, NUMBER TWO TWO TWO WEST TWENTYTHIRD ST., NYC. INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STOLBERG BELIEVES FROM THE INFO IN HIS POSSESSION THAT ALGER HISS DURING EMPLOYMENT STATE DEPT. HAD COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS. HOWEVER STOLBERG HAS NO TANGIBLE EVIDENCE TO PROVE OR SUBSTANTIATE THIS BELIEF. IN PAST STOLBERG MADE KNOWN HIS BELIEF TO LARRY S. DAVIDOW, DETROIT ATTORNEY, BUT NEVER INDICATED TO DAVIDOW HE HAD JURIDICAL PROOF OF HISS-COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS. STOLBERG ADVISED HE IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF ISAAC DON LEVINE AND WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. HE WAS AWARE OF FACT THAT CHAMBERS MADE REVELATIONS OF HIS DEFECTION FROM CP. BY VIRTUE OF HIS ANTI COMMUNIST WRITINGS AND RESEARCH THEREFORE, STOLBERG HAD KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO US GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. HOWEVER HE HAS NO TANGIBLE PROOF OF THESE FACTS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP R. REBUTEL SEVENTEENTH  
INSTANT INSTRUCTING NY OFFICE TO INTERVIEW MRS. ESTHER CHAMBERS CONCERN-  
ING HER SOURCE IF INFO AS TO THE BACKGROUND OF JAY CHAMBERS FORMERLY  
CONNECTED WITH THE TREASURY DEP. INFO CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THIS  
INTERVIEW WAS CONTAINED IN LETTER FROM BALTIMORE TO BUREAU DATED DEC  
FIFTEENTH LAST. BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW MRS. ESTHER CHAMBERS.  
IT IS REPORTED THAT SHE HAS RETURNED TO MARYLAND.

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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD  
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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, IS - R. INFO FROM CONFIDENTIAL  
INFORMANT, WASHINGTON, DC, INDICATES PRISCILLA HISS PRIOR TO LEAVING  
WASHINGTON FOR NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, MADE  
ARRANGEMENTS TO BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH DALTON SCHOOL, NYC, AS AN ASST.  
ENGLISH TEACHER. SUGGEST NEW YORK CONTACT DALTON SCHOOL FOR TYPED  
MATERIAL FROM OR BY PRISCILLA HISS.

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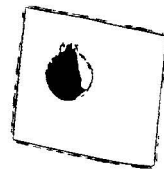
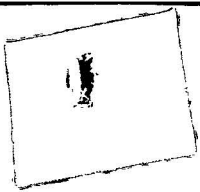
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J. L. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, MARJURY, IS - R. WFO ADVISED TIMOTHY  
ROBERTSON, STEPHENSON OF ALGER HISS, STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE FEBRUARY TWENTY, NINETEEN  
FORTYSEVEN IN WASHINGTON, DC, DRIVEN BY GEORGE KILLEEN, THREE ONE ONE  
SEVEN H STREET, NW. KILLEEN NOW RESIDING ONE FIVE CENTRE TERRACE, WEST  
ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS AND EMPLOYED BY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION. INTERVIEW  
KILLEEN RE DETAILS OF THIS ACCIDENT AS TO WHETHER HE HAD ANY CORRESPONDENCE  
WITH HISS, WHETHER THERE WAS ANY LITIGATION CONCERNING IT, AND WHETHER  
INSURANCE COMPANY WAS INVOLVED. WFO ATTEMPTING TO SECURE ANY CORRESPONDENCE  
EMANATING FROM HISS FOR COMPARISON WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY  
CHAMBERS TO DISTRICT COURT, BALTIMORE. SECURE OR SET OUT LEADS TO OBTAIN  
SUCH CORRESPONDENCE AS SO NEEDED BY ABOVE INTERVIEW.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, W.A.S., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE PHILADELPHIA TELS DECEMBER EIGHTEEN AND TWENTY, FORTY EIGHT. MELVIN O. JOHNSON, SECY. TREAS. WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER CO., WOODSTOCK, ILL., ADVISED FOLLOWING IN CHARGE OF PHILA. AGENCY, NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE UNTIL NINETEEN FORTY SIX. S. V. WARD, NO ADDRESS AVAILABLE, UNTIL NINETEEN TWENTY SIX. O. J. CAROW, THREE NINE ONE FOUR CHESTNUT ST., PHILA., NINETEEN TWENTY SIX TO THIRTY EIGHT, AND JOHN GALLAGER, TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT SEVEN S. REDFIELD, PHILA, ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY NINE OR FORTY TO NINETEEN FORTY SIX. HAROLD STEINKE, NOW AT SEVEN NAUGHT FOUR NAUGHT W. GARRETT RD., UPPER DARBY, PA., WORKED WITH CAROW PROBABLY BEGINNING IN EARLY THIRTIES TO ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY AND MAY HAVE BEEN ACTING MGR. FOR A WHILE AFTER CAROW LEFT. ELIZABETH SPARKS, SEVEN NAUGHT FOUR ONE HAGERMAN AVE., PHILA, WAS CASHIER AT PHILA FROM NINETEEN TWENTY SIX UNTIL NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AND JOHN HANCOCK, SIX ONE ONE FIVE ELLSWORTH ST., PHILA., WAS A SALESMAN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS STARTING IN NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR. JOHNSON UNABLE TO LOCATE PHILA. BRANCH RECORDS AND DOES NOT RECALL RECEIPT OF STOCK CARDS FROM PHILA. ALTHOUGH HE BELIEVES SOME RECORDS WERE RECEIVED AND LATER DESTROYED. SEARCH OF AVAILABLE FILES PERTAINING TO STOCK, SERVICE AND SALES REVEALED NO PERTINENT RECORDS. JOHNSON WILL MAKE FURTHER INQUIRIES AT PLANT TODAY TO EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES AND HE WILL BE RECONTACTED DECEMBER TWENTY ONE.

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CC-- NEW YORK

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R.

REURTEL TODAY. SAM WARD WAS MANAGER, PHILA AGENCY WOODSTOCK TYPE-  
WRITER COMPANY DURING MOST OF TWENTYSIX OR TWENTYSEVEN AND FOR  
SOMETIME PRIOR. HE SHOULD BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING THOMAS GRADY,  
WHO WAS SALESMAN FOR WOODSTOCK AT PHILA DURING TWENTYFOUR AND  
TWENTYFIVE AND AGAIN DURING TWENTYSEVEN. IN TWENTYSEVEN GRADY SOLD  
A NEW WOODSTOCK TO ~~FANSLER-MARTIN~~ PARTNERSHIP IN BULLITT BUILDING.

*Richard R.*

THIS TYPEWRITER SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN BY FANSLER TO HIS DAUGHTER,  
PRISCILLA ~~HISS~~. RECORDS OF SALE APPARENTLY DESTROYED. WARD SHOULD  
BE ASKED IF HE KNEW OF SALE TO FANSLER-MARTIN AND WHAT DISPOSITION  
WAS MADE OF RECORDS WHEN JOHN ~~CAROW~~, THE NEW MANAGER, TOOK OVER.

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WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE FROM WASH FIELD 12-20-48 5:15 PM URG NT  
DIRECTOR AND SAC, BALTIMORE

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, BALTIMORE, IS - R. RECONTACTED DECEMBER TWENTY,  
TO BALTIMORE FOR INFO BALTIMORE OFFICE IN COVERING LEAD AT CHESTERTOWN,  
MARYLAND, HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REFUGES ALGER HISS ON JUNE  
TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN FORTYSIX WAS IN CONTACT WITH J. KELLOGG SMITH,  
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND, AND ADVISED HE AND FAMILY WOULD ARRIVE THERE THAT  
DAY. OTHER SOURCES HAVE ADVISED THAT DURING NINETEEN THIRTIES, HISS SENT  
TIMOTHY HOBSON, HIS STEPSON, TO A SUMMER CAMP OPERATED BY A FRIEND NEAR  
CHESTERTOWN AND THAT MR. AND MRS. HISS SPENT PART OF THEIR SUMMERS IN  
CHESTERTOWN.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, ESP-R. T.J. DONEGAN RELATED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING GJ TODAY.  TESTIFIED

IN INSTANT CASE. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WAS AVAILABLE BUT DID NOT TESTIFY BEFORE GJ TODAY. DONEGAN STATES THAT FOLLOWING PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR TOMORROW, FRANCES B. SAYRE, ANNA BELLE NEWCOMB, AND WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. GEORGE HEWITT SERVED WITH SUBPOENA LATE TODAY, SCHEDULED AS AVAILABLE POSSIBLE WITNESS FOR GJ TOMORROW. DONEGAN ALSO ADVISED HE ANTICIPATED SERVING SUBPOENA ON EDWARD JAMES MC SHANE AND JOHN L. KELLY FOR THEIR APPEARANCES BEFORE GJ JAN FOUR NINETEEN FORTY NINE.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. FRANKLIN VICTOR  
RENO HAS ADMITTED IN SIGNED STATEMENT THAT HE FURNISHED WHITTAKER  
CHAMBERS, WHOM HE KNEW AS CARL, WITH RESTRICTED INFO WHICH HE OB-  
TAINED FROM ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, ABERDEEN, MARYLAND, IN LATE  
THIRTY SEVEN AND EARLY THIRTY EIGHT. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO AND HIS  
BROTHER, PHILIP RENO, HAVE BOTH APPEARED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY IN NYC.  
AT THE TIME FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO WAS INTERVIEWED HE FURNISHED AGENTS  
WITH A WRITTEN CONSENT TO SEARCH HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS IN ABERDEEN,  
MARYLAND. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS SEARCH CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
FOUND THERE DIRECTED TO PROFESSOR JOHN L. KELLEY WHO WAS BELIEVED  
TO BE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT KELLEY  
NO LONGER IN DENVER, COLORADO, AND BALTIMORE OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT  
PROFESSOR KELLEY IS REPORTED TO BE IN THE DEPT. OF MATHEMATICS, UNIV.  
OF CALIF., BERKELEY, CALIF. THE INFO THAT KELLEY WAS AT THE UNIV.  
OF CALIF. WAS OBTAINED THROUGH A CREDIT REFERENCE, THE DATE OF WHICH  
WAS NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH, FORTYEIGHT. THERE IS BEING SET FORTH A  
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SUMMARY OF THE INFO FURNISHED BY RENO CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH A PROFESSOR EDWARD J. MC SHANE, WHO HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AT THE UNIV. OF VIRGINIA, AND JOHN L. KELLEY REPORTED HEREIN ABOVE TO BE AT THE UNIV. OF CALIF. RENO DURING EMPLOYMENT AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, ABERDEEN, MD., COMMENCED WRITING A BOOK TENTATIVELY ENTITLED "EXTERIOR BALLISTICS UP TO NINETEEN FORTY FIVE" IN COLLABORATION WITH PROFESSOR EDWARD J. MC SHANE, NOW STATIONED AT UNIV. OF VIRGINIA, AND JOHN L. KELLEY. RENO MET KELLEY IN SUMMER OR FALL OF NINETEEN FORTY TWO WHEN LATTER COMMENCED RESEARCH AT ABERDEEN. RENO LIKEWISE MET MC SHANE IN NINETEEN FORTY TWO AT ABERDEEN AND WORKED WITH HIM AND KELLEY ON BALLISTICS IN SAME OFFICE AT PROVING GROUNDS. KELLEY CEASED EMPLOYMENT AT ABERDEEN, NOVEMBER, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE, AND SINCE THAT TIME RENO HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH KELLEY AND MC SHANE FOR PURPOSE OF COMPLETING BOOK. HE ADMITS THAT FROM TIME TO TIME HE FORWARDED RESTRICTED MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM ABERDEEN RESEARCH LABORATORY LIBRARY TO MC SHANE AND KELLEY IN ORDER THAT THEY MIGHT COMPLETE VARIOUS PHASES OF THEIR MATHEMATICAL CALCULATIONS AND OTHER MATERIAL FOR THE BOOK. THE MANUSCRIPT FOR THE BOOK WAS SUBMITTED TO RENOS SUPERVISOR, R. P. H. KENT, FOR CLEARANCE PURPOSES IN ORDER THAT THE MATTER APPEARING THEREIN MIGHT BE CENSORED PRIOR TO EVENTUAL PUBLICATION.

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RENO IS WORKING AT THE PRESENT TIME ON AN INTRODUCTION FOR THE BOOK WHICH DEALS IN GENERAL WITH THE SCIENCE OF MOTION OF PROJECTILES. RENO ADMITS THAT FROM TIME TO TIME HE CHARGED OUT VARIOUS RESTRICTED MATERIAL FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES DURING HIS EMPLOYMENT AT ABERDEEN. HE FURTHER ADMITS THAT SOME MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CHARGED OUT IN THE USUAL MANNER. HE DENIES, HOWEVER, THAT HE EVER FORWARDED ANY RESTRICTED SECRET OR CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL TO ANY PRIVATE, UNAUTHORIZED PERSON FOR SUBVERSIVE OR ULTERIOR REASONS. RENO RECALLED THAT HE MAINTAINED VOLUMINOUS NOTES AND RESEARCH BOOKS AMONG PERSONAL EFFECTS AT ABERDEEN OFFICE AS WELL AS CARE OF MR. E. J. EATON, BALDWIN MANOR, ABERDEEN, MD. HE BELIEVES THAT A QUANTITY OF THIS WAS PROCURED FROM THE RESEARCH BALLISTICS LABORATORY, ABERDEEN, MARYLAND. MOST OF THE MATERIAL PERTAINING TO BALLISTICS AND HIS OWN NOTES AND STUDIES OF VARIOUS PROJECTS WORKED ON HIM AT THE LABORATORY. RENO RECALLED THAT AFTER HIS DISCHARGE FROM UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, BALTIMORE, MD., ON OR ABOUT JULY THIRD, FORTYEIGHT, HE WENT TO HIS FORMER DORMITORY ROOM AT ABERDEEN AND PROCURED HIS CLOTHES TOGETHER WITH TWO BOOKS, ONE ENTITLED MATHEMATICS OF EXTERIOR BALLISTICS BY G. A. BLISS AND

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TABLE OF INTERVALS, A BOOK ON APPLIED MATHEMATICS, NEITHER OF WHICH BOOKS WAS OBTAINED FROM THE ABERDEEN LIBRARY. HE ADMITS THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY DATA HE TOOK PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR HIS RESIDENCE IN DENVER, COLORADO. RENO LIKEWISE RECALLED AMONG HIS BOOKS AND PAPERS WERE VARIOUS PHOTOSTATS ENTITLED MATHEMATICAL THEORY OF AIR COMBAT BY L. B. C. CUNNINGHAM. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE STUDY OF AIR COMBAT AND FOR THIS REASON HAD THE MATERIAL IN HIS POSSESSION, HAVING PROCURED SAME FROM RESEARCH LABORATORY. RENO ADVISED IT WAS COMMON PRACTICE FOR PERSONS AT THE RESEARCH LABORATORY TO RETAIN POSSESSIONS OF BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS FROM LIBRARY WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE USUAL CHARGE OUT PRACTICES. RENO FURTHER REITERATED THAT HE WAS NEVER ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY SINCE DISCONTINUING CONNECTIONS WITH WHITTAKER CHAMBERS IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN OR EIGHT. PHILIP RENO CORROBORATED HIS BROTHERS STATEMENT THAT THEIR ONLY VISIT TO ABERDEEN WAS IN JULY, FORTY EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO TOOK HIS CLOTHES, SEVERAL SUITCASES AND THE DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL MENTIONED ABOVE. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOHN L. KELLEY. KELLEY SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY QUESTIONED AS TO ANY KNOWLEDGE HE HAS OF RENOS ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES, ALSO HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ANY RESTRICTED MATERIAL WHICH HE MAY HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION, AS WELL AS HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TO HOW RENO OBTAINED RESTRICT-MATERIAL TO BE USED IN CONTEMPLATED BOOK. THIS INTERVIEW SHOULD BE

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CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY AND RESULTS FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND NY BY TELE-  
TYPE IN ORDER THAT ASSISTANT AG DONEGAN MAY BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IN  
EVENTY HE DESIRES TO SUBPOENA KELLEY BEFORE GJ IN NYC. THIS INTERVIEW IS  
BEING CONDUCTED AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF MR. DONEGAN AND IT IS BELIEVED  
THAT HUAC WOULD SUBPOENA KELLEY FOR PUBLIC HEARING IMMEDIATELY SHULD  
THEY LEARN FOREGOING.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESP-R. ISAAC  
DON LEVINE INTERVIEWED TODAY. STATED HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF ALGER HISS

PRIOR TO METTING CHAMBERS IN MAY THIRTYNINE. CHAMBERS REFERRED TO  
LEVINE BY HERBERT ~~SOLOW~~ PRESENTLY WITH FORTUNE MAGAZINE. FIRST MET  
HISS AT RECENT GRAND JURY HEARINGS IN NYC. HAS NO PROFF THAT HISS  
WAS OR IS A MEMBER OF THE CP. AT FIRST CONTACT CHAMBERS REQUESTED  
ASSISTANCE FROM LEVINE IN PLACING AN ARTICLE DEALING WITH COMMUNISM  
WITH THE SATURDAY EVENING POST. AFTER READING THE MANUSCRIPT  
LEVINE TOLD HIM IT WAS TOO INDEFINITE AS NAMES, DATES, ETC. WERE  
OMITTED. HE LATER INTRODUCED CHAMBERS TO GENERAL WALTER KRIVITSKY,  
WHOSE EXPOSES IN THE SATURDAY EVENING POST WERE PUBLISHED IN COLL-  
ABORATION WITH LEVINE. ON AUGU<sup>S</sup>T TWENTY THREE THIRTY NINE AFTER THE  
HITLER STALIN PACT LEVINE TRIED TO INDUCE CHAMBERS TO TELL HIS STORY  
TO THE PROPER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES.

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LEVINE FIRST TRIED TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT THROUGH MARVIN MC INTYRE WHO REFERRED HIM TO BERLE. ON SEPT. TWO THIRTYNINE HE TOOK CHAMBERS TO WOODLEY HOUSE, BERLES HOME FOR DINNER ON BERLES INVITATION AT WHICH TIME CHAMBERS OUTLINED TO BERLE THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THE GOVT., THE FACT THAT THE STATE DEPT. OFFICIALS WERE TAKING GILES OUT OF THE DEPT. TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND FORWARDED TO RUSSIA. HE RECALLED THAT CHAMBERS REFERRED TO ONE PETER AS A RUSSIAN OFFICIAL TO WHOM COPIES OF FILES WERE TAKEN. CHAMBERS DIVIDED THE GOVT. OFFICIALS INTO TWO GROUPS. ONE WAS AN ESPIONAGE GROUP AND THE OTHER A LABOR, POLITICAL, AND PROPAGANDA UNIT. IN THE FIRST GROUP HE PLACED ALGER HISS, /F. N. U./ HISS, /ALGERS BROTHER/, LAWRENCE DUGGAN, NOEL FIELD, /F. N. U./ WADLEIGH, /F. N. U./ LOVELL, PHILLIP RENO AND VINCENT RENO, BROTHERS, THE LATTER FROM ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS. HE ALSO ADDED TO THIS GROUP HARRY DEXTER WHITE, <sup>W. M. G.</sup> SILVERMASTER, A DOCTOR MILLER AND A DOCTOR KORNBLITH, /NOT SURE THIS IS CORRECT NAME/. IN THE SECOND GROUP HE PLACED MARION BACHRACH, LEE PRESSMAN, JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, SOL ADLER. HE ALSO BELIEVED ELINOR NELSON WAS MENTIONED BUT HE IS NOT SURE.

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BERLE MADE NOTES. BOTH LEVINE AND CHAMBERS EXPECTED THAT SOME ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN BUT WERE DISAPPOINTED WHEN IT WAS NOT. CHAMBERS MENTIONED TO LEVINE ONE TIME THAT HE HAD MICRO FILM AND OTHER MATERIAL OF THE APPARATUS/CHAMBERS DESCRIPTION OF THE GROUP/. LEVINE ~~W~~ATER THE US ENTERED THE WAR ~~A~~SKED CHAMBERS WHAT HE HAD DONE WITH THIS MATERIAL AND CHAMBERS INFERRED THAT IT HAD BEEN DESTROYED. LEVINE CLAIMS THAT AFTER THIS LAST MENTIONED CONTACT HE HAD NEVER AGAIN DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH CHAMBERS EXCEPT RECENTLY AFTER THE HOUSE AND GRAND JURY HEARINGS WERE BEGUN DURING WHICH CHAMBERS CALLED HIM A FEW TIMES TO REFRESH HIS MEMORY. LEVINE STATES THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF INFO SUPPLIED TO HIM BY CHAMBERS HE KNEW PERSONALLY OF NO ACTIVITIES OF HISS AND DID NOT KNOW OF HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE THAT HE WAS A COMMUNIST OR ENGAGED IN COMMUNIST OR ESPIONAGE ACTIV- ITIES.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. JOHN GALLAGHER, MANAGER OF WOODSTOCKS PHILA AGENCY AT TIME IT WAS TAKEN OVER BY VICTORY TYPEWRITER CO., HAS ADVISED THAT H. N. WEBSTER, THEN WOODSTOCKS MANAGER IN WASHINGTON, DC, CAME TO PHILA WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLOSING OF PHILA AGENCY IN FORTYSIX. GALLAGHER THEN ON INSTRUCTIONS BURNED COPIES OF SERVICE RECORDS OR CUSTOMERS INVOICES, OR BOTH, AND RETURNED INVENTORY STOCK CARDS TO FACTORY AT WOODSTOCK, ILL., PROBABLY TO M. O. JOHNSON, WHO HE THINKS WAS TREASURER AT THE TIME. GALLAGHER STATES WEBSTER IS NOW WOODSTOCKS <sup>W</sup>SOUTHWESTERN ZONE MANAGER WITH OFFICE AT DALLAS, TEXAS. DALLAS OFFICE SHOULD LOCATE WEBSTER AND INTERVIEW THOROUGHLY AS TO INSTRUCTIONS HE GAVE GALLAGHER CONCERNING CLOSING OF PHILA WOODSTOCK AGENCY IN LATE NINETEEN FORTY SIX. CHICAGO SHOULD DETERMINE IF M. O. JOHNSON RECALLS RECEIPT OF INVENTORY STOCK CARDS FROM PHILA IN LATE FORTYSIX, AND IF HE CAN SUPPLY INFORMATION AS TO THEIR WHEREABOUTS OR ULTIMATE DISPOSITION. GALLAGHER HAS SUPPLIED THIS OFFICE WITH A LIST OF CUSTOMERS WHO HAD REPAIRS MADE ON WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITERS SINCE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTYTWO

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AND HAS INDICATED SEVERAL WHOSE MACHINES HE RECALLS HAVING HAD SERIAL  
NUMBERS WHICH WOULD FALL IN APPROXIMATE SERIES LISTED IN WFO TEL  
OF SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. GALLAGHERS LIST CONTAINS NO SERIAL NUMBERS  
AND IS ONLY RECORD HE HAS MAINTAINED CONCERNING WOODSTOCKS PHILA AGENCY.  
PHILA OFFICE WILL FROM THIS LIST ATTEMPT TO NARROW LIST OF SERIAL  
NUMBERS TO POINT WHERE CIRCULARIZATION OF ALL WOODSTOCK AGENCIES MIGHT  
PROVE PRACTICAL.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 12-20-48

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In connection with the statements of Franklin Victor Reno, he stated that he furnished restricted or confidential information to Chambers on bombsights. The publicity which has arisen concerning this matter makes reference to the "Norden" bombsight and also Chambers mentioned that the material might have related to the Norden bombsight.

This is to record that Reno himself says it was not information dealing with the Norden bombsight. Reno's statement appears to be accurate because he is talking about bombsight information given away in 1937 or 1938 and the Norden bombsight was a development which occurred during the war.

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None. For information.

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Reference is made to memorandum dealing with the mystery witnesses appearing before the HUAC, New York, on December 17, 1948. It will be recalled that the information in the possession of the Bureau was to the effect that these two persons were George Hewitt and Max Yergan, both of whom are well known to the Bureau as informants and sources of information on Communist matters. With reference to the publicity which appeared on December 19, 1948, to the effect that one of these mystery witnesses was going to appear before the Committee on Monday and had been guaranteed FBI protection, it was determined by Mr. Nichols from Mr. Stripling of the HUAC that this person would be George Hewitt. George Hewitt in the recent past has requested FBI protection but, of course, it was not given to him. He has appeared in a number of deportation cases involving Communists and he was recently charged with perjury in the State of Washington in connection with his appearance before the Un-American Activities Committee of the State of Washington.

Upon receipt of your call about 6:00 p.m., December 19, 1948, at which time you advised that George Hewitt had told the INS that Max Yergan after testifying before the HUAC in New York had stated that he had attended meetings with Alger Hiss. I phoned the New York Office and reached Supervisor Tuohy, furnished him the known information and requested that Max Yergan be interviewed that night if possible or today as soon as possible. Mr. Tuohy advised there was a blizzard raging in New York but they would do what they could.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *HFJ*

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: CHAMBERS-HISS CASE  
DAVID WHITTAKER ALGER

DATE: December 21, 1948

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

On Sunday evening at 5:30 PM Mr. Alex Campbell of the Criminal Division called me and advised that Dr. Max Yergan and George Hewitt had appeared before Congressman McDowell in New York and had not furnished any information. However, after leaving the Congressman's office, Dr. Yergan informed George Hewitt that he knew of Hiss's having attended some Communist Party meetings at which time he, Yergan, had been in attendance but that he had not told the committee. Mr. Campbell advised that arrangements were going to be made to subpoena Yergan and Hewitt before the New York Grand Jury.

Mr. Campbell advised that he did not want Hewitt interviewed at this time but he wanted Yergan interviewed for any information in his possession concerning this matter.

In accordance with the above, which information was furnished to you on Sunday evening, you called New York.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *1/21*

DATE: December 21, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: HISS-CHAMBERS

Algeria Willy David Whittaker

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

On December 18 the Attorney General called me and inquired concerning the identification of the microfilm which had been obtained from the House Committee. I advised him that information was received indicating that the Eastman film had been developed in 1937. With reference to the Dupont film, the factory stated without seeing the film, they could not determine definitely whether it was manufactured in 1936 or 1944.

The Attorney General suggested that the Bureau contact some of the Committee to see if it was possible for the Bureau to obtain the film for the purpose of taking it to the Dupont and Eastman factories in order that competent witnesses might be developed to testify as to the date of the manufacture of the film. The Attorney General stated that it would be all right if the Committee desired one of their investigators to accompany the Bureau Agent at the time the film was taken to the factory.

Mr. Nichols is making the contact with the Committee concerning this matter. He advised me on Sunday that Congressman Mundt stated that after the subpoena had been served on Nixon by the Federal Grand Jury that the Committee had voted that this film could not leave the possession of the Committee and that it would first be necessary to get the vote of the committee.

I attempted to reach the Attorney General and advise him of the above and being unable to do so, I telephonically contacted Peyton Ford and told him. I further told him that the Committee would meet Monday, December 20 and would take up this question, following which they would advise the Bureau.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WA, ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, R.

RE DENVER TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTY LAST. INQUIRY OREGON STATE COLLEGE,  
CORVALLIS, OREGON REVEALED THAT L. RAYMOND LAVELLE LEFT CORVALLIS FOR  
HOLIDAY SEASON AND IS IN CONSTANT TRAVEL. WILL NOT RETURN TO COLLEGE  
UNTIL JANUARY TWO NEXT AND DID NOT LEAVE ANY ADDRESS THROUGH WHICH HE  
CAN BE CONTACTED PRIOR TO RETURN. DENVER REQUESTED TO ENDEAVOR TO  
CONTACT LAVELLE THROUGH HIS PARENTS AT DENVER. RUC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: CHISS-CHAMBERS

DATE: 12/21/48

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

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For record purposes, Cabell Phillips of the New York Times called and stated it appeared that the Bureau and the Department were subject to possible criticism; that, in fact, the Committee on Un-American Activities was saying that the Department and the Bureau had the documents turned over by Whittaker Chambers at the deposition hearing for approximately two weeks before the microfilm was found and apparently did nothing.

I told Phillips after checking that while I had checked into the matter, nevertheless, since we had made no comment on the case, it would not be possible to make any comment now, and I suggested that it was a matter for Departmental comment. I did tell him off-the-record for his confidential information that the Bureau, of course, does not have the power of subpoena as that is up to the United States Attorneys and the Department of Justice as he very well knows; that we had not received the documents in question until November 24th and then a specific line of investigation was outlined which we were following.

CC - Mr. Ladd

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *DF*

DATE: December 21, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT:

*JAY* DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

Peyton Ford called me on December 18 and stated that two witnesses had appeared before Congressman McDowell in New York, that according to the newspaper they had furnished no information and had indicated that if they were afforded FBI protection, they would testify and that such protection had been furnished. I informed Mr. Ford that the Bureau had not been approached by the Committee and protection was not being afforded any witnesses.

I subsequently contacted Mr. Belmont and advised him of the above and reiterated instructions that no protection should be furnished unless first cleared with the Bureau.

DML:dad

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. IN VIEW OF  
 FACT THAT IT APPEARS THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER RECEIVED BY MRS. HISS  
 FROM THOMAS FANSLER, HER FATHER, APPARENTLY WAS IN HER POSSESSION AT  
 THE TIME THE HISS MOVED FROM NY TO WASHINGTON, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT  
 THE NY OFFICE, THROUGH RENTAL RECORDS AND OTHER INVESTIGATION, ATTEMPT  
 TO DETERMINE THE DATE ON WHICH THE HISS ~~LEFT NY~~ LEFT NY, AS WELL AS  
 THE MANNER IN WHICH THEIR HOUSEHOLD GOODS WERE SHIPPED. IT IS POSSIBLE  
 THAT RAILWAY EXPRESS OR MOVING VAN RECORDS MIGHT CONTAIN AN INVENTORY  
 SHOWING THE SERIAL NUMBER ~~XXXX~~ OF THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. IN THE  
 EVENT THE EXACT TIME AND METHOD OF MOVING CANNOT BE DETERMINED, IT  
 IS SUGGESTED BUREAU GIVE CONSIDERATION TO REINTERVIEWING MRS. HISS IN  
 ORDER TO DETERMINE DATE AND METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION.

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*Mrs. Hiss*  
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP G. RETEL DEC. SIXTEENTH  
LAST FROM WFO TO NYC, WHEREIN BUREAU ALSO ADVISED, SUGGESTING IN-  
TERVIEW WITH WILLIAM A. FOWLER, FORMER ASST. CHIEF, TRADE AGREEMENT  
DIVISION, STATE DEPT., AND FORMER SUPERVISOR OF WADLEIGH. FOWLER  
NOW WITH US UNITED NATIONS DELEGATION NYC. REFER ALSO BULET DEC.  
THIRTEENTH LAST SETTING FORTH DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS ON INTERVIEWS  
OF FORMER ASSOCIATES OF WADLEIGH, ETALS. PRIOR TO INTERVIEW WITH  
FOWLER, BUREAU REQUESTED TO GRANT CLEARANCE. BECUASE OF NATURE OF  
CASE AND POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS MIGHT BE  
INTERVIEWED, BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER INDIVIDUAL CLEARANCE  
SHOULD BE SOUGHT IN EACH CASE PRIOR TO INTERVIEW OR WHETHER  
BLANKET CLEARANCE COULD BE FURNISHED BY THE BUREAU FOR THE PURPOSES  
OF THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION.

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*blanket approval*  
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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. PERJURY. ESPIONAGE, C. REURTEL DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, LAST, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW WILLIAM A. FOWLER AND OTHERS. BLANKET APPROVAL FOR THESE INTERVIEWS HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

JLP/de

HOOVER

cc: WASHINGTON FIELD  
(BY MESSENGER)

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, P RURY, IS - R. RE ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE  
CO CORRESPONDENCE EMANATING FROM HISS TYPED ON WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER.  
TIMOTHY HOBSON, STAPSON, ENLISTED U.S. NAVAL RESERVE V DASH TWELVE  
PROGRAM ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE, NSN FOUR FOUR NINE  
FOUR EIGHT NINE NINE. HOBSON BORN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN, NINETEEN TWENTYSIX.  
NO OTHER INFO AVAILABLE HERE. SUGGEST NY REVIEW NAVY FILE AT GARDEN  
CITY FOR ANY PERTINENT LEADS. NY REQUESTED TO ADVISE WFO AS TO BACKGROUND  
OF HOBSON SO THAT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CAN BE CONDUCTED IN WASHINGTON  
TO OBTAIN CORRESPONDENCE COMING FROM THE HISS FAMILY. ALSO SUGGESTED THAT  
LEADS BE SET OUT AT THE SCHOOL HOBSON ATTENDED UNDER V DASH TWELVE PROGRAM  
INASMUCH AS SCHOOL MAY HAV CORRESPONDENCE FROM HOBSON OR MRS. HISS.

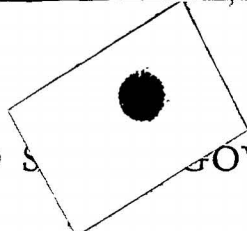
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TO : Mr. Ladd *LW*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: 12/21/48

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Herion \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Ed* Neller of the Times-Herald informed me that an investigator of the House Un-American Activities Committee named Gaston delivered the subpoena to Heda Massing last fall. At that time Heda Massing told Gaston that she furnishes all the information she has to one of her favorite FBI Agents. In the course of the conversation with Gaston she read him portions of a letter she had just received from a friend. Gaston did not ask for the letter or make a note of the friend, but has told Neller that he now recalls in the letter was a sentence to the effect that the faces of the people at Carnegie Peace Foundation would be red when they learned as much about Hiss as the author and Heda Massing knew about him.

*ALG*

If she has never told us about such a letter, it might be well to ask her about this.

LBN:MP

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WASHINGTON 21 BALTIMORE 1 FROM NEW YORK 22 5-25P  
DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. PROFESSOR JOHN LEROY KELLEY INTERVIEWED DECEMBER TWENTY FIRST AT BERKELEY, CALIF. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT KELLEY IS COLLABORATING IN THE WRITING OF A BOOK WITH EDWARD J. MC SHANE AND FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, SUBJECT INSTANT CASE. SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED BY TELETYPE TODAY THAT THE AUTHORITIES AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, ABERDEEN, MD, BE INTERVIEWED RELATIVE TO NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS WHICH KELLEY HAD IN HIS POSSESSION. DUE TO THE LENGTH OF THE TELETYPE A COPY OF SAME IS BEING FORWARDED TO BALTIMORE SPECIAL DELIVERY TODAY. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE AUTHORITIES AT BALTIMORE BE CONTACTED RE ALL DOCUMENTS SET FORTH IN TELETYPE FROM SF.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
 PERJURY;  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 12-22-48

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to the memorandum dated December 21, 1948, addressed to you by Mr. Nichols which relates to information furnished by Ed Nellor of the Times Herald and which indicates that Hedi Massing had received a letter from an unnamed friend indicating that the author of the letter had information concerning Hiss.

I furnished the available information to ASAC Belmont, New York, at 4:30 p.m. today and instructed that he contact Hedi Massing to determine who addressed the letter in question to her so that this person could be interviewed.

HBFB:cmw



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DIRECTOR AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE RE - R.  
REWFO TEL DECEMBER TWENTIETH LAST, BALTIMORE HAS NO INFORMATION IN  
ADDITION TO THAT SET OUT IN REFTEL REGARDING SALE OF HISS TYPEWRITER BY  
MRS. HISS IN WASHINGTON, DC SOMETIME AFTER NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY  
EIGHT. REBULET DECEMBER THIRTEENTH LAST TO WFO AND OTHER OFFICES SETTING  
OUT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY ATTORNEY GENERALS MEMORANDUM  
DATED DECEMBER TENTH LAST INCLUDING REQUESTED INTERVIEWS WITH ASSOCIATES,  
DEPARTMENTALWISE, OF HISS, CHAMBERS, ETC. WFO IS ADVISED THAT FRANKLIN  
VICTOR RENO, AKA FRANCIS RENO, ACCORDING TO PHS ON FILE AT ABERDEEN  
PROVING GROUND EMPLOYED FROM SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE  
TO MARCH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY SEVEN AS ASSISTANT STATISTICIAN  
CLERK BY WPA, WASHINGTON, DC. ARMY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED REGARDING  
SUCH EMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTYFOUR THROUGH  
FILES OF DIVISION OF LIQUIDATION, WPA, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, NINETEENTH  
AND NY AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC DEVELOPED FOLLOWING. RESIDENCE  
ADDRESSES SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTYFIVE DASH TWELVE HUNDRED  
AND TWENTYFIVE THIRTEENTH ST., NW, AND TWELVE HUNDRED AND FORTYTWO  
TWELFTH ST, NW. AUGUST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTYSIX DASH NINETEEN  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN EYE ST., NW. MARCH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-  
SEVEN CARE OF BROTHER, PHILIP RENO, APARTMENT FOUR HUNDRED AND SIX,

Mr. Nease  
*[Signature]*  
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TWELVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., NW, ALL WASHINGTON, DC.  
FURLOUGHED MARCH NINETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTYSEVEN FOR HEALTH  
REASONS TO GO TO DENVER. NO RECORD FOUND OF DR. RALPH ~~MULLENDORE~~,  
RENO'S SUPERVISOR AS STATISTICAL ASSISTANT IN RESEARCH DIVISION, OR ANY  
OTHER ASSOCIATES OR CO-WORKERS OF RENO WITH WPA AND NO SUCH ASSOCIATES  
LOCATED DURING ARMY INVESTIGATION. FOR INFORMATION WFO BALTIMORE FILE  
ON FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO INDICATES HE WAS A CP ORGANIZER AT CUMBERLAND,  
MARYLAND IN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTYSIX.

MC FARLIN

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*Mr. J. Lee*

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. CHARLES PARKER, TWO EIGHT FOUR MT. VIEW AVE., SAN JOSE, CALIF., SUCCEEDED JOHN CAROW AS MANAGER FOR THE PHILA AGENCY OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER CO., PROBABLY IN THIRTYEIGHT. FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO -- THOMAS GRADY, A SALESMAN, SOLD A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER TO THE FANSLER-MARTIN PARTNERSHIP, PHILA., <sup>PA</sup> IN NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN. FANSLER WAS FATHER OF PRISCILLA HISS. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE RECORDS OF THIS SALE TO DATE UNSUCCESSFUL. SF REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW PARKER CONCERNING RECORDS RECEIVED BY HIM FROM CAROW AND DISPOSITION OF THESE RECORDS AT TIME HE TERMINATED EMPLOYMENT WITH WOODSTOCK. NY ORIGIN. ADVISE BUREAU, NY AND PHILA.

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*Mr. Fletcher*

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER<sup>0</sup> CHAMBERS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. SAM WARD, 7-1  
FORMER MANAGER OF PHILA AGENCY, WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER CO., UNTIL NINE-  
TEEN TWENTYSIX, TURNED OVER RECORDS OF THAT AGENCY TO JOHN CAROW AND  
JAMES HACKNEY. HACKNEY WAS GENERAL SALES MANAGER, AND IS BELIEVED EM-  
PLOYED AS PORTABLE SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR REMINGTON RAND, BUFFALO.  
FOR INFORMATION BUFFALO -- THOMAS GRADY, A SALESMAN, SOLD A NEW WOOD-  
STOCK TYPEWRITER TO FANSLER-MARTIN PARTNERSHIP PHILA IN NINETEEN TWENTY  
SEVEN. FANSLER WAS FATHER OF PRISCILLA HISS. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE RECORDS  
CONCERNING THIS SALE UNSUCCESSFUL. BUFFALO SHOULD LOCATE AND INTER-  
VIEW JAMES HACKNEY FOR ANY INFO HE HAS CONCERNING RECEIPT OF RECORDS  
FROM SAM WARD AND DISPOSITION OF THESE RECORDS AT TIME HE LEFT EM-  
PLOYMENT OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER CO. ALSO FOR ANY RECOLLECTION HE  
MIGHT HAVE OF SALE OF INSTANT TYPEWRITER BY GRADY TO FANSLERR-MARTIN, WHO  
WERE AT THAT TIME LOCATED IN BULLITT BUILDING, PHILA. NY ORIGIN.  
ADVISE BUREAU, PHILA AND NY.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TRACY

DATE: December 22, 1948

FROM : G. J. Engert

SUBJECT: ALGER HISS  
RECEIPT OF FINGERPRINTS

- 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
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

The fingerprints of Alger Hiss were received in the Identification Division from the New York Field Office on December 20, 1948. A search of these prints revealed that he had no prior criminal record in our files and that the only non-criminal record was a civil service print taken on May 6, 1942, which was submitted by the Department of State, Washington, D. C.

On the reverse side of the civil service fingerprint card, under the heading, "places of residence" appeared:

"The following is based on recollection: September 1936 to January 1938 - 1245 - 30th Street N. W. Washington, D. C.; January 1938 to present - 3415 - Volta Place N. W. Washington, D. C."

In answer to the question, "Have you ever been arrested for any reason whatsoever?", Hiss had indicated "Yes" and in the space provided he indicated: Date of Arrest - 1929 or 1930; Age - 25, Charge - Speeding; Court and Location - Traffic Court, Washington, D. C.; Judge - Hicks (I believe), Disposition - Fine.

On December 21, 1948, an answer was sent to the New York Office advising only that Hiss had no criminal record.

GJE:fc

Whittaker & Chambers

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SAC, Milwaukee

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was,  
Perjury  
Espionage - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report dated 12/15/48; 12/9/48, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office. #D-83854 BU, D-83546 BU

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

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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REGISTERED MAIL - AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

- 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
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
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WASHINGTON 24 NEW YORK 7 FROM PHILADELPHIA 12-20-48 8:30 PM

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. REBUTEL DECEMBER EIGHTEEN LAST. TOM MC EVER, MANAGER OF THOMPSON WEINMAN COMPANY, NORRISTOWN, PO BOX TWO, UPPER MERION TWP., MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA., INTERVIEWED AND ALSO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES THAT POINT - EDWARD BIDDY, MALICHI MC GHEE, AND HAROLD NELSON. ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ORIGINATE AT CARTERSVILLE, GA., AND HAVE KNOWN AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED JACK INGRAM BUT NEVER HEARD OF ANYONE NAMED RUSSELL OR HORACE INGRAM. STATE JACK INGRAM RESEMBLES DESCRIPTION GIVEN IN REBUTEL WITH EXCEPTION THAT HE HAS COAL BLACK HAIR. FURTHER STATE THAT HE IS APPROXIMATELY THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTY YEARS OF AGE. ADVISE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WORKED FOR THE PENNA BRANCH OF THOMPSON WEINMAN COMPANY FOR PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY THREE OR FOUR WEEKS SOMETIME DURING PERIOD OF NINETEEN THIRTYONE TO THIRTY SIX. MAY ALSO HAVE WORKED FOR THAT COMPANY AT ITS HOME OFFICE IN CARTERSVILLE, GA. NO LOCAL RECORDS EXIST ON ANY OF THE COMPANY ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO FORTYTWO, AT WHICH TIME A FIRE DESTROYED ALL FILES. THESE INDIVIDUALS ADVISE THAT JACK INGRAM HAD REPUTATION OF BEING HEAVY DRINKER BUT UNDERSTOOD THAT HAD REFORMED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. STATE THAT IF SOBER, THE MAN WOULD BE RELIABLE BUT CAN MAKE NO COMMENT AS TO RELIABILITY IF INTOXICATED. COMMENT THAT HIS FAMILY IS RELIABLE AND WELL REGARDED IN CARTERSVILLE. NONE OF INDIVIDUALS WAS INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH JACK INGRAM. STATE THAT WHILE HE RESIDED IN PENNA HE LIVED IN SHACK ON COMPANY PREMISES COOKING HIS OWN MEALS AND SO FAR AS THEY KNEW, HE RETURNED DIRECTLY TO CARTERSVILLE, GA., UPON LEAVING PENNA PLANT. THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY TRIPS ON HIS PART TO NYC OR WASHINGTON, DC. RECORDS OF NORRISTOWN PD CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS, AS WERE RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY PRISON. ATLANTA NOT ADVISED AND IF ADDITIONAL LEADS FROM THIS TEL DESIRED AT THAT POINT, BUREAU SET FORTH PHILA INDICES ON JACK, RUSSELL AND HORACE INGRAM NEGATIVE

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As Jack Ingram he was arrested by the Police Department at Cartersville, Georgia on August 29, 1936 for public drunkenness, no disposition.

As Horace A. Ingram he was arrested on September 28, 1937 by the Sheriff's Office at Detroit, Michigan for investigation, which charge was dismissed.

As Horace Alton Ingram, it was indicated on a State Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta, Georgia applicant print that he applied for a position as clerk on March 5, 1945.

As Horace A. Ingram he was fingerprinted on June 18, 1945 at Atlanta, Georgia for the position of patrolman at U. S. Navy Air Station, Atlanta, Georgia. His date of birth was indicated as July 8, 1908 at Cartersville, Georgia.

Additional inquiries are being made concerning Ingram. You will be promptly advised of the results of these inquiries.

cc: Assistant Attorney General Alexander W. Campbell

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS HAS; ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R.

ALGER HISS ATTENDED BALTIMORE CITY COLLEGE, BALTIMORE, MD. NINETEEN-SEVENTEEN TO NINETEEN-TWENTY-ONE. VERIFY ATTENDANCE AND ASCERTAIN IF COLLEGE POSSESSES ANY TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM HISS. ANY SPECIMENS FOUND SHOULD BE FORWARDED BUREAU AIR MAIL-~~REGISTERED~~ DELIVERY FOR EXAMINATION.

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SAC, BOSTON, URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, INFURRY, ESPIONAGE-R.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE PURPOSE OF THE TELETYPE PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE IS TO LOCATE THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER AND TO OBTAIN MATERIAL TYPED ON INSTANT WOODSTOCK SUBSEQUENT TO MAY TWENTY-FIVE, THIRTY-SEVEN. ANY ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN TYPED WHILE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER IN POSSESSION OF HISS WOULD BE OF VALUE. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU RECONTACT MRS. JOHN ALFORD TO DETERMINE NAMES OF PERSONS FRISCELLA AND ALGER HISS CORRESPONDING WITH DURING MRS. ALFORD'S ASSOCIATION WITH THE FAMILY. YOU SHOULD ASCERTAIN IF MRS. ALFORD OR FRISCELLA HISS EVER TYPED PERSONAL OR BUSINESS LETTERS ON THE WOODSTOCK MACHINE WHILE THEY WORKED TOGETHER ON THEIR BOOK. HISS WAS ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY IN LAW FIRM OF CHASE, HALL AND STEWART, THREE MADONY ONE STATE STREET, BOSTON, MASS., FROM OCTOBER NINETEEN THIRTY TO SPRING OF THIRTY-TWO. VERIFY THIS EMPLOYMENT. ASCERTAIN IF FIRM OR MEMBERS OF FIRM HAS ANY TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM HISS. ASCERTAIN IF HISS WAS A MEMBER OF BOSTON OR MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION OR ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE MASSACHUSETTS COURTS. LIKEWISE CHECK FORDEN POINT ACADEMY, QUINCY, MASS., WHERE ALGER HISS ATTENDED NINETEEN TWENTY-ONE TO NINETEEN TWENTY-TWO AND HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, HARVARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND ANY OTHER LOGICAL OFFICE AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY FOR TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE. ANY TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL YOU OBTAIN SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH SIXTY-FOUR DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY CHAMBERS, AIR MAIL DELIVERY FOR REAMPHATERS.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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SAC, NEWARK, URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE PURPOSE OF THE TYPEWRITER PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE IS TO LOCATE THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER AND TO OBTAIN MATERIAL TYPED ON INSTANT WOODSTOCK SUBSEQUENT TO MAY TWENTY-FIVE, THIRTY-SEVEN. ANY ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN TYPED WHILE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER IN POSSESSION OF WIFE WOULD BE OF VALUE. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW MRS. THOMAS FOX AND ASCERTAIN IF SHE TYPED ANY PERSONAL LETTERS ON THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER TO THE CHILDREN OF THOMAS FANSLER OR ANY OF HIS RELATIVES WHO MAY HAVE RECEIVED THE CORRESPONDENCE. YOU SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN IF SHE TYPED ANY PERSONAL OR BUSINESS LETTERS OF HER OWN AND IF SO TO WHOM. ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLE WHERE THOMAS FANSLER BANKED IN PHILADELPHIA FOR POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT BANK MAY HAVE CORRESPONDENCE. ALSO ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY ANY CLOSE FRIENDS OF FANSLER OR WELL KNOWN CLIENTS WHO MAY HAVE CORRESPONDENCE. YOU SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN ANY OTHER SPECIFIC INFORMATION INASMUCH AS THEY MAY ASSIST IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS OF THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER AND YOU SHOULD SET OUT LEADS TO OBTAIN SUCH CORRESPONDENCE AS MRS. FOX MAY SUGGEST. ANY TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL YOU OBTAIN SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU FOR EXAMINATION, AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA, URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R. FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE PURPOSE OF THE TYPEWRITER PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE IS TO LOCATE THE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER AND TO OBTAIN MATERIAL TYPED ON INSTANT WOODSTOCK SUBJECT TO MAY TWENTY-FIVE, THIRTY-SEVEN. ANY ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN TYPED WHILE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER IN POSSESSION OF HISS WOULD BE OF VALUE. THIS CONNECTION IT IS BELIEVED THAT YOU SHOULD REINTERVIEW HARRY L. MARTIN. ALSO IF HE KNOWS CATHERINE LOGERMAN, ALLEGED BY MRS. THOMAS G. POE TO HAVE BEEN FANSLER SECRETARY WHO MARRIED A SHOTWELL OR STILLWELL AND RESIDED IN NORTH PHILADELPHIA CONSIDER POSSIBILITY SHE MAY POSSESS INFORMATION THAT MAY LOCATE SPECIMENS. ALSO IF MARTIN KNOWS WHETHER FANSLER BANKED, WHETHER MANAGER OF BULLITT BUILDING HAS CORRESPONDENCE FROM FANSLER OR WHETHER FANSLER BELONGED TO ANY INSURANCE ORGANIZATION OR OTHER BUSINESS, FRATERNAL, OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATION WHICH MAY HAVE CORRESPONDENCE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT INDIVIDUALS FROM FANSLER SOLD IN PHILADELPHIA TO MAY STILL RETAIN CORRESPONDENCE AND THEY SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT YOU SHOULD INQUIRE AT MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF KING'S COURT APARTMENTS WHERE FANSLER LIVED FOR ANY CORRESPONDENCE. ANY SPECIMENS FOUND SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU REGISTERED

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R. REURTEL  
DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT. AUTHORITY IS GIVEN TO RE-INTERVIEW  
EPHRAIM SCHWARTZMAN PER YOUR REQUEST.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESP-R. (REFERENCE REPORT OF SA H. FLETCHER DATED FEB. TWENTY FOURTH, FORTY TWO, ENTITLED ALGER HISS, DEPT. OF STATE, WASH., DC., HATCH ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY. REQUEST BUREAU CLEARANCE TO RE-INTERVIEW EPHRAIM SCHWARTZMAN, DISPLAYING PHOTO OF ALGER HISS AND SECURING NAMES OF ANY CONTACTS SCHWARTZMAN MAY HAVE HAD AT STATE DEPARTMENT.

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO, URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, SA; ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO LOCATE  
WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER ALLEGED BY ALGER HISS TO HAVE BEEN IN HIS HOME AT WASH., DC  
DURING YEARS NINETEEN THIRTY-SIX TO THIRTY-EIGHT. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS HAS ALLEGED  
THAT DOCUMENTS HE PRESENTED AT A PRE-TRIAL DEPOSITION HELD IN BALTIMORE, MD. ON  
NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, FORTY-EIGHT WERE TYPED BY EITHER ALGER HISS OR WIFE, FRISCELLA  
MRS. HISS HAS STATED THAT SHE RECALLS RECEIVING A TYPEWRITER FROM HER FATHER, THOMAS  
FANSLER, DECEASED, WHO WAS IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN PHILADELPHIA, PA. AND THAT  
AFTER NINETEEN THIRTY-EIGHT THE TYPEWRITER WAS DISPOSED OF BY HER TO A SECOND HAND  
DEALER IN WASHINGTON, DC. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES THAT MR. FANSLER WAS GENERAL  
AGENT OF THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY IN PHILADELPHIA AND WAS IN  
PARTNERSHIP WITH HARRY L. MARTIN FROM NINETEEN TWENTY-SEVEN TO LATE NINETEEN THIRTY.  
ACCORDING TO MARTIN, AT INCEPTION OF PARTNERSHIP, A NEW WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER WAS  
PURCHASED AND WHEN PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED, FANSLER REMOVED TO AN APARTMENT IN  
WESTERN PHILADELPHIA. MARTIN IS CONVINCED THAT FANSLER TOOK TYPEWRITER WITH HIM.  
YOU ARE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW MISS ANNA HISS, SISTER OF ALGER HISS, AND DIRECTOR,  
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS; RESIDENCE, THREE  
FOUR NAUGHT THREE HOLLYWOOD AVE., FOR FULL INFORMATION SHE MAY HAVE CONCERNING  
WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF THIS MACHINE WAS GIVEN TO  
ALGER HISS OR FRISCELLA HISS AND IF SHE KNOWS THAT IT WAS IN HIS POSSESSION IN THEIR

*Hiss. Alger Hiss*

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- Mr. Nease
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IN WASH., DC. YOU SHOULD ALSO ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN ANY TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE  
WHICH HISS HAS RECEIVED FROM HIS WIFE, FRISCELLA. BY SUCH CORRESPONDENCE  
BE FORWARDED TO THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE BY AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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SAC, CHICAGO, URGENT

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

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ONE ONE FOUR NAUGHT NORTH DEARBORN ST. CHICAGO AND A.M. MARSHLET COMPANY, CHICAGO, PUBLISHER OF WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, FOR ANY TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE EMANATING FROM ALGER HISS. ANY TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FOUND SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE LABORATORY FOR REGISTERED ELIMINATION, /AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.

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DECEMBER SIXTEENTH LAST RE INTERVIEW WITH HARRY C. HAWKINS, FORMER SUPERIOR  
OF HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HAWKINS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED  
FOR ANY INFORMATION RE WADLEIGH'S ASSOCIATION WITH ALGER HISS OR WHITTAKER  
CHAMBERS FOR ANY POSSIBLE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OR CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE  
UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST APPARATUS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AT ANY TIME. DETERMINE  
IF HAWKINS HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF WADLEIGH REMOVING DOCUMENTS FROM STATE  
DEPARTMENT OR IF WADLEIGH MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO  
REMOVE DOCUMENTS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT. IT SHOULD BE DETERMINED FROM HAWKINS  
IF HE KNEW EITHER ALGER HISS OR WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND IF HE HAS ANY  
INFORMATION THAT THEY KNEW ONE ANOTHER.

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WASHINGTON 8 AND WASHINGTON FIELD FROM BOSTON

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP. DASH R. RE WFO TEL TO

BOSTON THIS DATE. RE INTERVIEW WITH HARRY C. HAWKINS, FORMER

SUPERIOR OF HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH IN STATE DEPARTMENT IN LINE WITH

BUREAU-S REFERENCED LETTER DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST. INSTRUCTIONS

THIS LETTER REQUEST THAT PERSONS WHO WORKED WITH ALGER HENRY JULIAN MISS. CHAMBERS. WAD-

LEIGH, ETC. BE INTERVIEWED QUOTE ALONG THE LINE HERETOFORE FOLLOWED

IN THIS INVESTIGATION UNQUOTE. BOSTON REQUESTS FURTHER INFORMATION AS

TO WHAT THIS LINE IS BEFORE HAWKINS INTERVIEWED REGARDING WADLEIGH.

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INTERVIEWS OF THIS NATURE.

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WASHINGTON AND BOSTON FROM WASH FIELD 16 10:30a  
 DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. REBULET DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST REQUESTING CHECK BE MADE TO DETERMINE PERSONNEL AND NAMES OF PERSONS DEPARTMENTALWISE WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH HISS, CHAMBERS, WADLEIGH, ETC., AT THEIR PAST PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT. REVIEW STATE DEPARTMENT FILES INDICATES HARRY C. HAWKINS, FORMERLY TRADE AGREEMENTS DIVISION, STATE DEPARTMENT, EXERCISED SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES OVER HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH AT STATE DEPARTMENT FROM NINETEEN THIRTYSIX THROUGH NINETEEN FORTY. HAWKINS PRESENTLY PROFESSOR, FLETCHER SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, TUFTS COLLEGE, BOSTON. INTERVIEW HAWKINS CONCERNING WADLEIGHT IN LINE WITH BUREAU'S REFERENCED LETTER DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW YORK URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.; ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R.  
HERETOFORE MRS. ALGER HISS HAS ADVISED GENERALLY THAT SHE DISPOSED OF

WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER TO A SECONDHAND STORE OR DEALER IN VICINITY OF ONE OF  
THEIR WASHINGTON, D. C. RESIDENCES AFTER NINETEEN THIRTY-EIGHT. YOU ARE  
INSTRUCTED TO REINTERVIEW MRS. HISS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE  
DISPOSITION OF THE WOODSTOCK. YOU MAY CONSIDER CONTACTING HER ATTORNEY, MR.  
MCLEAN TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW. YOU MAY SEEK HER COOPERATION IN COMING TO  
WASHINGTON TO IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC STORE OR DEALER IF YOU DEEM THIS  
ADVISABLE. SUTEL.

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CC: WASHINGTON FIELD (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 2/15/87 BY sp7mac/dld

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE FROM WASH FIELD 12-20-48 9:25 PM  
DIRECTOR AND SACS, NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE URGENT

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, IS - R. WFO PRESENTLY HAS LARGE NUMBER OF AGENTS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER ON WHICH DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY CHAMBERS TO FEDERAL COURT IN BALTIMORE WERE TYPED. THE ONLY INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN FURNISHED THE WFO WITH REGARD TO DISPOSITION OF THE HISS TYPEWRITER IS A STATEMENT BY ALGER HISS TO BALTIMORE AGENTS THAT MRS. HISS DISPOSED OF THIS TYPEWRITER TO A SECONDHAND STORE OR DEALER IN VICINITY OF ONE OF THEIR WASHINGTON, DC RESIDENCES SOMETIME AFTER NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. IN VIEW OF VASTNESS OF PROJECT OF LOCATING THIS TYPEWRITER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT WFO BE FURNISHED ANY AND ALL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR STATEMENTS WHICH MAY IN ANY WAY RELATE TO DISPOSITION OF THIS TYPEWRITER FOR EVALUATION IN HANDLING THIS PORTION OF INVESTIGATION BY WFO. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OTHER THAN THAT SET FORTH ABOVE IS AVAILABLE. IT IS AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT MRS. HISS BE RE-INTERVIEWED CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF TYPEWRITER, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE STORE TO WHICH IT WAS SOLD. DEGREE OF COOPERATION AFFORDED BY MRS. HISS TO BUREAU UNKNOWN, HOWEVER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBILITY BE CONSIDERED OF HAVING MRS. HISS POINT OUT TO WFO AGENTS LOCALITY IN WHICH TYPEWRITER SOLD.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT *ms. Delaher*

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP R. RMYTEL DEC ELEVENTH,  
FORTYEIGHT, AND WFO LETTER DEC FOURTEENTH, FORTY EIGHT IN WHICH INFO  
WAS SET OUT AS RECEIVED FROM HORACE SCHMAHL INVESTIGATOR FOR ALGE HISS  
INDICATING THAT THROUGH SCHMAHLS INVESTIGATION HE HAD DISCOVERED THAT  
MRS. JAY CHAMBERS, THE LATTER BEING THE WIFE OF JAY CHAMBERS, SENIOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN THE TREASURY DEPT AND WHO IS NOT IDENTICAL  
WITH SUBJECT THIS CASE. IT WAS SCHMAHLS OPINION THAT MRS. WHITTAKER  
CHAMBERS HAD FURNISHED INFO TO THE CREDIT BUREAU IN BALTIMORE, WHICH INFO  
WAS BACKGROUND ON MR JAY CHAMBERS, THE INDIVIDUAL FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH  
THE TREASURY DEPT. SCHMAHL HAS NOW FURNISHED THIS OFFICE A PHOTOSTATIC  
COPY OF A REPORT OF THE CREDIT BUREAU OF BALTIMORE ON JAY CHAMBERS, WHOSE  
WIFE IS LISTED AS ESTHER. THE INFO IN THIS REPORT AS TO BACKGROUND IS  
UNDOUBTEDLY INFO REFERRING TO THE JAY CHAMBERS FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH  
THE TREASURY DEPT. IT IS TO BE NOTED IN REFERENCE LETTER FROM THE WFO  
THAT THE JAY CHAMBERS FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH THE TREASURY DEPT HAS A  
WIFE NAMED ANNA. SCHMAHL CLAIMS THAT IN SECURING THE CREDIT REPORT  
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FROM THE BALTIMORE CREDIT BUREAU THE HEAD OF THE BUREAU, WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT FURNISH, STATED THAT THE INFO CONTAINED IN THE REPORT WAS SECURED FROM MRS. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. SCHMAHL AGAIN STATED THAT IT WAS HIS OPINION AS PREVIOUSLY POINTED OUT IN REFERENCE NY TEL THAT THIS INFO CONCERNING JAY CHAMBERS COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY SOMEBODY IN THE TREASURY DEPT OR THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, AS HE DOUBTED VERY MUCH WHETHER MRS. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WAS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH MRS JAY CHAMBERS. THE BALTIMORE OFFICE SHOULD CONTACT THE HEAD OF THE CREDIT BUREAU OF BALTIMORE IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER IN FACT THE INFO FURNISHED TO THAT BUREAU ON JAY CHAMBERS WAS IN FACT FURNISHED BY MRS. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER ESTHER CHAMBERS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED ON THIS MATTER TO DETERMINE THE SOURCE OF HER INFO AS TO THE BACKGROUND OF JAY CHAMBERS FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH THE TREASURY DEPT.

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Transmit the following message to:  
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. REURTEL

DECEMBER SIXTEENTH LAST. MRS. ESTLER CHAMBERS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED BY NY

OFFICE TO DETERMINE SOURCE OF HER INFORMATION AS TO THE BACKGROUND OF JAY

CHAMBERS, FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. REFER TO INFORMATION

CONTAINED IN LETTER FROM BALTIMORE TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER FIFTEENTH LAST

IN THIS CONNECTION, COPY OF WHICH WAS MADE AVAILABLE NY OFFICE.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW YORK  
PHILADELPHIA  
BOSTON  
BALTIMORE

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS; PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.  
SUBMIT INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS IN THIS MATTER TO REACH BUREAU BY DECEMBER  
TWENTY FOUR NEXT. REPORTS SHOULD CONTAIN UNDEVELOPED LEADS SHOWING SOURCE  
FROM WHICH OBTAINED AND WHETHER OR NOT OFFICES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO  
COVER THESE LEADS BY TELETYPE OR OTHER COMMUNICATION. PERIOD OF REPORT SHOULD  
COVER INVESTIGATION UP TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST. HOOVER.

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell  
Criminal Division

December 14, 1948

Director, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
PER JURY  
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This will confirm a telephonic conversation between Inspector Leo L. Laughlin of this Bureau and Mr. Vincent P. Russo of the Department on the morning of December 13, 1948.

Henry Julien ~~Wadleigh~~ upon his return from New York City on the night of December 11, 1948, advised an Agent of the Washington Field Office that he had failed in one instance to make a complete responsive answer to a question asked him before the New York Grand Jury and that he desired to make the record clear. He stated that he has in his possession a rug which was presented to him as a New Years gift in 1937 or 1938 by Whittaker Chambers.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC DENVER

DECEMBER 17, 1948

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS: ALGER HISS: PERJURY: ESPIONAGE - R.  
REURTELEPHONE CALL TO INSPECTOR H. B. FLETCHER TODAY. INTERVIEWS SHOULD  
BE CONDUCTED WITH CO-EMPLOYEES AND IMMEDIATE SUPERIORS OF PHILIP RENO RE-  
GARDLESS OF CP CONNECTIONS. THESE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE MADE FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF DETERMINING COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES AND SYMPATHIES OF RENO AND WHETHER  
HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE REMOVED OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY  
WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED FOR DELIVERY TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. ALSO IF HE IS  
KNOWN TO HAVE ORALLY INFORMED ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS CONCERNING THE INFOR-  
MATION HE HAD OBTAINED THROUGH HIS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT. SIGNED STATEMENTS  
SHOULD BE OBTAINED IF PERTINENT INFORMATION SECURED.

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

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JAY DAVID WHITAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R. REURTEL DECEMBER TWELVE LAST. AEC WASHINGTON UNABLE TO EVALUATE DOCUMENTS. REQUEST DOCUMENTS BE FORWARDED AIR MAIL REGISTERED TO BUREAU. REFER TO BULET DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST ENTITLED JOHN LEROY KELLEY DASH SA DASH OTH NINE EIGHT NINE, ACAA.

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The Attorney General

December 21, 1948

Director - FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.  
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In connection with instant case, on December 17, 1948, Special Assistant

to the Attorney General T. J. Donagan advised the New York Office of this Bureau that he had received a telephone call from Rubin B. Shermis, an attorney at 276 Fifth Avenue, New York, who is the brother of Chambers' wife. According to Mr. Donagan, Shermis telephonically communicated with William McNulty of the law firm of Winston and McNulty who are the present attorneys of Chambers and informed McNulty that he had in his possession two notes in connection with the recent publicity about Chambers' life having been threatened by Grace Hutchins. McNulty had apparently advised Shermis to turn these papers over to Government officials.

On the evening of December 17, 1948, Agents of the New York Office, at the request of Mr. Donagan, appeared at his office where Shermis related the following story: Shermis has only seen Whittaker Chambers on about ten occasions subsequent to his, Shermis, sister's marriage to Chambers. One of these occasions was sometime in 1938, when Chambers informed Shermis that he was breaking with the Communist Party and gave definite indication that he was in fear of his life. Sometimes thereafter an unknown woman appeared at Shermis' law office and on finding that he was not there left the following handwritten note: "Thursday, May 19, 1938. Dr. Mr. Shermis, There is a very important message for your sister. If she or her husband will call on Steve or me, we have some important memos for them. (Signed) Grace Labor Research Association, 88 East 11th Street, Stuyvesant 9-1042."

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Later on that same day, upon Shermis' return to his office, he through a telephone call to the previously mentioned number and talked with <sup>Mr. Donagan</sup> whom he described as having a very "intellectual and cultured voice," who stated that if Shermis would inform her of the whereabouts of Chambers, she would like to it that Chambers' wife and two children would have no harm done to them. Although Mr. Shermis' recollections are not very clear on this telephone conversation, he did recall quite specifically that the woman indicated that it was a "matter of life or death." During this telephone conversation an appointment was made for this woman to visit Shermis in the latter's office.

Shermis stated that upon a review of his diary for ~~the day~~ <sup>the date</sup> ~~mentioned~~ <sup>January 19, 1949</sup> that <sup>he had</sup> ~~she~~ ~~had~~ ~~told~~ ~~him~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~phone~~ ~~that~~ ~~she~~ ~~had~~ ~~had~~ ~~with~~ ~~him~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~phone~~ ~~previously~~ ~~and~~ ~~Shermis~~ ~~agreed~~ ~~to~~ ~~get~~ ~~in~~ ~~touch~~ ~~with~~ ~~her~~.

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Chambers if he could. Shemitz stated that although he does not even have a hazy recollection of this woman's description he is positive she is the same woman who talked to him over the telephone because, he stated, "of the very cultured and fine voice she possesses." At the conclusion of this conversation Shemitz requested this person to leave a written note that he could turn over to Mr. Chambers. She then wrote the following on a slip of paper; "Grace and her friend, Steve, must get in touch with you immediately." There are other notations on this paper which were explained by Shemitz. One is the notation "2130 , Lynbrook," which Shemitz stated was the telephone number of Chambers' mother in Lynbrook, Long Island. There also appeared the notation "Pikesville, Maryland 8445-12, Operator 91," Shemitz related that this was the telephone number of Chambers in Maryland and that he had attempted to telephonically communicate with Chambers but was unsuccessful in reaching him. Sometime later, he stated, possibly within a month, Shemitz met Chambers quite by accident near his law office and he verbally informed Chambers of the message and telephone conversations he had had with this unknown woman. Shemitz was quite definite in his recollection that Chambers did not outwardly place any importance whatsoever on the information supplied by Shemitz at that time.

Further inquiries are being made to determine whether the Grace and Miss Stevens mentioned before are identical with Grace Hutchins. The two notes mentioned above are presently in the possession of the New York Division of this Bureau. The above is for your information.

cc - Mr. Alexander M. Campbell  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division



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WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK 83 17 11-05 P

DIRECTOR URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ESP. R. PERJURY. LATE THIS AFTERNOON SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL T. J. DONEGAN ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM RUBIN B. SHEMITZ, AN ATTORNEY, TWO SEVEN SIX FIFTH AVENUE, NY, WHO IS THE BROTHER OF CHAMBERS-S WIFE. ACCORDING TO MR. DONEGAN, SHEMITZ TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED WITH WILLIAM MC NULTY OF THE LAW FIRM OF MINTON AND MC NULTY, WHO ARE THE PRESENT ATTORNEYS OF CHAMBERS, AND INFORMED MC NULTY THAT HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION TWO NOTES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT PUBLICITY ABOUT CHAMBERS-S LIFE HAVING BEEN THREATENED BY GRACE HUTCHINS. MC NULTY HAD APPARENTLY ADVISED SHEMITZ TO TURN THESE PAPERS OVER TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. AT SIX PM THIS EVENING AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE, AT THE REQUEST OF MR. DONEGAN, APPEARED AT HIS OFFICE WHERE SHEMITZ RELATED THE FOLLOWING STORY...SHEMITZ HAS ONLY SEEN WHITTAKER CHAMBERS ON ABOUT TEN OCCASIONS SUBSEQUENT TO THE

MARRIAGE OF HIS, SHEMITZ, SISTER TO CHAMBERS, THAT ONE OF THESE OCCASIONS WAS SOMETIME IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT WHEN CHAMBERS INFORMED SHEMITZ THAT HE WAS BREAKING WITH THE CP AND GAVE DEFINITE INDICATION

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THAT HE WAS IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE. SOMETIME THEREAFTER, AN ~~UNKNOWN~~ WOMAN APPEARED AT SHEMITZ-S LAW OFFICE AND, ON FINDING THAT HE WAS NOT THERE, LEFT THE FOLLOWING HANDWRITTEN NOTE..."THURSDAY, MAY NINETEEN, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. DR. MR. SHEMITZ, THERE IS A VERY IMPORTANT /THIS WORD UNDERLINED/ MESSAGE FOR YOUR SISTER. IF SHE OR HER HUSBAND WILL CALL EITHER STEVE OR ME, WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT MEMOS FOR THEM. /SIGNED/ GRACE, LABOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, EIGHTY EAST ONE ONE STREET, STUYVESANT NINE DASH ONE NAUGHT FOUR TWO". LATER THAT SAME DAY, UPON SHEMITZ-S RETURN TO HIS OFFICE, HE MADE A TELEPHONE CALL TO THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED NUMBER AND TALKED TO A WOMAN, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING A VERY "INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURED VOICE", WHO STATED THAT IF SHEMITZ WOULD INFORM HER OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF CHAMBERS, SHE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT CHAMBERS-S WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN WOULD HAVE NO HARM DONE TO THEM. ALTHOUGH MR. SHEMITZ-S RECOLLECTION IS NOT VERY CLEAR ON THIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, HE DID RECALL QUITE SPECIFICALLY THAT THE WOMAN INDICATED THAT IT WAS "A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH". DURING THIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, AN APPOINTMENT WAS MADE FOR THIS WOMAN TO VISIT SHEMITZ IN THE LATTER-S OFFICE. SHEMITZ STATED THAT UPON A REVIEW OF HIS DIARY FOR MAY, THIRTYEIGHT, THERE WAS FOUND A NOTATION "FOUR FORTY PM MISS ~~STEVEN~~ OR MISS ~~STEVENS~~".

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HE RECALLED THAT THIS MISS STEVENS TALKED TO HIM AND REITERATED THE CONVERSATION SHE HAD HAD WITH SHEMITZ OVER THE TELEPHONE PREVIOUSLY, AND SHEMITZ AGREED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. CHAMBERS IF HE COULD. SHEMITZ STATED THAT, ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT EVEN HAVE A HAZY RECOLLECTION OF THIS WOMAN-S DESCRPTION, HE IS POSITIVE SHE IS THE SAME WOMAN WHO TALKED TO HIM OVER THE TELEPHONE BECAUSE, HE STATED, OF THE VERY CULTURED AND REFINED VOICE SHE POSSESSED. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS CONVERSATION, SHEMITZ REQUESTED THIS PERSON TO LEAVE A WRITTEN NOTE THAT HE COULD TURN OVER TO MR. CHAMBERS AND SHE THEN WROTE THE FOLLOWING ON A TORN SLIP OF PAPER.. "GRACE AND HER FRIEND, ~~STEVE~~, MUST GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU IMMEDIATELY". THERE ARE OTHER NOTATIONS ON THIS PAPER, WHICH WERE EXPLAINED BY SHEMITZ - ONE IS THE NOTATION, "TWO ONE THREE NAUGHT W, LYNBROOK", WHICH SHEMITZ STATED WAS THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CHAMBERS-S MOTHER IN LYNBROOK, LONG ISLAND, AND THE NOTATION, "PIKESVILLE, MARYLAND EIGHT FOUR FOUR F DASH TWELVE, OPERATOR NINETY ONE". SHEMITZ RELATED THIS WAS THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CHAMBERS IN MARYLAND AND THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATE WITH CHAMBERS BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN REACHING HIM. SOMETIME LATER, HE STATED, POSSIBLY WITHIN A MONTH, SHEMITZ MET CHAMBERS QUITE BY

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ACCIDENT NEAR SHEMITZ-S LAW OFFICE AND HE VERBALLY INFORMED CHAMBERS OF THE MESSAGE AND TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS HE HAD HAD WITH THIS UNKNOWN WOMAN. SHEMITZ WAS QUITE DEFINITE IN HIS RECOLLECTION THAT CHAMBERS DID NOT OUTWARDLY PLACE ANY IMPORTANCE WHATSOEVER ON THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY SHEMITZ AT THAT TIME. FURTHER EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE GRACE AND MISS STEVENS MENTIONED BEFORE ARE IDENTICAL WITH GRACE <sup>H</sup> BUTCHINS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 15, 1948

SAC, Washington Field

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There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 15, 1948.

Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases  
Perjury  
Internal Security - R

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. *74-96*  
FBI FILE NO. *74-1333*  
LAB. NO. D-88855 BU

Examination requested by: Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated December 14, 1948

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

*Deleted copy sent William A. Reuben and Allen Weinstein by letters 7-8-74 and 7-24-74 respectively. RD/John*

*Deleted copy sent Stephen Sabers by letter 4-24-74*

K42 Typewritten letter dated "August 28, 1941", beginning "Dear Sirs: For purposes of the record..." and signed "ALGER HESS".

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the typewriter which typed specimen K42 listed above is a different machine than was used to type Q6 through Q69.

Specimen K42 will be returned to the Washington Field office as soon as it has been photographed.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Lab DATE: December 14, 1948

FROM : *Hud* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was  
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

There is being transmitted herewith, the original of a typewritten letter dated August 28, 1941, signed ALGER HISS, which was obtained from the records of the J. B. Gilliat Real Estate Company, 2827 Dunbarton Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. In this letter, Mr. HISS states that he wishes to give formal notice requesting the renewal of his lease.

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Mr. JOHN H. GILLIAT advised that he is willing to testify that the aforementioned letter was contained in his files and that his files contain a carbon copy of a letter dated September 5, 1941, addressed to Mrs. KATHERINE H. FLANAGAN, 1255 Penn Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., the owner of the premises at 3415 Volta Place, N. W., which Mr. HISS desired to leave. This latter letter transmits a lease signed by HISS in accordance with the contents of the above mentioned letter from HISS to Mr. GILLIAT.

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It is requested that the typewritten letter dated August 28, 1941 be compared with the <sup>*questioned*</sup> ~~specimens~~ of typing as obtained in the material furnished by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to the United States District Court at Baltimore, Maryland. The above letter should be returned to the Washington Field Office when the examination has been completed.

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SAC, Baltimore

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases,  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R  
Your file #65-1612

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report **D-89071 BU**  
dated **12/22/48**, in connection with the above-  
entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your  
office.

There are transmitted herewith the following:

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

*K.E.*  
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- Mr. Glavin
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December 20, 1948

74-1333

SAC, Washington Field

Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases;  
PERJURY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
Your file #74-94

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report <sup>D-88976 BU</sup>  
dated 12/17/48, in connection with the above-  
entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your  
office.

There are transmitted herewith the following:

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R. BUREAU  
SHOULD BE FURNISHED FIVE COPIES OF REPORTS IN THIS CASE. THREE COPIES TO NEW  
YORK. (ONE COPY TO SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, T. <sup>Y.</sup> DOWGAN.)  
NEW YORK ORIGIN.

HOOVER

CC: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

FLJ:VM

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. LADD

*Whittaker Chambers Alger Hiss*

The Attorney General called me to advise that Secretary of Defense Forrestal had called him and stated that he talked to Admiral Sidney W. Souers of the National Security Council about the intelligence picture and he, Forrestal, thought it would be helpful if he and Souers and myself got together on the situation. I commented to the Attorney General that I thought they were soft-soaping us and I thought it would be best to delay this at the present in view of the necessity of my being out of town for a few weeks very shortly.

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We then discussed generally the Hiss-Chambers situation and I advised the Attorney General that over the week-end I had reviewed the material in our files on this case and felt we were entirely clear in this matter and had done everything that we possibly could. I advised the Attorney General that we had gotten a break today in that we had learned that Hiss had written some letters to a private school in an effort to get his stepson in this school and that the letters had been turned over to us. These letters were written back in 1936 and after a comparison of these letters with the Chambers letter it was found they were written on the same typewriter. I advised the Attorney General that these letters were turned over to us with the condition that the school did not want this information to get to the Committee on Un-American Activities. The Principal of the school who referred this material to us was advised he could be assured this condition would be complied with. The Attorney General then stated that any statements given on this matter should come from his office and that no information of any kind was to be given out. I assured him that his instructions would be complied with, and in fact these very instructions had been previously issued by me as I felt any information should come directly from the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

S/ J.E.H.  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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DECEMBER 20, 1948

SAC, NEW YORK

RE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; PERJURY. ESPIONAGE, R. RE NORFOLK TEL  
 DECEMBER EIGHTEEN, LAST, CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF DAISY FANSLER, AND NEW YORK  
 TEL DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, CONCERNING GRAND JURY TESTIMONY OF TIMOTHY  
 HOBSON. NEW YORK INSTRUCTED TO THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW HOBSON FOR ANY INFORMATION  
 HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER AND LOCATION OF TYPEWRITTEN  
 SPECIMENS. HOBSON SHOULD NOT BE ADVISED OF INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALLY OBTAINED  
 REGARDING HIS GRAND JURY TESTIMONY. SPECIMENS SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM HIS  
 CORONA PORTABLE AND FURNISHED LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON INASMUCH AS TYPEWRITER THAT  
 ONE OF SIXTYFIVE DOCUMENTS PREPARED ON STILL UNIDENTIFIED.

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MR. PEYTON FORD  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 16, 1948

THE DIRECTOR, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS - PERJURY  
ALGER HISS - PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

You will recall that you desired to be advised of the names of any present State Department employees which might come up during the course of the investigation in this matter. The following is submitted for your information.

Whittaker Chambers stated in a pretrial deposition at Baltimore, Maryland on November 5, 1947, that one of the activities of Alger Hiss was to attempt to draw new people of culture into the Chambers apparatus. Chambers said that as a result Hiss approached Noel Field, Lawrence Duggan, one Yost, first name believed to be John, and one Trueblood, all State Department employees. He said that Hiss' efforts concerning Field ceased when it was ascertained that Field was a member of another apparatus. His efforts concerning Duggan were likewise discontinued when Duggan was found to be a close friend of Noel Field. Chambers stated that no results were realized by Hiss in his efforts concerning Yost and Trueblood. However, Hiss entertained them and was entertained at their homes. Hiss allegedly discussed various questions, such as the Spanish Civil War, with Yost and Trueblood, and found them to be unsympathetic to the Communist cause, thereafter ceasing his efforts toward them. These efforts on the part of Hiss apparently were made during the last part of 1936 or the early part of 1937.

Noel Field is presently out of the country and is unavailable for interview. Lawrence Duggan was interviewed on December 10, 1948 and could not recall the recruitment effort by Hiss.

Edward G. Trueblood is presently employed as Counsellor, U. S. Embassy, at Santiago, Chile. He was located in Washington, D. C. with the State Department from 1934 to 1937. The files of this Bureau reflect that Miss Elizabeth Bentley alleged that Maurice Halperin furnished her copies of reports pertaining to South American affairs. Investigation in the Gregory case has disclosed that shortly after Halperin entered on duty with the Office of Strategic Services in the early 1940's, he was sent on a trip to Mexico and apparently while there became acquainted with Trueblood, who at that time was connected with the American Embassy in Mexico City. Trueblood had been in contact with Halperin in Washington, D. C. and offered his services if at any time he could be of assistance to Halperin. It has been reliably reported that on September 10, 1946 Priscilla Hiss, wife of Alger Hiss, was in contact with the wife of Donald Hiss concerning a nursery in the Georgetown Section of Washington, D. C. Priscilla Hiss advised that an Eddy Trueblood, who lived in Bethesda, had a child of the age to be placed in a nursery school and had previously asked Alger Hiss about the school.

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Charles W. Yost is presently employed as Counsellor, U. S. Legation, Vienna, Austria. He was located with the State Department at Washington, D. C. from 1935 to 1945. During the summer of 1940 it was reliably reported that Yost had been in contact with the German Embassy in Washington, D. C., apparently on official business, except for one occasion, namely, August 14, 1940, when he thanked Ulrich Von Gienanth, Second Secretary, for assistance in getting two relatives out of Poland. The State Department files reflect that Yost has a Polish wife, which possibly may explain his contact with the German Embassy.

State Department files contain no evidence of suspicion directed toward either Trueblood or Yost, except a minor criticism of Trueblood by his superiors when he was assigned to a South American diplomatic post to the effect that he had "somewhat extreme political views." Trueblood was criticized in 1939 at Santiago for tending to consort exclusively with radicals. No other Trueblood was employed by the State Department during the pertinent period.

Chambers stated in a pretrial deposition on November 17, 1948, that he attended a meeting of a Communist Party cell headed by Henry Collins at the home of Richard Post in Alexandria, Virginia. Shortly thereafter he separated Post from the apparatus headed by Collins and took Post into his own apparatus. Thereafter Post obtained a position in the State Department and became a Foreign Service Officer. Chambers stated he maintained intermittent contact with Post, but Post never furnished any information while he was a member of this underground apparatus. Chambers said that shortly after Post joined this group, he, Chambers, disassociated himself with it and has no knowledge of Post's subsequent activities.

The Post mentioned by Chambers is believed to be identical with Richard Howell Post, Foreign Service Officer, Department of State. Post is being interviewed in connection with the above allegations.

The Attorney General

December 27, 1948

Director, FBI

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS;  
ALGER HISS;  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

You will recall that Whittaker Chambers has informed that one "Felix" was a photographer for his underground Communist Party apparatus who photographed documents in his apartment in Baltimore, Maryland.

On December 19, 1948, Whittaker Chambers accompanied agents of the Baltimore Office to the vicinity of Konig Street, Baltimore, Maryland where he had previously stated that "Felix" lived in 1937 or 1938. After touring the neighborhood, Chambers named as first choice the 2100 block of Callow Avenue, second, the 2100 block of Brookfield, and third, the 2100 block of Linden Avenue, Baltimore, as the likely residence of "Felix". Investigation developed that from April, 1937 through April, 1938, Felix August Inslerman lived at 2113 Callow Avenue. Selective Service records for this individual reflected that his employment included airplane designer, draftsman, electrician, professional engineer, inspector, and photographer. The records further reflected that Inslerman was employed in the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company, Baltimore, as group engineer in 1942 and thereafter was employed at Republic Aviation Company, at Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, as an engineer.

A photograph of Inslerman was obtained and was exhibited to Whittaker Chambers on December 21, 1948 and Chambers positively identified Inslerman as the photographer known to him as "Felix".

Inslerman is presently employed at the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, on a project known as the "Hermes Project", which is under U. S. Army control. He is working on the hydraulic tail assembly of missiles and rockets. This work is regarded as extremely confidential and is of important.

Inslerman was interviewed by agents of this Bureau on December 23, 1948, and furnished a signed statement denying any affiliations with or knowledge of the allegations made concerning him by Chambers. He consented to a waiver of search to search his residence at RFD #2, Cambridge, New York. This search resulted in the agents finding a box of miscellaneous material including plans and technical data, some marked confidential, the property of the Republic Aircraft Company and/or the U. S. Army Air Force, and 36 rolls of 35 mm film, some of which were developed and some undeveloped. These films will be processed by the FBI Laboratory upon receipt in Washington and you will be advised of the results.

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cc - Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell  
Criminal Division

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Baltimore, Maryland**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Baltimore, Maryland</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-4-48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-21, 26, 29; 12-3, 4-48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>FRANK G. JOHNSTONE</b>	MER ac arf mhp
TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, Lloyd Eastwell, "Earl," George Grosley</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R; ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

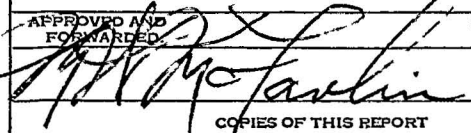
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Subject, in pre-trial examination in connection with HISS-CHAMBERS libel suit filed in United States District Court for Maryland at Baltimore, Maryland, on November 17, 1948, produced 65 letter-sized typewritten documents and four small note-sized handwritten documents, alleged to be copies of State Department documents or summaries thereof. CHAMBERS further stated in the pre-trial examination that these documents were obtained by him during 1937-1938 from ALGER HISS, then a State Department employee, for transmittal to a Russian named Colonel BYKOV. Above described by CHAMBERS as activity of a Communist apparatus operating in Washington, D.C. Above facts confirmed by CHAMBERS in signed statement dated December 3, 1948. ALGER HISS, in signed statement dated December 4, 1948, denied all allegations made by CHAMBERS relating to the documents and any activity on his part in any Communist espionage apparatus or underground. HISS also denied any membership now or ever in Communist Party or any Communist activity. HISS stated above allegations of CHAMBERS concerning him to be complete fabrication, the motive for which is unknown to him.

*Pages 8 thru 13 (Alger Hiss's Deleted Copy sent to [redacted] 1/1/49)*

REFERENCE: Bureau Letter dated November 24, 1948.

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DETAILS:

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The following is a joint investigation of Special Agents DANIEL F. X. CALLAHAN, FLOYD L. JONES and the writer.

Mr. RICHARD F. CLEVELAND, 2500 O'Sullivan Building, Baltimore, attorney for Mr. JAY DAVID HITTAKER CHAMBERS, advised on November 24, 1948, that in connection with the libel suit presently pending in United States District Court for the District of Maryland between Mr. CHAMBERS and ALGER HISS, a pre-trial examination was conducted by the attorneys for Mr. HISS, headed by Mr. WILLIAM L. MARBURY, 1000 Maryland Trust Building, Baltimore. This pre-trial examination involved depositions taken from both Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS, in Mr. MARBURY's office in Baltimore on November 4, 5, 16 and 17, 1948.

During the deposition of Mr. CHAMBERS on the afternoon of November 17, 1948, Mr. CHAMBERS produced 65 letter-sized typewritten documents and four small note-sized handwritten documents. Mr. CHAMBERS claimed that during 1937-1938 he had obtained these documents from Mr. ALGER HISS. Mr. CHAMBERS further claimed that these documents were copies of official documents in the files of the United States State Department or summaries of such documents, obtained by Mr. HISS during the above-mentioned period as an employee of the State Department. Mr. CHAMBERS also stated in his deposition that these documents were turned over to him by Mr. HISS for transmittal to a Russian named Colonel BYKOV, and that Mr. HISS knew of such intended disposition of the documents. Further, in his deposition, Mr. CHAMBERS stated that Mr. HISS, during 1937-1938, was a member of a Communist apparatus in Washington, D.C. Mr. CHAMBERS also declared in the above deposition that he had introduced Mr. HISS to Colonel BYKOV under the name of PETER sometime in 1937, at which time Mr. HISS entered into an oral agreement with Colonel BYKOV to supply BYKOV with documents from the State Department.

Mr. CLEVELAND stated that upon completion of this portion of the deposition regarding the introduction of the above documents, the pre-trial examination was suspended, since by mutual agreement the attorneys on both sides wanted to refer the matter to the Attorney General of the United States.

The following signed statements were obtained from Mr. CHAMBERS on December 3, 1948, and from Mr. HISS on December 4, 1948.

"Baltimore, Maryland  
December 3, 1948

"I, JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, make the following statement to FLOYD L. JONES and DANIEL F. X. CALLAHAN, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand that any statement that I make can be used against me in a court of law. No threats or promises have been made to me in connection with this statement. I have been advised that I have a right of counsel, but I have waived same after consulting with my counsel in connection with the making of this statement.

"I am presently a defendant in a civil action brought against me by ALGER HISS in Federal Court in Baltimore, Maryland. In connection with a pre-trial deposition being taken at the request of counsel for Mr. HISS, on November 17, 1948, I produced in evidence 65 typewritten documents and 4 small pieces of whitepaper on which appeared handwriting that, according to my recollection, is the handwriting of ALGER HISS. The 65 pages of documents were copies or condensations of State Department documents which were turned over to me by ALGER HISS during the latter part of 1937 and early 1938. These documents have been in the possession of NATHAN LEVINE, my wife's nephew, who now resides on Sterling Place in Brooklyn, New York. He is a lawyer and has an office on 42nd Street near Broadway, believed to be in the Newsweek Building. When I gave him these documents shortly after I broke with the Party in 1938, he was living in his mother's house at 260 Rochester Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. When I gave them to him, I asked him to hide them for me and, if anything happened to me, that he should open them and make them public. He didn't know the contents of these documents or where they came from. They were in a brown manila envelope. I got them from him on Sunday, November 14, 1948, at his mother's house in Brooklyn. They were hidden in a dumb waiter shaft in his mother's house. There were also contained in this envelope three cans of undeveloped film and two strips of developed film which I will mention later. I went to LEVINE's house to get the small pieces of paper containing HISS' handwriting and had forgotten about the documents and the film until they were turned over to me.

"Also included in this brown envelope were four yellow-lined sheets of paper in the handwriting of HARRY DEXTER WHITE. I had mentioned this handwriting in my deposition on November 17, 1948. The reason I did not introduce the three cans of film at the deposition was because it was undeveloped. I did not introduce the two strips of developed negative film was because I wanted to keep all the film together and possibly have the film developed and made readable

at a later date.

"I did not introduce the handwritten pages turned over to me by HARRY DEXTER WHITE on advice of counsel because they thought it was irrelevant. The handwriting of HARRY DEXTER WHITE described above has been in the possession of my attorneys since November 17, 1948, the date of the pre-trial deposition. The three cans of undeveloped film as well as the two strips of developed negative film were turned over by me to two investigators of the House Committee on Un-American Activities at my home in Westminster, Maryland, on Thursday night, December 2, 1948, in response to a subpoena presented by them to me on that date.

"I have no other documents whatever of this nature now.

"As far as I can recall, the undeveloped film in the cans described above contained photographs of original documents that came out of the State Department and the Bureau of Standards. The bulk of the documents from the State Department were turned over to me by ALGER HISS. Others were turned over to me possibly by JULIAN WADLEIGH. I assume that these were classified Confidential and Strictly Confidential, the same as some of the documents that I presented on November 17, 1948.

"The documents that were presented by me at the deposition were copies or condensations of State Department documents. These copies were turned over to me by ALGER HISS during the latter part of 1937 and the first part of 1938 as indicated by the dates on the documents. These documents were given to me for delivery to a Colonel BYKOV, who had previously been introduced to ALGER HISS, at which time ALGER HISS agreed to furnish documents from the State Department to me for delivery to Colonel BYKOV. ALGER HISS was well aware that Colonel BYKOV was the head of a Soviet underground organization. It is possible that some of the 65 documents that I presented at the deposition were photographed and copies of the photographs were turned over to Colonel BYKOV. I didn't destroy the documents because I was preparing to break with the Party in about April, 1938.

"Some of the documents supplied by HISS were copied on a typewriter in ALGER HISS' home by him or his wife, and then turned over to me. In other instances, original documents from the State Department were turned over to me by ALGER HISS and taken by me in most instances to

photographers to be copied, the original documents then being returned to ALGER HISS the same night to be returned by him to the State Department. One of these photographers was an individual named FELIX, whose last name I do not know, the name FELIX being a pseudonym to the best of my belief. FELIX was a member of my Communist apparatus and resided in an apartment, either on or in the vicinity of Konig Street, in Baltimore, Maryland. FELIX was placed in the Communist apparatus for the purpose of photographing documents of this nature. The usual procedure when I obtained these documents from ALGER HISS was for me to meet FELIX at some pre-arranged point in either Baltimore or Washington, at which time I would turn the documents to be photographed over to him. The documents would be returned to me the same night and I would in turn deliver them back to ALGER HISS the same night. At a later date, FELIX would turn over to me the developed or undeveloped film, which I in turn would deliver to Colonel BYKOV. ALGER HISS was aware of the fact that the documents were being photographed for delivery to Colonel BYKOV.

"Another photographer was utilized occasionally for the same purpose described above, namely, DAVID CARPENTER, who was a Baltimorean. He did his photography at the house of a man, a Communist, who was employed by Ludwig Bauman Company. This house was located in southeast Washington, the exact location of which I don't remember. DAVID CARPENTER was a Communist and a member of my Communist apparatus. I followed the same procedure in the handling of documents to be photographed by DAVID CARPENTER as described above in the case of FELIX.

"Concerning the four pieces of yellow paper on which appears handwritten notes of HARRY DEXTER WHITE, these are examples of material that HARRY WHITE made available to me from the Treasury Department for delivery to Colonel BYKOV. I met HARRY WHITE always in Washington and he insisted upon having the meetings near his home. Many of them were in front of a theater in the vicinity of Ordway and Connecticut Avenue, N.W., located on the righthand side of Connecticut Avenue, going north. At other times, I would meet him and we would drive around in his automobile. Some of the material that he gave me, I remember, were Office of Naval Intelligence reports signed by a Captain PULISTON. I don't exactly remember what they were about. He also furnished me reports about activities in the Far East. However, the supply of his material was thin. I remember one time he described to me a meeting between the Russian

Ambassador, OUMANSKY, and Secretary of the Treasury MORGANTHAU. He reported on how OUMANSKY acted at this meeting. This was one way the Russians had of checking on their representatives. This particular report was given to me orally and I passed it on to Colonel BYKOV, as well as other material that WHITE furnished to me.

"I was introduced to Colonel BYKOV by J. PETERS in New York City, I believe in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral, during the end of 1936 or the first part of 1937. He was introduced to me under the name 'PETER', a Russian underground worker, and I was told by J. PETERS that I was to help him. Later on, WALTER KRYVITSKY told me that 'PETER' was actually Colonel BYKOV, and that he was with the Fourth Section of the Red Army Intelligence. I think that Colonel BYKOV had recently arrived in this country. J. PETERS appeared considerably disturbed, due to the fact that Colonel BYKOV wanted to work his way into the American Communist Party underground apparatus in Washington, D.C., because it apparently meant that PETERS would eventually lose control of this apparatus in Washington, D.C. However, J. PETERS could not do anything about this. Colonel BYKOV wanted to know something about the personnel in the apparatus and questioned me very closely about them. He wanted to meet some of them.

"The first person that he met in the apparatus was ALGER HISS. In the spring of 1937, I arranged a meeting between ALGER HISS and Colonel BYKOV. HISS went to New York where I met him at a place somewhere near the Brooklyn Bridge. We then proceeded to a movie house quite a distance out in Brooklyn. HISS and I waited on a bench in the mezzanine of the theater, and BYKOV emerged from the audience and I introduced him to ALGER HISS.

"I arranged for similar meetings in Brooklyn, New York, between Colonel BYKOV and HENRY COLLINS, the Treasurer of the original Communist underground apparatus in Washington, D.C. and an employee of the Department of Agriculture. I also arranged meetings between Colonel BYKOV and HARRY DEXTER WHITE and GEORGE SILVERMAN in Washington, D.C. I believe that Colonel BYKOV met each of these people only on one occasion. He wanted to size them up as individuals, to discuss with them their work for him and the prospects of further developing their work, and also, possibly, to check on me.

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"At the time of the meeting with HISS, after leaving the theater Colonel BYKOV raised the question of procuring documents from the State Department, and ALGER HISS agreed. Following the meeting, ALGER HISS began to supply a consistent flow of material from the State Department, such as the type of documents that I presented at the pre-trial deposition on November 17, 1948. I want to say that as far as I can remember, I have never discussed the existence of the documents that I presented at the pre-trial deposition with anyone. Neither have I told any Governmental agency or Government body concerning the existence of these documents. I have never discussed with anyone the procuring of any documents from Government agencies for transmittal to Colonel BYKOV.

"In testifying to various Government agencies over the last ten years, I have had two purposes in mind. The first was to stop the Communist conspiracy. The second was to try to preserve the human elements involved. In this sense, I was shielding these people. For these reasons, I have not previously mentioned the procuring and passing of any documents.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and seven other pages in typewriting, double-spaced, and to the best of my knowledge and recollection, I declare it is the truth.

"Witnessed: /s/ JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

FLOYD L. JONES,  
Special Agent, F.B.I.

DANIEL F. X. CALLAHAN, Special Agent, F.B.I. Baltimore, Md. 12/3/48  
FRANK G. JOHNSTONE, " " " " " 12/3/48"

"Baltimore, Maryland  
December 4, 1948

"I, Mr. ALGER HISS, residence, 22 East 8th Street, New York City, in the presence of my attorney, Mr. WILLIAM L. MARBURY, give the following voluntary signed statement to WITEL P. K. CALLAHAN and FRANK G. JOHNSTONE, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I need make no statement and that anything I say may be used against me.

"At the request of my attorneys, Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, defendant in a libel suit filed by me in the United States District Court for Maryland at Baltimore, was called for an examination before trial. This examination took place in Mr. MARBURY's office, 1000 Maryland Trust Building, Baltimore, Maryland, on November 4, 5, 16 and 17, 1948, but a portion of the time stated was consumed in taking depositions from Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

"On the afternoon of November 17, 1948, in the course of the pre-trial examination, Mr. CHAMBERS introduced 65 letter-sized pages of type-written material and four small sheets of paper bearing handwritten material. For simplification, hereafter in this statement the 65 pages will be referred to as the large documents and the four smaller pages, as the small documents.

"In introducing these documents, Mr. CHAMBERS stated that they had been received by him from me for transmittal to a Russian named Colonel BYKOV. Photostatic copies of the documents introduced by Mr. CHAMBERS at the pre-trial examination were first exhibited to me by Mr. MARBURY in New York City on November 16, 1948. The agents have exhibited to me similar photostatic copies of these documents, which I am satisfied are photostatic copies of the same documents introduced by Mr. CHAMBERS under the above circumstances. I have read portions of the court reporter's transcription of the deposition of Mr. CHAMBERS and I know from the portion of that transcription which I have read that on November 5, 1948, Mr. CHAMBERS was asked whether he had ever obtained any documents from me for transmittal to the Communist Party and he replied that he had not.

"With reference to the large documents, I would say from a cursory examination of them that they appear to be authentic copies of United States State Department documents or summaries of such documents. From the date standpoint, these documents appear to be restricted to a period extending from about January to March, 1938. At that time I was Assistant to the

"Assistant Secretary of State, the Honorable FRANCIS W. SAYRE. Documents similar to these normally passed over my desk for perusal prior to being referred to Mr. SAYRE. I do not have any independent recollection of having seen any of these documents or the documents summarized while I was in the employ of the State Department. By and large, these do not appear to be documents of a very highly confidential nature and would not have been treated in the State Department with any special precautions at that time, according to security regulations in effect then.

"With reference to the smaller documents, three of the four pages appear to be in my handwriting. The fourth page, consisting of five handwritten lines, may or may not be in my handwriting, but it does not look to me as if it were.

"I have learned from talking with Mr. MARBURY and from reading the above-mentioned deposition that Mr. CHAMBERS claimed these documents and others like them were obtained by me from the State Department, and that I took them to my home, where typewritten copies of the larger documents were made on a typewriter in my home by either my wife or me. CHAMBERS claimed that I then returned the documents to the State Department files. The agents have told me that Mr. CHAMBERS claims that on some occasions I turned over the actual State Department documents to him, upon which he would have photographic copies made in a manner unknown to me, and then would return the original documents to me for replacement in the files of the State Department.

"I deny that any of the above claims of Mr. CHAMBERS is true. I also deny that I ever gave the originals of the small documents to Mr. CHAMBERS at any time for any purpose whatsoever.

"From Mr. MARBURY and the deposition, I have also learned that CHAMBERS claims he introduced me to a Russian named PETER, whom he claims later to have discovered was Colonel BYKOV. CHAMBERS claims that this meeting took place on the mezzanine floor of a movie theater in Brooklyn, New York. CHAMBERS claims that after the meeting, the three of us took a long walk and that during the conversation while walking, Colonel BYKOV asked me if I could obtain documents for him from the files of the State Department. CHAMBERS claims that I agreed to cooperate in this regard with this Colonel BYKOV and that as a result of this oral agreement, I later produced the documents mentioned above. I deny that any of these claims of CHAMBERS is true. I have never met and had never heard of any Russian named PETER or Colonel BYKOV until I was told of the testimony given by Mr. CHAMBERS.



"During the period from about June 1, 1936, to about January, 1938, I resided with my family at 1245 - 30th Street, N.W., and subsequent thereto, until sometime in 1943, at 3415 Volta Place, N.W., both Washington, D.C. During the period from 1936 to sometime after 1938, we had a typewriter in our home in Washington. This was an old-fashioned machine, possibly an Underwood, but I am not at all certain regarding the make. Mrs. HISS, who is not a typist, used this machine somewhat as an amateur typist, but I never recall having used it. Possibly samples of Mrs. HISS' typing on this machine are in existence, but I have not located any to date, but will endeavor to do so. Mrs. HISS disposed of this typewriter to either a second-hand typewriter concern or a second-hand dealer in Washington, D. C., sometime subsequent to 1938, exact date or place unknown. The whereabouts of this typewriter is presently unknown to me. Prior to this typewriter coming into the possession of my immediate family, it was the property of Mr. THOMAS FANSLER, Mrs. HISS' father, who was in the insurance business in Philadelphia. Mr. FANSLER lived the later years of his life on Walnut Street in Philadelphia, but is now deceased, having died in the early 1940's.

"Until I met Mr. CHAMBERS face to face at a hearing of a sub-committee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 17, 1948, in the Hotel Commodore, New York City, I did not know whether I had ever previously met CHAMBERS although I thought that newspaper pictures of him looked somewhat familiar. When I first appeared before the House Committee on Un-American activities on August 5, 1948, I stated that to the best of my knowledge I had never met CHAMBERS. At that time it had not occurred to me that he might be GEORGE CROSLY. On August 16, 1948, before a sub-committee of the House Committee on Un-American activities in Washington, D. C., I stated that CHAMBERS might be a person previously known to me as GEORGE CROSLY. Upon confrontation on August 17, I realized that CHAMBERS is identical with a man I had previously known as GEORGE CROSLY. I first met CHAMBERS as GEORGE CROSLY when I was employed as Legal Assistant to the United States Senate Munitions Committee, commonly known as the Nye Committee, about December, 1934, or January, 1935. CHAMBERS came to me in my office in the Senate Office Building in Washington, D. C., and stated that he was a free-lance magazine writer and desired information for a series of articles on the munitions investigation. At that time I was on loan to the United States Senate Munitions Committee by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, where I was regularly employed as Assistant General Counsel. At that time CHAMBERS gave me the impression that he was making periodic trips to Washington from New York City, where, I assumed, he lived.

"Between the turn of the year 1934-35 and the Spring or Summer, 1936, CHAMBERS contacted me perhaps six or eight times, always for the purpose of obtaining information for his magazine articles or discussing the problems of the munitions investigation. CHAMBERS was merely one of the number of newspaper men, writers and students who came to see the employees of the Munitions Committee about the Committee's activities. I deny that I ever saw or heard from CHAMBERS from the Spring or Summer of 1936 until we confronted one another at the abovementioned hearing in the Commodore Hotel in New York City.

"During the period when CHAMBERS periodically contacted me in Washington, he occasionally borrowed small sums of money from me, totalling twenty to thirty dollars, four or five dollars at a time. He appeared to be hard-pressed financially. Also during this period, under an oral agreement, I sub-let my apartment at 2831 28th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., to MR. and MRS. CHAMBERS and child. Prior to sub-letting this apartment to CHAMBERS, at sixty dollars a month, I and my family moved into a three-story house at 2905 P Street, NW, Washington, D. C. Before taking occupancy of the abovementioned apartment, CHAMBERS and his family spent two or three days on the third floor of my home on P Street. My recollection is that Mr. CHAMBERS informed me that some of his furniture or other possessions had not arrived on time; that his family and he could not, therefore, move into the 28th Street apartment immediately. We put them up as a favor to sub-tenants. As far as I know, CHAMBERS and his family lived in the apartment on 28th Street until the expiration of my lease on July 1, 1935. During sub-tenancy of my apartment on 28th Street by CHAMBERS, I continued to pay the rent and CHAMBERS has never reimbursed me nor has he repaid the small loans. He did on one occasion give me a rug which he said he had received from some patron of his and while they were staying at my house on P Street, his wife painted a portrait of my young stepson, TIMOTHY HOBSON, who was then eight years old. I have no clear recollection of the date of my last contact with CHAMBERS, which probably occurred in the Spring or Summer of 1936, while I was employed as an attorney by the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. However, I do recall the contact quite well and on this occasion I told Mr. CHAMBERS that I did not think he would ever repay the loans he had made and that I thought we should discontinue any further contacts. I also want to state that CHAMBERS never paid me any funds, for any purpose. During the period mentioned above when CHAMBERS was contacting me, most of the contacts were made by him at my office or for lunch, with the possible exceptions that he may have contacted me on several occasions at my residences.

"In connection with the sublease of the apartment, I occasionally lent Mr. CHAMBERS the use of my 1929 model Ford roadster. This Ford was dark blue in color, had a rumble seat and a small trunk in the rear, and bore District of Columbia plates. Sometime in the Summer of 1935, I acquired a 1935 Plymouth, two-door sedan, a demonstrator model. Sometime after acquiring the Plymouth, I told Mr. CHAMBERS he could have the Ford roadster, which I had been told had a trade-in value of twenty-five dollars when I bought the Plymouth. If Mr. CHAMBERS used the Ford in the Fall of 1935 or the Winter of 1935-36, it must have been only occasionally because I recall it sitting on the streets of Georgetown during a number of months of that Winter. Sometime before I left P Street, about May or June, 1936, CHAMBERS took permanent possession of the car under circumstances I do not now exactly recall. At that time or earlier I had turned over to him the certificate of title. I did not have the Ford after that date and have never seen it since. I have no recollection of the occasion on which I signed the certificate of title. The certificate of title for the Ford bears what appeared to be my signature witnessed under date of July 23, 1936, by MARVIN SMITH, a notary public, who was also employed in the same office where I was in the Department of Justice. I can only assume that the certificate was brought to me in my office in the Department of Justice by someone who said that I had disposed of the car without completing the legal technicalities and that I signed under those circumstances and asked MARVIN SMITH to witness my signature.

"As far as I can remember, the above represents a history of all my contacts and dealings with Mr. CHAMBERS to date which appear to me to be pertinent.

"I have made an effort personally, through counsel and private investigators, to locate other persons who knew CHAMBERS as GEORGE CROSLY during the period from the turn of the year 1934-1935 to the spring or summer of 1936, but without success. I have discovered one person who claims that CHAMBERS at one time submitted a manuscript to him for publication under the name GEORGE CROSLY, but that was during a much earlier period, approximately in 1926. Both Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS state that during this time, they were living in Baltimore under the name of LLOYD CANTWELL, as I have learned from the deposition. This search, of course, excepts Mrs. HISS and TIMOTHY HOBSON, my stepson, who

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"was only eight years old during the above mentioned period. This search included inquiry among known fellow employees of the United States Senate Munitions Committee, and persons that either my wife or I introduced CHAMBERS or his wife to under the name of CROSLY. This search to confirm my statement that CHAMBERS was going under the name of GEORGE CROSLY during the above mentioned period will continue and if successful, the Government will be advised.

"I deny that I am now or ever have been a member of the Communist Party or that I have ever attended any Communist Party meetings. Likewise, I deny that I have ever been a member of a Communist Party espionage apparatus or underground group in Washington, D.C. or anywhere else, at any time.

"I never saw Mr. CHAMBERS at any time in the State Department. I know of no opportunity had by Mr. CHAMBERS, either in my office in the State Department or in my residence or any other place, to obtain any documents pertaining to State Department business, during the period 1937-1938 or any other time. I do not know whether CHAMBERS personally obtained these documents from the State Department or whether he had some confederate who cooperated with him in obtaining these documents.

"I assert that Mr. CHAMBERS' entire story, with respect to the matters covered above that relate to me, is a complete fabrication except as otherwise indicated in this statement by me.

"I do not know what motive Mr. CHAMBERS could have for making these accusations against me, but I think that a thorough examination of Mr. CHAMBERS' life and personal background might throw some light on this problem.

"The foregoing represents an accurate account of statements I have made today to Mr. JOHNSTONE and Mr. CALLAHAN. It was dictated in my presence and that of my counsel, Mr. MARBURY, and I assisted at various places in the phrasing of that dictation. I have read the entire statement and have signed it below this paragraph and have initialled each page at the bottom thereof."

Witnessed:

/s/ ALGER HISS

DANIEL F. X. CALLAHAN, Special Agent F.B.I. Baltimore, Md. 12/4/48  
FRANK G. JOHNSTONE, Special Agent, F.B.I., " " 12/4/48

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to identify DAVID CARPENTER, aka DAVID ZIMMERMAN, named in the signed statement of J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and also in Baltimore teletype dated December 3, 1948, entitled, "WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY--R," a copy of which was furnished the New York Office. The New York Office will be supplied by letter with supplemental detailed information obtained from CHAMBERS regarding CARPENTER.

THE BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will endeavor to further identify FELIX, last name unknown, mentioned in the signed statement of J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, who allegedly resided in the vicinity of Konig Street, Baltimore.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Baltimore, Maryland**

FILE NO. **65-1642**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Baltimore, Maryland</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-4-48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-21, 26, 29; 12-3, 4-48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>FRANK G. JOHNSONE</b>
TITLE <b>JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, Lloyd Cantwell, "Carl," George Grosley</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R; ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject, in pre-trial examination in connection with HISS-CHAMBERS libel suit filed in United States District Court for Maryland at Baltimore, Maryland, on November 17, 1948, produced 65 letter-sized typewritten documents and four small note-sized handwritten documents, alleged to be copies of State Department documents or summaries thereof. CHAMBERS further stated in the pre-trial examination that these documents were obtained by him during 1937-1938 from ALGER HISS, then a State Department employee, for transmittal to a Russian named Colonel BIRDY. Above described by CHAMBERS as activity of a Communist apparatus operating in Washington, D.C. Above facts confirmed by CHAMBERS in signed statement dated December 3, 1948. ALGER HISS, in signed statement dated December 4, 1948, denied all allegations made by CHAMBERS relating to the documents and any activity on his part in any Communist espionage apparatus or underground. HISS also denied any membership now or ever in Communist Party or any Communist activity. HISS stated above allegations of CHAMBERS concerning him to be complete fabrication, the motive for which is unknown to him.

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TITLE <b>J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, wa Jay Chambers; ALGER HISS</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>PERJURY INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH interviewed by Agents of Washington Field Office on December 6, 1948, and furnished signed statement. WADLEIGH formerly employed by Department of State from 1936 to 1944. Presently employed by the Italian Technical Delegation of the Italian Embassy. In 1935-36 he made the acquaintance of man who described himself as HAROLD WILSON. Thereafter a relationship developed during course of which he regularly supplied HAROLD WILSON about once a week with documents that came to his attention in State Department. Subsequently WADLEIGH met an individual whom he now knows to be WHITTAKER CHAMBERS but who at that time was known to him as GARI CARLSON and WADLEIGH understood CHAMBERS to be HAROLD WILSON's superior. WADLEIGH was unable to furnish any information regarding association between CHAMBERS and ALGER HISS. Has not been contacted by CHAMBERS since 1938 and has not seen HAROLD WILSON since late 1939 or early 1940. On occasion in addition to furnishing documents and information to HAROLD WILSON, he supplied them directly to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS whom he met frequently. Description of HAROLD WILSON furnished.

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**REFERENCE:** Washington Field teletype dated December 6, 1948.

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Washington, D.C.  
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"In the State Department I worked in the Division of Trade Agreements from March 1936 until, I think, 1939 or 1940, under HARRY HAWKINS. In the winter of 1939-40, approximately, I was transferred to work with Mr. LEO PASVOLSKY who was then Special Assistant to the Secretary and remained under his supervision until 1943 when I went to Italy on a State Department mission. I returned at the end of 1944 and was employed at the Department of Agriculture. In May 1946 I resigned from the Department of Agriculture and was employed in UNRRA. After the termination of my employment with UNRRA, I obtained employment in the Italian Technical Delegation of the Italian Embassy.

"In 1935 or 1936 I made the acquaintance of a man who described himself as HAROLD WILSON. My first meeting with him arose out of a chance conversation on a railroad coach going from New York to Washington. 'HAROLD' described himself as a free lance writer but was rather mysterious about his activities. The continuation of my acquaintance with 'HAROLD' was due mainly to the fact that he called me at my office to make lunch dates from time to time.

"Around that time my sympathies were strongly leftist. I had previously been a Socialist in the sense that I was an admirer

of the British Labor Party, of the German Socialist Democratic Party and for a while was a member of the Socialist Party in the United States. The failure of the Social Democrats in Germany to offer effective resistance against HITLER, the growing power of the Nazis in Germany, of the ruling group in Japan, and the Fascists in Italy seemed to me thoroughly alarming and so far as I could see the Communists and Soviet Union were offering the only effective opposition. The British were giving all the breaks to the Naziis, Japanese and Fascists. Our government was not very actively involved in any way at that time. I expressed these views to 'HAROLD' quite frequently. Gradually I came to realize that he, himself, was a Communist. I was genuinely impressed with the man's sincerity. On one occasion I said to him that I wished I could do something active to fight against the rise of Fascist and reactionary powers.

"It was at this point that 'HAROLD' invited me to supply information on economic conditions in Germany and Japan which he said he knew from the nature of my work I would be able to supply. Incidentally, I learned later that 'HAROLD' had made quite extensive inquiries about me from unnamed sources to verify my reliability. I never did the same in regard to him but I never subsequently had any reason to believe that my judgment was incorrect as to his sincerity in the cause for which he worked.

"There developed a relationship in which I regularly handed to 'HAROLD' after work once a week documents which came to my desk in the course of my work. I selected those items that contained significant economic information on Germany and Japan and other items of special interest. After some time—I have no exact recollection of the date—'HAROLD' took me to Baltimore and introduced me to the man whom I now know to be WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and who at that time gave me the name of CARL CARLSON. I was given to understand the purpose of this meeting was to enable an operator, presumably 'HAROLD's' immediate superior, to make my acquaintance. No documents or information were supplied at the Baltimore meeting.

"We had another meeting with 'CARL' in Philadelphia. These were dinner meetings. In both instances these meetings took place in a restaurant.

"Later 'CARL' met me for lunch in Washington quite frequently, particularly during the latter part of 1937. In the early part of 1938 I saw practically nothing of either 'HAROLD' or 'CARL.'

"At this point I would like to emphasize that I was given no specific information as to the residence or activities of either 'HAROLD' or 'CARL' apart from their contacts with me. I inferred

they had contacts with other people of the same kind as myself because of their knowledge of events and personalities in the State Department but I was given to understand the names of these other people would not be revealed to me. I usually waited to be told when I should meet them. I had no means of communicating with 'CARL' on my own initiative. In order to communicate with HAROLD I was given a telephone number. A woman answered the phone every time I called. I was instructed simply to ask for 'HAROLD.' I was invariably told 'HAROLD' would call back. I was permitted to write down the number but not the exchange. It may have been Metropolitan. I subsequently destroyed the note and can not recall the number.

"As to procedure: On evenings when I was scheduled to meet 'HAROLD,' I would go through the documents on my desk, make an appropriate selection, and take it out in a briefcase which I would hand to 'HAROLD' when meeting him. I would meet 'HAROLD' the next day on my way to work and bring the documents back. I was given to understand by 'HAROLD' that he photographed the documents using a Leica camera. I believe that on one or more occasions I may have handed the papers to 'CARL.'

"In March 1938 I went on a trip to Turkey to negotiate a trade agreement. While I was there I did not pursue any collaborationist activities of any kind.

"When I returned from Turkey, 'CARL' met me for lunch and informed me he had, as he put it, 'deserted'. Naturally I was alarmed.

"Shortly afterwards, 'HAROLD' met me and I told him about my conversation with 'CARL.' 'HAROLD' told me I would have to lay low for a considerable period.

"I next saw 'HAROLD' either in late 1939 or early 1940 when he called me up without my having asked for him to call, and suggested that we meet. We met in Rosslyn, Virginia, and drove in the country for about two hrs. I talked mostly about my personal affairs but expressed some misgivings about the Nazi-Soviet pact which had been concluded some months earlier. At the end of the interview he asked me if I wanted him to see me again and I expressed myself in such lukewarm terms that I never received a call from him again. I have never seen him since.

"Since then I have had no contacts of any kind with any Communist organization or espionage organization.

"My lukewarmness at my last meeting with 'HAROLD' was due to the obvious fact that in making its pact with HITLER, the Soviet Union had abdicated its leadership of anti-Fascist forces in the world. After that I could not wish to get myself involved in any connection which would require blank check acceptance of the Party line. I was very grateful for the coincidence which made it possible for me to slip out of the apparatus in such a painless manner.

"During my employment in the Trade Agreements Division, State Department, one of my colleagues was ALGER HISS who was then assistant to FRANCIS B. SAYRE, Assistant to the Secretary of State. I was sufficiently acquainted with HISS to know him by his first name. My duties brought me into fairly frequent contact with him and I had occasion to discuss matters of official business. Our personal contacts outside the office were confined to one lunch date. He never came to my house and I never went to his.

"I am not acquainted with RICHARD HOWELL POST who I understand was employed in the State Department and I have never met him.

"I have never known any individual bearing the name COLONEL BYKOV or MORRIS BYKOV.

"At the time I entered the employ of the State Department one LEANDER B. LOVELL, whom I knew as LEE LOVELL, was engaged in organizing a union which I may have joined and may have paid dues into on one or more occasions although I never attended meetings and participated. I became rather well acquainted with LOVELL, but I have no information that he was engaged in any espionage and underground activities and consider it most unlikely in view of the man's character and in view of his union activities.

"Previous to my employment at the State Department I became acquainted socially with LAWRENCE DUGGAN who later became head of the Latin-American Division of the State Department. I saw Mr. DUGGAN occasionally but had very little contact with him. I have no reason to believe that he was involved in any underground or espionage activities.

"Sometime about 1930 I met ELEANOR NELSON socially and had some contacts with her for a few years thereafter. Both of us were in the Socialist Party in the early 1930's.

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"I mention these names only because they have been suggested to me by Mr. TAYLOR. It would never have occurred to me to mention them in this connection.

"During the period of my work with 'HAROLD' and 'CARL' I was a Communist collaborator but I have never formally joined the Communist Party or paid any dues.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and six other typewritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S/ "HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH

"Witnesses:

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The original signed statement is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office.

Upon completion of the statement, WADLEIGH was again questioned regarding certain details contained therein. He insisted that he had first met HAROLD WILSON by coincidence on a railroad train as set forth above and flatly denied that his name had been furnished to HAROLD WILSON or that the meeting had been arranged in advance. He declared that he never learned the true identity of HAROLD WILSON although he believed that this was not his real name and was unable to furnish any immediate information of value in identifying WILSON.

He referred to HAROLD as being a zealot and completely sincere, and made a somewhat unfavorable comparison between HAROLD and CHAMBERS in this connection, indicating that CHAMBERS had impressed him as the type of individual who would change his position whereas he would never expect HAROLD to do so. He also described HAROLD as being very cautious, advising he had never seen HAROLD driving an automobile where he might have observed the license although WHITTAKER CHAMBERS did use a car on one occasion. He said also he had never seen HAROLD in the presence of any other persons although HAROLD had observed him in the company of other persons on one or more occasions and at such times neither would recognize the other. He recalled that the numerous meetings he had with HAROLD for lunch or in connection with the passing of information and documents had invariably been arranged for different places and they covered an area from Georgetown all the way to Lincoln Park, NE, Washington, with the result that he was unable to fix any focal point from which HAROLD may have operated.

WADLEIGH was under the impression that HAROLD was a trusted Communist Party underground worker and felt that he had engaged in Party work previously. In this connection he mentioned HAROLD was aware that Communist leader WILLIAM Z. FOSTER suffered from angina pectoris and indicated other personal knowledge of Communist Party leaders which implied personal acquaintance. He stated he had a vague recollection that HAROLD originally came from Virginia and that his speech was not necessarily inconsistent with this. He also thought HAROLD was Jewish and vaguely recalled HAROLD's stating on an occasion that his parents were Hungarians.

Photographs of a number of the individuals known to have been associated in the underground group with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS were displayed to WADLEIGH, including pictures of CHARLES KRAMER, JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, J. PETERS, LEE PRESSMAN, HENRY COLLINS and VICTOR PERLO. However, he was unable to identify any of these individuals as HAROLD WILSON or as anyone known to him. A number of photographs of individuals in the GREGORY case were also displayed to WADLEIGH with negative results.

WADLEIGH furnished the following description of HAROLD:

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Age	About 32 (in 1936)
Height	About 5'8"
Weight	130
Build	Slender, wiry
Eyes	Dark brown, no glasses
Hair	Dark brown
Peculiarities	Prominent nose; small chin; probably Jewish; believed single; originally from Virginia (?);
Dress	Ordinary business suits; not particularly neat; "dressed rather casually."

The following brief description of WADLEIGH was obtained by Agents from personal observation:

Name	HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH, better known as JULIAN WADLEIGH
Age	44
Born	Feb. 4, 1904, Greenfield, Mass.
Height	5'10"
Weight	150
Build	Slender
Eyes	Blue, glasses with light toric rim
Hair	Dark brown, long, unruly
Appearance	Somewhat sloppily dressed; scholarly manner but intense



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Marital status	Married; previously divorced
Present wife	EDYTHE GAUDY
Former wife	MARION, now Mrs. M. R. DOUGHERTY, whose husband is professor at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
Education	Oxford University, Masters, 1926; London School of Economics, 1926-28; University of Kiel, 1928-29; University of Chicago graduate work, 1929-30.
Address	Post Office Box 297, Route 3, Vienna, Va.
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LEADS:

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"I was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts, February 4, 1904. When I was three years old I traveled abroad with my parents and lived in Europe until I was 25. I got my education in Europe until that time, going to college at Oxford, England, and to the London School of Economics.

"When I returned to the United States in 1929 I spent one year as a graduate student at the University of Chicago and after that was employed by the Federal Farm Board in Washington, D. C. That was in June or July 1930. In 1931 I was transferred to the Department of Agriculture where I worked on problems connected with foreign trade and agricultural products. In 1932 I was transferred to the State Department. The transfer resulted from a disagreement on policy between my immediate superior, Mr. LIND R. KENNEDY, and his superior. I drafted a memorandum on the instructions of KENNEDY which caused KENNEDY's superior to order KENNEDY to terminate my employment. KENNEDY obtained a position for himself and also for me at the State Department.

"In the State Department I worked in the Division of Trade Agreements from March 1936 until, I think, 1939 or 1940, under HARRY WHEWELL. In the winter of 1939-40, approximately, I was transferred to work with Mr. LEO KATZBERG who was then Special Assistant to the Secretary and remained under his supervision until 1943 when I went to Italy as a State Department mission. I returned at the end of 1944 and was employed at the Department of Agriculture. In May 1946 I resigned from the Department of Agriculture and was employed in UNRRA. After the termination of my employment with UNRRA, I obtained employment in the Italian Technical Delegation of the Italian Embassy.

"In 1935 or 1936 I made the acquaintance of a man who described himself as HAROLD WILSON. My first meeting with him arose out of a chance conversation on a railroad coach going from New York to Washington. 'HAROLD' described himself as a free lance writer but was rather mysterious about his activities. The continuation of my acquaintance with 'HAROLD' was due mainly to the fact that he called me at my office to make lunch dates from time to time.

"Around that time my sympathies were strongly leftist. I had previously been a Socialist in the sense that I was an adherent

of the British Labor Party, of the German Socialist Democratic Party and for a while was a member of the Socialist Party in the United States. The failure of the Social Democrats in Germany to offer effective resistance against HITLER, the growing power of the Nazis in Germany, of the ruling group in Japan, and the Fascists in Italy seemed to me thoroughly alarming and so far as I could see the Communists and Soviet Union were offering the only effective opposition. The British were giving all the breaks to the Nazis, Japanese and Fascists. Our government was not very actively involved in any way at that time. I expressed these views to 'HAROLD' quite frequently. Gradually I came to realize that he, himself, was a Communist. I was genuinely impressed with the man's sincerity. On one occasion I said to him that I wished I could do something active to fight against the rise of Fascist and reactionary powers.

"It was at this point that 'HAROLD' invited me to supply information on economic conditions in Germany and Japan which he said he knew from the nature of my work I would be able to supply. Incidentally, I learned later that 'HAROLD' had made quite extensive inquiries about me from unnamed sources to verify my reliability. I never did the same in regard to him but I never subsequently had any reason to believe that my judgment was incorrect as to his sincerity in the cause for which he worked.

"There developed a relationship in which I regularly handed to 'HAROLD' after work each week documents which came to my desk in the course of my work. I selected those items that contained significant economic information on Germany and Japan and other items of special interest. After some time—I have no exact recollection of the date—'HAROLD' took me to Baltimore and introduced me to the man whom I now know to be WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and who at that time gave me the name of CARL CARLSON. I was given to understand the purpose of this meeting was to enable an operator, presumably 'HAROLD's' immediate superior, to make my acquaintance. No documents or information were supplied at the Baltimore meeting.

"We had another meeting with 'CARL' in Philadelphia. These were dinner meetings. In both instances these meetings took place in a restaurant.

"Later 'CARL' got me for lunch in Washington quite frequently, particularly during the latter part of 1937. In the early part of 1938 I saw practically nothing of either 'HAROLD' or 'CARL.'

"At this point I would like to emphasize that I was given no specific information as to the residence or activities of either 'HAROLD' or 'CARL' apart from their contacts with me. I inferred



they had contacts with other people of the same kind as myself because of their knowledge of events and personalities in the State Department but I was given to understand the names of these other people would not be revealed to me. I usually waited to be told when I should meet them. I had no means of communicating with 'CARL' on my own initiative. In order to communicate with HAROLD I was given a telephone number. A woman answered the phone every time I called. I was instructed simply to ask for 'HAROLD.' I was invariably told 'HAROLD' would call back. I was permitted to write down the number but not the exchange. It may have been Metropolitan. I subsequently destroyed the note and can not recall the number.

"As to procedure: On evenings when I was scheduled to meet 'HAROLD,' I would go through the documents on my desk, make an appropriate selection, and take it out in a briefcase which I would hand to 'HAROLD' when meeting him. I would meet 'HAROLD' the next day on my way to work and bring the documents back. I was given to understand by 'HAROLD' that he photographed the documents using a Leica camera. I believe that on one or more occasions I may have handed the papers to 'CARL.'

"In March 1938 I went on a trip to Turkey to negotiate a trade agreement. While I was there I did not pursue any collaborationist activities of any kind.

"When I returned from Turkey, 'CARL' met me for lunch and informed me he had, as he put it, 'deserted'. Naturally I was alarmed.

"Shortly afterwards, 'HAROLD' met me and I told him about my conversation with 'CARL.' 'HAROLD' told me I would have to lay low for a considerable period.

"I next saw 'HAROLD' either in late 1939 or early 1940 when he called me up without my having asked for him to call, and suggested that we meet. We met in Rosslyn, Virginia, and drove in the country for about two hrs. I talked mostly about my personal affairs but expressed some misgivings about the Nazi-Soviet pact which had been concluded some months earlier. At the end of the interview he asked me if I wanted him to see me again and I expressed myself in such lukewarm terms that I never received a call from him again. I have never seen him since.

"Since then I have had no contacts of any kind with any Communist organization or espionage organization.

"My lucklessness at my last meeting with 'HAROLD' was due to the obvious fact that in setting its past with MILLER, the Soviet Union had abdicated its leadership of anti-Fascist forces in the world. After that I could not wish to get myself involved in any connection which would require blind check acceptance of the Party line. I was very grateful for the coincidence which made it possible for me to slip out of the apparatus in such a painless manner.

"During my employment in the Trade Agreements Division, State Department, one of my colleagues was ALGER HESS who was then assistant to FRANKIS B. SAYER, Assistant to the Secretary of State. I was sufficiently acquainted with HESS to know him by his first name. My duties brought me into fairly frequent contact with him and I had occasion to discuss matters of official business. Our personal contacts outside the office were confined to one lunch date. He never came to my house and I never went to his.

"I am not acquainted with RICHARD HOWELL FOST who I understand was employed in the State Department and I have never met him.

"I have never known any individual bearing the name COLOMBE SYKOV or NIKOLA SYKOV.

"At the time I entered the employ of the State Department one LEANOR B. LOVELL, whom I knew as LEE LOVELL, was engaged in organizing a union which I may have joined and may have paid dues into on one or more occasions although I never attended meetings and participated. I became rather well acquainted with LOVELL, but I have no information that he was engaged in any espionage and underground activities and consider it most unlikely in view of the man's character and in view of his union activities.

"Previous to my employment at the State Department I became acquainted socially with LAWRENCE DUGGAN who later became head of the Latin-American Division of the State Department. I saw Mr. DUGGAN occasionally but had very little contact with him. I have no reason to believe that he was involved in any underground or espionage activities.

"Sometime about 1930 I met ELIZABETH NELSON socially and had some contacts with her for a few years thereafter. Both of us were in the Socialist Party in the early 1930's.

"The name of HELEN COMPTON is entirely unfamiliar to me.

"I mention these names only because they have been suggested to me by Mr. TAYLOR. It would never have occurred to me to mention them in this connection.

"During the period of my work with 'HAROLD' and 'CARL' I was a Communist collaborator but I have never formally joined the Communist Party or paid any dues.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and six other typewritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S/ HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH

"Witnesses:

S/ LAMBERT G. BANNER, Special Agent, F.B.I.  
S/ M. A. TAYLOR, Special Agent, F.B.I."

The original signed statement is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office.

Upon completion of the statement, WADLEIGH was again questioned regarding certain details contained therein. He insisted that he had first met HAROLD WILSON by coincidence on a railroad train as set forth above and flatly denied that his name had been furnished to HAROLD WILSON or that the meeting had been arranged in advance. He declared that he never learned the true identity of HAROLD WILSON although he believed that this was not his real name and was unable to furnish any immediate information of value in identifying WILSON.

He referred to HAROLD as being a scoundrel and completely sincere, and made a somewhat unfavorable comparison between HAROLD and CHAMBERS in this connection, indicating that CHAMBERS had impressed him as the type of individual who would change his position whereas he would never expect HAROLD to do so. He also described HAROLD as being very cautious, advising he had never seen HAROLD driving an automobile where he might have observed the license although WHITTAKER CHAMBERS did use a car on one occasion. He said also he had never seen HAROLD in the presence of any other persons although HAROLD had observed him in the company of other persons on one or more occasions and at such times neither would recognize the other. He recalled that the numerous meetings he had with HAROLD for lunch or in connection with the passing of information and documents had invariably been arranged for different places and they covered an area from Georgetown all the way to Lincoln Park, NE, Washington, with the result that he was unable to fix any focal point from which HAROLD may have operated.

WADLEIGH was under the impression that HAROLD was a trusted Communist Party underground worker and felt that he had engaged in Partywork previously. In this connection he mentioned HAROLD was aware that Communist leader WILLIAM Z. FOSTER suffered from angina pectoris and indicated other personal knowledge of Communist Party leaders which implied personal acquaintance. He stated he had a vague recollection that HAROLD originally came from Virginia and that his speech was not necessarily inconsistent with this. He also thought HAROLD was Jewish and vaguely recalled HAROLD's stating on an occasion that his parents were Hungarians.

Photographs of a number of the individuals known to have been associated in the underground group with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS were displayed to WADLEIGH, including pictures of CHARLES KRAMER, JOHN AST, NATHAN WITT, J. PETERS, LEZ PRESSMAN, HENRY COLLINS and VICTOR PERLO. However, he was unable to identify any of these individuals as HAROLD WILSON or as anyone known to him. A number of photographs of individuals in the GREGORY case were also displayed to WADLEIGH with negative results.

WADLEIGH furnished the following description of HAROLD:

Name	HAROLD WILSON
Age	About 32 (in 1936)
Height	About 5'8"
Weight	130
Build	Slender, wiry
Eyes	Dark brown, no glasses
Hair	Dark brown
Peculiarities	Prominent nose; small chin; probably Jewish; believed single; originally from Virginia (?);
Dress	Ordinary business suits; not particularly neat; "dressed rather casually."

The following brief description of WADLEIGH was obtained by Agents from personal observation:

Name	HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH, better known as JULIAN WADLEIGH
Age	44
Born	Feb. 4, 1904, Greenfield, Mass.
Height	5'10"
Weight	150
Build	Slender
Eyes	Blue, glasses with light tortic rim
Hair	Dark brown, long, unruly
Appearance	Somewhat sloppily dressed; scholarly manner but intense

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Marital status  
Present wife  
Former wife

Education

Address  
Telephone

Married; previously divorced

EDITH GANDY

MARION, now Mrs. M. R. DOUGHERTY, whose  
husband is professor at Northwestern  
University, Evanston, Illinois

Oxford University, Masters, 1926; London  
School of Economics, 1926-28; University  
of Kiel, 1928-29; University of Chicago  
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THE NEW YORK DIVISION:

At New York City will reinterview WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for the purpose of verifying the story related by HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH and for the particular purpose of identifying the individual known to WADLEIGH as HAROLD WILSON. WADLEIGH was positive that CHAMBERS knew the identity of this individual and assumed that CHAMBERS had furnished HAROLD's identity to Bureau Agents. It is noted WADLEIGH considered CHAMBERS as the superior of WILSON and WILSON had taken WADLEIGH to Philadelphia and Baltimore for the purpose of making the acquaintance of CHAMBERS whom WADLEIGH knew as CARL CARLSON.

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TO : The Director

FROM : D. H. Ladd

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
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DATE: December 13, 1948

- Mr. Tolson
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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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There is set forth below a summary of the activities which have occurred over this past weekend in the captioned case. For clarity sake the information pertaining to the particular subject is set forth under his name.

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, was

You will recall that Franklin Victor Reno was named by Chambers as one of the individuals who furnished him with confidential Government information.

Reno was interviewed on December 10, 1948, at which time he denied any dealings with Chambers, J. Peters, or anyone else in connection with furnishing information while he was employed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He was served with a subpoena calling for his appearance before the Grand Jury, New York City at 9:00 a.m., December 15, 1948.

On December 11, 1948, Reno voluntarily appeared at the Denver Field Office of this Bureau stating that he desired to give additional information which he had not given when interviewed on December 10th. In substance he admitted that he gave restricted documents to one "Carl" or "Krauss," whom he thought might have been Chambers, but he advised that he did not know for certain. Reno advised further that one "Bernie" accompanied him from Baltimore to Philadelphia where "Bernie" introduced him to "Carl," probably in the early part of June, 1937. He advised that "Carl" requested "intelligence information" from him and that "Carl" knew that he, (Reno) would soon be employed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Reno stated that he agreed to this request knowing that it was Soviet Union espionage work. Thereafter Reno advised that he met "Carl" on an estimated four to seven times in Washington, D. C., generally on a designated street by prearranged appointments. Reno also stated that on one or two occasions his brother, Philip Reno, acted as an intermediary between him and "Carl." Franklin Reno did not desire to give a signed statement but he indicated that he would cooperate.

The above information has been furnished to Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, New York City and to Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell.

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PHILIP RENO

You will recall that this individual is the brother of Franklin Reno and was also named by Chambers as having furnished him with confidential information.

Philip Reno was interviewed at Albuquerque, New Mexico on December 10, 1948, and served with a subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury in New York City. He denied any acquaintance, knowledge of, or association with Chambers or any other member of the Communist apparatus while employed in Washington, D. C. He also denied any knowledge that his brother, Franklin Victor Reno was acquainted with the subject or associated with any Communist apparatus. He admitted Communist Party membership in Colorado from 1944 until he was expelled from the Communist Party about nine months ago.

HENRY JULIEN WADLEIGH

This individual was also named by Chambers as having furnished him with confidential Government information.

Wadleigh arrived in New York City from Washington, D. C. on December 10, 1948, to testify before the Grand Jury. He conferred briefly with T. J. Donegan and later with his Attorney, Raymond Wise, 80 Broad Street, New York City. Wise contacted Agents of the New York Office and stated that he had advised Wadleigh to make complete disclosures to the FBI and to answer all questions at the Grand Jury Hearing.

Wadleigh was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office. He stated that he became acquainted with Eleanor Nelson Soyring (who is a known Communist and who has been previously mentioned by Whittaker Chambers). He stated that he suggested to Nelson that he would like to assist the Communist Party cause and that Nelson subsequently introduced him to one Harold Wilson, whom Wadleigh has identified from a photograph as David Carpenter. In regard to Carpenter, you will recall that he was named by Chambers as the individual who photographed confidential documents for him in Washington, D. C. Wadleigh continued by stating that shortly after entering his employment with the State Department, he began to furnish Carpenter with documents concerning the economic situation in Germany and Japan and that he continued this activity from the winter of 1935 or 1936 to the early part of 1938. During this period of time he stated that he was introduced by Carpenter to "Karl," whom he now knows as Whittaker Chambers.

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Wadleigh declared that in late 1937 he was introduced by Chambers to a man whom Chambers referred to as "the boss of the outfit," and whose general description fits that of Colonel ~~Bykov~~, with the exception that this person had either all or most of the right arm missing. Wadleigh related that in early 1939, Chambers advised him that he had broken with the organization. A month or so later, according to Wadleigh, Chambers borrowed \$20.00 from Wadleigh and at this time informed him that the "boss of the outfit" was a fugitive and was wanted by the Russians.

On the evening of December 11, 1948, upon his return from New York City, Wadleigh telephonically advised the Washington Field Office that he had failed in one instance to make a completely responsive answer to a question asked before the New York Grand Jury and that he would now like to have the complete answer made a matter of record. Wadleigh stated that he had in his possession a rug which was presented to him as a New Years gift in 1937 or 1938 by Whittaker Chambers.

The above information concerning the gift of a rug to Wadleigh by Chambers has been furnished to Mr. Russo of the Department.

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ALGER HISS

On December 10, 1948, Alger Hiss was confronted with Hede Massing in a twenty minute meeting during which Massing detailed her recollection of her meeting with him at a dinner party in Noel Field's home. Hiss subsequently advised that he was positive that he had never seen Massing before; that he definitely never had any conversation with her at any time or place and claimed to be amazed by her statements with respect to him.

ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING

You will recall that Eleanor Nelson Soyring is a known Communist who formerly resided in Washington, D. C. and who was previously mentioned by Whittaker Chambers under her maiden name of Eleanor Nelson.

On December 10, 1948, she refused to grant an interview to Bureau Agents and accepted service of a subpoena to testify before the Grand Jury, New York City. Following this contact she immediately went to the office of Maurice Braverman, Communist Party functionary and Attorney in Baltimore, Maryland. On the same date it was indicated that she intended to consult the legal firm of Fressman, Witt and Cammer in New York City.

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On Sunday, December 12, 1948, the Washington Field Office obtained three pages of typewriting from the Head Master of the Landon School, Mr. Paul L. Banfield, Bethesda, Maryland, which was entitled "Description of Personal Characteristics of Timothy Hobson," bearing the date September 9, 1936. For your information, Timothy Hobson is the son of Mrs. Alger Hiss by her first marriage. He enrolled at the aforementioned school during the fall term, 1936. Mr. Banfield also produced a handwritten letter dated September 1, 1936 bearing the signature of Priscilla Hiss, wife of Alger Hiss referring to an application for admission to the Landon School of Timothy Hobson for the fall term of the school year, 1936. Mr. Banfield also produced a carbon copy of a letter addressed to Alger Hiss dated September 3, 1936 from Mr. Banfield acknowledging the application for registration of Timothy Hobson. He also made available a handwritten letter bearing the date September 9, 1936 containing the signature of Alger Hiss. This letter stated that the description of Timothy Hobson's personality was enclosed. The letter was signed by Alger Hiss.

The three typewritten pages were compared with the typewritten material which Whittaker Chambers turned over at the pre-trial deposition hearing at Baltimore, Maryland on November 17, 1948. The FBI Laboratory has concluded that the typewriting appearing on the three typewritten pages made available by Mr. Banfield dated September 9, 1936 is identical with the typewriting appearing on the documents made available by Chambers at the deposition hearing in Baltimore. Information concerning the identification of the typewriting has been furnished to Mr. Campbell of the Department by memorandum under today's date.

On December 10, 1948, the Department furnished the Bureau the original documents which Whittaker Chambers produced at the pre-trial deposition in the civil suit brought against him by Alger Hiss at Baltimore, Maryland. The Bureau was requested to immediately examine the documents to ascertain the age, source of origin, typing, watermarks, and any other features of identification. The FBI Laboratory is presently conducting the requested examination.

The Department also requested that an investigation be made at the State Department with respect to these documents to determine if the originals are still in the State Department and if so, to determine the state of the original documents to see if any possible characteristics of identification are present such as initials, the location of documents in the files, et cetera. It was further requested to determine the personnel and names of the parties who may have had access to the documents and whose hands the documents passed through. The Department also requested that a check be made to determine the personnel and the names of all persons, departmentalwise, who were associated with Hiss, Chambers, Wadleigh, William and George Pigman, Francis Reno and Philip Reno. It is anticipated that all of such personnel will be subpoenaed before a Grand Jury in New York which will commence on December 16, 1948.