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X PETERS IN NY AND THE UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST GROUP ORGANIZED BY HAROLD
X WARE IN WASHINGTON. HEREINAFTER, CHAMBERS REFERS TO THE WARE GROUP
 AS "APPARATUS A". "I DID NOT ACT AS A COURIER FOR APPARATUS A

VERY LONG BEFORE THE COURIER ACTIVITIES WERE TAKEN OVER FROM ME BY
 A GIRL WHOSE NAME I DO NOT KNOW. IN THIS CONNECTION, I SHOULD LIKE
 TO MENTION ONE ANDRE EMBREY, THE DAUGHTER OF A FORMER POLICE OFFICIAL

IN HUNGARY. I LEARNED OF HER FATHER FROM J. PETERS, WHO ALSO LATER
 TOLD ME THAT ANDRE EMBREY WAS A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER AND HAD A
 LARGE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS. AMONG OTHERS SHE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH ONE,

JOHN COLLIER, WHO WAS THE THEN HEAD OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. THROUGH COLLIER, SHE WAS ABLE TO SECURE
 A JOB IN THIS BUREAU IN WASHINGTON. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT JOHN

COLLIER WAS A COMMUNIST; BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE WAS OR HAS BEEN
 SOME PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HE AND MISS EMBREY. AT THIS TIME,
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CITY. AT THE TIME ANDRE EMBREY WENT TO WASHINGTON TO WORK FOR COLLIER, SHE TOOK WITH HER ANOTHER GIRL, ALSO A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER, WHO WAS TO ACT AS HER SECRETARY IN THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. THIS SECOND GIRL, I UNDERSTAND, HENCEFORTH, ACTED AS A COURIER FOR APPARATUS A. I CAN ONLY RECALL THAT SHE WAS JEWISH AND WAS SMALL AND DARK. AT THE TIME ANDRE EMBREY AND THIS OTHER GIRL BEGAN THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, I DROVE THEM AND J. PETERS IN A CAR FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON, D.C. I NEVER SAW THIS UNNAMED GIRL AGAIN, BUT I DID SEE ANDRE EMBREY ONCE MORE. ON THIS OCCASION I WAS SENT, PROBABLY BY J. PETERS, TO HER RESIDENCE. I CANNOT RECALL THE REASON OR PURPOSE FOR MY VISIT THERE AND CAN ONLY STATE IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT SHE LIVED IN AN APARTMENT THAT WAS LOCATED ON FLORIDA AVENUE SOMEWHERE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF CONNECTICUT AND FLORIDA AVENUES". ANDRE EMBREY, WA. MRS. ROY ~~X~~ HUDSON IS KNOWN TO THE BUREAU AND WFO. WHO REQUESTED TO CHECK FACTS RELATIVE TO EMBREY-S EMPLOYMENT IN BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND TRY TO IDENTIFY HER SECRETARY. ALSO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE JOHN COLLIER WHO MAY BE IN A POSITION TO IDENTIFY THIS GIRL WHO SUCCEEDED CHAMBERS AS COURIER.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Ludwig W. R. Oberndorf, Washington, D. C., dated March 1, 1949. Further reference is made to Bureau letter to the New York Office dated March 11, 1949.

Frederick Pearson Bartlett, First Secretary, United States Embassy, London, England, when recently interviewed by a Bureau representative in London advised that he has no information concerning any Communist activities of Alger Hiss or his wife or of any association between Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers. He stated that he does not know Chambers and has had no correspondence with Alger Hiss. He admitted having had a business contact with Alger Hiss when they were both in the United States Department of Agriculture in 1933, but stated he has had no social contacts with him. Both Bartlett and Hiss went from the Agriculture Department to the State Department but had no business contacts during their employment at the State Department.

The above is being furnished for your information.

cc: Washington Field

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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. FREDERICK PEARSON BARTLETT, FIRST SECRETARY, U.S. EMBASSY, LONDON, HAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES ALGER HISS OR WIFE OR ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN HISS AND WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. DOES NOT KNOW CHAMBERS AND HAS HAD NO CORRESPONDENCE WITH HISS. ADMITS HAVING BUSINESS CONTACT WITH HISS WHEN BOTH WERE IN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN 1933 BUT HAD NO SOCIAL CONTACT WITH HIM. BOTH LATER WENT TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUT HAD NO BUSINESS CONTACT THERE. JOHN A. CIMPERMAN.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAHAM
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(ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN)

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Rebulet February 3, 1949 in which the Bureau requested that a departmentalwise investigation be conducted of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

It was determined through investigation that SILVERMAN headed a section in the Army Air Force from 1942 to 1945 known as the Analysis and Plans Section. One of the officers in this section was Major RICHARD V. BIBBERO, now reported to be employed by the Aleo Company in St. Louis, Missouri. The St. Louis Office is requested to locate and interview Major BIBBERO and ascertain his knowledge as to the activities of SILVERMAN.

For the information of the St. Louis Office, it is to be noted that informant ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised that SILVERMAN was involved in a Soviet Espionage conspiracy in Washington and specifically that he secured information and documents from the Air Force which he turned over to NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMAN who in turn turned the information over to BENTLEY. Major LUDWIG ULLMAN, who also worked in this section in the Air Force, was charged by BENTLEY with the same sort of activity.

Also SILVERMAN is known to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, informant in this case, as an alleged Espionage Agent.

New York City Office is Office of Origin in this matter.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

RE: FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO interviewed Albuquerque, N.M. 2-14-49, stated he had not contacted an attorney but desired to answer questions. States he was not implicated in any type of espionage other than with CHAMBERS as previously reported. States he has not seen "BERNIE" subsequent to his dealings with CHAMBERS, does not know ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN but has been introduced to person named JESS, who is some official in CP in Baltimore. Identifies alleged Professor of Journalism at Columbia University as FRANCIS FRANKLIN of Jefferson School, New York City. Individual referred to as "BIG BEAR" may have been PALMER WEBER formerly active in CIO, PAC; NYC. States he knows BENJAMIN FIELD as CP organizer in Baltimore and that he has had personal association with STANLEY BLUMBERG and STEIN WASKLOF. States none of these persons were involved in espionage to his knowledge. JOHN COLLIER, JR. left Taos and Santa Fe, New Mexico 2-14-49 enroute to Los Angeles to contact officials of Fortune Magazine. LEON W. WHITE, 607 Abdon Building, El Paso, sold Woodstock Typewriter, Serial No. 156051 to A. W. MILNE, 4171 Irving Street, Denver, Colorado, on 11-23-40. His records failed to disclose any information regarding Woodstock typewriter Serial No. 198744. Efforts to locate WHITE's records being made in Los Angeles. KING PERR, Housing Administrator, Los Alamos, N.M., advised he knew ALGER HISS and worked with him in the Senate Munitions Committee from February to May, 1934. He has no information whatsoever indicating any Communistic or espionage activities.

*cc AAG Campbell
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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 74-1333.
Report of SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS, dated 2-11-49 at El Paso.

DETAILS: At Albuquerque, New Mexico:

This is a joint investigation and report of Special Agent FREDERICK A. JOHNS, EMMETT J. MURPHY and the writer.

RE:FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO was reinterviewed at Albuquerque, New Mexico on February 14, 1949. At the outset of the interview RENO stated that he had not discussed this matter with an attorney since his last interview with Bureau Agents, but that he had decided to answer the questions put to him by Bureau Agents. He stated that all information previously given particularly as to his Communist Party and espionage activities were correct and that he had nothing to add to these statements. He stated the things he desired to talk about were those things which he declined to answer on the previous interviews on February 7 and 8, 1949.

Relative to the identification of "BERNIE", RENO stated that he had no further information in this respect and stated that to the best of his knowledge the photograph of DAVID CARPENTER appeared to be the best likeness of "BERNIE". RENO was questioned at length relative to who RENO thought "BERNIE" was during the intervening years, and he stated that he has no idea who BERNIE was and that the first time he really thought that "BERNIE" might be DAVID CARPENTER was in the past month or two when he saw a picture of CARPENTER in reading a newspaper or a magazine. RENO stated that after being introduced to CHAMBERS by "BERNIE" he has not had any conversations whatsoever with "BERNIE" and does not believe he has observed him on the streets as he has observed some other Communist Party members.

RENO stated that it was always his impression that "BERNIE" was from some place around Baltimore, Washington or Philadelphia.

In answer to the question, "Have you seen "BERNIE" subsequent to seeing CHAMBERS the last time?", RENO answered that he did not think so and when asked why he did not make a definite answer he stated that he was sure that he had not talked to him in a personal conversation, but sometime after the Chicago affair he received two anonymous phone calls at Aberdeen Proving Grounds from some man who just asked how he was and then hung up without answering who he was.

Re: JESS, believed to be JESSE ZIMMERMAN

RENO was asked whether or not he had ever met JESSE ZIMMERMAN or whether or not he has ever known any such individual. RENO's answer was that he knows no one by the name of JESSE ZIMMERMAN but that he did meet an individual by the name of JESS in the Office of BENJAMIN FIELD, Communist Party organizer in Baltimore sometime in 1937. RENO stated this was probably while he was working as a Party organizer at Cumberland, Maryland. He states he saw JESS two or three times and of course figured he had some organizational part in the Communist Party at Baltimore. The only things he recalled having talked to JESS about was the fact that he was running out of money and could not stay in Cumberland, Maryland because of that fact.

RENO could furnish no further information relative to this individual.

Re: BENJAMIN FIELD

RENO stated that he met BENJAMIN FIELD, who was then the Party organizer in Baltimore sometime around 1936 or 1937. As he recalls he believes that SIDNEY SCHOSTECK suggested RENO contact FIELD at Baltimore on one of his trips from Washington to Baltimore. He stated that he saw FIELD just a few times and after he started dealings with PATTY WHELAN and "ERNE" he deliberately avoided talking to FIELD at any time and would avoid him on the streets if he saw him coming.

Re: FRANCIS FRANKLIN

Reference is made to report of Special Agent JESSE F. FARR, dated 1-28-49 at Baltimore, wherein information was furnished regarding a Professor of Journalism at Columbia University, whose first name was FRANCIS and whose wife's name was ANAMAE. It is noted that RENO declined to answer the question as to the identity of this individual in his interview of February 7 and 8, 1949. RENO stated that it was hard for him to answer this question in view of the fact that he was a personal friend whom he believed to be a member of the Communist Party and he did not feel like "turning him in". RENO stated this individual and his wife had no connection with espionage work and was only a friend. He finally identified this individual as FRANCIS FRANKLIN and his wife, ANAMAE FRANKLIN. He stated that he first met FRANKLIN in the winter of 1935 at the University of Virginia where both he and FRANKLIN had a fellowship. He stated FRANKLIN left the University of Virginia and went to New York where he taught a Party School from 1936 to 1937 at the Jefferson School. RENO qualified this statement of being a Party School, saying that it is probably a non-party school in which the Party participates and may have control. RENO stated that FRANKLIN was a member of the National Student League at the University of Virginia, which

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he, RENO, was a member. RENO stated that he did not renew this acquaintanceship with FRANKLIN until in 1945 when he went to New York City for that purpose. He eventually located FRANKLIN at the Jefferson School.

He stated that he visited FRANKLIN since 1945 rather frequently for the purpose of renewing the old acquaintance, talking over old times, and discussing philosophy and ancient history. He believes FRANKLIN resides in Greenwich Village on James Street.

RENO emphatically stated that he was furnishing this information relative to his association with FRANKLIN on the basis that he thought that if the Bureau had the facts with relation to FRANKLIN direct from him that it would not embarrass FRANKLIN as much as if the Bureau were to conduct an investigation of him without knowing these facts. The facts he pertained to were particularly to the effect that FRANKLIN had nothing whatsoever to do with the espionage apparatus in which he, RENO, was involved.

Re: "BIG BEAR", probably PALMER WEBER

RENO was requested to identify the individual referred to as "BIG BEAR". In this respect he stated that he has thought a lot about this question and has recalled that he probably referred to several people in this more or less slang statement.

He stated, however, that to the best of his knowledge, probably referred to is an individual who is also a good friend of his and one whose name is hard to disclose for the same reason that he feels like he is "turning someone in" who maybe a member of the Communist Party and to whom undue embarrassment might come. He stated, however, the name of this individual, that he believes to be the person referred to as "BIG BEAR" is PALMER WEBER, whom he recalls as a labor leader in the CIO, PAC, NYC. RENO stated he first knew WEBER at the University of Virginia, that he also had a fellowship in Philosophy during 1935. RENO stated WEBER left after the school year of 1935 and that he did not renew his acquaintanceship with him until the Fall of 1945 in New York City. He believes that he met him through FRANCIS FRANKLIN as the three of them used to be good friends at the University of Virginia. He recalled that WEBER was interested in the National Student League at the University of Virginia. In this respect RENO was interviewed relative to this National Student League, at which time he stated that it was a group of "liberals or radicals", and he recalled that during that time their primary objective was in opposition to war. He stated WEBER was sort of a leader in the group during the year 1935.

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RENO was asked what he meant by the term "liberals or radicals", at which time he discussed rather lengthy the differences between a conservative and a radical. He stated a conservative is just opposite of the radical and he believes a conservative individual to be one who is content to leave things as they are more or less on a status quo basis. RENO states that he considers a liberal to be one who keeps his mind open for logical changes. He listed a radical as one who makes a concerted effort toward a definite sharp type of change. He listed WEBER as a laborite and possibly a radical. He stated he did not know whether or not he belonged to the Communist Party.

Again RENO reiterated that the only reason he was furnishing this information relative to WEBER was the thought in his mind that it would be better for the Bureau to know that WEBER had no connection in espionage activities and to know that he was a personal friend of RENO rather than for the embarrassment of an FBI investigation without knowledge of the full facts.

Re: STANLEY BLUMBERG

RENO stated that he was ready to answer questions relative to STANLEY BLUMBERG after his refusal to answer them on being interviewed February 7 and 8, 1949. He stated that his first recollection of BLUMBERG was in 1943 although he may have met him in 1941. This first recollection was meeting him at Aberdeen Proving Grounds when BLUMBERG contacted RENO in an effort to get RENO's opinion on three projects and the possibility of having them listed and developed by the National Research Committee. These three projects involved, one, a magnetic inclinometer, the second, an attempt to locate a building or other device by sensitive heat radiation; using heat instead of radio radiation as used in the principles of radar, and the third being some other experiment dealing with anti-submarine devices.

RENO stated BLUMBERG was a scientist mostly in the navigation and physics field. He termed him as radical according to the definition previously given. He believed that BLUMBERG was in the Navy or Merchant Marines from 1944 to 1945 and maybe 1946. He suspected him of being a Party member but he stated emphatically that BLUMBERG had no connection whatsoever with his espionage dealings and he really knows of no Communist Party activities. He stated that he suspected him to be a Party member because of his general demeanor and discussions.

RENO stated they became very close as friends and particularly during the time RENO was in the hospital during July, 1947. He stated BLUMBERG had visited him at the hospital regularly during this time.

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RENO also stated that another reason for suspecting ~~BLUMBERG~~ as a Communist Party member was because it was publically known that Dr. ~~ALBERT BLUMBERG~~, was an open Party member in Baltimore. RENO stated he has never had any talks with ~~ALBERT BLUMBERG~~ but may have met him ten or twelve years ago in Baltimore.

RENO was question as to who the girl friend of ~~BLUMBERG's~~ named ~~HELENE~~ was and he identified her as ~~HELENE METZLER~~ whom he described as a redheaded nurse and whose whereabouts he did not know.

Re: ~~STEVE, MAE, PERKIE~~

RENO was asked the identity of these individuals and he stated that they were girl friends in Washington, D. C., whose names he had written on a piece of paper who he could call up for a date. He stated he could not identify ~~STEVE~~ or ~~MAE~~ but he believed ~~PERKIE~~ to be ~~HAZEL PERKISSON~~, whom he believed did not have any connection with the Communist Party. He described her as being the Director of Religious Education at the Church of the Garden somewhere toward Long Island in New York City. He also was asked the identity of ~~KATHERINE~~ whose name also appeared on this note paper and he could not recall anyone by that name. The name ~~LAURA K.~~ he identified as a WAC in his section whose last name was either ~~KUNKLE~~ or ~~KINKLE~~.

Also on the sheet of this note paper was the name ~~DICK PERYL~~ whom RENO could not identify. The initials MH were probably for ~~MABEL HARRINGTON~~ who was a computer in his section at the office. The initials ME, RENO could not identify.

RENO stated that ~~RAUER MEYER~~ was a brother of ~~HERMAN MEYER~~ and the names ~~SYLVIA~~ and ~~HERGIS~~, RENO could not identify;

RENO stated that in reference to all of these individuals none of them even to the ones he could not identify had any connection whatsoever with any Communist Party or espionage activities.

Re: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

RENO states that he does not know ~~ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN~~ and does not believe he has ever met any such individual. He recalled the name from a magazine or newspaper as having been connected with the ~~BENTLY~~ case when she testified before the House Unamerican Activities Committee.

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Re: ~~STEN~~ ASKLOF

Relative to this individual RENO stated that he met him at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds sometime in 1946 at that time ASKLOF was listed as an astronomer of international reputation. His association with ASKLOF was purely personal as well as in talking over scientific matters with him.

He stated that ASKLOF's associations was one that started innocently and ended to the distinct disadvantage of RENO. He stated that when ASKLOF started getting into trouble over his citizenship he and RENO were running around as friends and ASKLOF got short of money and RENO helped him out in that respect. When ASKLOF left the Proving Grounds he started making statements to the effect that it might be dangerous for the Government to fire him and send him back to Sweden and other statements to the effect that the Russians would probably like to have such information that he knew. RENO stated that statements like this particularly at time when ASKLOF would be drunk, were very damaging to him, RENO, and RENO felt like he had to stay with ASKLOF to keep him quiet and keep him from making such statements. RENO's purpose in this respect was to do anything possible to keep ASKLOF from making statements that would cause an investigation which would naturally go to ASKLOF's associates, which RENO considered himself to be. RENO thought that if such an investigation was conducted of him as an associate of ASKLOF it would uncover his espionage activities with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS during 1937 and 1938. RENO stated that he did all he could to help ASKLOF secure passage out of the country to the extent that he lent him money and paid off a note which he cosigned for ASKLOF.

RENO stated there was no espionage activities whatsoever connected with his association with ASKLOF.

Near the termination of the interview RENO was asked whether or not he had any information which had not been asked of him by Agents of the Bureau that he desired to furnish to the Bureau. He stated he had no further information whatsoever and stated that he had furnished all pertinent information relative to his Communist Party and espionage activities. He stated also that he had furnished details to the best of his knowledge particularly in regard to the identity of "BERNIE" and particularly in regard to his dealings with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

RENO stated that he was contemplating going to Denver, Colorado about February 16 and 17, 1949 and would probably be there for two or three weeks. He stated that he would call at the Denver Office and advise them of his exact whereabouts in the event it was desired to contact him during that period.

Re: WOMAN WHO SUCCEEDED CHAMBERS AS COURIER
IN WASHINGTON UNDERGROUND GROUP IN 1934

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent EMMETT J. MURPHY at Taos and Santa Fe, New Mexico:

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Acquaintances of JOHN ~~COLLIER~~, JR., Taos, New Mexico, advised that ~~COLLIER~~ and family left Taos February 11 or 12, 1949 and that ~~COLLIER~~ was enroute to Los Angeles, California where he has been employed to conduct an industrial survey being conducted by Fortune Magazine in California.

HELEN CRAMP ~~McCROSSEN~~, 1345 Canyon Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico advised that ~~COLLIER~~ and his wife, MARY, and son, MALCOLM, stayed at her home February 12 and 13th. last. She stated that ~~COLLIER~~ left Santa Fe February 14, 1949, enroute to Los Angeles where he was to contact officials of Fortune Magazine at that company's offices in Los Angeles or Hollywood. She also stated that ~~COLLIER~~'s wife and son were enroute to Chicago and will be in care of DONALD ~~COLLIER~~, 5709 Kimbrick Street, Chicago.

By teletype dated 2-16-49 this information was furnished to the Los Angeles Office.

Re: ALGER HISS, Woodstock Typewriter

Reference is made to Denver teletype to El Paso dated January 28, 1949; to El Paso teletype to Denver dated January 28, 1949; and El Paso teletype to Los Angeles and Kansas City dated February 4, 1949.

On January 28, 1949 Mr. LEON W. ~~WHITE~~, 607 Abdou Building, El Paso, Texas; advised that he was formerly engaged in the typewriter business in Denver, Colorado, and had purchased numerous typewriters, both new and used, from the Woodstock Company in Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he closed business in Denver in 1943 and left most of his records stored in a trunk in his home in Richmond, Missouri. He stated that he brought the remainder of the records with him to El Paso and an examination of instant records reflected that ~~Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 156050~~, was sold to Mr. A. W. ~~MILNE~~, 4171 Irving Street, Denver, Colorado, on November 23, 1940. His records in El Paso failed to disclose any information regarding a ~~Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 198743~~.

Mr. ~~WHITE~~ further advised that he had subsequently sold his home at Richmond, Missouri and that it presently belonged to Mrs. ARTHUR TURNER. He stated that she was at that time enroute to the west coast but he thought that perhaps he might be able to obtain her address through friends and acquaintances and he requested that he be recontacted on February 4, 1949.

Mr. ~~WHITE~~ was recontacted on February 4, 1949 and stated that Mrs. ~~ARTHUR TURNER~~ was presently residing at Hotel Constance, corner of Mentor and Colorado, Pasadena, California. He stated that he had communicated with her and she had in her possession the key to her home in Richmond, Missouri, and that some of the old trunks containing ~~WHITE~~'s records were presently stored in the basement of her home at Richmond, Missouri. Mr. ~~WHITE~~ stated

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that Mrs. TURNER was an elderly woman in her sixties and slightly eccentric, but that she would be willing for Bureau agents to examine the trunks in her home providing such agents were accompanied by her brother Mr. FRANK BUCHANAN, Harding, Missouri. He stated that the records, which would reflect the name and address of the person to whom instant Woodstock Typewriter was sold, were carbon copies of sales slips which were on half of a standard letter sheet on plain white paper, with binding holes punched at one end. As he recalls, these records covers his transactions while in Denver, and were tied in two bundles and were stored in the bottom of an old trunk which he believes to be presently in the basement of Mrs. TURNER's home at Richmond, Missouri.

The Los Angeles Office was requested, on February 4, 1949, to contact Mrs. TURNER at Pasadena, California, and obtain the key to her home, to be forwarded to the Kansas City Office, or to have her forward the key to her home by Air Mail Special Delivery/Registered letter to Mr. FRANK BUCHANAN at Hardin, Missouri.

The Kansas City Office was requested to contact Mr. FRANK BUCHANAN at Hardin, Missouri, and to have an agent assist Mr. BUCHANAN in searching through the records contained in the home of Mrs. TURNER and in the event the name and address of the person to whom instant typewriter was sold should be ascertained, to request the interested office to obtain specimens and forward to the Bureau Laboratory for examination.

Re: ALGER HISS

KING DERR, 1238 46th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico, advised that he first knew ALGER HISS in about February, 1935 when he was an employee of the Senate Munitions Committee in Washington, D. C. DERR stated at that time HISS was the second in command of the Command of the committee on which he, DERR, was serving as a civilian employee without salary but on expenses. He stated that the extent of his acquaintance was from February until about May of that year, a period of about four months, and that during this time he became very well impressed by the business attitude and general executive ability of HISS. He stated that he did not know him socially and never associated with him in any way other than on the committee. DERR stated he had no information whatsoever relative to any espionage or Communist Party activities on the part of HISS during that time. He further informed that he has not seen HISS since that time but has naturally recalled his acquaintance with HISS frequently since HISS has made the front lines of the papers in recent months.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California:

Will interview JOHN COLLIER, JR., relative to the identity of the woman who succeeded CHAMBERS as courier in the Washington Underground group in 1934. It is noted that COLLIER can possibly be located through Fortune Magazine Offices in Los Angeles or Hollywood.

Will contact Mrs. ARTHUR TURNER, Hotel Constance, Pasadena, California if not already done and will make arrangements to obtain the key to her home in Kansas City so that the records of Mr. LEON W. WHITE, located therein, can be reviewed.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE

At Hardin, Missouri:

Will contact Mr. FRANK BUCHANAN and make arrangements to review the records of Mr. LEON W. WHITE relative to Woodstock typewriter, which records are located in the home of Mrs. ARTHUR TURNER at Richmond, Missouri.

THE DENVER OFFICE

At Denver, Colorado:

Will, if not already done, check the Woodstock typewriter, Serial No. 156050, sold to Mr. A. W. MILNE, of 4171 Irving Street, Denver, on November 23, 1940.

Copies of this report are being designated for the Washington Field and Baltimore offices, being furnished for their further information in this investigation.

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REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 2-25-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/28; 2/4,14,15/49	REPORT MADE BY J. PHILLIP CLARIDGE. adl
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was; ALGER HISS et al		CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

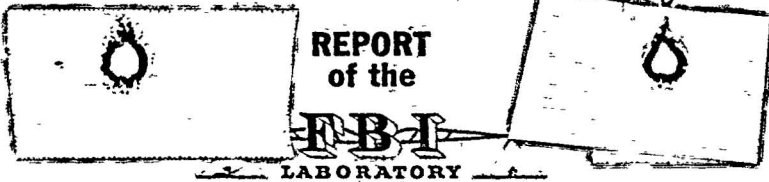
RE: FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO

FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO interviewed Albuquerque, N.M. 2-14-49, stated he had not contacted an attorney but desired to answer questions. States he was not implicated in any type of espionage other than with CHAMBERS as previously reported. States he has not seen "BERNIE" subsequent to his dealings with CHAMBERS, does not know ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN but has been introduced to person named JESS, who is some official in CP in Baltimore. Identifies alleged Professor of Journalism at Columbia University as FRANCIS FRANKLIN of Jefferson School, New York City. Individual referred to as "BIG BEAR" may have been PALMER WEBER formerly active in CIO, PAC, NYC. States he knows BENJAMIN FIELD as CP organizer in Baltimore and that he has had personal association with STANLEY BLUMBERG and STEN ASKLOF. States none of these persons were involved in espionage to his knowledge. JOHN COLLIER, JR. left Taos and Santa Fe, New Mexico 2-14-49 enroute to Los Angeles to contact officials of Fortune Magazine. LEON W. WHITE, 607 Abdou Building, El Paso, sold Woodstock Typewriter, Serial No. 156051 to A. W. MILNE, 4171 Irving Street, Denver, Colorado, on 11-23-40. His records failed to disclose any information regarding Woodstock typewriter Serial No. 198744. Efforts to locate WHITE's records being made in Los Angeles. KING LERR, Housing Administrator, Los Alamos, N.M.; advised he knew ALGER HISS and worked with him in the Senate Munitions Committee from February to May, 1934. He has no information whatsoever indicating any Communistic or espionage activities.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Los Angeles

March 21, 1949

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

Re: James Earl Ray - II
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 100-20107
FBI FILE NO. 71-1353
LAB. NO. 77-1353

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Letter dated March 7, 1949

Deleted Copy Sent by letter 11-16-74 THB/bcs

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

1727 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor, Washington, dated August 14, 1937, to Raymond J. Hall, Esq., c/o Walters, Fuller and Lyons, 433 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, signed Daniel G. Hall.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type 1727 was not used to type 5 or 16 through 19.

The submitted evidence is returned herewith to the Los Angeles Office, photographic copy having been made for the files of the Laboratory.

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United States Department of Justice
510 South Spring Street, Room 900
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March 25, 1949

Director, FBI

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.,
ET AL, PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bufile 74-1333)

Dear Sir:

Reference New York teletype of March 23, 1949, to the Bureau and Los Angeles, requesting Los Angeles to submit to the New Orleans Office full information secured to date from WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE re Mrs. JAMES WATT, Nee-MARGARET GUTELIUS, for the assistance of the New Orleans Office in their interview with Mrs. WATT. It will be noted that, by teletype dated February 11, 1949, the New York Office furnished the New Orleans Office with considerable background information regarding Mrs. JAMES WATT.

WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE has been interviewed on several occasions during February and March by agents of the Los Angeles Office, and, during these interviews, he has furnished the following information concerning MARGARET GUTELIUS:

CRANE advised that he first met MARGARET GUTELIUS at a Communist-Party meeting in Mill Valley, California, shortly after he, himself, joined the Communist Party, prior to the time he entered the illegal work. He recalled that the people at this meeting were all intellectuals, including school teachers, etc. He described GUTELIUS as a girl who talked his language and who had a similar cultural background. CRANE stated that, on one occasion, GUTELIUS told him she had joined the Communist Party in order to meet men. On another occasion, CRANE stated that GUTELIUS joined the Communist Party during a period of rebellion.

After first meeting GUTELIUS, CRANE did not see her for a long time and recalled that the next time he met her was after he had left New York in 1934. He stated that he was returning to the West Coast at this time and was driving an automobile alone, and he said that he must have been driving a Locomobile which had belonged to JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN. He decided to look GUTELIUS up in Rochester, New York, where she was living with her parents during her summer vacation, and he recalled that she



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

remembered him, and he asked her to marry him. GUTELIUS told him that she had to go to medical school at the University of California, Berkeley. CRANE stated that by this time GUTELIUS was out of the Communist Party. He also recalled that MARGARET GUTELIUS's father was a Presbyterian Minister in Rochester, New York.

Thereafter, CRANE left Rochester, New York, and returned to the West Coast. He went first to Los Angeles where he stayed for a short time during the summer of 1935 and then went to Berkeley, California, where he met MARGARET GUTELIUS, prior to the opening of the 1934-35 school session. He recalled that GUTELIUS was enrolled in the medical school, and that this was her first or second year, probably her first year, in medical school. At this time, CRANE and GUTELIUS decided to live together and obtained an apartment in Berkeley, California. He stated that for about a year, during which time he was living with GUTELIUS in Berkeley, California, he did not do anything, and he recalls attending a lot of prize fights and also recalls having a small car.

It was during this time that CRANE met MORRIS ASIMOW who later was a member of the same apparatus as CRANE. CRANE stated that MARGARET GUTELIUS also met ASIMOW at this time. CRANE said that he could not say whether GUTELIUS knew of ASIMOW's underground or illegal connections, but she probably knew that CRANE got mail at ASIMOW's address in Berkeley.

CRANE recalled that he left Berkeley to return to New York just before the 1934-35 school term at the University of California at Berkeley ended, and that MARGARET GUTELIUS did not return to New York with him. After arriving in New York, CRANE recalls having some discussion with CHAMBERS regarding getting married. He believes that he then went to Rochester to see GUTELIUS, and that they were married by her father. In this connection, CRANE's personal effects revealed an undated, unidentified newspaper clipping which stated that MARGARET FRANCES GUTELIUS, daughter of Reverend Doctor and Mrs. STANLEY FISHER GUTELIUS of Magee Avenue, became the bride of WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE of New York City, son of Mrs. and Mr. W. M. CRANE of Los Angeles; that Doctor GUTELIUS, Associate Pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony; that Mrs. CRANE is a graduate of the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, has completed a year of medical study at the University of California and will continue her studies in New York City. The newspaper clipping revealed that Mr. CRANE, a graduate of Stanford University, was associated with a newspaper syndicate in New York City where the CRANES will make their home.

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Director, FBI

March 25, 1949

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

CRANE stated that he and GUTELIUS then went to New York City where CHAMBERS suggested they rent an apartment in Staten Island. They resided in the Staten Island apartment for several months and then moved to an apartment on Amsterdam Avenue in order to be near Columbia University where MARGARET GUTELIUS intended to go to medical school. CRANE said that they probably resided on Staten Island for 2 months anyway. He was asked if he had lived on Centre Street on Staten Island, and he said he recalled that was the street on which they lived. He was then asked whether the number was 203 Centre Street. He could not recall definitely but thought 203 was probably the address.

CRANE's personal effects revealed a newspaper clipping showing a number of photographs appearing in the Staten Island Advance Newspaper for July 22, 1935. The photographs reflected that they were taken by CRANE, and CRANE stated that these were taken while he and MARGARET were residing on Staten Island.

CRANE stated that the apartment on Amsterdam Avenue was kitty-corner to a large playground and swimming pool and was about one block below the Haven Avenue address where they later lived. He recalled the Amsterdam Avenue apartment as a 6-story building, and that they lived on either the 5th or 6th floor. He further recalled that they moved to the Amsterdam Avenue apartment prior to the start of the fall school term. CRANE stated that they resided on Amsterdam Avenue throughout the winter and spring, and, sometime prior to the following school term, they moved to the Haven Avenue address.

From the Amsterdam Avenue address, CRANE and MARGARET moved to 112 Haven Avenue where it was CRANE's recollection that they lived for a couple of years. He said that he kept the Haven Avenue apartment until the end of his activities in the apparatus, which was in late 1937, but that he may have closed out the apartment a month before he left New York. He said he rented this apartment under the name of W. EDWARD CRANE, and that his name appeared in the New York telephone directory at this address. He recalled that, sometime during their residence on Haven Avenue, he had written several articles including some on travel. He said that he remembers when the WHITTAKER CHAMBERS's story broke in the newspapers that he was worried because he recalled that he had rented apartment under his real name, CRANE.

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Director, FBI

March 25, 1949

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

CRANE stated that he had no other apartments in New York other than the one on Staten Island, the one on Amsterdam Avenue, and the one on Haven Avenue. CRANE further recalled that, for a while, he had a bank account at a bank on Broadway across the street from the Columbia University Medical Center and stated that MARGARET probably had an account there too.

CRANE recalls that, during the last year he and GUTELIUS resided on Haven Avenue, she became deeper and deeper involved in her medical studies and became more neurotic; that they had very little to do with each other; and that this went to the extent where they each kept their food separately in the ice box. He added that, during this last year, he used this apartment more or less as a place to "hang" his hat; that on some occasions, when he would go to New York from Washington, he would not even go to the apartment but would stay in some hotel in New York City. CRANE recalled that this deterioration of his relationship with GUTELIUS was the cause of some concern to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and Colonel BORIS BYKOV; that BYKOV and BYKOV's wife accompanied CRANE and MARGARET to a night club on one occasion in an effort to straighten out the relations between the latter. CRANE said that MARGARET knew BYKOV and his wife were Russians and were connected with CRANE's work; however, she was not interested in his work because she had her own big task in which she was completely wrapped up. He said that the introductions on this occasion were by first name only, and that he, CRANE, could not recall BYKOV's wife's first name. He recalled that the night club was a medium good one, and he believed it was located right off of Central Park, north. He could not recall the details as to how they met or got to the night club, but he had the feeling a taxicab was involved in some way. He further recalls dancing with BYKOV's wife on this occasion and stated that this was the only time he ever saw her.

CRANE recalled that the concern on the part of BYKOV and CHAMBERS over his difficulties with MARGARET was based both on their personal interest in CRANE and also from the viewpoint that it may be a possible leak of information concerning their activities.

It was CRANE's recollection that GUTELIUS had graduated from Columbia University while he was still in New York. He recalled that GUTELIUS was relieved when he told her he was going back to the West Coast. *West Coast. relieved when he returned to the West Coast.* He recalled that, upon leaving New York, he gave GUTELIUS a couple of thousand dollars which he had received from his father's estate.

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Director, FBI

March 25, 1949

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

CRANE stated that GUTELIUS knew in general that he was in some type of underground work, but that the only persons she met connected with this work were BORIS BYKOV, BYKOV's wife, and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. CRANE recalls that CHAMBERS met GUTELIUS on one occasion, and it is CRANE's opinion that this was for the purpose of providing CHAMBERS an opportunity to look her over. CRANE recalls that CHAMBERS made the remark that GUTELIUS was an efficient person and would be efficient no matter what she did, and that she was the type of person who was needed and wanted by society, and that she would get along well under the Capitalist or Socialist system. CRANE does not recall what the occasion was or where the meeting was when CHAMBERS met GUTELIUS. He stated that she never did anything to assist him in his illegal work. He said that, at the present time, she is, in all probability, anti-Soviet.

CRANE advised that GUTELIUS is presently remarried and has two children and is considered an expert in tropical medicine. CRANE did not know her married name. He recalled that Time Magazine carried an article on her and her work. He did not know the date when this article appeared but said it was recently. He said that he could see that the Federal Bureau of Investigation must investigate GUTELIUS merely because she was so closely associated with him. However, he added that, as stated above, she did not engage in the illegal work with him. CRANE said that he obtained an annulment of his marriage to GUTELIUS in San Francisco just prior to the time he married his present wife ELLA BOEHM. CRANE showed agents a diary of his mother's in which, under the date of June 9, 1938, there was an entry that CRANE and ELLA BOEHM had made a trip to Mexico. Regarding this, CRANE stated that this was prior to the time he obtained annulment, and it is his recollection that they went to Mexico to see about a divorce or an annulment, and he recalls paying a Mexican attorney \$10, but nothing was done about the matter in Mexico.

It is CRANE's recollection that MARGARET spent sometime with him at the apartment which he had in Washington, D.C., but his recollection was rather vague, and he did not believe that she stayed there any length of time.

The above information includes all information concerning GUTELIUS obtained through CRANE, and no further interviews with him concerning her are contemplated at the present time.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood
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R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : ~~W. GUY~~ GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: ~~0~~ JAHAM
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DATE: March 28, 1949

Enclosed are three copies each of the photographs requested by New York Teletype of March 17, 1949.

The numbers and dates following the names in referenced teletype are the passport numbers and dates of the passport issuance. For information - the passports issued to EARNEST WEIKIN and CARL WESTERDAHL are 252909 and 250903.

The signatures of the passport applicants appear on the photographs and the photographs may be identified thereby.

It is noted that the group photograph of JACOB ROSENBERG and family appears on an application for passport submitted by ROSENBERG to the American Embassy in Moscow, Russia, in October 1936, and is furnished in addition to the photograph requested.

Enclosures

cc - New York (Enclosures)

Jacob Rosenberg
W.C. Rosenberg
Ernest Weikin

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TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, wa; ALGER HISS			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Extensive investigation conducted in the Washington, D. C. area to locate maids employed by the ALGER HISSES with particular reference to those employed from 1934 to 1938. Inquiries made at various friends, neighbors and acquaintances as to the identity of the HISSES' maids. At the time of CHAMBERS' visit to the WFO, Feb. 1 - 2, 1949, those maids who had been identified and who might locally have known Mr. CHAMBERS were brought before Mr. CHAMBERS in an attempt to effect a mutual identification. Only identification made was in connection with CLAUDIE CATLETT who definitely recalls CHAMBERS having called at HISSES' home while they resided at 2905 P Street, N. W. Has no definite recollection of his having called on them at any other address where they lived during the time she was employed by the HISSES. Signed statement procured from Mrs. CATLETT setting forth her recollection of CHAMBERS' visit to the ALGER HISS home and other information pertinent to this investigation. Records of those employment agencies located in the District of Columbia that deal in the supplying of domestic help checked. Those maids shown to have been employed by the ALGER HISSES located and interviewed wherever possible.

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

The following employment agencies located in Washington, D. C. and who dealt in the supplying of domestic help, were contacted and their records checked for information concerning any maids or other domestic help that might have at any time been employed by the ALGER HISSES. These checks were all negative.

APRIL 1938

Armentrout, Almeda H., Mrs.	-	-	807 Vermont Ave., N. W.
Bishop Hotel Agency	-	-	904 11th Street, N. W.
Boyd Employment Service	-	-	1333 F Street, N. W.
Brown, Mattie R. Mrs.	-	-	1837 11th Street, N. W.
Commercial Employment Bureau	-	-	805 5th Street, N. W.
Dickerson, Jno A.	-	-	1925 9th Street, N. W.
Dist. of Columbia Employment Center	-	-	480 Indiana Avenue, N. W.
Domestic Business Bureau	-	-	1925 9th Street, N. W.
Domestic Workers Union Employment Bureau	-	-	717 Florida Avenue, N. W.
Dunham, Irene M.	-	-	1361 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Employment Center of Washington	-	-	1333 F Street, N. W.
Eureka Employment Exchange	-	-	1723 7th Street, N. W. - Mrs. J. T. C. NEWSOM
Howard, C.	-	-	1402 11th Street, N. W.
Jones, M. G. Mrs.	-	-	602 F Street, N. W.
Ladies' Exchange	-	-	807 Virginia Avenue, N. W.
Lewis Hotel Training	-	-	2301 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
Maryland St. Employment Service	-	-	120 Maryland Avenue, Hyattsville
Mount Pleasant Employment Service	-	-	Tivoli Theater Building, 14th and Park Road
Mutual Employment Exchange	-	-	1115 V Street, N. W.
National Capital Bureau of Employment	-	-	1727 7th Street, N. W.
Personnel Service, Incorporated	-	-	1311 G Street, N. W.
Reid, Carrie A.	-	-	2112 1/2 14th Street, N. W.
Reliable Employment Agency	-	-	1402 11th Street, N. W.
Ruphers Employment Agency	-	-	1837 11th Street, N. W., - Mattie Ruphers Brown
Tyreas Hotel Agency-	-	-	808 5th Street, N. W.
Unity Employment Center	-	-	602 F Street, N. W. - M. Jones
Washington Business Bureau	-	-	Bond Building
Washington Employment Exchange	-	-	National Press Building
Waters' Hotel Agency	-	-	909 G Place, N. W. - Mrs. Meta S. Waters

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OCTOBER, 1938

Kendall, J. D. - - - - - Bond Building
National Personnel Placement Bureau - Woodward Building
Suburban Employment Agency - - - - - 602 Chapel Ave., Fairmont Hgths,
Md.

Attempts were made to contact all employment agencies that were in existence in Washington, D. C. during the period 1934 through 1938; which is the pertinent period in regard to this investigation. It was determined that several such organizations existed at that time but are no longer in business as of this date.

In an effort to determine whether any of these previously existing agencies may have supplied domestic help to the ALGER HISSES at any time, the following inquiries were made:

On February 3, 1949, Special Agent JOHN H. KENOYER contacted Mrs. IRENE N. DUNHAM, 1727 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. who advised that she did operate an employment agency until about two years ago. She stated, however, that all of the records had been destroyed and that she does not recall any of the ALGER HISSES or anyone who might have been employed by them. Mrs. DUNHAM further stated that she operated this agency single-handed.

On February 11, 1949, Special Agent JOHN W. SWANSON conducted investigation in an effort to locate the Mutual Employment Exchange formerly operating at 1115 V Street, N. W. Mrs. JOSEPHINE MC WILLIAMS, who now resides at 1115 V Street, N. W., advised Agent SWANSON that she has resided there for over 20 years and that no one has ever operated an employment agency at this address to her knowledge.

Further investigation in the vicinity of 1115 V Street, N. W., failed to reveal any person who recalled the Mutual Employment Exchange. A check of the city directories for past years fails to disclose an agency operating at 1115 V Street, N. W.

In view of the foregoing information, no further effort is being made to locate the Mutual Employment Exchange.

On February 11, 1949, Special Agent JOHN W. SWANSON also conducted investigation in an effort to locate the National Capital Bureau of Employment, allegedly formerly operating at 1727 7th Street, N. W. Investigation in the vicinity of this address failed to disclose any persons who recalled the National Capital Bureau of Employment. A check of the city directories for past years reflects that this agency

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was listed for only one year in the 1939 city directory.

In view of the foregoing information, no further effort is being made to locate this agency.

On February 7, 1949, Special Agent JOHN H. KENOYER contacted Mrs. CARRIE A. REID, 715 Harvard Street, N. W., who advised that she did operate REID's Employment Agency at 2112 1/2 14th Street, N. W. during 1938 but that she has been out of business since 1944. She stated that she had given the ledgers with the names of the maids and employers to Mrs. MARGARET P. GILMORE, 415 B Street, S. E.

On February 9, 1949, Agents KENOYER and ROBERT H. ANDERSON called at the home of Mrs. MARGARET P. GILMORE for the purpose of reviewing these ledgers. One ledger contained only the maid or the employee's name and a reference but did not show the name of the employer. This ledger was dated from 1929 to 1943. A review of the ledger failed to reflect the names of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS or of any maid who might have been employed by them.

A search of the second ledger made at the home of Mrs. GILMORE also failed to show any information concerning Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS or any maid who might have been employed by them.

On February 10, 1949, Agent KENOYER recontacted Mrs. REID in an attempt to locate any further records that she might have but he was advised that she did not know where they might be and they probably had been destroyed.

Special Agent KENOYER, on February 7, 10, 1949, conducted investigation in an attempt to locate one CORA MAE HOWARD who operated the Reliable Employment Agency at 1402 11th Street, N. W., during 1938. Records of the W. R. MARSHALL Real Estate Company, 929 New York Avenue, N. W., reflected that CORA MAE HOWARD rented the building at 1402 11th Street, N. W., from 1936 to 1942 but did not reflect any information concerning her.

The 1942 city directory reflected that CORA MAE HOWARD resided at 1444 Corcoran Street, N. W. but she was not listed in the 1943 or current city directories.

Mrs. ANNIE G. FLETCHER, 1632 15th Street, N. W., stated that she had been the rental agent for the apartments at 1444 Corcoran Street, N. W., since 1938 but that she has destroyed her records from that period beyond 1942. As she recalls, CORA MAE HOWARD was married in

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1942 to a minister who lives on Morgan Street, N. W.

Agent KENOYER contacted Rev. WILLIAM ALTON WALDEN, 205 Morgan Street, N. W. and Rev. H. T. BURTON, 228 Morgan Street, N. W., and both advised that it has been about ten years since Rev. HOWARD lived in this neighborhood. They stated that they thought his wife was CORA MAE but they had been separated for the past ten years at least. Rev. BURTON added that he thought Rev. HOWARD's wife went to Florida several years ago and that Rev. HOWARD is in Baltimore.

In view of the foregoing information, no further efforts are being made to locate the records of the Reliable Employment Agency at this time.

The records of the Ladies' Exchange, 2037 K Street, N. W., were checked from 1932 through 1948 by Special Agents DONALD CONNORS, DONALD WALTER, JACK S. TURTON, HARRY K. CLAYTON, CHESTER C. CRAWFORD, WILLIAM STATEN, JOHN H. KENOYER, C. J. JONES, ROBERT F. SAVAGE, and PAUL H. HOGE. These records reflected that GRADY BYRD and MARY T. DANIELS were formerly maids for the ALGER HISSES who had registered at one time with this agency. Interviews with these maids will be set out hereinafter in this report.

On February 1, 1949, Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS advised Special Agent C. J. JONES that he recalled that his wife had mentioned the HISSES having had a maid while they resided on 28th Street, whose name was JULIA RANKIN. Mrs. CHAMBERS was supposed to have recalled this woman as living on Florida Avenue, Washington, D. C. on a curve of that street near a church. Mr. CHAMBERS advised that his wife's memory was very vague in regard to this matter and that he himself did not recall this person.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents R. R. NICHOLS and K. F. CARROLL on February 9, 1949 in an effort to determine the identity of JULIA RANKIN and to locate ELIZABETH FIELDS who was the maid for the family residing next door to the HISSES during the time the HISSES lived at 3415 Volta Place, N. W., and to procure any information concerning domestic help that may have been employed by the HISSES during the pertinent period.

Mr. W. TYREA, manager of the Commercial Employment Agency, 808 5th Street, N. W., advised that he had no record on JULIA RANKIN or ELIZABETH FIELDS, or of any domestic help employed by the ALGER HISSES.

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Mr. A. C. WRIGHT of the Boyd Employment Agency, also known as the Employment Center of Washington, D. C., 1201 G Street, N. W., advised that this agency does not register domestic help.

Mrs. MARGARET KRAFT, Post Office employee at Seat Pleasant, Maryland, was contacted in an effort to locate the Suburban Employment Agency at Fairmont Heights, Maryland. Mrs. KRAFT could give no information concerning any such employment agency.

Mrs. JAMES A. CAMPBELL, 709 61st Avenue, Fairmont Heights, Maryland, owner of a print shop at that address and ZEDDIE SYKES, employed at the above print shop, both of whom have lived in this vicinity a number of years, could not recall the Suburban Employment Agency.

MAIDS

~~MARTHA POPE~~
3000 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

MARTHA POPE was first interviewed by Special Agents CHARLES W. PEASINGER and JOHN E. HOWARD at the apartment of her employer, Mrs. DOROTHY DORSEY, 3000 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., which interview is set out in the report of Special Agent C. J. JONES, dated January 28, 1949 at Washington, D. C. Briefly, POPE at the time of that interview, advised agents that she had worked for ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS for about five years from 1930 to 1935. She procured this employment through the recommendation of one ROXIE THOMAS, a friend who worked for another family in the same building. MARTHA POPE first went to work for the ALGER HISSES when they lived on Connecticut Avenue, N. W. in the 1700 block. She went with them to Cambridge, Massachusetts when they left Washington, D. C. She left them and returned to Washington, D. C. and she returned to the HISSES' service when they returned to Washington, working for them at 2905 P Street, N. W., on 28th Street, N. W. and on O Street, N. W. MARTHA POPE was unable to recall the names of any visitors to the HISSES' home, any other maids or other employees of the HISSES. She stated that after reading the names NATHAN WITT and LEE PRESSMAN in the newspapers, she was able to recall that they had called on the HISSES while she was with them.

MARTHA POPE did not recall ever having seen WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or having heard his name. She has been with her present employer over 12 years. On re-interview, on February 2, 1949 by the writer,

she again advised that she was unable to recall the name WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and when a picture of CHAMBERS was shown to her, she stated that she does not recall ever having seen or met him. She stated that she does not recall HENRY HILL COLLINS having ever come to the home of the HISSSES.

Continuing, POPE stated that she had first gone to work for the HISSSES shortly after they had been married, at which time they were living on Connecticut Avenue in the 1700 block. In regard to her leaving town with the HISSSES, she advised that this was on the occasion of ALGER HISS's becoming the Secretary of OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES. She now states that they went to a place in Massachusetts, the name of which was, as best she could recall, Beverly, Massachusetts. She states she left Washington with the HISSSES in the spring of the year and returned here about October of the same year. She came back to Washington because her mother was taken ill. She said that approximately the same time she left to return to Washington, the HISSSES moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts.

On the HISSSES' return to Washington, D. C., MARTHA POPE returned to work for them. She first worked for the HISSSES on O Street, N. W. (the HISSSES leased 3411 O Street, N. W. from 1933 to July 1, 1934). She remained in their service when the HISSSES moved to 28th Street, N. W. (the HISSSES leased Apartment #42, at 2831 28th Street, N. W. from July 1, 1934 to June 28, 1935). It is to be noted that this latter is the apartment WHITTAKER CHAMBERS took over when the HISSSES moved to P Street. MARTHA POPE stayed in the HISSSES' employ for about one month after they moved to P Street, N. W. (the HISSSES leased 2905 P Street, N. W. from May 1, 1935 to June 15, 1936).

On being confronted with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, MARTHA POPE again did not recall having met CHAMBERS at any time. On interview by Special Agent C. J. JONES in the presence of Mr. CHAMBERS, MARTHA POPE advised that she did not recall a small, slight, dark woman and child staying with the HISSSES on P Street, (~~Mrs. CHAMBERS~~ and child). MARTHA POPE stated that Mrs. HISS advised her that her services would be no longer needed about one month after they moved to P Street, N. W. She added she did not know why Mrs. HISS had discharged her other than that she was told by Mrs. HISS that she expected to do her own work. MARTHA POPE was unable to state who had gone to work for the HISSSES in her place when she was discharged.

MARTHA POPE stated that she last saw the HISSSES at the time TIMOTHY HOBSON was injured. She did not recall the exact date on which she visited them but stated that they were living on 30th Street, N. W. at the time. MARTHA POPE stated that she knew that TIMOTHY

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HOBSON had been injured through reading about it in the newspapers. She did not recall in which local newspaper she read this, but thought it was probably the Washington Evening Star. (The HISSSES lived at 1245 30th Street, N. W. from June 15, 1936 to January 1, 1938.) MARTHA POPE stated that when she visited the HISSSES to see TIMOTHY HOBSON, she saw no one who might be working for the HISSSES. She advised that Mrs. HISS opened the door for her and that she saw only Mrs. HISS and TIMOTHY HOBSON.

MARTHA POPE states that as well as she can recall, the HISSSES rented the house on P Street furnished. She said she does not recall any furniture being removed from the apartment on 28th Street to P Street. She did know that the HISSSES carried their personal belongings to P Street in their automobile. In regard to the automobile, MARTHA POPE states she recalls the HISSSES as having only one automobile. She described this automobile as a little old Ford with a single seat in front and a seat that opened up in the back (rumble seat). She described this car as having a canvas top rather than a hard top. She believes this car had a trunk on the back but states that she has no information concerning the disposition of this car as it was still in their possession when she left the HISSSES' employ.

Again, POPE stated that she does not recall HENRY COLLINS or HAROLD WARE as coming to the home of the HISSSES. She reiterated the information previously given concerning NATHAN WITT and LEE PRESSMAN. MARTHA POPE states that she was employed by the HISSSES as a general domestic. She cooked, washed and did the general housework. She has no recollection of having seen any typewriter in the HISS home. She doesn't recall ever seeing a piano in their home. She stated she could not presently recall any of the HISSSES' furniture on 28th Street and thinks the furniture on P Street was not the property of the HISSSES but went with the house. She has no recollection of an American-Oriental rug owned by the HISSSES which had a hole burned in it. She did, on specific questioning, recall a dining room table that the HISSSES had on 28th Street. This was an antique dropleaf table, one leaf of which had a large crack in it. She had no present recollection as to the physical layout or floor plan of the house on O Street. She advised that she did not wait on the table at the HISS home but merely prepared the food and put it on the table after which the HISS family would wait on themselves. She recalls that on one occasion, she had prepared refreshments for company prior to leaving for the evening. She had no knowledge as to who did call on the HISSSES on that occasion. Her employment with the HISSSES was steady after their return to Washington, D. C. up until the time of her discharge, except for a period of about two weeks while the HISSSES were living on 28th Street, at which time she was ill.

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Pursuant to a teletype to the Director and Richmond Office dated January 25, 1949, advising that unless advised to the contrary, agents of this office would interview CLAUDIE CATLETT at Winchester, Virginia, on January 26, 1949, Special Agents ROBERT O. CHICHESTER and DONALD WALTER proceeded to Winchester, Virginia on January 26, 1949. There they interviewed CLAUDIE CATLETT who presently resides at 542 N. Kent Street, Winchester, Virginia and took from her a signed statement. The contents of this signed statement are not being set out verbatim herein inasmuch as a further complete signed statement setting forth detailed information as presently recalled by CLAUDIE CATLETT was obtained at the conclusion of interviews with her and that statement will be set out verbatim hereinafter.

In substance, Mrs. CATLETT, at the time of this interview, advised that she worked for ALGER HISS and DONALD HISS for a period of about ten years starting with ALGER HISS while he was residing at 2905 P Street and doing laundry work for them. She continued in the ALGER HISSES' employ at 1245 30th Street, N. W. and 3415 Volta Place, N. W. She procured this employment through the recommendation to Mrs. ALGER HISS from Mrs. DONALD HISS who had known her as the wife of the janitor of the apartment house in which the DONALD HISSES were then living. She advised that the only other maid who ever worked for the HISSES whose identity she knows is one named DRUCILLA; last name unknown. When she was shown photographs of Mrs. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, on this occasion, she advised that she did not recognize the persons shown in the photograph. She advised that she does not recall anyone staying in the HISSES' home whose name was CARL.

Mrs. CATLETT did recall that the HISSES had a typewriter which they never used. She last saw this typewriter while the HISSES were residing at 3210 P Street, N. W. (The HISSES resided at this address from September 28, 1943 to October of 1947). She stated that she never heard the name WHITTAKER CHAMBERS until reading it in the newspapers. She recalled that ALGER HISS had an old black car with a front seat, a rumble seat and a canvas top. She did not know the make of the car and advised that they got rid of it while living at 2905 P Street, N. W. She stated she had no recollection of a JULIA FRANKIN and that she never received any mail from the HISSES either typed or handwritten. She recalled that DRUCILLA had told her that she had been hired by the HISSES through the Ladies' Exchange operating in Washington, D. C. near the Mayflower Hotel.

Mrs. CATLETT stated that she had never been contacted by any member of the HISS family or any representative of theirs since the controversy concerning ALGER HISS' alleged participation in an espionage ring in Washington, D. C. broke out. The original of the

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signed statement taken on this occasion will be retained in the files of the Washington Field Office for future reference if need be.

On February 1 and 2, 1949, CLAUDIE CATLETT was interviewed by Special Agent C. J. JONES in the presence of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. When she was presented to Mr. CHAMBERS, CLAUDIE CATLETT recognized him as someone she had seen at the HISS residence at 2905 P Street, N. W. She seemed to recall going to the front door and letting him in to the HISS residence on one occasion. She does not recall seeing him subsequent to that occasion at the HISS home, stating, "Once I seen somebody I pays no more attention to them". CLAUDIE CATLETT stated that she does not recall ever having serving dinner to Mr. CHAMBERS and does not associate him as having spent the night at the HISSSES' home on any occasion.

On being questioned, CLAUDIE CATLETT recalled a closet in the basement of the HISS home on 30th Street where a red rug was kept. This rug, as she recalled, was rolled up with a cord around it. She recalls the rug as having a fringe on it and states that it was never used in the house on 30th Street. She advised that she asked Mrs. HISS why the rug was never used and was advised that it belonged to someone else. When the HISSSES moved to the Volta Elace address, the rug was placed on the floor in TIMOTHY HOBSON's room. CLAUDIE CATLETT had no recollection of this rug having ever been sent to the cleaners during the time she was employed by the HISSSES. In recalling other items concerning the HISSSES' residence, she remembered that there was a round mirror with a gilt edge and an eagle on the top of it at the house on 30th Street. Also, in this same house, she recalls seeing a book on birds. She recalls that the HISSSES had a typewriter but did not know the make of it. She was shown a standard model Remington typewriter and said that the typewriter owned by the HISSSES appeared to be smaller than the Remington. She said she remembered that it had a soft dust cover or cloth over it on occasion but does not recall ever seeing it in a carrying case. She recalls this typewriter being in the house on 30th Street and that it was always in her way when she cleaned and was a dust catcher. She recalls that TIMOTHY HOBSON used the typewriter and presumes that PRISCILLA HISS used the typewriter, but has no recollection of ALGER HISS having ever used this typewriter.

She remembered that while living on 30th Street, the HISSSES had black dining room chairs with gold ivvy designs on the backs of them. On this occasion, she stated she believed the HISSSES procured these chairs after they moved to 30th Street. She also recalls a large bench being in the house on 30th Street and recalls a table that was in the HISSSES' house, one leaf of which was cracked or warped. She had no recollection of Mr. and Mrs. HISS ever leaving the house on an excursion

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to study birds and on being questioned as to whether or not the HISSSES ever went to church, answered, "Not that I know about. If they did they never said anything about it to me". She recalled one occasion on which Mrs. HISS was absent from the city and she believed she was on a visit to her relatives and that Mr. HISS had gone after her to return her to Washington. She recalled an accident to TIMOTHY HOBSON in which he was struck by an automobile at 27th and P Streets, N. W. and his leg was broken. She recalled that ALGER HISS called PRISCILLA HISS by the nickname "PROSSIE". She had no recollection of any nickname that Mrs. HISS might have used when referring to ALGER HISS.

CLAUDIE CATLETT recalls an old automobile that the HISSSES had, which car was a Ford, either black or blue in color and was old and rusty looking. She stated that they used to joke with her about her purchasing the car when they got rid of it. She stated that when she first started doing laundry work for the HISSSES, she did this work on her own home and the HISSSES would bring the laundry to her home in the Ford.

She stated she became a regular employee of the HISSSES when on their regular maid's day off one week, she cooked for ALGER HISS and TIMOTHY HOBSON. They liked her cooking so much better than that of the regular maid that they hired her as a regular maid. She recalls one night while baby sitting with TIMOTHY HOBSON at the Volta Place address of the HISSSES, that a man came to the front door around 8:00 PM and asked for Mr. and Mrs. HISS. She advised that they were not in and he went away. It is her recollection, however, that he returned later prior to the HISSSES' having returned home and was again sent away. She does not recall this man as having returned to the HISS home at the time of the HISSSES' return home on this particular evening.

She was, at this time, reinterviewed concerning the dates of her employment with the HISS family and offered the following information which assisted in giving more exactly the period of her employment. She stated that the first address of the HISSSES, when she was employed regularly as a full time maid and cook was 2905 P Street, N. W. It is noted that the HISSSES resided at this address from May of 1935 until June of 1936. She had previously stated that she was referred to Mrs. ALGER HISS by Mrs. DONALD HISS soon after the latter's marriage to DONALD HISS. The date of this marriage was December 30, 1933. This date obviously would be erroneous as the ALGER HISSSES were at that time living at 3411 O Street and CLAUDIE CATLETT recalls definitely that they were living at 2905 P Street, N. W. when she first started to work for them. It was at this address, 2905 P Street, N. W., where CLAUDIE CATLETT

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was the regular maid and cooked for the ALGER HISSES, that she recalls meeting the man whom she now knows to be WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Upon being interviewed as to the number of times Mr. CHAMBERS called at the HISS home, she stated that once she saw a person, she paid no more attention to him and was only interested in doing her work and going home as she had a large family which she had to support. As to having seen Mr. CHAMBERS while the HISSES lived at 1245 30th Street, N. W. and 3415 Volta Place, N. W., she could only say that it was possible that Mr. CHAMBERS had been there, that she was unable to recall the circumstances of such a visit.

In response to ^{EPFS} questioning concerning other maids who had worked for Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS, Mrs. CATLETT could only recall the name of one other maid, DRUCILLA, who was working for Mrs. HISS after she became ill and had to leave their employ. This period, she recalls at this time, as around 1940 or 1941. The only information she was able to give concerning DRUCILLA was that she worked at a lunchroom in the 2100 block of P Street, N. W. The only further information she had concerning other domestic help was that she had learned that after her resignation, the HISSES employed many maids and cooks inasmuch as the work was tedious and few of the employees would put up with the long hours and hard work over any period of time. CLAUDIE CATLETT recalled that in the fall of 1938, she went to the Georgetown Hospital Clinic and as a result of the doctor's advice, she stopped working entirely for the HISS family.

The records of the Georgetown Hospital show that CLAUDIE CATLETT was an out patient on August 24, 31 and November 16, 1938. Miss MARGARET LUDDEN of the Georgetown Hospital, stated that in order to divulge any further information, written permission from the patient would be required. However, these are the only dates their records show that CLAUDIE CATLETT was treated. CLAUDIE CATLETT advised that she was not working for Mrs. HISS at the time she went to the Georgetown Hospital and that it was not until over a year had passed that she felt able to do domestic work and at no time subsequent to the fall of 1938 was she employed full time for Mrs. ALGER HISS.

CLAUDIE CATLETT was questioned as to the possibility of her having helped Mrs. HISS during Christmas season of 1938, to which she answered she could not have been working and that it was the Christmas of 1939 before she returned to the HISSES' address on Volta Place to help her. It was at this time in 1939, she recalls, that she met the maid DRUCILLA. She said she remembers the name DRUCILLA because it was much like Mrs. HISS's name which is PRISCILLA.

CLAUDIE CATLETT could recall no further information regarding the typewriter owned by ALGER HISS nor was she able to recall ever having

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seen a certificate of ownership or title for the old Ford roadster owned by HISS.

CLAUDIE CATLETT advised that upon recovering from her illness sometime around the end of 1939 or early 1940, she began doing day work for Mrs. ALGER HISS and other persons in Georgetown. She again reiterated that the last occasion of her meeting Mrs. ALGER HISS was on the street following her return from employment at Long Island, New York. This was about four years ago.

On February 10, 1949, Mrs. CLAUDIE CATLETT was again interviewed at her home at 542 Kent Street, Winchester, Virginia by Special Agents ROBERT O. CHICHESTER and the writer. At this time, a signed statement was taken from her containing all pertinent information that she was able to give concerning this matter. At the time of the taking of this statement, every effort was made to procure all information that Mrs. CATLETT was able to recall at the present time. It is to be noted that CLAUDIE CATLETT has been interviewed on several previous occasions, during each of which she has given conflicting information. At the conclusion of this signed statement, previous inconsistencies will be set out. It is to be further noted that CATLETT is uneducated and not of high intelligence. She has, however, attempted to cooperate insofar as she is able to do. Following is a copy of the signed statement as furnished by CLAUDIE CATLETT:

"Winchester, Va.

Feb. 10, 1949

"I, Claudie Catlett, give the following statement to Robert O. Chichester and John E. Howard, who I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to give this statement. I have been advised that I do not have to make any such statement and that I have the right to consult an Attorney prior to giving a statement. I know that any statement I may make can be used as evidence in Federal Court.

"My maiden name is Claudie Myers, I was married about 27 years ago to Perry L. Catlett, I do not know whether or not my husband has procured a divorce. I am usually known as Claudie Catlett in Washington, D. C. and Claudie Myers in Winchester, Va. I now live at 542 N. Kent St., Winchester, Va. I am 47 years of age and I have 5 living children. I first did laundry work for Mrs. Alger Hiss, as well as I can now recall this was about six months before the Hisses moved to the house on 30th St. I first started working for Mrs. Alger Hiss on the recommendation of Mrs. Donald Hiss. When I first started working for Mrs. Hiss she would

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"bring her laundry to my house and call for it when it was done. I did laundry work for Mrs. Hiss for about 2 weeks then went to work regular for her. When the Hisses moved from P St. to 30th St. they took with them one bed, several small chairs, some of which were black with a gold ivy design on them, a secretary, a small table, their books, their typewriter, and their personal belongings. These household goods were moved by some moving company the name of which I no longer recall. During the time the Alger Hisses lived on 30th St. I worked for them every day, with a half day off on Thursdays and Sundays, I usually went to work at 8 am the time I would leave would vary, I sometimes worked to 9 or 10 pm and later. I went with the Alger Hisses when they moved to Volta Pl. and continued working for them as I had on 30th St.

"As well as I can recall at present I stopped working for the Alger Hisses sometime in the summer of 1938. After I quit working for them Mrs. Hiss would come to see me at my home at 2728 P Street, N. W. She finally suggested that I go to the clinic at Georgetown Hospital, which I did. Prior to my illness in the summer of 1938 I had worked steadily for them since going to work for them on P St. with only an occasional day off due to illness. The only times I would not work for any period of time would be while the Hisses were out of town. While working for the Alger Hisses regularly I did general housework, laundry, cooking and sometimes baby sitting.

"On Feb. 1, 1949 I was introduced to Mr. Whittaker Chambers, in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. As soon as I saw Mr. Chambers I recalled that I had known him before. I did not know Mr. Chambers' name when I saw him before and do not now recall any name that he was known by or called by at that time. As well as I can presently recall I saw Mr. Chambers, prior to meeting him at the F.B.I. office, at 2905 P St. N. W. As well as I can recall Mr. Chambers came to the Alger Hisses house on P St. and I went to the door to let him in about the time I got the door open Mrs. Hiss came to the door from the living room and asked me to fix some tea for them. I then went to the kitchen in the basement to fix tea. I served this tea to Mrs. Hiss and Mr. Chambers in the parlor which was then in back on the floor above the basement. I merely took the tea thing in and placed them on the table, but in doing so I took a good look at the man who I now know was Chambers. I looked at this man closely at this time because I had never seen him before and also because he was poorly dressed and did not look like the people who usually called at the Alger Hisses. I do not ever recall seeing the man I now know as Mr. Chambers again, I feel positive I never saw him after the Hisses moved from P St. I may have seen him on another occasion on P St. but I do not remember it at this time. I do not recall Mr. Chambers staying

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"overnight or for any period of time at the home of the Alger Hisses while I worked for them.

"After I quit working for the Hisses I did no work at all for some time as well as I can recall now I did no work from the summer of 1938 to about Christmas 1938. At Christmas 1938 I helped the Hisses regular maid serve dinner. After this I started doing days work for the Hisses and others. I never went back to working regular for the Alger Hisses.

"I recall seeing a red rug with a fringe on it in the Hisses house on 30th. This rug was in a closet next to the kitchen in the front part of the basement. The rug was rolled up & tied it was a regular room size rug. The Hisses did not use this rug in the house on 30th St. and I don't know when or where they got it. They may have had the rug while living on P St. as there was a room there in which things were stored. That room was locked and I never went in it.

"I recall asking Mrs. Hiss why they did not use this rug and as well as I can recall at this time she told me it was because it did not belong to her. Later on when they moved to the Volta Pl. house this rug was put on the floor of ~~Tin Hobson's~~ room.

"When I first went to work for the Alger Hisses they had a rusty looking old car with a top that let down. This car had a single seat in front & a rumble seat in back. While still living on P St. they bought a new gray automobile. For awhile both the new gray car and the old rusty one were parked out in front of the house on P St. Sometime about two weeks after the Hisses bought the gray car the old car was taken away and I never saw it after that. I don't know what happened to the old car, but I never saw it again. I am sure they got the new car on P St. because I remember seeing the two cars parked together and because they would take me home in the new car, they never took me home in the old car.

"I recall the Alger Hisses had a typewriter which I first saw on P St. I do not know the make of this typewriter, nor do I know whether or not it was a portable typewriter. If it was a portable I never saw it in any case. I remember they moved this typewriter from P St. to 30th St. and from 30th St. to Volta Pl. After the Hisses moved from 3210 P St. I went there to visit them I saw a typewriter in the house at this time. I do not know that it was the same typewriter that they had when I worked for them but it looked the same as far as I can recall. I have seen a photograph of Mrs. Whittaker Chambers and the Chambers' child but I do not recall ever having seen the people at any

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"time. I do not recall them ever visiting the Alger Hisses at any of the places that I worked for them or at any time while I was there.

"When the Alger Hisses moved from 30th St. to Volta Pl. their furniture and household effects were moved for them by moving van. I do not know the name of the company to which this van belonged. So far as I know they moved everything in the 30th St. house to Volta Pl. with the exception of the kitchen stove and other such fixtures.

"When I helped serve at the Alger Hiss home at Christmas 1938 the maid who was at that time working for them was named Drucilla.^{EPPS} She is the only maid who worked for the Hisses whose name is known to me.

"Mr. Chichester has read the foregoing statement aloud in my presence and has gone over it with me. I understand its meaning and have initialed each page of it and the errors in it. This statement is written in longhand on this and 5 other pages. This statement is true and correct to the best of my present recollection and belief.

Signed/ Claudie Catlett

Witnessed: at Winchester, Va. Feb. 10, 1949

Robert O. Chichester - Special Agent, F.B.I.

John E. Howard - Special Agent, F.B.I."

The original of this statement is being forwarded to the New York Office as an enclosure.

In her signed statement, CLAUDIE CATLETT stated that "When the HISSES moved from P Street to 30th Street, they took with them their bed, several chairs, some of which were black with a gold ivy design on them". On previous interview, CATLETT advised Special Agent C. J. JONES that these chairs which were also recalled by CHAMBERS, were acquired after the HISSES moved to 30th Street. She now states, however, that these chairs were among the few articles of furniture taken from P Street to 30th Street by the HISSES. This is outstanding in her mind as most of the furniture in the house at 2905 P Street was not the property of the HISSES and was left in the house when they moved. CLAUDIE CATLETT states in her signed statement, "As well as I can recall at present, I stopped working for the ALGER HISSES sometime in the summer of 1938." She has previously stated that she stopped work in the fall of 1938 and that she did not do any work whatever until after January of 1939. She is now quite definite that she stopped working

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at about the same time that Dr. EASTER, her family physician, started treating her. This is borne out by the fact that public assistance records which were confidentially afforded this office, show that Dr. R. A. EASTER issued a certificate that Mrs. CATLETT was suffering from bronchial asthma and myrcaditis. These records show further that Mrs. CATLETT was on direct relief from June of 1938 until July of 1940.

Miss DORIS ANDREWS, Assistant Superintendent, District of Columbia Public Assistance Department, would be the proper person to subpoena in the event these records are needed as evidence.

CLAUDIE CATLETT states in her signed statement: "On February 1, 1949, I was introduced to Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. As soon as I saw him I recalled that I had known him before." On January 26, 1949, when first interviewed by agents of this office, Mrs. CATLETT was shown a photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS which photograph she failed to identify as being anyone she had ever seen before

On February 1, 1949, on being presented to Mr. CHAMBERS in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., it was observed by Special Agent C. J. JONES who made the introduction, that CATLETT did immediately identify Mr. CHAMBERS. In her statement, CATLETT stated in part, "I did not ever recall seeing the man I know as Mr. CHAMBERS again. I feel positive I never saw him after the HISSES lived on P Street." CATLETT had previously stated that she might have seen him at 1245 30th Street or 3415 Volta Place. She stated further on this occasion that she was only able to say that it was possible that CHAMBERS might have been in one of the other of these addresses or both of them but she didn't recall any such occasion. She now stated that she does not feel that it is possible that she could have seen CHAMBERS any place except at the 2905 P Street address. In her previous statement, CATLETT states that "After I quit working for the HISSES I did not work at all for some time as well as I could recall now I did no work from the summer of 1938 until 1939".

CLAUDIE CATLETT now recalls that at Christmas, 1938, she worked for the HISSES helping serve Christmas dinner. She recalls this as during the time that she was ill at home and Mrs. HISS would come to see her from time to time. On one of these visits, Mrs. HISS recommended that she go to Georgetown Hospital clinic for treatment. This she did and the records of the Georgetown Hospital, Washington, D. C. show that CLAUDIE CATLETT was an out patient on August 23 and 31 and November 16, 1938. CATLETT now states that she recalls that she worked for the HISSES at Christmas 1938 because she went to the HISSES

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a short time before Christmas of 1938 at which time she recalled Mrs. HISS had asked her if she was ready to go back to work. In reply, CATLETT told Mrs. HISS she was not returning to work but had come to see if Mrs. HISS was going to give her a Christmas present. Mrs. HISS said she was going to give her a present and at that time arrangements were made for her, CATLETT, to assist the regular maid at Christmas dinner, 1938.

SONS OF CLAUDIE CATLETT

CLAUDIE CATLETT has advised that she has three sons, JAMES RALPH CATLETT, SYLVESTER CATLETT and PERRY CATLETT, Jr.. She has two daughters, MARY CATLETT and BERNETTA FISHER. She states that her daughters lived with and were raised by Dr. R. A. EASTER who is now deceased. She stated that they were not living at home while she was working for the HISSSES and would have no knowledge of her relationship with the HISSSES. These daughters have not therefore been interviewed.

JAMES RALPH CATLETT, 2728 P Street, N. W., age 21, on January 28, 1949, advised Special Agents DONALD WALTER and ROBERT O. CHICHESTER that he is the son of CLAUDIE CATLETT and he recalls members of the DONALD HISS and ALGER HISS families. JAMES CATLETT advised that he was only ten years of age at the time and that he used to play with the step-son of ALGER HISS, "TIMMY". JAMES CATLETT advised that he has no recollection of the associates or contacts of any member of the HISS family and he was unable to identify photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

RAYMOND SYLVESTER CATLETT, age 27, 2728 P Street, N. W., on the same date, advised agents WALTER and CHICHESTER that he is the son of CLAUDIE CATLETT, and that he recalls members of the HISS family as he was in their home many times when his mother was employed as a maid by the HISS family. RAYMOND was unable to identify the photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS which was shown by the interviewing agents and he advised that he did not know any of the associates or visitors at the HISS home. When queried regarding the Ford which belonged to ALGER HISS, RAYMOND CATLETT advised it was his recollection that the Ford was so old that it had no trade-in value and as a result ALGER HISS had offered the car as a present to his mother but the offer had been declined inasmuch as CLAUDIE CATLETT could not drive and her sons were not old enough to attain a driver's license in the District of Columbia. In connection with this, it is to be noted that CLAUDIE CATLETT advised that her recollection of this incident is that it was a joke between herself and the HISSSES, that she would purchase this automobile when they were

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ready to dispose of it but that it was not taken seriously on the part of either party that she would ever actually have this automobile. RAYMOND CATLETT advised that he has no clear recollection of other maids employed by the HISS family but he did recall that one of the maids lived in the 2500 block of P Street, N. W., although he did not know the exact address.

On January 30, 1949, RAYMOND CATLETT was reinterviewed by the same agents and he furnished additional information, including the fact that when the ALGER HISSSES moved from 2905 P Street, N. W. and 1245 30th Street, N. W., it was his duty to clean up the home from which they had moved. He advised that in connection with these duties, he had picked up some ties and magazines which had been left by the HISS family and had taken them home. He also recalled that he found among this material, a book that he believed to be a diary when the HISS family moved from 2905 P Street, N. W. He stated that he believed it to be a diary despite the fact that he was unable to read any of the writing in this notebook. He advised he took the diary to his home and attempted to read it but finding that the writing was not legible, he tore out the pages which had been written on and retained only the blank pages. He states that this book was a green bound book but he was unable to describe it further. He was queried as to whom the diary belonged and he stated he was not certain but he believed that it belonged to ALGER HISS.

Mrs. CLAUDIE CATLETT was interrogated regarding the above mentioned notebook on February 1, 1949 but she could not recall having ever seen it and furthermore added that her son had never advised her of the fact that he had it in his possession. RAYMOND CATLETT advised that he had been in the HISS home many times and that the only typewriter he could recall having seen was what he believed to be a portable typewriter inasmuch as it was always covered with a hard box cover. He was unable to recall the make of the typewriter or further describe it.

PERRY CATLETT, Jr., 733 Howard Road, S. E., is the oldest and best acquainted of CLAUDIE CATLETT's three sons with the ALGER HISS family. PERRY was interviewed on February 2, 1949 and stated that he was employed by Mrs. HISS when they lived at 3415 Volta Place, N. W., doing odd jobs such as washing windows and fixing floors. PERRY CATLETT stated that he is now 28 years old so that at the time he worked for the HISSSES he must have been about 18. He was unable to recall ALGER HISS's automobiles or anything concerning typewriters or other materials concerning the activities or possessions of Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS. He also stated he was unable to recall the names of any of the maids employed by the HISSSES but that he could possibly remember them if he were to see them. He stated that his period of employment with Mrs. HISS ended when

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his mother stopped working and since this time he obtained a job with the WPA at Gravelly Point where he worked full time in order to support the family. He could not recall when he first began work for the HISSES but believed it was when they first moved to 3415 Volta Place, N. W.

On February 4, 1949, Agents WALTER and CHICHESTER again interviewed PERRY CATLETT in an effort to more specifically determine the date on which his mother terminated her employment with the ALGER HISS family. PERRY CATLETT was extremely nebulous in regard to dates but he recalled that at the time his mother ceased working for the HISSES, there was a warrant issued against his father charging non-support. He further recalled that at that time it was necessary for his mother to obtain direct relief from the Department of Public Assistance inasmuch as no member of the family was gainfully employed. PERRY CATLETT could furnish no further information other than that previously supplied.

On February 9, 1949, PERRY CATLETT was again interviewed by Agents CHICHESTER and WALTER for the purpose of straightening out discrepancies revolving around the period of time in which he went to work at Gravelly Point on the National Airport for the WPA. In this connection, PERRY CATLETT furnished the following signed statement:

February 9, 1949
Washington, D. C.

"I, Perry M. Catlett, give the following signed statement voluntarily. No threats or physical violence have been used against me and no promises or rewards have been made me or offered to me. This statement is made to Robert O. Chichester and Donald Walter who are known to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I. I have been advised of my right to retain a lawyer and that this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I have worked for Mr. and Mrs. Alger Hiss since they lived on 30th St. doing odd jobs, this was about 2 or 3 times a week - until the time when I went to work out at the airport at Gravelly Point. I worked for the Hiss's doing odd jobs when they lived on Volta Place. It was during this time that my mother got sick. She stopped doing regular work for Mrs. Alger Hiss and so she only did 'days work' for them after she was told by Dr. R. A. Easter that she was too ill to work regularly. I don't recall the exact dates but I continued doing odd jobs and my mother continued doing days work. I worked for the Georgetown Radio Company, 3264 'M' St. N. W. at the same time I did odd jobs for Mr. Alger Hiss. I worked both places during summers up until the Georgetown Radio Co., under Mr. John M. Morris, went out of business. I didn't work for Mr. Hiss

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"in the winter while I was going to Phelps Vocational School, 24th and Benning Rd., N. E. but my mother was still at Mrs. Alger Hiss's home then. Then there was a period of 4 to 8 months after I left the Georgetown Radio Co. around 1939 that I didn't work. This four to eight months was the period just before I went to work at the National Airport. That is, both my mother and I stopped working for the Hisses at the same time. I no longer worked for Mr. or Mrs. Alger Hiss after I went to work for the WPA - at the National Airport. This was in 1939. I got married September 18, 1941 and Mr. Alger Hiss came to my wedding. That is the last time I saw him. The maid that followed my mother at Volta Place was Drusilla. I can't remember seeing any other maids, there may have been other maids working when my mother was too sick to work full time but Drusilla, I recall, was the next maid after my mother.

"This is the truth to the best of my belief. I have read and understand everything in these three handwritten pages and have signed this in my own handwriting. I initialed the changes made above.

/s/ Perry M. Catlett

Witnessed:

Donald Walter

Special Agent, F.B.I.

Robert O. Chichester

Special Agent, F.B.I. "

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

In connection with his employment at Gravelly Point on the WPA, Agents WALTER and CHICHESTER attempted to locate a WPA record showing his employment there. However, Mrs. SMITH of the WPA Microfilm Section, stated that it is possible that his card was omitted from the film when it was made inasmuch as a review of it failed to show any record of such employment of PERRY CATLETT.

Mrs. JUANITA WITT of the Howard P. Foley Company, advised that the project on which CATLETT states he was employed was handled by the Foley Company from June of 1939 to sometime in 1941 but she did not have the exact dates.

DOMESTIC HELP EMPLOYED BY THE HISSES

GRADY BYRD
1406 11th Street, N. W., Apt. 4

Kisseloff-1888

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent

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PAUL H. HOGE.

The records of the Ladies' Exchange Employment Agency, examined by Special Agents HOGE and ROBERT F. SAVAGE on January 31, 1949, reflected that one GRADY BYRD, 1406 11th Street, N. W., Apartment #4, registered for employment through that agency indicating that she had been employed by L. G. HISS, 1534 Volta Place, for seven months, registering with this agency on April 20, 1939.

Inquiry at 1406 11th Street, N. W., disclosed that Mrs. BYRD was residing at 609 M Street and was employed as a car painter by the Washington Terminal Company, Washington, D. C. On January 31, 1949, Agents HOGE and SAVAGE interviewed Mrs. BYRD at the Railroad Terminal. She advised that to the best of her recollection, she was employed by the HISSES for approximately two years prior to December 1, 1938. She said she could not recall the names of any of the maids who worked for the HISSES prior to this date or subsequent thereto during which period she worked for the HISSES for short intervals of one or two days. She further advised that she could establish the date of her termination as December 1, 1938 because on this date she left Freedman's Hospital after a serious operation involving ruptured appendix. She advised that in her opinion it would have been impossible for her to have been employed by the HISSES prior to about January 15, 1939 because of the seriousness of her condition. She went to her home in North Carolina and stayed there for about two weeks, having previously been bedridden in her home in Washington, D. C. for about a two week period prior to going to North Carolina. She stated that upon her return to Washington, she was unable to be employed for a period of at least two weeks and probably longer.

Mrs. BYRD was unable to identify the photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and described the car owned by the HISSES at the time she was employed by them as a Plymouth, gray in color. She states she recalled this automobile especially as her sister's boyfriend owned a car identical to it at the time.

On February 2, 1949, Agents HOGE and JOHN W. SWANSON again interviewed Mrs. BYRD regarding any acquaintance she may have had with JULIA RANKIN and CLAUDIE CATLETT who were allegedly employed by the HISSES possibly during or shortly after the employment of Mrs. BYRD. Mrs. BYRD denied knowing or ever having met persons by these names.

On February 1, 1949, Mrs. BYRD voluntarily came to the Washington Field Office at which time she was introduced to Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS by Special Agent C. J. JONES and was interviewed by Agent JONES

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in Mr. CHAMBER'S presence. At this time, she stated that she had no past recollection of Mr. CHAMBERS. Mr. CHAMBERS likewise advised that he did not recall ever having seen her on any previous occasion. Mrs. BYRD advised that she went to the hospital with a ruptured appendix around Thanksgiving of 1938 and was released from the hospital on December 1, 1938. She stated that for sometime after this she could not return to work as indicated in the previous interview with her and she placed this as probably being after January of 1939. She recalls that this operation was performed by a Dr. BULLOCK and took place shortly after Thanksgiving of 1938. She had a very hazy recollection of her employment with the ALGER HISSES and said that she was confined strictly to working for the HISSES while they resided at 3415 Volta Place, N. W.

It is to be noted that in her previous interview, Mrs. BYRD said that she had worked for the HISSES for two years prior to being stricken with appendicitis. It was pointed out to her by Agent JONES that the Ladies' Exchange records reflected that she, when registering with that organization on April 20, 1939, stated that she had been employed by a Mrs. L. G. HISS, 1534 Volta Place for the past seven months. She then said that she must have confused the period of her employment with that period of time she worked for lawyer DENNI HUGHES, on the first interview she had with agents and that if the Ladies' Exchange records showed she had worked for the HISSES for only seven months, that would be the correct information.

It was observed by Agents JONES that GRADY BYRD might be described as slow mentally. It is noted that she said L. G. HISS, 1534 Volta Place, when she should have advised the people at the Ladies' Exchange that her former employer was ALGER HISS, 3415 Volta Place.

DRUCILLA EPPS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DONALD WALTER and ROBERT O. CHICHESTER.

Mr. GEORGE BANKS, 2503 Tracy Place, N. W., was interviewed on February 4, 1949. GEORGE BANKS is a negro, currently employed as a butler for Mrs. E. NAUDIAN SILONS. He advised that he was previously employed as a butler by Mrs. W. C. LOUCHHEIM. BANKS advised that during the time he was employed by the LOUCHHEIM family he recalls that the ALGER HISSES were entertained in the LOUCHHEIM home. He advised that he was not personally acquainted with any member of the HISS family but added that he recalls a maid employed at the HISS home by the name of DRUCILLA EPPS. He stated that he recalls DRUCILLA only because she had been employed in the LOUCHHEIM home previous to that time she became employed

by ALGER HISS. BANKS concluded by stating that he does not recall any other domestic help retained by the ALGER HISS family.

On February 2, 1949, Mrs. DRUCILLA EPPS, presently residing at 1218 Wylie Court, N. E., was interviewed by Agents WALTER and CHICHESTER. She stated that she is now employed as a maid and waitress in Wesley Hall, 1426 21st Street, N. W. Mrs. EPPS stated that before going to work for the ALGER HISS family she did day work for Mrs. W. C. LOUCHHEIM, Jr. and that Mrs. LOUCHHEIM referred her to the HISS family. As a result of this, she began doing part-time work for the HISSES and became a full-time maid when PRISCILLA HISS became employed at the Library of Congress. Mrs. EPPS stated that she believed that she worked part-time for the HISS family approximately two or three months before her full-time employment with them began. Mrs. EPPS believes that she started part-time work for the HISSES in the spring of 1939. In this connection, it is to be noted that CLAUDIE CATLETT, in her statement, stated that she recalls working at the ALGER HISS, serving Christmas dinner in 1938 with DRUCILLA EPPS.

DRUCILLA EPPS recalls that when she became employed by the HISSES, her daughter was approximately ten or eleven months of age. This daughter was born on March 7, 1938. She also believes she made application in the spring of 1939 because she recalls she went to the HISS home the first time without a topcoat or overcoat. Mrs. EPPS stated that she left the HISSES' employ in early 1941. She recalls this because it was at that time that her mother-in-law became ill and could not care for her child while she was at the HISS home and at the same time her husband was injured in an automobile accident. Because of these events, it was necessary for her to terminate her employment with the HISS family. She feels certain that she became employed by the ALGER HISS family after March of 1939 because as she recalls, she was not working for the Hiss family on her baby's first birthday which she states she well remembers.

Mrs. EPPS stated that there were not many callers at the HISS home and that she believes she would recall the face of any person who visited them while she was there. When shown a picture of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Mrs. EPPS stated she could not recall having ever previously seen him. She stated that she had been following the case in the newspapers and that she has previously seen a picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in the newspapers but she could not recall ever having seen him at the HISS home.

DRUCILLA EPPS could not recall ever having seen a typewriter of any kind in the ALGER HISS home. Mrs. EPPS stated that she does not know who was employed by the HISS family as a maid previous to the time she became employed by them nor did she know the name of the maid who

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succeeded her. She said that she has never seen the maid who preceded her nor could she recognize her upon sight. She did recall that CLAUDIE CATLETT had done occasional work for the ALGER HISS family while she was employed there and on two or three occasions CLAUDIE CATLETT assisted her in serving dinner when additional guests were invited to the HISS home. Mrs. EPPS recalls having served a Christmas dinner at the HISS home when she was assisted by CLAUDIE CATLETT. She recalls this having been the Christmas of 1939. She bases this upon the fact that she recalls having been employed by the ALGER HISSES over two Christmases. She remembers that Christmas presents were given her on these occasions, the first of which she received a \$5.00 bill and a robe and the second Christmas she received \$10.00 in cash. Mrs. EPPS stated that she has not seen or talked to any member of the HISS family since she left their employ.

DRUCILLA EPPS, upon being presented to Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, could not recall him nor could he recall ever having seen her prior to this occasion.

~~MARY T. DANIEL~~

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents HARRY K. CLAYTON and THOMAS A. CONROY.

On January 31, 1949, MARY T. DANIEL, 516 Columbia Road, N. W., was interviewed at her home. She stated that she was employed by Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS as a maid from October of 1941 until January of 1942. She further stated that Mrs. HISS was convalescing from childbirth at that time and due to this fact they had very few visitors. Those who did come seemed to be relatives but Mrs. DANIEL could not remember any of their names. She also stated that to her knowledge there was no typewriter in the HISS home during the time she was employed there and when shown a photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, she was unable to recognize it.

~~GENOA MORSE~~

On February 1, 1949, GENOA MORSE, Apartment #B, 4691 Bennings Road, N. E., voluntarily came to the Washington Field Office to see Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Upon being presented to Mr. CHAMBERS, she did not recognize him and he was unable to recognize her, either her appearance or through questioning. It is to be noted that GENOA MORSE has previously been interviewed concerning her knowledge of instant matter and this interview is set out in the report of Special Agent C. J. JONES dated January 28, 1949 at Washington, D. C., Page 49.

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LUCY MAE MORSE

On February 1, 1949, LUCY MAE MORSE, Apartment #B, 4691 Bennings Road, N. E., voluntarily came to the Washington Field Office to see and to attempt to identify Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. She was unable to recognize Mr. CHAMBERS as anyone she had ever seen before. Mr. CHAMBERS was likewise unable to identify LUCY MAE MORSE either from appearance or through questioning. It is to be noted that LUCY MAE MORSE has previously been interviewed by agents of this office and this interview is set out in the report of Special Agent C. J. JONES dated January 28, 1949 at Washington, D. C., Page 52.

KATHLEEN GOOSBY

On February 1, 1949, Mrs. KATHLEEN GOOSBY, 509 Florida Avenue, N. W., voluntarily came to the Washington Field Office to see Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and attempt to identify them. Mrs. GOOSBY was unable to identify Mr. CHAMBERS and Mr. CHAMBERS was likewise unable to identify Mrs. GOOSBY either through recognition of her as anyone previously known to him or through questioning. It is to be noted that Mrs. GOOSBY was previously interviewed at the Washington Field Office and such interview is set out in the report of Special Agent C. J. JONES dated January 28, 1949 at Washington, D. C., Page 51.

REBECCA TRUSTY

REBECCA TRUSTY, 1337 27th Street, N. W., was employed by the ALGER HISSES as a maid from 1946 to 1947. She was not presented to Mr. CHAMBERS nor was she reinterviewed as the period of her employment was not pertinent to this phase of the investigation. She was originally interviewed by agents of this office and this interview is set out in the report of Special Agent C. J. JONES, dated January 28, 1949 at Washington, D. C., Page 48.

IRIS HILL

IRIS HILL, maid of ELIZABETH and GEOFFREY MAY, 1343 30th Street, N. W., who was purported to be friendly with the HISSES' servants when the ALGER HISSES lived at 1245 30th Street, N. W., was interviewed at her home at 2301 G Street, N. W., by Special Agent ROBERT O. CHICHESTER concerning her acquaintance with domestic help of Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS and though she recalls working in Georgetown about seven years for the MAY family, she stated that she was unable to recall the names of any of the domestic servants who worked for Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS.

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JULIA RANKIN

It will be recalled that information has been received to the effect that a JULIA RANKIN had been employed as a maid by the HISSes subsequent to their employment of MARTHA POPE. RANKIN at that time was believed to have resided on Florida Avenue on a curve in this avenue across from a church that she regularly attended.

A survey of Florida Avenue by Special Agent EDWARD E. LINEHAN and CHARLES W. PEASINGER reflected that there were three colored churches which met the above description. First of these churches was the Simpson Memorial Methodist Church, 2253 Sherman Avenue, Northwest.

Reverend E. D. HALL, pastor of the Simpson Memorial Methodist Church, advised Special Agents LINEHAN and PEASINGER that he had been pastor there since 1947, that he was not acquainted with JULIA RANKIN. He made a search through the pastor's files of this church but he could not locate any person named RANKIN in the parish. He stated that JOHN F. MONROE, 5000 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, had been pastor of this church from 1938 to 1947 and that prior to that time for several years Reverend V. N. S. HUGHES of Gaithersburg, Maryland had been in charge of it.

Reverend JOHN F. MONROE was interviewed by Special Agents K. F. CARROLL and R. R. NICHOLS with negative results.

MELVIN MILES, 1414 V Street, Northwest, advised Special Agents CARROLL and NICHOLS that he had been clerk of this church for many years and maintained all records of membership and attendance. A thorough search was made of these records with negative results. MILES did not recall any JULIA RANKIN.

CHARLES MASSEY, 1319 Park Road, Northwest, advised Special Agents CARROLL and NICHOLS that he had been a long time member of the Simpson Memorial Church but he could not recall anyone by the name, JULIA RANKIN.

Reverend V. N. S. HUGHES and his wife advised Special Agents LINEHAN and PEASINGER that he could not recall any person by the name of JULIA RANKIN whatsoever. HUGHES advised that in the event there had been such a person residing in the vicinity of his former church or in attendance there, that he was certain that by his investigation he could locate her. HUGHES travelled to Washington, D.C. and subsequently advised that he had made extensive inquiries among members of the Simpson Memorial Methodist Church and of other friends and contacts of his in that vicinity, that he had been unable to obtain any information regarding JULIA RANKIN. He advised that there was a small Baptist Church approximately a half block away from the Simpson Memorial Methodist Church and that he had also made inquiries among the members of that church with negative results.

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A survey of Florida Avenue reflected that there was a Baptist Church at 935 Florida Avenue, Northwest, which is approximately a half block from the Simpson Memorial Church. Reverend P. YANCY, 602 Irving Street, Northwest, advised Special Agents EDWARD E. LINEHAN and CHARLES W. PEASINGER that he had been pastor of this church from its founding in 1927 to the present time. He was unable to provide any information regarding JULIA RANKIN.

ELIZABETH HAN advised Special Agents K. F. CARROLL and R. R. NICHOLS she was the clerk of this Baptist Church and maintained all of its records. A search was made of these records with negative results and HAN was aware of no information regarding JULIA RANKIN:

RISA NIXON advised Special Agents CARROLL and NICHOLS that she had been a member of the Baptist Church since about the time it was founded. She was unable to recall any person named JULIA RANKIN.

Approximately a block and a half from the last-named Baptist Church was located the Florida Avenue Baptist Church, at Seventh and Florida Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C. Reverend R. L. ROLLINS, 527 Gresham Place, Northwest, advised Special Agents EDWARD E. LINEHAN and CHARLES W. PEASINGER that he was pastor of this church but that he could not recall any person of the name JULIA RANKIN. ROLLINS advised that he had inherited a considerable amount of files from his predecessor who was now deceased and a thorough search was made of these files with negative results.

JOHN GREENE, 4301 Hayes Street, Northeast, advised Special Agent T. A. CONROY that he was the clerk and maintained the records of the Florida Avenue Baptist Church. A search of these records was negative. GREENE advised that he was a long time member of this church and was well acquainted with the membership but was unable to recall any person named JULIA RANKIN.

It was noted during the survey of Florida Avenue that there is a building occupied by the Friends Meeting at 2111 Florida Avenue, Northwest. SARA HADLEY, office secretary of this church, advised Special Agents CARROLL and NICHOLS that the records of that church did not reflect anyone by the name of JULIA RANKIN nor was she ever able to recall anyone by that name having attended the church. It is to be noted that the membership of this church is almost entirely white. Mrs. E. C. STANTON and Mrs. HULDAH RANDELL advised Special Agents CARROLL and NICHOLS that she had been long time members of this church and that they were not acquainted with anyone by the name of JULIA RANKIN.

In connection with this phase of the investigation, it is to be noted that the three most likely churches, the Simpson Memorial Church, Baptist Church at 935 Florida Avenue, Northwest, and the Florida Avenue Baptists Church are in the same neighborhood and are in close proximity one to the other.

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The following persons in that neighborhood were contacted with negative results in regard to JULIA RANKIN by Special Agents K. F. CARROLL and R. R. NICHOLS:

Mrs. MAUDE OLIVER, 986 Florida Avenue, Northwest
Mrs. GERTRUDE WALKER, 984 Florida Avenue, Northwest
Mrs. F. L. BURNETT, 982 Florida Avenue, Northwest
Mr. LESLIE FORTUNE, 978 Florida Avenue, Northwest
Mr. GEORGE N. BARNES, 2241 Tenth Street, Northwest
JAMES W. WILSON, 946 Florida Avenue, Northwest
Mrs. EDLIE BRIGGS, 948 Florida Avenue, Northwest
ETHEL BASSIE, 952 Florida Avenue, Northwest
CHESTER WOOD, 956 Florida Avenue, Northwest
WALTER CARTER, 958 Florida Avenue, Northwest
SAMUEL D. CROCKETT, 962 Florida Avenue, Northwest
Mrs. MAUDE V. ANDERSON, 964 Florida Avenue, Northwest
Mrs. ESTHER DAVIS, 966 Florida Avenue, Northwest
CHARLIE H. DORSEY, 970 Florida Avenue, Northwest
MARY N. STEWART, 972 Florida Avenue, Northwest

The following individuals in this neighborhood were contacted by Special Agents EDWARD E. LINEHAN and CHARLES W. PEASINGER:

Mrs. JOHN H. JOHNSON, 928 Florida Avenue, Northwest
HENRY T. MULLEN, 2010 Ninth Street, Northwest, operator of a moving and storage co.
EURL H. PERRY, 2009 Ninth Street, Northwest, a barber
ABRAHAM RITZENBERG, 929 Florida Avenue, Northwest, a junk dealer
CLARENCE M. DE VEILE, 1014 W Street, Northwest, a real estate agent

A review was made of the Washington, D.C. City Directories from 1930 to the present time but there was no listing of an individual by the name of JULIA RANKIN.

The following persons, listed in the 1948 City Directory and Telephone Directory under the name of RANKIN, were contacted by Special Agents K. F. CARROLL and R. R. NICHOLS with negative results:

ALEX B. RANKIN, 1815 L Street, Northeast
ALLAN C. RANKIN, 1924 - 35th Street, N.W.
C. G. RANKIN, 1502 S Street, S.E.
TOM W. RANKIN, 110 C Street, S.E.
WILLARD RANKIN, 1729 T Street, S.E.
S. C. F. RANKIN, 220 O Street, N.W.
HARVEY C. RANKIN, 401 - 65th Street, N.E.
BLANCHE RANKIN, 2115 - 14th Street, N.W.
IOWA and SADIE RANKIN, 223 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

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SCOTIA RANKIN, 1711 Fourth Street, N.W.
MARY H. RANKIN, 2215 - 14th Street, N.W.
MARY DOAN RANKIN, 1715 Riggs Place, N.W.
Mrs. FLORENCE RANKIN, 613 B Street, S.E.
Mrs. MAGNOLIA RANKIN, 725 Seventh Street, N.E.

The files of the Washington Office reflect that a JULIA RANKIN, 1123 Thirteenth Street, N.W., had applied for a clerical position in the Bureau in 1931. JOHN H. FRANCE advised that he has been at 1123 - 13th Street, N.W. since sometime prior to 1931, that he runs a rooming house at this address and that he had never had any colored persons staying with him and he was not acquainted with any JULIA RANKIN.

The Bureau advised by letter dated February 7, 1949, that the photograph attached to this individual's application for employment indicated that she was white. Her date of birth was given as February 3, 1893, and her height as 5' 6".

The files of the Credit Bureau and Stone's Mercantile Agency, Washington, D.C. were examined by Special Agents K. F. CARROLL and R. R. NICHOLS but no record of any JULIA RANKIN was located.

Special Employee NICHOLAS R. MANFREDA advised that a search of the files of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department indicated no record of a JULIA RANKIN.

Special Agent EDWARD E. LINEHAN examined the records of the District of Columbia Board of Welfare and no record of a JULIA RANKIN was located.

A search of the records of the National Negro Domestic Workers, Inc., 1738 Seventh Street, Northwest, by Special Agents CARROLL and NICHOLS was negative.

Special Agent ROBERT O. CHICHESTER examined the following records for JULIA RANKIN with negative results: The D. C. Health Clinic, the Food Handlers Permit files and the D. C. Venereal Disease Clinic records, employment records of Government Services Cafeterias, and the Civil Service Commission.

The files of the Identification Division of the FBI indicated that a JULIA RANKIN of Route 4, Greensboro, North Carolina had applied for a position as clerk at the Internal Revenue Department at Greensboro in 1943. The Charlotte Office was requested to ascertain if this individual had been a maid of the HISSes and by teletype of February 16, 1949, advised that investigation of this person reflected that she is not identical with the JULIA RANKIN who worked for HISS.

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JULIA HOLMES

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents PAUL H. HOGE, ROBERT F. SAVAGE and LELAND MILLER.

An examination of the records of the Lady's Exchange, presently located at 2037 K Street, N. W., made on February 18, 1949, by the writer and Agent SAVAGE, reflected that one JULIA HOLMES, on March 28, 1935, whose address was 2114 8th Street, N. W., enlisting her name with this Exchange for employment, listed "Mrs. WARD", 3405 O Street, N. W., as a former employer. Records of the Washington Credit Bureau reflected that JOHN H. WARD had lived at 3405 O Street, N. W. in 1935. It was also re-ascertained that Mr. WARD had previously resided at 2151 and 2230 California Street, N. W. prior to 1935.

In the neighborhood of 2114 8th Street, N. W., it was noted that this address was about one half block from Florida Avenue. A small church, not presently in use; is in the same block as this address, which facts appeared to coincide with the statement made by Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

It was also learned that JOHN H. WARD was a Harvard graduate. On the theory that JOHN H. WARD and the HISS family were acquainted, and that JULIA HOLMES was employed by both families, it was deemed advisable to contact JULIA HOLMES.

JULIA HOLMES' home was ascertained to be at 2828 Georgia Avenue and her place of employment at the Criminal Court Building, 5th and E Streets, N. W. She was interviewed by the writer and Agent MILLER at her place of employment on February 17, 1949. She advised she remembered JOHN H. WARD and his wife MARY, and that she had worked for them but during the time they lived on California Street. She said she had never been employed in Georgetown and was not acquainted with ALGER HISS, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or the name GEORGE CROSLY. She said she did not give 3405 as the address of JOHN WARD though she did list him as a reference for later employment and supposed that the Lady's Exchange had gotten the address of JOHN WARD from a telephone directory. JULIA HOLMES said she had previously resided at 2114 8th Street, N. W.

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MABEL LAMBERT

MABEL LAMBERT worked for the MAYS during the time they resided at 1243 30th Street, N. W., and she was interviewed by Special Agent CHICHESTER at her home at 2308 Ontario Road, N. W. She recalled working for the MAYS in Georgetown for a period of about two months during the time that Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS lived at 1245 30th Street, N. W. However, she stated that she was unable to recall the names of any of the servants employed by the HISSES.

CORDIE BOXLEY FRY

On February 8, 1949, Mrs. CORDIE BOXLEY FRY, 1000 Delaware Avenue, S. W., was interviewed by Special Agent DONALD WALTER at St. Elizabeth's Hospital where she is employed as a nurse trainee. Mrs. FRY advised that she was formerly employed by Mrs. DONALD HISS. She believes this to have been from late 1940 to late 1941. Mrs. FRY said that she does not recall the ALGER HISS family having ever been entertained in the DONALD HISS home while she was employed there. She added that she is unacquainted with any maids that were employed by the ALGER HISS family. She advised further that she could suggest the name of no one who might be acquainted with the domestic help of the ALGER HISS family.

HATTIE THOMAS

Efforts were made by Special Agents HARRY K. CLAYTON and THOMAS A. CONROY to locate one HATTIE THOMAS who is listed in the records of the Ladies' Exchange as having worked for a Mrs. HISS who resided at 2913 U Street, N. W. It is not known whether or not this has reference to the ALGER HISS family. It is noted, however, that the ALGER HISSES never resided at such an address in Washington but it is felt possible that THOMAS may have been mistaken in giving the address and therefore efforts were made to locate her for interview.

Mrs. L. DENDY and Mrs. HELEN JONES at 2139 L Street, advised that they have lived at this address for the past ten years but have no knowledge of Mrs. THOMAS.

Mrs. CARRIE WORMLEY, 2131 L Street, N. W., advised that she has lived at 2129 L Street, N. W., next to her present address, for the past 27 years but she has no recollection of HATTIE THOMAS. Her son, CARL WORMLEY, is a private detective and he could not recall Mrs. THOMAS but stated that an ISAAC RILEY, formerly ran a rooming house at 2129 L Street, N. W. in 1938. He stated that though he has no knowledge of

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RILEY's whereabouts, he thought he might recall HATTIE THOMAS had she ever lived at that address.

ISAAC RILEY, 1939 H Street, N. E., stated that he ran a rooming house at 2129 L Street, N. W. from about 1936 to 1939 or 1940. He stated he could not recall a HATTIE THOMAS but did recall an elderly woman by the name of THOMAS who resided there about 1939. He had no knowledge of her place of occupation or her present whereabouts.

City directories from 1936 to 1942 failed to reflect a HATTIE THOMAS at 2129 L Street, N. W.

In view of the foregoing, no further effort is being made to locate HATTIE THOMAS at the present time.

On February 16, 1949, Special Agent DONALD WALTER located the home on Foxhall Road, Washington, D. C., which was formerly occupied by the ZIFF family who had employed CLAUDIE CATLETT when she started working regularly after recovering sufficiently from the illness that had caused it to be necessary for her to cease her employment with the ALGER HISSES. Agent WALTER determined that the ZIFF family was not presently residing at this residence. Upon interview, MARY NELSON, who works for the family who reside next to the residence formerly occupied by the ZIFFS, recalled that CLAUDIE CATLETT was employed by the ZIFF family but did not recall the time that CATLETT went to work for them nor does she know when CATLETT ceased her employment there.

Through the records of the Credit Bureau and Stone's Mercantile Agency, Washington, D. C.; it was determined that Mr. ZIFF, for whom CLAUDIE CATLETT worked, was Mr. WILLIAM B. ZIFF, president of the Ziff-Davis Publication Company. It was further determined that Mr. ZIFF was more recently reported to be residing at P. O. Box #824, Bradenton, Florida. However, it is not definite that he can be located there as it is indicated that he commutes between his various estates and the office of the Ziff-Davis Company in Chicago, Illinois.

In an attempt to locate ELIZABETH FIELDS, who was formerly a maid employed by Mrs. LORENZO S. WINSLOW, 3411 Volta Place, N. W., and to ascertain if she knows the identity of maids employed by the HISSES on Volta Place, Special Agent PAUL H. HOGE made a check of the following agencies: Stone's Mercantile Agency, Washington Credit Bureau, Metropolitan Police Department, Georgetown and Columbia Heights Post Offices, Ladies' Exchange Employment Agency and the Madeleine Oyster Employment Agency, #6, Dupont Circle, Washington, D. C.

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In addition to the above telephone directories the city directories were also reviewed. Individuals bearing the names of FIELD were contacted and eliminated at the following addresses:

3132 V Street, N. W.
623 M Street, N. W.
1607 E Street, S. E.
1635 P Street, N. W.
1733 Cocoran Street, N. W.
1620 S Street, N. W.
1657 31st Street, N. W.
1006 Park Road, N. W.

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(1) Original signed statement of CLAUDIE CATLETT.

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CHICAGO OFFICE

At Chicago, Illinois:

At the Office of the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, Chicago, will determine whether or not Mr. WILLIAM B. ZIFF can presently be contacted and arrange for the appropriate office to interview him as to his recollection of the period during which CLAUDIE CATLETT was employed by his family as a maid while they resided on Foxhall Road, Washington, D. C.

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Extensive investigation conducted in the Washington, D. C. area to locate maids employed by the ALGER HISSES with particular reference to those employed from 1934 to 1938. Inquiries made at various friends, neighbors and acquaintances as to the identity of the HISSES' maids. At the time of CHAMBERS' visit to the WFO, Feb. 1 - 2, 1949, those maids who had been identified and who might locally have known Mr. CHAMBERS were brought before Mr. CHAMBERS in an attempt to effect a mutual identification. Only identification made was in connection with CLAUDIE CATLETT who definitely recalls CHAMBERS having called at HISSES' home while they resided at 2905 P Street, N. W. Has no definite recollection of his having called on them at any other address where they lived during the time she was employed by the HISSES. Signed statement procured from Mrs. CATLETT setting forth her recollection of CHAMBERS' visit to the ALGER HISS home and other information pertinent to this investigation. Records of those employment agencies located in the District of Columbia that deal in the supplying of domestic help checked. Those maids shown to have been employed by the ALGER HISSES located and interviewed wherever possible.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file #74-1333;
Report of Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES dated January 28, 1949 at Washington, D. C.

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