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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHARLES E. FRIZZELL, electrician, upon reinterview, furnished conflicting information concerning Woodstock typewriter he claims to have seen in HISS residence, 3210 P Street, N.W. Credit report reflects reputation poor. HARRY C. FELDSTONE in signed statement claims he does not know HISS family and says he has not handled a Woodstock typewriter since 1938. Additional friends and associates of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS interviewed with negative results. PRISCILLA HISS engaged in Women's Air Raid Warden activities; associates interviewed; typing specimens examined with negative results. Additional efforts made to locate baby sitters and maids with no success. Specimens from Woodstock typewriters within pertinent range examined by FBI Laboratory without effecting identification. No record Metropolitan Police Department concerning accident of TIMOTHY HOBSON February 19, 1937.

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CHARLES E. FRIZZELL

Reference is made to the interview of CHARLES E. FRIZZELL which is reflected in the report of Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES, dated January 28, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

On February 5, 1949, Special Agents DONALD D. CONNORS and THOMAS J. BARRY interviewed FRIZZELL at his home in the rear of 6100 MacArthur Boulevard, Brookmont, Maryland, and a signed statement was obtained.

It is noted that in the previous interview FRIZZELL furnished information concerning a Woodstock typewriter which he alleged to have seen in the HISS residence at 3210 P Street, N. W., while making electrical repairs.

The following signed statement was obtained from CHARLES E. FRIZZELL:

February 5, 1949
Brookmont, Montgomery
County, Maryland

"I, CHARLES E. FRIZZELL, make the following voluntary statement to DONALD D. CONNORS and THOMAS J. BARRY, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I have been told that I do not have to make this statement, but I wish to do so. I know that it may be used in a court of law, and I make it freely and voluntarily.

"My name is CHARLES E. FRIZZELL, and I reside at the rear of 6100 MacArthur Boulevard, Brookmont, Montgomery County, Maryland. I am employed at the Georgetown Electric Company, 1205 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D. C., and have been employed there for the last 25 years, off and on, not continuously.

"I know that I have done electrical repair and trouble work at the residence of ALGER HISS, 3210 P Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. I have been there six or eight times, but I can't tell just off hand. I can't recall that I have ever been to any residence of ALGER HISS other than 3210 P Street, N. W.

"One day while I was working at the HISS residence, I was repairing a lamp in the front bedroom. I had to move a table to get at a base plug and there was a typewriter on this table. There was no cover on this typewriter, and I remember that it was a Woodstock. The reason that I remember it was a Woodstock is because the name Woodstock was visible so I could see it. I couldn't miss it. I don't remember exactly where the word Woodstock was on the typewriter, but my recollection is that it was someplace on the top of the typewriter. I am pretty sure that this word Woodstock was in gold letters. The table I mentioned

was a square wood table, and besides the typewriter there was a small table lamp on the table. There was a standing lamp beside the table. This typewriter was not a portable typewriter. I know this because we have portable typewriters down at the shop

"I don't remember when it was that I saw this typewriter, but it was either 1943 or 1944, but I am not positive of these dates. I am certain that it was after 1940. The exact date can be found on the records of the Georgetown Electric Company. I usually put down on my work sheets the nature of the work and where it was done, so that if the customers make a squawk, we can show them right on the book what was done.

"I don't know ALGER HISS and wouldn't know him if I seen him. I know Mrs. HISS by seeing her. I never seen her type on the Woodstock typewriter.

"I saw three typewriters in the house, I mean the HISS residence. One was downstairs, and two were upstairs. I know that the one downstairs was an Underwood but I couldn't say what kind the other one upstairs was. The Underwood was in the living room, and the one upstairs that was not the Woodstock was in the rear bedroom. I remember this one particularly because I burned my glasses on a short circuit while in the rear bedroom.

"I saw all three of these typewriters the same day, and that was the day I worked in the front bedroom.

"I worked in that house another three or four times after this day, but the only typewriter I saw again was the one downstairs.

"The onliest time I seen the Woodstock was the day I worked in the front bedroom.

"I remember the HISS house well, because the maid used to give me a little refreshments. I don't know the maid's name.

"I have read foregoing statement consisting of three and a fraction pages. This statement is true to best of my knowledge. I have signed each page at bottom.

CHARLES EDWARD FRIZZELL"

Witnessed by: THOMAS J. BARRY, FBI
DONALD D. CONNORS, FBI,
Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1949
 Brookmont, Montgomery
 County, Maryland

"In connection with the signed statement I am prepared to furnish to Special Agents DONALD D. CONNORS and THOMAS J. BARRY, of the FBI, regarding the Woodstock typewriter I saw in the home of ALGER HISS on 3210 P Street, N. W., I have been told by the Agents that I have the right to consult an attorney, but I do not wish to do so.

CHARLES E. FRIZZELL"

Witnessed: THOMAS J. BARRY, FBI
 DONALD D. CONNORS, FBI,
 Washington, D. C.

During the latter interview Mr. FRIZZELL appeared to be calm, unhurried, and was not flustered. He did not give the outward appearance of lying, but the following discrepancies in the information he gave in the first interview and that which he gave in the second are noted:

1. In the first interview he advised that he remembered seeing a Woodstock typewriter in the front bedroom of 3210 P Street, N. W., on three or four occasions.
 In the second interview he said he had seen a Woodstock typewriter on only one occasion.
2. In the first interview he stated he had seen the Woodstock typewriter with a black cover on it.
 In the second interview he denied making that statement and said that he had never seen a cover either on the typewriter or in the vicinity of the typewriter.
3. In the first interview FRIZZELL mentioned having seen Mrs. PRISCILLA HISS typing on the Woodstock typewriter.
 In the second interview he said he had seen her typing on an unidentified typewriter in the living room of her residence.
4. In the first interview FRIZZELL stated Mrs. HISS appeared to be a good typist.
 In the second interview he said that he had no knowledge of Mrs. HISS' typing ability, and was not in a position to express any opinion regarding this matter.
5. FRIZZELL stated in the first interview that he had seen three typewriters in the HISS residence; a Woodstock in the front upstairs bedroom, an Underwood typewriter in the upstairs rear bedroom, and an unidentified typewriter downstairs.

In the second interview he said that he recalled an Underwood typewriter in the downstairs living room, and another typewriter, which make he could not recall, in an upstairs bedroom.

6. FRIZZELL commented in his first interview that he distinctly recalled a dictaphone in the residence of ALGER HISS. When interviewed the second time; he denied making the previous statement, and said that he did not recall ever seeing a dictaphone in the HISS home.

The records of Stone's Mercantile Agency reflect in a report dated May 23, 1939, that CHARLES EDWARD FRIZZELL, Bon Air Heights, Maryland, age 49, an Electrician by trade, had three satisfactory credit accounts and a record of two debt suits. The source of information at Stone's Mercantile Agency, C. W. BONFIELD, stated he had known FRIZZELL for a number of years and considered him to be a very poor risk. He also said that it was his understanding that FRIZZELL had lost some of his jobs due to dishonesty, and that he comes from a family that does not have a very high status in the community.

The New York Division and the Bureau were advised by teletype on February 8, 1949, of the results of the second interview with FRIZZELL.

HARRY C. FELDSTONE

HARRY C. FELDSTONE, 1531 Wisconsin Avenue, Northwest, concerning whom information is set out in the report of Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES dated January 27, 1949, at Washington, D.C., was interviewed by Special Agents DONALD WALTER and ROBERT O. CHICHESTER. FELDSTONE advised that he could not recall ever having handled a Woodstock typewriter since 1938 and said that he did not have any records of transactions prior to 1944. He stated, however, that if he had had a transaction that he desired to keep confidential, that he certainly would not make a record of it. He advised that he did not have any Woodstock typewriters at the present time and furnished the following signed statement:

Washington, D.C.

February 4, 1949

"I, HARRY C. FELDSTONE, give the following voluntary signed statement to ROBERT O. CHICHESTER and DONALD WALTER, who are known to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my right to retain counsel and no threats, duress or promise of reward have been made in order to elicit this statement.

"I have no recollection of ever having seen or heard of Mr. ALGER HISS or Mrs. PRISCILLA HISS or of TIMOTHY HOBSON HISS. I positively have never heard of any of them prior to reading of Mrs. and Mr. HISS (ALGER) in connection with the recent accounts in connection with spy hearings in 1948.

"I have read the above handwritten page and understand it. It is true in its entirety.

"HARRY C. FELDSTONE

"Witnessed

ROBERT O. CHICHESTER - Special Agent, FBI
DONALD WALTER - Special Agent - FBI."

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FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES OF ALGER & PRISCILLA HISS

By teletype dated January 27, 1949, the Chicago Division reported the results of an interview concerning ALGER & PRISCILLA HISS it had with Mrs. JORNELIA TYLER, former wife of EDWARD BURLING. Mrs. TYLER said that WILLIAM YOUNGMAN and THEODORE DOMINICK of Washington, D.C., were well acquainted with ALGER HISS and DONALD HISS.

Special Agent PAUL H. HOGE interviewed Mr. WILLIAM YOUNGMAN, attorney, Investment Building, 15th & K Streets, NW, on January 28, 1949. He advised that he was slightly acquainted with DONALD HISS at Harvard Law School but that he did not meet ALGER HISS until ALGER HISS came to Washington, D.C. To the best of his recollection he visited at ALGER HISS' home on only one occasion, it being a cocktail party. He had no knowledge concerning maids employed by ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and said he had no information indicating any activities of ALGER HISS that were inimical to the welfare of this country.

On February 1, 1949, Special Agents HOGE and ROBERT F. SAVAGE recontacted Mr. YOUNGMAN at his request at which time YOUNGMAN stated that his wife had related she had visited in ALGER HISS' home on several occasions at cocktail parties or bridge games. She recalled that she had been introduced to PRISCILLA HISS by Mrs. J. MC KIM NORTON, who resides at 960 Park Avenue, New York City. The friendship between Mrs. NORTON and PRISCILLA HISS is due to their mutual interest in music.

THEODORE DOMINICK, architect, 917 15th Street, NW, was interviewed by Special Agents JOHN J. WALSH and CHARLES W. PEASINGER on February 3, 1949. DOMINICK said he was a close friend of DONALD HISS but that he knew ALGER HISS only slightly. He has never been in ALGER HISS' home and his acquaintance with him is purely social. He recalled that ALGER & PRISCILLA HISS were usually guests at the Christmas parties of L. C. STRONG and ALICE TROWBRIDGE STRONG which have been held annually since about 1936. DOMINICK related that his wife, ELIZABETH POOLE, formerly Mrs. JOHN HOWLAND, was acquainted with PRISCILLA HISS. Mr. DOMINICK was married in 1940.

DOMINICK related that he is prejudiced in favor of ALGER HISS. He has a theory that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has been following HISS around planning evidence against HISS for some ulterior motive. However, he has no facts to support this contention which is based purely on intuition. Mr. DOMINICK was not acquainted with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

EDWARD BURLING, JR., Union Trust Building, a member of the law firm Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson & Shorb, was interviewed by Special Agents JOHN J. WALSH and CHARLES W. PEASINGER on February 3, 1949. Mr. BURLING advised that he was an intimate friend of DONALD HISS and that DONALD HISS is employed by his law firm. He said, however, that he was only casually acquainted with ALGER HISS and that he was never in the HISS residence. He recalled meeting HISS in the early days of the "New Deal" when he, himself, was employed by the federal government. He does not recall exactly how they met but he and ALGER HISS had no official contacts. He was able to recall that ALGER HISS had visited the BURLING summer home on the Eastern Shore a few years ago. A photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was displayed to Mr. BURLING but he was unable to recognize him. He said he had never heard of GEORGE CROSELY.

DANIEL F. BELL, president of the American Security & Trust Company, 1507 15th Street, NW, an alleged acquaintance of ALGER HISS, was interviewed by Special Agent PAUL H. JOGE on January 28, 1949. He advised he was a very casual acquaintance of ALGER HISS but that to his knowledge HISS had never visited in his home nor had he ever been a guest in the ALGER HISS residence. He was shown a picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and recognized it as being that of CHAMBERS only because he has seen CHAMBERS' picture in the newspapers. Mr. BELL had no knowledge of any maids who have been employed by ALGER HISS and could offer no information of value concerning associates and friends.

By teletype dated January 14, 1949, the New Haven Office reported the results of an interview with LAMONT MOORE, formerly assistant curator, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., and his wife, HENRIETTA, formerly air raid warden assistant to Mrs. ALGER HISS. Mr. & Mrs. MOORE suggested that Mr. MC GILL JAMES, director of the National Art Gallery, might be able to furnish information concerning ALGER & PRISCILLA HISS.

Special Agents CARL N. DE TEMPLE and HERBERT S. HAWKINS interviewed MC GILL JAMES on January 26, 1949. JAMES, who resides at 3310 N Street, NW, advised he has no recollection of ever meeting ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS. He explained it is possible he met them at functions of the National Art Gallery or at a cocktail party at the residence of CHARLES SEYMOUR, curator of paintings at the National Art Gallery. Mr. JAMES effected a search of the correspondence file of the National Art Gallery and was unable to locate any correspondence emanating in the HISS household.

CHARLES SEYMOUR, 3336 Reservoir Road, NW, was interviewed by Special Agent EDWARD E. LINEHAN on February 10, 1949, and advised he is socially acquainted with ALGER HISS but had never visited in the HISS home nor had he ever had the HISSSES as his guests. He was unable to recall specifically where he has met ALGER & PRISCILLA HISS. He was unable to furnish any information concerning HISS' association with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or any other information of value in instant investigation.

Mrs. CHARLES HORSKY, wife of CHARLES HORSKY, attorney who resides at 1227 Pine Crest, Silver Spring, Maryland, was interviewed January 24, 1949, by Special Agents JOHN J. WALSH and CARL W. DE TEMPLE. She advised that she formerly resided at 1239 30th Street, NW, from 1936 to 1939 and that she had married Mr. HORSKY just before they moved to the 30th Street address. Mrs. HORSKY said that she and her husband had met the HISSSES as neighbors on 30th Street but had had no prior contact with them before 1936. She recalled visiting in the HISS residence but was unable to recall a typewriter. Mrs. HORSKY recognized the picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as the one having appeared in various newspapers but was unable to recall ever having seen him in person. She said she could not recall anything which would have any bearing on the charges made against HISS except her belief that they are fantastic. It is observed that Mrs. HORSKY was interviewed at the suggestion of her husband.

The report of Special Agent JAMES L. KIRKLAND, dated January 27, 1949, at Philadelphia, reflects the results of interview with JEFFREY MAY who recalled that during 1944 he was a visitor in the HISS residence and had been introduced to the director of information of the U.S. Maritime Service. Special Agent JOHN H. KENCYER determined from the U.S. Maritime Commission that ROBERT W. HORTON was director of information from March 1944 until May 31, 1946. It is observed that Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT W. HORTON resided at 3135 O Street and have been determined through other investigation to have been friends of ALGER & PRISCILLA HISS. They have been interviewed as reflected in the report of Special Agent JOHN J. O'TOOLE, JR., dated January 28, 1949, at Albany, New York.

Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that ALGER & PRISCILLA HISS were acquainted with WALDRON FAULKNER, architect, King Building, 18th and Connecticut Avenue, NW. Mr. FAULKNER was interviewed on January 10, 1949, by Special Agent CHARLES H. OLSEN who advised that he and his wife are acquainted with ALGER & PRISCILLA HISS but that he has never observed any typewriter in the HISS residence. He was unable to furnish any information of assistance in this investigation.

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Mrs. MARGARET F. A. KITZINGER, 3709 S Street, NW, advised Special Agents JOHN J. WALSH and CARL W. DE TEMPLE on January 24, 1949, that her husband, ERNEST KITZINGER, is acquainted with ALGER HISS, having met him at Dumbarton Oaks where Mr. KITZINGER is employed. She said, however, that they have never visited in the HISS residence nor have they had any social contact with them except at Dumbarton Oaks. She was unable to supply any information of assistance in this investigation.

By teletype of January 24, 1949, the New York Office advised that contact with the Board of United Service to China reflected that HATHAWAY WATSON, JR., suggested ALGER HISS' name as a member of the Board of United Service to China in 1947. HATHAWAY WATSON is employed by the National Security Resources Planning Board, Washington, D.C. WATSON was interviewed on January 26, 1949, by Special Agent EDWARD E. LINEHAN and advised that he met ALGER HISS while they were employed at the Department of State about the time that ALGER HISS went to Yalta with President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. When ALGER HISS went to New York with the Carnegie Endowment he was unsuccessful in locating an apartment and stayed in WATSON's apartment for a short time. He recalled that he was once asked by Mrs. MAURICE T. MOORE, a director of the United Service to China, Inc., whether or not ALGER HISS would be interested in becoming a director of this organization. Mrs. MOORE is a sister of HENRY LUCE, publisher of Time Magazine. Mr. WATSON does not know if HISS was offered a directorship of this organization and suggested that Mrs. MOORE be interviewed. He also believed that it is conceivable that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS may have spoken to HENRY LUCE about ALGER HISS.

By teletype of January 26, 1949, it was suggested to the New York Office that they consider interviewing Mrs. MOORE who resides at 100 Park Avenue, New York City, and B. A. GAKSIDE, secretary to United Service to China, Inc., as well as WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. [redacted] requested that his name not be divulged as a source of this information. b7D

Mrs. SHIRLEY PUTNAM O'HARA, wife of Mr. ELIOT O'HARA, 2025 O Street, N.W., advised that she and her husband considered themselves to be close friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS, having known the HISS family since 1931. She stated she has no knowledge concerning Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS' association with Mr. HISS. She stated that although she has been in the HISS home on numerous occasions, she cannot recall seeing a typewriter in it. Mrs. O'HARA further informed that she has no knowledge of any subversive activities on the part of Mr. HISS. She further advised that Mr. O'HARA is presently teaching at the Norton Gallery, West Palm Beach, Florida.

A teletype was sent to Miami on January 18, 1949, re contacting Mr. O'HARA.

Mrs. SHIRLEY O'HARA was re-interviewed on February 23, 1949, for the purpose of determining if she has received any postcards or correspondence from the ALGER HISS family and especially correspondence from them at any time they were vacationing during 1937, 1938 and 1939, and if she recalls the names of any of the HISS maids.

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Mrs. O'HARA states she has not received correspondence from the HISS family and does not know where they vacationed during any given year.

She does recall one maid employed by Mrs. HISS but never knew her name or address.

Mrs. O'HARA furnished the information that her son, DESMOND O'HARA attended Landon School, Bethesda, Maryland, with TIMOTHY HOBSON, for one year. She doubted that he would be able to furnish any information concerning the HISS family but advised that he may be contacted at Box 53, Tufts College 53, Medford, Massachusetts. No lead is being set out to interview DESMOND O'HARA.

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WOMEN'S AIR RAID WARDEN ACTIVITIES OF PRISCILLA HISS

Mrs. WALTER G. LOUGHHEIM, 2824 O Street, Northwest, advised Special Agents JOHN J. WALSH and CHARLES W. PEASINGER that she was in charge of the Women's Air Raid Warden activities in Georgetown, D. C. from December, 1941, when this activity commenced, until its discontinuance late in the war. She stated that her responsibility consisted of billeting and feeding and that she had placed Mrs. PRISCILLA HISS in charge of the billeting activities. She said that sometime in 1942, Mrs. HANS KLAGSBRUNN became Mrs. HISS's alternate and later had succeeded her as Billet Warden. Mrs. LOUGHHEIM made available her files regarding this activity and assisted in locating typewriting specimens therein from Mrs. HISS. These specimens have been compared by the FBI Laboratory with Q5 through Q69, but no identification was effected. Mrs. LOUGHHEIM advised that she had been acquainted with the HISSes from sometime in the late 1930's until the present time but that they were in the main social acquaintances.

In regard to the maid, DRUSCILLA EPPS, who worked for the HISSes and who had formerly worked for her, Mrs. LOUGHHEIM was unable to recall this individual and upon being furnished a description of EPPS advised that she believed that she had a faint recollection of her but could not say definitely that she recalled her. Mrs. LOUGHHEIM had no information as to the circumstances under which DRUSCILLA left her employment and began to work for the HISSes.

She stated, however, that she had for many years a Negro butler named GEORGE BANKS who usually procured for her other domestic servants and that she was quite certain that BANKS had also helped friends of hers in the neighborhood in obtaining domestic help. She stated that BANKS at the present time is employed by Mrs. E. NAUDAIN SIMONS, who resides on Tracy Place in Georgetown.

She also advised that NORA _____ is at the present time a colored maid for the DONALD HISSes and that NORA had helped her, Mrs. LOUGHHEIM, to obtain maids and may possibly have obtained maids for ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. Mrs. LOUGHHEIM maintains no records of her domestic servants that could be examined.

In regard to the air raid activities, she advised that this work was of a volunteer nature, that they had no office and that all clerical work such as typing and maintenance of records was performed by the individuals in charge of the work, that she, herself, had done her own typing and filing and there was no question in her mind that what Mrs. PRISCILLA HISS, who occupied a subordinate position to hers, had done the same. Mrs. LOUGHHEIM explained that she was much more closely associated with Mr. and Mrs. DONALD HISS and that most of her association with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS had been through the DONALD HISSes. She stated that she felt that Mrs. DONALD HISS would be in a better position than herself to advise as to domestic servants of the ALGER HISSes and stated that they undoubtedly had a considerable amount of association in regard to domestic affairs. In this connection, she pointed out, however, that the DONALD HISSes were more socially inclined than the ALGER HISSes and that although the two families were friendly, that there was no intimate friendship between Mrs. DONALD HISS and PRISCILLA HISS because of the great difference in personality.

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Mrs. LOUGHHEIM advised that she was not acquainted with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS under that name or any of his aliases and in particular was not acquainted with anyone by the name of GEORGE CROSLY. She advised that she had met several people, however, connected with instant investigation, mentioned that during the 1930's, she had at one time or another met Mr. and Mrs. LEE PRESSMAN, JOHN ABT, and his sister, MARIAN BACHRACH. She stated, however, that she had met these individuals at social gatherings, did not know them well and stated that in regard to her recollection of PRESSMAN, that she recalled that at the time that she first met his wife and him, they impressed her as being Communists. Mrs. LOUGHHEIM advised that she was much better acquainted with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS than was her husband. She stated that she would make attempts to recall further events in her association with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS and in the event anything came to her attention of interest in this investigation, that she would advise the FBI.

Mrs. HANS KLAGSBRUNN, 3420 Q Street, Northwest, advised Special Agents JOHN J. WATSH and CHARLES W. PEASINGER that she had first become well acquainted with PRISCILLA HISS in connection with the air raid warden activities in Georgetown during the recent war. She stated, however, that she had known her casually prior to that time. Mrs. KLAGSBRUNN stated that for awhile she was the alternate of Mrs. HISS as Rillet Warden and that later on, Mrs. HISS dropped her activities and she assumed them. She stated that at the time this occurred, Mrs. HISS made available to her the file which she had maintained in regard to these activities. This file and Mrs. KLAGSBRUNN's files were examined and typewriting specimens were obtained therefrom and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory has compared these specimens with Q5 through Q69, but no identification was effected. In regard to these specimens, Mrs. KLAGSBRUNN advised that the air raid warden work was of a volunteer nature and that none of those with whom she was associated had any clerical assistance in the typing or filing of the necessary papers in that work. She stated that although she had never actually observed PRISCILLA HISS in the act of typing material, she recalled that they had discussed at various times who would type what and that they worked together along these lines. Mrs. KLAGSBRUNN recalled visiting in the HISS home at 3415 Volta Place, N.W., on various occasions but stated that she could not definitely recall seeing a typewriter there.

She advised that she was not acquainted with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS under any of his aliases and that in particular, she did not know anyone by the name of GEORGE CROSLY.

Mrs. KLAGSBRUNN was not acquainted with any of the domestic help or visitors to the HISS home and stated that they had not been social acquaintances. She advised that she could recall nothing from her association with PRISCILLA HISS that would be of any assistance in this investigation.

Miss WILMA MARTIN, 1625 - 34th Street, Northwest, was interviewed by Special Agent CHARLES W. PEASINGER. She advised that she had been listed as an aide to Mrs. HISS in connection with air raid billeting activities but that she had not been active to any extent in this activity and had only met Mrs. HISS casually on two or three occasions. She advised that she had destroyed any letters or communications that she may have received in connection with these activities.

Mrs. CHARLES RUNYON, 1523 - 24th Street, Northwest, interviewed by Special Agents JOHN J. WALSH and HERBERT S. HAWKINS, advised that she had assisted Mrs. HISS in the billeting activities of the air raid program in Georgetown during the recent war. Mrs. RUNYON made available her file concerning these activities and a typewritten specimen signed by PRISCILLA HISS was obtained therefrom. This specimen was compared by the FBI Laboratory with specimens Q5 through Q69, but no identification was effected. Mrs. RUNYON was unable to recall any information of value in regard to instant investigation and stated that she was not well acquainted with Mrs. HISS.

Mrs. E. CORTLAND PARKER, 3301 O Street, Northwest, was interviewed by Special Agents JOHN J. WALSH and CHARLES W. PEASINGER, at which time she advised that she was the second wife of E. CORTLAND PARKER and that she was not acquainted with ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS. She stated that she believed that Mr. PARKER's first wife was acquainted with them and that she did recall some mention of the first Mrs. PARKER being engaged in air raid warden activities in Georgetown during the recent war. She advised that the first Mrs. PARKER was now Mrs. DUNCAN SUTPHEN, Jr., El Retiro Lane, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York, telephone Irvington 9-4305. Mrs. PARKER stated that in the event Mrs. SUTPHEN was contacted, that no mention be made of the fact that she, Mrs. PARKER, had furnished the above information.

INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SPECIMENS

The report of Special Agent LAMBERT G. ZANDER, dated January 31, 1949, at Washington, D.C., reflects the result of an interview with Mr. PREW SAVOY. He furnished two letters addressed to him, typed on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, one dated August 1, 1948, signed E. B. SAYRE, and the other August 31, 1948, signed "ALGER." By report dated January 17, 1949, the FBI Laboratory advised it had concluded that the machine which was used to type these two letters was not the machine used to type Q-5 or Q-6 through Q-69.

An examination of the Office of Naval Intelligence file of JOHN SUTRO, a friend of ALGER HISS, on January 10, 1949, by Special Agent WILLIAM H. ATKINSON revealed a typed letter, dated June 26, 1945, on the letterhead of the United Nations Conference on International Organization, signed ALGER HISS. This letter was addressed to Admiral JACOBS and was a recommendation concerning SUTRO. This letter was transmitted to the FBI Laboratory on January 10, 1949, and the Laboratory advised that this letter was not typed on the machine used to type Q-5 or Q-6 through Q-69.

The report of Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES, dated January 28, 1949, at Washington, D.C., reflects that Special Agent JOHN H. KENOYER secured from the School for Advanced International Studies, 1906 Florida Avenue, three typewritten letters bearing the signature of ALGER HISS and one bearing the signature of DONALD HISS. These letters were transmitted to the FBI Laboratory which advised by reports dated January 10, 1949, and January 12, 1949; that they had not been typed on the machine used to type Q-5 or Q-6 through Q-69.

On February 1, 1949, Special Agents DONALD D. JONNORS and THOMAS J. BARRY obtained from Mrs. HENRY DRAPEK, 1521 35th Street, NW, two typewritten letters which she thought may have been typed by PRISCILLA HISS. Mrs. DRAPEK was president of the Georgetown Progressive Citizens Association for many years and had a faint recollection that PRISCILLA HISS did some typing for the organization. She made available a letter on the stationery of the Civilian Defense, Georgetown Area, dated July 23, 1942, addressed to Mr. JAMES JARDINE and signed ELIZABETH DRAPER and another dated January 20, 1945, addressed to Mr. W. H. GILL, which is unsigned. By report of February 3, 1949, the FBI Laboratory advised that it had concluded that the above described material was not typed on the typewriters used to type Q-5 or Q-6 through Q-69.

On January 7, 1949, Special Agent J. BERNARD COOK obtained from the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C., a trust indenture dated June 29, 1944, and a cover letter signed by DONALD HISS and GERHARD A. GESSEL. This material was examined by the FBI Laboratory on January 10, 1949, which advised it had not been typed on the same machine which was used to type Q-5 or Q-6 through Q-69.

The report of Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES, dated January 28, 1949, at Washington, D.C., reflects the results of an interview with Mrs. WALTER LOUCHHEIM, JR., 2224 O Street, NW. She made available several letters, typewritten by ALGER HISS, which have been submitted to the FBI Laboratory as reflected in referenced report. A review of correspondence between ALGER HISS and Mrs. LOUCHHEIM reflects in a letter dated November 17, 1948, that HISS wrote: "Since I got your memoranda about a national documentary film league, I sent it on to KATH INGLIS at the University of Washington who you will recall is working with us on a survey dealing with international subjects." It was determined that Miss INGLIS is presently located at the National Association of Broadcasters, 1771 N Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Special Agent KENNETH F. CARROLL interviewed her on January 31, 1949, at which time she advised she is an associate professor at the University of Washington and that she is on temporary leave in order to prepare an article for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Miss INGLIS said she was requested to perform this work by letter from ALGER HISS in 1947. She said, however, that she has only met HISS on one or two occasions since 1947 and that her acquaintance with him was of a professional nature. She was unable to furnish any information concerning his family, friends and associates.

Miss INGLIS made available seven pieces of correspondence addressed to her, signed ALGER HISS. This correspondence bears the following dates: October 16, 1947; October 23, 1947; December 9, 1947; April 5, 1948; August 2, 1948; September 2, 1948; and October 27, 1948. She also made available a memorandum concerning publication aspects of the motion picture as an instrument of education in international affairs which is undated and signed ALGER HISS, a memorandum for Mr. PHILLIPS dated August 15, 1947, signed "AH" and a letter addressed to "Dear EASTON" dated November 17, 1947, and signed ALGER HISS. This material was submitted to the FBI Laboratory on February 1, 1949, and it advised by report of February 3, 1949, that the aforementioned material was not typed on the same machine that was used to type 6-5 or 6-6 through 6-69.

By letter dated January 13, 1949, the Bureau requested that the State Department file pertaining to ALGER HISS be procured and submitted to the Bureau in order that it might be reviewed and examined by the FBI Laboratory.

On January 19, 1949, Special Agent JAMES J. JANAVAN obtained from Mr. ARCH K. JEAN, chief, Division of Personnel, Department of State, that agency's personnel file pertaining to ALGER HISS. This file was forwarded to the Bureau. By letter dated January 24, 1949, the FBI Laboratory advised that the material in this personnel file was not typed on the same machine that was used to type 6-5 or 6-6 through 6-69.

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Proceeding on the theory that some of the expense accounts submitted by ALGER HISS while employed by the State Department may have been typed on the typewriter used to type the questioned documents in this case, W. E. BESSEK of the Division of Finance, Department of State, was contacted by Special Agent JAMES FREW.

Mr. BESSEK advised that prior to 1944 no master alphabetical system was set up that could be utilized to locate expense vouchers through the person's name. He stated that all vouchers prior to 1944 were filed numerically by voucher number only.

Mr. BESSEK caused a search to be made of records from January 1944 until December 1947 and found expense vouchers Nos. 2510, 336143, 15755, 11777 and 11746 for ALGER HISS and No. 56351 for DONALD HISS. These vouchers were submitted to the FBI Laboratory on December 20, 1948, for typewriting comparison and on December 20, 1948, the Laboratory advised that the typewriting appearing on the above vouchers was not identical with that appearing on the questioned documents.

On January 28, 1949, Special Agent JAMES J. JANA VAN obtained from Mr. WALTER E. BESSEK the expense voucher submitted by ALGER HISS in connection with his attendance at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco. This voucher, bearing No. 4097, is dated January 30, 1945. It was submitted to the FBI Laboratory and on February 1, 1949, it advised that an examination of this voucher reflected that the machine which was used to type the voucher was not the same one used to type specimens Q-5 or Q-6 through Q-69.

In this connection Mr. BESSEK advised Agent JANA VAN that most of the expense vouchers for ALGER HISS could not be located.

Mr. L. S. SHULER and Mr. G. L. ANDREWS were contacted at the General Accounting Office and they advised that they would have a search instituted of the pertinent vouchers of the State Department from 1936 to 1943 which are in the possession of the General Accounting Office in an effort to locate any expense vouchers submitted by ALGER HISS. By letter dated January 3, 1949, from the Washington Field Office to the General Accounting Office the necessary written request was made authorizing this search.

By letter dated January 4, 1949, the General Accounting Office advised that the pertinent accounts of the State Department and the Executive Office of the President from January 1936 to December 1943 were examined and failed to reflect any expense, travel or reimbursement vouchers as being paid to ALGER HISS. Vouchers Nos. 1092021 and 2009534 were found for DONALD HISS. These vouchers were submitted to the FBI Laboratory January 7, 1949, and on January 10, 1949, the Laboratory advised that the typewriting appearing on the specimens was not identical with the typing appearing on the questioned documents.

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MAID EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

In an effort to identify maids employed by HISS, an examination was made of telephone directories for 1939 and the names of Employment Agencies were obtained. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents PAUL H. HOGE and ROBERT F. SAVAGE.

It was ascertained that the Employment Agency operated in 1938 at 807 Vermont Avenue, N.W., by Mrs. ALMEDA ARMENTROUT is identical with the Lady's Exchange, presently located at 2037 K Street, N.W. This exchange is operated at present by Mrs. ARMENTROUT, who has made records of the Agency at 807 Vermont Avenue available to this office.

The Maryland State Employment Service, formerly located at 120 Maryland Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland, it was ascertained to be identical with the Department of Employment Security for Maryland, presently located at 4214 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland. No attempt was made to examine records of this agency.

Records of Rupher's Employment Agency, 1837 - 11th Street, N.W., maintained by MATTIE R. BROWN, were examined relative to JULIA RANKIN and ELIZABETH FIELDS or other maids employed by ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS. The results were negative.

Mrs. META S. WATERS, 1213 I Street, advised that she is the manager of the Waters Hotel and Employment Agencies at the above address, and that she formerly maintained her agency at 909 G Place, N.W., in 1938. She advised that she had no records prior to 1937 and these records reflect no information regarding ALGER HISS or PRISCILLA HISS, JULIA RANKIN or ELIZABETH FIELDS. She further advised that she listed no applications for employment except persons qualified to do hotel or restaurant work.

Mrs. ADRIA LYNHAM, Director of the Washington School for Secretaries, advised that formerly an employment exchange was operated in conjunction with the school but that only secretarial positions were filled, and that no domestic applications were listed. The above school located in the National Press Building, 14th and F Streets, N.W.

No trace was found of the JNO A. DICKERSON or the Domestic Business Bureau, both of 1925 - 9th Street, N.W., the Washington Business Bureau, Bond Building, or the Domestic Workers Union, Employment Bureau, 717 Florida Avenue, N.W.

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 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, his wife MARY, and that she had worked for them 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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BABY SITTERS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CARL N. DeTEMPLE in an effort to locate FREIDA RITTENHOUSE, who has been employed as a baby sitter for PRISCILLA HISS.

The current Washington telephone directory was consulted and every individual reflected therein bearing the last name of RITTENHOUSE was contacted and questioned regarding the identity of one FREIDA RITTENHOUSE. However, these inquiries proved fruitless.

The city directory of Washington, D. C., covering the period from 1940 to the present failed to disclose any information concerning one FREIDA RITTENHOUSE.

In addition, Mrs. ELIZA GREEN, a baby sitter, was recontacted, and she could not add any light as to an individual bearing the name FREIDA RITTENHOUSE.

A check of the indices of the Metropolitan Police department and the local credit agencies failed to disclose any information concerning an individual names FREIDA RITTENHOUSE.

It is also noted that Mrs. BOWIE, Mrs. GIBBS, and Mrs. McCOLLUM, who, in addition to Mrs. GREEN; apparently did most of the baby sitting for the HISS family, knew nothing concerning the identity of other baby sitters.

In view of the above investigation which was performed with negative results, no further effort was made to locate FREIDA RITTENHOUSE.

WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITERS LOCATED AND SPECIMENS SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY

Records of the following Woodstock typewriters appeared in the repair, sales and rental records of various typewriter shops in Washington, D. C. Specimens of these typewriters have been obtained and submitted to the FBI Laboratory, which has advised that the questioned documents were not written on these machines.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Possession Of</u>	<u>Agent Taking Specimen</u>	<u>Date of Lab Report</u>
105779	John Exter 2540 N. Military Road Arlington, Virginia	Robert O. Chichester	1-31-49
162687	Mrs. W. L. Fuller 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.	Robert F. Savage	2-17-49
Believed to be 164241	Emmie L. Smith 605 Irving Street, N.W.	K. F. Carroll	2-4-49

Investigation reflected that the following machines were not the one in question due to the length of time they have been in the possession of the present owner or due to the place of purchase.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Possession of</u>	<u>Agent Conducting Investigation</u>
43835	Elsie Firmin 1438 Harvard Street, N.W.	Harry K. Clayton
78790	James W. Seaman 371 - 13th Street, N.W.	Harry K. Clayton
116048	G. Howard, 813 Chetworth Place, Alexandria, Virginia	Edward E. Linehan
145613	M. Sandomire 3136 Dumbarton Avenue, N.W.	Harry K. Clayton

By teletype dated January 19, 1949, the Chicago office advised that a check of the records of the Woodstock Factory reflected that Woodstock typewriter, serial #164531 was sent to the factory for repairs in 1937 by WALLACE WERKLE, 2100 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. Woodstock Typewriter Serial 8K-178117 was believed by the Woodstock Factory to have been sent in by one WALLACE ENTWISTLE, Washington, D. C., for repairs, and returned to him.

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The following investigation was conducted January 25, 26, and 27 by Special Agents KENNETH F. CARROLL and R. R. NICHOLS. Mrs. DELMA S. HARRIS, Manager, 2100 Eye Street, N.W.; Mrs. MINNIE A. HOPKINS, Apartment 502; ALMA BARRY, Apartment 601, and BEAMON R. NEALE, Apartment 807, advised that they did not know WALLACE WERKLE and had never heard of him. The manager's Office had no record of WERKLE's residence at this address. The Credit Bureau, telephone and city directories were checked with negative results.

WALLACE ENTWISTLE, Washington, D. C., could not be located by a check of the Credit Bureau, telephone and city directories.

Reference is made to Baltimore teletype to the Washington Field Office on January 12, 1949, wherein it was requested that MARGARET E. WALLACE, 3417 Clay Street, N.E., be interviewed regarding a Woodstock typewriter of unknown serial number, which she is reported to have disposed of.

Mrs. WALLACE was interviewed by Special Agent DONALD WALTER, and she advised that she had sold her husband's Woodstock typewriter in approximately 1946, but that she is unable to recall to whom the typewriter was sold. Mrs. WALLACE said that the original purchase of the machine was made by her husband, THOMAS WALLACE, and that she has no knowledge concerning the serial number of the above mentioned typewriter.

It is recalled that information received from the Bureau reflects that ALGER HISS listed a \$10.00 contribution to the National Symphony Orchestra in his 1947 Federal Income tax return.

Special Agent EDWARD E. LINEHAN contacted Miss LOIS EARNEST, Secretary to the National Symphony Orchestra, on February 10, 1949. She advised that she had no personal correspondence from ALGER HISS, but did have him listed as a contributor in 1947.

Mrs. HENRY W. DRAPER, 1521 35th Street, N. W., was interviewed by Special Agent DONALD D. CONNORS, on January 25, 1949, at which time she advised him that she was acquainted with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. Mrs. DRAPER advised she was the President of the Progressive Citizens of Georgetown, from 1938, until 1940, and from 1944, until 1948. She recalled that PRISCILLA HISS was a member of this organization, and that a card reflecting her membership should still be maintained by the Treasurer. An attempt has been made by Miss EDNA LUDSON, Treasurer, to locate the membership of PRISCILLA HISS with negative results.

Mrs. DRAPER stated that PRISCILLA HISS was never very active in the Progressive Citizens' group, but that from her experience with the minority group in this organization, with which minority group HISS and his wife were associated, she believed HISS was "guilty as hell." Mrs. DRAPER was unable to furnish any information as to the identity of associates or friends of HISS which information has not been previously obtained.

The report of SA COURTLAND J. JONES, dated January 28, 1949 at Washington, D. C., reflects that the indices of the Library of Congress reflect that ALGER HISS' biographical sketch appears in Volume three, 1938-1939 edition of "America's Young Men", and in the February 1947 issue of "Current Biographies." SA JACK S. TURTON determined that "America's Young Men" is published by American Publications, Inc., 527 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, and a teletype was sent on January 5, 1949, requesting that the Los Angeles office ascertain if the American Publications file on HISS contains any typewritten material which emanated from HISS. It was learned that "Current Biographies" is edited by ANNA ROTH and published by H. W. Wilson Co., New York City. It was suggested by teletype on January 5, 1949, that the New York office make inquiry at the magazines office for any typewritten material in the HISS file.

It is recalled that ALGER HISS was employed as a law clerk for the late Justice OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES of the Supreme Court. By teletype on January 5, 1949, the Boston office was requested to determine from Little, Brown & Company, publisher of "Yankee from Olympus", the address of its author, CATHERINE DRINKER BOWEN. An interview was desired with BOWEN to see if she is in possession of any correspondence from ALGER HISS concerning Justice HOLMES.

The personnel file of PRISCILLA HISS at the Library of Congress reflected she stated she was employed from 1930 to 1931 by the Howard University Press. Special Agent JOHN H. KENOYER ascertained from Mr. OTTO McCLARIN, publicity director, Howard University Press, 2401 -6th Street, N.W., that the school press does not keep its own employee records. He stated that a list of all employees who had ever been employed by the school could be made available through Mrs. ROBINSON, secretary to the President.

Mrs. AVIS P. ROBINSON, secretary to the President of Howard University, advised that she contacted the Treasurer who maintains employment records of the school, and the latter stated there is no record of Mrs. PRISCILLA HISS having been employed by the Howard University Press in 1930 and 1931.

Special Agent EDWARD E. LINEHAN determined from Mr. W. S. CHAIN, owner of the Kenmar Shop, formerly known as Pierce & Curtis, 1014 Connecticut Avenue, that the records of Pierce & Curtis contained no correspondence from ALGER HISS. HISS gave Pierce & Curtis as a credit reference in 1940.

ACCIDENT OF TIMOTHY HOBSON ON FEBRUARY 19, 1937

Special Agent EDWARD E. LINEHAN ascertained from Lieutenant LIVERMAN and Corporal YOWORSKI of the Metropolitan Police Department that there is no accident report concerning an automobile collision with a bicycle operated by TIMOTHY HOBSON on February 19, 1937.

The records of #7 Precinct were checked by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES, but no accident report could be located.

ENCLOSURES TO NEW YORK DIVISION:

1. Original signed statement of CHARLES E. FRIZZELL
2. Original signed statement of HARRY C. FELDSTONE

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHARLES E. FRIZZELL, electrician, upon reinterview, furnished conflicting information concerning Woodstock typewriter he claims to have seen in HISS residence, 3210 P Street, N.W. Credit report reflects reputation poor. HARRY C. FELDSTONE in signed statement claims he does not know HISS family and says he has not handled a Woodstock typewriter since 1938. Additional friends and associates of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS interviewed with negative results. PRISCILLA HISS engaged in Women's Air Raid Warden activities; associates interviewed; typing specimens examined with negative results. Additional efforts made to locate baby sitters and maids with no success. Specimens from Woodstock typewriters within pertinent range examined by FBI Laboratory without effecting identification. No record Metropolitan Police Department concerning accident of TIMOTHY HOBSON February 19, 1937.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Interviews with ~~JAMES H. ROWE~~, ~~THOMAS AUSTERN~~, ~~EUGENE O'DUNNE, Jr.~~, ~~JOSEPH M. TUMULTY, Jr.~~, ~~ELLIOT MOYER~~, ~~BARBARA RADIUS~~, ~~WALLACE MURRAY~~, ~~ABBOT LOW MOFFAT~~, ~~FRANK A. WARING~~, friends and co-workers of ALGER HISS, failed to develop pertinent information. Captain O. S. ~~READING~~ does not know HISS. ~~HARRY C. COOK~~ received \$1,000.00 raise three weeks after initial appointment to government service on recommendation of ~~LEE PRESSMAN~~. Interviews with ~~WALLACE A. JONES~~, ~~JOHN B. HANS~~, ~~FRED P. HERZER~~, Miss L. M. ~~SAMPSON~~, ~~JOHN J. MURRAY~~ and ~~EDWARD M. SHULMAN~~ re ~~COOK's~~ allegations set out. DONALD HISS declined to discuss ~~HARRY BRIDGES~~ case. ~~GERARD D. REILLY~~ interviewed. No record of PRISCILLA HISS as secretary to ~~ARCHIBALD MacLEISH~~.

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REFERENCE:

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Letter to WFO re copy of
NY to understand report
copy to FBI
Call to Campbell
2-23-49
Bartlett*

Bureau File 74-1333
Bureau letter to Washington Field Office dated December 13, 1948.
Report of Special Agent LUDWIG W. R. OBERNDORF dated February 14, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

INTERVIEWS WITH FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS
OF ALGER HISS

By teletype dated February 2, 1949, the Boston Office advised that Judge CHARLES E. WYZANSKI, Jr., stated that JAMES H. ROWE and THOMAS AUSTERN of Washington, D. C., were friends with ALGER HISS.

JAMES H. ROWE was interviewed by Special Agent THOMAS J. BARRY on February 10, 1949, in his office at the Hoover Commission to Reorganize the Executive Branch of the Government, Normandy Building, 626 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Mr. ROWE said that he had been the secretary to Justice OLIVER W. HOLMES in 1935 and 1936, in which capacity he first became acquainted with ALGER HISS. Justice HOLMES at that time was a very sick man and ROWE had to read to him constantly; the only way he could get some time off was to have a former secretary come in and take over his duties.

He stated that ALGER HISS and DONALD HISS had both done this for him. Since that time his path has not crossed that of ALGER HISS and he has only seen him rarely. He stated, however, that he knew "DONNIE" HISS much better and considered himself to be a very good friend of DONALD HISS and his wife.

Mr. ROWE did not have in his possession any typewritten correspondence from ALGER HISS. He did not know WHITTAKER CHAMBERS either under that name or the names of GEORGE CROSLY or CARL CARLSON. He failed to recognize pictures of CHAMBERS taken in 1931 and 1936 and a picture of CHAMBERS' wife taken in 1936.

In discussing the HISS-CHAMBERS controversy with his friends, Mr. ROWE came across only one person who said he believed that he had met CHAMBERS. This person was THOMAS ELIOT, a practicing attorney in Boston, Massachusetts and a former solicitor of the Labor Department. He could not remember too well what ELIOT had said except that ELIOT thought that a person who came to him to "bum" some money during the 30's was identical with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Mr. ROWE concluded that during his entire acquaintance with ALGER HISS, HISS never did anything or said anything that would lead ROWE to believe that HISS was a member of the Communist Party or that he might be giving secrets to agents of any foreign power.

On February 11, 1949, Special Agents THOMAS J. BARRY and F. R. MCGINTY interviewed THOMAS AUSTERN of 306 Garfield Street, N. W. in his office in the Union Trust Building, 15th and H Street, N. W.

He advised that he was in the Harvard Law School at the same time ALGER HISS was and that he did not become acquainted with HISS during the first year at school, but later when they were both on the Harvard Law Review, he became very well acquainted with ALGER HISS. Because of this acquaintance with HISS, he had many opportunities to observe HISS' character and his mental make-up and from these observations, it was his general belief that HISS could not possibly be a Communist nor could he have given any secrets to any agent of a foreign power.

He stated that LEE PRESSMAN had also been on the Law Review with ALGER HISS and him, and that from PRESSMAN's actions and his philosophy, AUSTERN definitely believed that PRESSMAN could be a Communist, but he was not certain that he was. He said HISS and PRESSMAN were directly opposite in their beliefs.

AUSTERN said he did not have any correspondence from ALGER HISS in his possession and did not recall ever receiving any. He had never met WHITTAKER CHAMBERS either under that name or under his aliases. He failed to identify pictures of CHAMBERS and had never talked to any one who knew WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

On February 11, 1949, EUGENE O'DUNNE, Jr., 1602 32nd Street, N. W., advised Special Agent THOMAS J. BARRY at his office at 1425 K Street, N. W., that he had attended Harvard and Johns Hopkins University with ALGER HISS, but has not had much contact with him since then. He stated that it probably would not be fair to say it, but he thought that HISS only promoted the friendship of those people who could do him some good. During his acquaintance with HISS he never observed anything that HISS did or said that would lead him to believe that HISS was a member of the Communist Party.

O'DUNNE never knew WHITTAKER CHAMBERS either under that name or the names of CARL CARLSON or GEORGE CROSLY. He failed to recognize the photographs of CHAMBERS taken in 1931 and 1936 and the picture of CHAMBERS' wife taken in 1936. He has never come across any one who said he was acquainted with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He had no type-written correspondence from ALGER HISS.

By teletype dated January 18, 1949, the New York Office advised that JOSEPH M. TUMULTY, Jr., attorney-at-law, had been a reference for ALGER HISS at the Harvard Club.

JOSEPH M. TUMULTY, Jr., attorney-at-law, with offices at 1317 F Street, N. W., advised Special Agent PAUL J. TIERNEY on February 9, 1949, that he attended Harvard Law School with ALGER HISS from 1926 to 1929 and was on the Harvard Law Review with HISS. Since that time he had seen very little of him. It was difficult for him to believe that ALGER HISS was a Communist and assuming that he was, it was inconceivable to TUMULTY that HISS would be guilty of a breach of trust. His last social contact with HISS was a luncheon engagement approximately three years ago. He has never received a personal typewritten communication from HISS nor has he ever been in the HISS home.

By teletype dated January 26, 1949, the New York Office requested that ELLIOT H. MOYER be interviewed.

MOYER, an attorney with offices in Room 430, Tower Building, 14th and K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised Special Agent JAMES J. CANAVAN on February 8, 1949, that he was acquainted with ALGER HISS and worked closely with him from October 1933 until HISS left the Agricultural Adjustment Administration to accept employment with the Justice Department.

MOYER stated that he was stationed in the Benefits Contracts Section of the AAA of which ALGER HISS was chief. In his association with HISS Mr. MOYER advised he never recalled hearing of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS by that name or any of his aliases and knew of no association between HISS and CHAMBERS. He did recall the old automobile belonging to ALGER HISS involved in instant case and recalled that it was an old, dilapidated car and a standing joke around the office; however, he knew nothing of the facts surrounding its disposition.

He went on to say that Mr. HISS impressed him as being a tremendously capable and very likable individual. He considered him to be more stable than many of the other persons employed at AAA. He did not recall that Mr. HISS ever gave any indication of Communist tendencies or sympathies. He did remember that there appeared to be a difference of opinion between ALGER HISS and LEE PRESSMAN but he considered it an intellectual difference and attributed it to the difference in their personalities. He considered ALGER HISS to be a very keen individual and possibly Presidential timber. He recalled visiting the home of ALGER HISS on two or three occasions during his association with him but did not remember ever having received any correspondence from him except possibly a Christmas card.

The only individual he recalled meeting at HISS' home was a man named ~~FRITZ WEINER~~, whom he states is anything but a Communist and is considered an authority on martial law, having served in the Judge Advocate General's Office during the last war.

Mr. MOYER could furnish no further information concerning ALGER HISS pertinent to this inquiry.

Mrs. BARBARA RADIUS, 6424 33rd Street, N. W., advised Special Agents C. C. CRAWFORD and F. R. MCGINTY that her husband, ~~WALTER A. RADIUS~~, has been with the Department of State in the Office of Transportation since 1942 as an advisor and now as Chief of the Division. She continued that their contact with ALGER HISS had not been one of a personal nature but only at social functions sponsored by various persons from the Department of State at which there were always 200 to 400 people in attendance.

She added that she and her husband had attended two Brookings Institute conferences held at Dartmouth College and Stanford University concerning international affairs in the summers of 1947 and 1948, respectively, in which ALGER HISS took an active part. She was profoundly impressed by his sincere, clear-cut manner of speech and thought and because of his simple, sincere and completely honest manner, she could not be brought to believe that any of the accusations against HISS in the press or any of the statements by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS could possibly have credence. She stated she knew none of HISS' close associates and concluded she was glad that the matter was being brought to court where ALGER HISS' name could be finally cleared of the allegations against him.

On February 8, 1949, WALLACE MURRAY, former Political Advisor and Chief of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State, advised Special Agents C. C. CRAWFORD and H. K. CLAYTON that his relationship with ALGER HISS was one of an official to a subordinate at the Department and that his only contact with HISS at all was at policy meetings during which HISS appeared to be a very personable, attractive and intelligent young man. He stated that he knew none of HISS' close associates in the Department. He concluded that because of this relationship as an official to subordinate, he was unable to observe HISS closely enough to reach any conclusions or opinions concerning him.

On February 9, 1949, Mr. ABBOT LOW MOFFAT, Economic Cooperation Administration, Room 613, Connecticut Avenue and H Streets, N. W., advised Special Agent PAUL J. TIERNEY that he has known ALGER HISS

since approximately 1943 or 1944 through his employment in the State Department. During that period he had very little official contact with HISS. He described HISS as one of those persons whom he liked, but never got to know well. Mr. MOFFAT advised that during his acquaintanceship with ALGER HISS there was never any occasion to question his allegiance to the United States, nor did he know of any activities on HISS' part which might substantiate the allegations made concerning him by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Mr. MOFFAT further advised that his social relationship with HISS was confined to one or two cocktail parties at his (MOFFAT's) home, which HISS attended. He stated that he was not acquainted with Mrs. HISS, that he had never been in the HISS home, nor had he ever received, to his recollection, any personal typewritten communications from HISS.

FRANK A. WARING, Chairman of the Philippine War Damage Commission, Room 6624, Department of the Interior, advised Special Agent WILLIAM H. ATKINSON that he was employed by the U. S. Tariff Commission from April 1934 to March of 1943. From June of 1937 until April of 1938, he served on the Joint Preparatory Committee on Philippine Affairs. This committee made frequent reports to the office of FRANCIS B. SAYRE. At this time ALGER HISS was Mr. SAYRE's assistant. Mr. WARING advised that he had a great deal of contact with Mr. HISS during this period. After April of 1938 he had occasional professional contact with ALGER HISS as Mr. WARING served on the Inter-Departmental Committee on Commercial Policy.

Mr. WARING advised that during 1945, he was an advisor to the United States delegation to the conference at San Francisco for the organization of the United Nations. At this time he likewise had frequent contact with ALGER HISS.

He advised that he considers Mr. HISS a friend, although their relationship has been on a professional basis. He visited the HISS home on one occasion and recalls that both Mr. and Mrs. HISS visited his home at a subsequent date. He has had no correspondence with either ALGER or FRISCILLA HISS. He believes HISS' integrity and loyalty were above reproach. During the professional meetings with HISS he recalls that confidential material was handled, but he knows of no instance when HISS permitted unauthorized individuals to ascertain the contents of these documents.

By teletype dated February 5, 1949, the New York Office requested this office to interview Lieutenant O. S. READING of the Coast and Geodetic Survey to determine if he was present at a social gathering on or about July 4, 1937, at Accokeek, Maryland, at which

time ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS were alleged to be present, together with RALPH DE SOLA, the latter's wife, HELEN WINNER, LENORE THOMAS, now known as LENORE STRAUS, and SALLY RINGE.

Captain O. S. READING, Room 3120, Department of Commerce Building, advised Special Agent EDWARD F. HUMMER on February 15, 1949, that he has no recollection of being present at a social gathering at Accokeek, Maryland, in July 1937, or any other time. He stated he is not acquainted with and has never heard of RALPH DE SOLA, HELEN WINNER, LENORE THOMAS, now known as LENORE STRAUS, SALLY RINGE, PRISCILLA HISS or ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He does not know and has never heard of JACOB BAKER.

Captain READING advised that in 1936 or 1937 and prior thereto, it was his custom to take a vacation with his children the last of June and continuing into the first part of July at Cove Point, which is north of Solomon's Island, Maryland. In fact, Solomon's Island was the place where they would have to buy provisions. He rented a cottage owned by GEORGE MERRITT. In approximately 1936 or 1937 he was engaged in making aerial photographs with a multi-lense aerial camera of the areas extending from the eastern shore of Maryland to Delaware. He stated that if he was a guest at a large house, he would have remembered it, and if any one had described him as being "the lion of the hour" he would likewise have remembered it.

He recalls "Life Magazine" publishing an article with pictures taken on the nine-lense camera invented by himself, but the article in question does not refresh his recollection of attending any social gatherings immediately following the publication of this article. He stated that approximately fifteen to twenty other individuals worked on the camera and had sufficient knowledge of it that they would be in a position to discuss it freely with other persons and perhaps even to boast of having something to do with its invention and manufacture. As an example, Captain READING stated there were several, probably four or five persons in the Bureau of Standards who worked on the camera measuring the lenses, etc. In addition, there was another group of persons connected with the Fairchild Camera and Instrument Company who manufactured the camera in question.

In addition, there were persons in the Army who were connected at the time with Bolling Field or Wright Field who cooperated in taking the aerial photographs, as well as other persons in the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Captain READING stated that if such a person attended the social meeting mentioned by DE SOLA, undoubtedly it was one of this group who have first-hand knowledge of it. At no time was he approached by any one to make available to any unauthorized person information about the camera or pictures taken by the camera.

In this connection, Captain READING is now an elderly man. He stated that in 1937 he weighed approximately 165 pounds, was five feet eight inches in height, medium build with a full head of hair which was parted on the side. His hair at the present time is thinning and streaked with gray. Captain READING was shown a photograph of ALGER HISS taken in 1934, approximately three years prior to July 4, 1937, and stated that to his recollection he never saw this individual in his life.

He has no recollection of ever attending a social gathering at a large house which would be described as almost an estate with badminton courts on the property.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION BASED ON
ALLEGATIONS OF HARRY C. COOK

Referenced report set forth the results of an interview with HARRY C. COOK, an attorney with the Department of Agriculture, who stated that he was approached by ALGER HISS on October 20, 1933, to obtain a job for ROBERT K. McCONNAUGHEY, in return for which he was to receive a \$1,000.00 raise in salary, and that both ends of the arrangement were consummated. He also furnished certain information concerning an alleged conspiracy to foment strikes on the part of a group in the AAA of which HISS was allegedly a member.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN B. VanETTEN.

The personnel file of HARRY C. COOK, Attorney, Department of Agriculture, was reviewed on February 16, 1949. It was examined in the light of COOK's statement that he received a \$1,000.00 salary increase for utilizing "political pull" in obtaining a job for ALGER HISS' friend, ROBERT K. McCONNAUGHEY. COOK entered on duty on October 16, 1933, with an appointment as Assistant Attorney, Legal Division, AAA.

His personnel file contains the following memoranda:

A memorandum to JEROME N. FRANK, General Counsel, from LEE PRESSMAN, dated October 25, 1933, recommending approval for a change of duties for HARRY CLAYTON COOK. This memorandum states in part:

"Since Mr. COOK has been serving in the Legal Division, he has satisfactorily demonstrated his ability to perform the office of Presiding Officer. There are several vacancies in the position of Presiding Officer which must be filled as soon as possible."

A memorandum from ~~JEROME~~ FRANK to the Administrator recommending a change from Assistant Attorney to Associate Attorney for HARRY C. COOK with a salary change from \$2,600.00 to \$3,600.00. COOK was to act as a Presiding Officer and the change was requested "as soon as possible".

On November 2, 1933, COOK received an appointment as Associate Attorney at \$3,600.00 per annum. It is to be noted that COOK had specified October 20, 1933 as the date when ALGER HISS approached him with the proposition to obtain employment for McCONNAUGHEY.

The personnel file of COOK in conjunction with the investigative files of the Department of Justice reflect that in 1938 and 1939 COOK represented the interests of the Village of Cortland, Ohio in connection with an application to the WPA for an allotment of \$288,000.00 to be used in the construction of public works. Mr. COOK was to receive a fee in the amount of \$2,800.00. This act by COOK was in violation of Section 1782, Revised Statutes, (18 USC 203). The facts surrounding this incident were presented to a Grand Jury who returned a No Bill in April 1941.

These files contained considerable discussion as to the proper disciplinary action which should be taken against COOK for his unethical conduct, but because of the lapse of time, no disciplinary action was taken other than a written reprimand.

The personnel record for ROBERT K. McCONNAUGHEY is not available at the Department of Agriculture.

The personnel records of the Department of Justice reflect that McCONNAUGHEY was first employed by the Department of Agriculture as an attorney with the AAA on January 3, 1934.

WALLACE A. JONES, Chief Librarian, Legal Section, Department of Agriculture, was interviewed on February 16, 1949, and furnished the following information:

JONES was employed as a Mailing Files Chief in the Office of General Counsel, AAA, on July 12, 1933, and has been in the employ of the Department of Agriculture continuously since that date. According to Mr. JONES, ALGER HISS was closely associated with the so-called "Communist" faction of the Attorneys with the AAA, which included such individuals as JEROME FRANK, General Counsel, JOHN ~~ABT~~, LEE PRESSMAN, ABE ~~PORTAS~~ and others. JONES was asked if these people were actually spoken of as Communists at the time they were employed in the AAA or whether they have been tagged as such of recent date. JONES stated that it was his recollection that these persons were considered to be a Communist element in the government as far back as 1934.

In JONES' position of Mailing Files Chief, he was familiar with the correspondence which was initiated by the Legal Staff of AAA. In 1934, certain correspondence emanated from JEROME FRANK's office which was thought by JONES to have precipitated agricultural labor strikes, first in Colorado and later in the State of Michigan. These strikes involved the sugar beet and onion industries. When later correspondence passed through JONES' hands which indicated that a nationwide strike in the milk industry was in the making, JONES decided to do something to prevent it. He removed from the files the correspondence concerning the Colorado and Michigan strikes and also the "blueprint" for the proposed national milk strike. This correspondence was given to Mrs. LENORA B. FULLER, an attorney with the Department. Mrs. FULLER in turn disclosed the contents of this correspondence to her brother, Senator JAMES F. BYRNES.

SETH THOMAS, who was Solicitor of the Department of Agriculture at that time, thus became apprised of the activities of the JEROME FRANK group through Senator BYRNES. SETH THOMAS issued an order through Mrs. L. M. SAMPSON, who was in Personnel at that time, by which JONES was directed to locate all the file cabinets in JEROME FRANK's office, lock them and then remove the file cabinets from the office. JONES walked into FRANK's office and locked the files which were immediately removed and placed under lock and key in another room.

JONES was then delegated to go through these records and remove pertinent correspondence reflecting the methods and purposes of the FRANK group's activities. JONES removed pertinent correspondence from these files and recalls that the stack of papers was probably two and a half to three inches thick. These papers were turned over to Mrs. FULLER. The whereabouts of these papers are not known to JONES and he does not know what disposition was made of the papers by Mrs. FULLER.

Soon after the confiscation of these papers, eighteen members of JEROME FRANK's staff, including JEROME FRANK, were requested to submit their resignations within thirty days. These requests were all dated as of the same date. Relying on his memory, JONES gave the following names as among the eighteen individuals concerned:

ALGER HISS, ABE FORTAS, LEE PRESSMAN, ARTHUR
*BACHRACH, NATHAN WITT, MARGARET (PEGGY) BENNETT,
FRANCIS SHEA, MERCIA LEATON (ph.), HILDA
*DRESHNICOP (ph.), now Mrs. FRANCIS SHEA, SAM
*HERMAN, JOHN ABT, JEROME FRANK:

JONES stated that when ~~HISS~~, on the witness stand, stated that he had never, to his knowledge, known any Communists, he was lying. During the FRANK regime, a frequent visitor to the AAA Legal Staff was one EMMA GOLDMAN, known as "Red EMMA". JONES never saw "Red EMMA" himself, but he stated it was known through the grapevine that she had come down from New York on a number of occasions and had been in conference with FRANK, HISS and the rest. For further information concerning "Red EMMA" visits, JONES furnished the name of JOHN E. HANS, presently with Agriculture, who in 1934 had been a messenger boy. HANS was said by JONES to have seen "Red EMMA" in the offices where she visited and believed to have knowledge as to the individuals who were closely associated with her when she visited Washington. On at least one occasion, according to JONES, HANS chauffeured "Red EMMA" and several of the counsels in a government car. JONES is certain that HISS knew "Red EMMA" back in 1934 and was in on these conferences held with the members of the AAA Legal Staff. At that time, it was common knowledge that EMMA GOLDMAN was a Communist as she had received considerable press notoriety in this respect and it is on this basis that JONES made the earlier statement that he considered HISS to be a liar concerning his Communist acquaintances.

Because of JONES' position with the AAA, he had little or no personal contact with ALGER HISS or any of the other members of the staff and never had any social contact. He has not seen ALGER HISS since HISS' departure from Agriculture and knows nothing of his associates other than those at the AAA.

Photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS were exhibited to JONES. He recognized the photograph as being that of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS but only because of photographs published in press and magazine releases of recent date.

JONES made the closing observation that at the time he made the disclosures to Mrs. FULLER, he was fearful of discovery, yet he felt that if he could stop "the thing", he would be doing a service to the government of his country since he was convinced that the individuals involved were not Americans.

JOHN E. HANS, Mail and Record Section, Department of Agriculture, was interviewed by Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN on February 18, and furnished the information set out below:

HANS was the messenger for the Division Chiefs of the AAA on special detail to JEROME FRANK, at which time HANS was 18 years old. HANS acted as a chauffeur for JEROME FRANK. He generally drove FRANK's personal car, although occasionally a government car was used. Probably as often as once a month, HANS drove a number of AAA attorneys including FRANK, to the home of JEROME FRANK after working hours. HANS does not recall who went and did not know whether ALGER HISS was among them or not. He believes JEROME FRANK's home at that time was on N Street in Georgetown. HANS was certain that LEE PRESSMAN and ARTHUR BACHRACH often went to FRANK's home.

Regarding ALGER HISS, HANS advised that he drove HISS to the Capitol a number of times and also to the White House, but other than that he did not remember driving him any place else. He did drive several other attorneys residing in Georgetown home on several occasions, but he could not remember who they were nor where they lived. HANS stated that EMMA GOLDMAN visited JEROME FRANK's office on one occasion to his knowledge. HANS stated that he saw EMMA GOLDMAN enter JEROME FRANK's office, but that he did not know who was present in the office during the time she was there, but presumed that JEROME FRANK and his secretary, GERTRUDE SAMUELS, were there. HANS was vague as to how he had knowledge that this woman was in fact EMMA GOLDMAN, but believes he remembered her being expected through a phone message or something he had seen or heard in FRANK's office. At any rate a person by the name of EMMA GOLDMAN was expected and the person with whom he associated this name was a woman who arrived at the expected time and he presumed her to be EMMA GOLDMAN. HANS described EMMA GOLDMAN as a "buxom Jewish woman with a loud mouth". He did not believe he could recognize her from a photograph at the present time.

He stated he knew very little of ALGER HISS' close associates, but believed that one TELFORD TAYLOR worked rather closely with him.

HANS said that nothing had ever come to his attention while working for FRANK that would make him question the activities of the AAA in any way. He realizes now that considerable correspondence which left FRANK's office went through irregular channels, but could recall nothing specific concerning these irregularities.

FRED P. HERZER, Mail and Records Section, Chief Solicitor's Office, Department of Agriculture, advised that he had no knowledge of any list of names involving the termination of some fourteen employees at the time JEROME FRANK was requested to resign. HERZER stated that he has heard that fourteen employees were asked to resign and at one time individual notices which were sent to the persons involved were available, but that he had no information as to where these records were located, although in the past several efforts have been made to locate these records.

Miss L. M. SAMPSON, Administrative Assistant, Solicitor's Office, Department of Agriculture, was interviewed on February 23, 1949, and furnished the following information.

In 1934 and 1935 she was employed in the Personnel Section of the AAA. The nature of her work gave her little or no contact with the attorneys of the General Counsel, and therefore, she has no firsthand knowledge of their activities during this period. Her knowledge of this group's reputation including that of ALGER HISS was obtained through Mrs. LENORA B. FULLER, with whom Miss SAMPSON was very close.

Miss SAMPSON was of the opinion that ALGER HISS was included in the purge of 1935. She was not personally acquainted with HISS and had no firsthand knowledge of his associates. The fact that HISS was closely associated with a group of attorneys in the General Counsel staff who were considered to be radical was brought to her attention by Mrs. FULLER. A group of eight or ten of these attorneys were requested to resign, the basis being "intellectual dishonesty". The import of this charge was that they were interpreting the laws of the AAA to serve their own point of view and if necessary to circumvent the purpose of the law to satisfy their desires. The requests for the resignations of these attorneys originated in CHESTER DAVIS' office, and Miss SAMPSON is of the opinion that the names of the persons involved should be available in the Office of the Secretary.

Mr. JOHN J. MURRAY, an attorney in the Office of Solicitor, Department of Agriculture, was interviewed on February 23, 1949, and furnished the following information:

In 1934 and 1935, MURRAY had been employed as a typist and junior auditor in the Wheat Section of the AAA. His work did not bring him in contact with any of the group of attorneys with whom HISS worked and MURRAY was not acquainted with HISS. MURRAY advised he had had a close personal relationship with Mrs. LENORA B. FULLER and through her was made aware of the activities of ALGER HISS and others in connection with the AAA. Under Mrs. FULLER's influence, he had become aware that the group of attorneys were causing considerable trouble. The fact that this group after leaving the AAA was able to move from one governmental agency to another in high positions convinced MURRAY that Mrs. FULLER's suspicions that the group was pro-Communist had considerable basis.

EDWARD MORTON ~~SHULMAN~~ SHULMAN, Associate Solicitor, Department of Agriculture, was interviewed on February 17, 1949. SHULMAN advised that he was only slightly acquainted with ALGER HISS and that this acquaintance was brought about through their mutual employment through the AAA. SHULMAN advised he had no personal contact with ALGER HISS, had never been in the HISS home and was unacquainted with HISS' close associates away from work.

SHULMAN stated that ROBERT McCONNAUGHEY, formerly with the AAA, was a close friend of SHULMAN and that ALGER HISS had been responsible for McCONNAUGHEY's employment at AAA. SHULMAN advised that nothing had ever been brought to his attention which would give him reason to question the loyalty or associates of ALGER HISS, and that the recent publicity concerning ALGER HISS' alleged subversive activities came as a complete surprise to him.

SHULMAN was shown the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, which he recognized because of photographs published recently by newspapers and magazines, but advised that prior to the recent publicity he had not known Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS by that name or any other name.

SHULMAN stated he has never received any correspondence from ALGER HISS, and that since HISS left the AAA he has seen him possibly once or twice on the street, but no more than that.

With respect to his story as to the manner in which ROBERT K. McCONNAUGHEY had obtained employment in the government, HARRY C. COOK had stated that McCONNAUGHEY's brother-in-law, one EDWARD M. SHULMAN, had subsequently been brought into the Department of Agriculture as Assistant Solicitor.

A review of EDWARD SHULMAN's personnel record at the Department of Agriculture, reflects that he is presently an Associate Solicitor in charge of Commodity Credit, Conservation and Adjustment with a rating of P-8 at \$10,000.00 per annum. Prior to obtaining employment with the Department of Agriculture, his personnel file contains a memorandum from ROBERT K. McCONNAUGHEY to Mrs. FULLER dated April 23, 1934. In this memorandum McCONNAUGHEY stated that he is not personally acquainted with SHULMAN, but that after considerable inquiries from persons whose judgment can be relied upon, he has determined that SHULMAN is the proper man to be hired. On May 14, 1934, SHULMAN received an appointment of Attorney, P-4 with the AAA.

During the interview with SHULMAN, the writer questioned him as to his acquaintanceship with McCONNAUGHEY prior to his employment with the AAA. SHULMAN advised that both he and McCONNAUGHEY had practiced law in Dayton, Ohio, for some three or four years and that he had considered McCONNAUGHEY a good friend and acquaintance while residing in Dayton, Ohio. SHULMAN advised that McCONNAUGHEY had been responsible for his being employed with the AAA.

Contained in the personnel file is a letter dated August 31, 1934, from McCONNAUGHEY to SHULMAN, care of ROSALIND ZISKIND, which is the maiden name of SHULMAN's wife, 7 West 4th Street, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. The letter expresses high regard for SHULMAN's work felt by every one "in particular ALGER and myself".

There is nothing in SHULMAN's file to indicate any relationship with McCONNAUGHEY.

Pursuant to the lead set out in New York teletype dated January 9, 1949, Special Agents JAMES J. CANAVAN and PAUL J. TIERNEY interviewed DONALD HISS at his office, Room 710, Union Trust Building, 15th and H Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., on February 9, 1949. Present at the interview in addition to the Agents was a Mr. COX, apparently Mr. HISS' counsel.

Mr. HISS was advised that the sole purpose of the interview was to discuss with him his connection with the HARRY BRIDGES hearing in 1937 and 1938. He thereupon stated that he had testified concerning this matter fully under oath while before the Grand Jury in New York City and he felt that there was no necessity of discussing it again. He added, however, that if the Agents had any specific questions to ask him concerning the matter which had not been discussed before the Grand Jury in New York that he would be glad to answer them.

He was advised that since his testimony before the Grand Jury in New York was not available, there was no way of knowing what he had testified to and therefore no specific questions could be directed to him.

Mr. COX at this point stated that, although Mr. HISS would undoubtedly tell the Agents substantially the same story that he told the Grand Jury, the possibility existed that there might be some slight discrepancies as to dates, places, etc., since the event in question had occurred ten years ago and he therefore felt that Mr. HISS' position was sound.

The interview was thereupon concluded.

On February 7, 1949, Special Agent JAMES J. CANAVAN interviewed Mr. GERARD D. REILLY, attorney, 1435 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., as requested by the New York Office by teletype dated January 7, 1949.

Mr. REILLY stated that he had been appointed as Solicitor in the Department of Labor in the summer of 1937 and that shortly thereafter the Seattle Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service issued a warrant of arrest for HARRY BRIDGES. He advised that he personally went to the West Coast to handle the investigation of the matter since there seemed to be some question about the validity of the warrant. He went on to say that DONALD HISS, who was well known to him, had been out on the West Coast on a wage matter and that he, REILLY, planned to approach HISS relative to his handling the HARRY BRIDGES case at that time but before he arrived in California, HISS had already left on his return trip to Washington, D. C. He also recalled that HISS had returned by boat through the Panama Canal as he desired to take some of his leave on the way home.

Mr. REILLY recalled that he had suggested the name of DONALD HISS to Madam FERKINS, then Secretary of Labor, as a possible hearing officer in the HARRY BRIDGES case and upon her approval, approached DONALD HISS in this regard. Mr. REILLY said, however, that DONALD HISS had left the Labor Department and had accepted a position with the State Department. To the best of his recollection his approach to DONALD HISS occurred sometime in the spring of 1938. He advised that Mr. HISS felt that the State Department officials would be reluctant to release him for such a long period of time and that he, therefore, did not accept the offer. He also recalled that on one occasion after this incident, he met Mr. FRANCIS SAYRE and other officials of the State Department and they appeared to resent the fact that HISS had been approached to take the appointment as hearing officer in the BRIDGES case.

Upon being specifically questioned, Mr. REILLY advised he did recall HISS had offered as an objection to his appointment the fact that he was a young attorney at the time and lacked experience.

Mr. REILLY also advised that DONALD HISS had been considered for this position due to the fact that he was well versed in immigration law and for no other reason. He further stated to the best of his knowledge, the idea of suggesting HISS for appointment to this position originated with himself and he did not recall that any one else was interested in having DONALD HISS appointed as hearing officer in the HARRY BRIDGES case.

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By teletyped dated February 1, 1949, the Boston Office advised that FRANCES A. SORTWELL, a former neighbor of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS had stated that ARCHIBALD MacLEISH appeared friendly with the HISSSES and believed that PRISCILLA HISS had been MacLEISH's secretary between 1938 and 1940. This source also reported that she had met the HISSSES through Judge JOHN STERNHAGEN of Washington, D. C.

On February 3, 1949, Special Agent HERBERT S. HAWKINS ascertained from the personnel file of PRISCILLA HISS at the Library of Congress that Mrs. HISS was appointed to the Library of Congress on June 5, 1939 and resigned effective February 22, 1941 as an Assistant in Subject Hearings in the Subject Cataloging Division. No information was found to substantiate the allegation that Mrs. HISS had been secretary to ARCHIBALD MacLEISH.

On February 7, 1949, JOHN M. STERNHAGEN, Room 5519 Internal Revenue Building, advised Special Agents HERBERT S. HAWKINS and CHESTER CRAWFORD that he was not able to recall just how or when he met ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS but believed it was sometime in the early 30's. They had attended a square dancing group on alternate Tuesday evenings on Church Street between 17th and 18th Streets. He stated that this is now known as the Evelyn Davis Dance Playhouse.

STERNHAGEN had been Treasurer of this group at one time and stated that no books, minutes or written formalities of any sort were kept. He was unable to recall being at any cocktail parties with the HISSSES and stated that although he was friendly with the HISSSES, his acquaintanceship with them was purely on a social level. He was unable to identify a photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and said that he had no correspondence of any sort from any member of the HISS family.

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By teletype dated February 11, 1949, the Los Angeles Office advised that ALBERT LEVITT had stated that memoranda written on the personal typewriter of ALGER HISS might be located in certain Department of Justice files involving the National City Bank and Russian insurance cases. These files were made available to Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN by Mr. CLIVE W. PALMER, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. They were thoroughly reviewed and no memoranda by ALGER HISS were found in any of these files.

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Will continue to develop information pertinent to this investigation and complete the investigation requested in Bureau letter to New York dated January 3, 1949 and Bureau letter to the Washington Field Office dated December 13, 1948.

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By teletype dated February 8, 1949, the Atlanta Office was requested to interview LINTON B. WEST, Regional Attorney, Agricultural Department, 1017 Glen Building, Atlanta, and H. B. HARE, attorney with the Agricultural Department, located in the same building. Both were fellow employees of ALGER HISS at the AAA.

By teletype dated February 7, 1949, the Boston Office was requested to interview ERNEST J. BROWN, Professor at Harvard University, who was a fellow employee of ALGER HISS at AAA.

By teletype dated February 4, 1949, the San Francisco Office was requested to interview CHARLES P. DORR, San Anselmo, California, who was a fellow employee of ALGER HISS at AAA.

By teletype dated February 15, 1949, the Baltimore Office was requested to interview Mrs. L. R. McKee, the former CONSTANCE M. SUPPLEE, 43 Coral Place, Lexington Park, Maryland. She was the secretary of LAURENCE DUGGAN when he and ALGER HISS were Political Advisors at the State Department.

Investigation in Washington, D. C. reflected that FREDERICK PEARSON BARTLETT, who was a fellow employee of ALGER HISS at the AAA is presently First Secretary of the U. S. Embassy and Consul in London, England. Consequently, Mr. BARTLETT was not interviewed by this office.

The report of Special Agent MAHLON C. COLLIER dated January 10, 1949 at Detroit, Michigan, requested this office to interview KENDALL FOSS, in whose home a party was given for HEDY MASSING in 1936 or 1937, which ALGER HISS may have attended. Investigation disclosed that FOSS is presently employed as Editor of the BERLIN ZEITUNG, Berlin, Germany, his address being Press Center, APO 742-A, New York City, New York. Consequently, Mr. FOSS was not interviewed by this office.

By teletype dated February 2, 1949, the Philadelphia Office suggested an interview with FELIX MORLEY, brother of CHRISTOPHER MORLEY. By teletype dated February 9, 1949, the Bureau was advised that in view of derogatory information appearing in Washington Field Office files this interview would not be conducted unless advised to the contrary.

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By teletype dated February 11, 1949, the Boston Office was requested to interview attorney THOMAS ELIOT who allegedly recalled being contacted by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS during the 1930's, according to JAMES H. ROWE.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Interviews with JAMES H. ROWE, THOMAS AUSTERN, EUGENE O'DUNNE, Jr., JOSEPH M. TUMULTY, Jr., ELLIOT MOYER, BARBARA RADIUS, WALLACE MURRAY, ABBOT LOW MOFFAT, FRANK A. WARING, friends and co-workers of ALGER HISS, failed to develop pertinent information. Captain O. S. READING does not know HISS. HARRY C. COOK received \$1,000.00 raise three weeks after initial appointment to government service on recommendation of LEE PRESSMAN. Interviews with WALLACE A. JONES, JOHN E. HANS, FRED P. HERZER, Miss L. M. SAMPSON, JOHN J. MURRAY and EDWARD M. SHULMAN re COOK's allegations set out. DONALD HISS declined to discuss HARRY BRIDGES case. GERARD D. REILLY interviewed. No record of PRISCILLA HISS as secretary to ARCHIBALD MacLEISH.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 74-1333
 Bureau letter to Washington Field Office dated December 13, 1948.
 Report of Special Agent LUDWIG W. R. OBERNDORF dated February 14, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 17, 1949

FROM : *new* SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: JAHAM; PERJURY;
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Re Baltimore letter to the Director dated March 8, 1949.

There are being enclosed two copies each of reports of SA ROBERT A. MILLER dated March 17, 1949 re JULES YANOVER, with aliases, and RUTH YANOVER, with aliases, which are being submitted for the information of the New York Office since they were contacts of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN at Washington, D. C.

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FORTY NINE INSTRUCTING SAN ANTONIO TO INTERVIEW DR. MARGARET WATT, FORMER WIFE
OF WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE. THIS INTERVIEW SHOULD BE HELD IN ABYDANCE UNTIL
COMPLETION OF CRANE'S INTERVIEW BY LOS ANGELES, AT WHICH TIME NEW YORK SHOULD
FURNISH ALL NECESSARY DATA TO SAN ANTONIO SO THAT DR. MARGARET WATT MAY BE
THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED RE INSTANT CASE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAHAM
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INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: March 21, 1949

Re NY tel March 9, 1949, requesting this office to interview Mr. and Mrs. PEYTON KERR. The teletype reported that in about 1936 or 1937 WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE attempted to develop them as sources of information for Soviet apparatus but this attempt was unsuccessful. Reference is also made to New York letter to the Bureau, dated February 24, 1949, which sets out in some detail comparisons between information given by CRANE and by CHAMBERS.

For the information of the San Antonio Office, which later in this letter is requested to interview Mrs. JAMES F. WATT of Pharr, Texas, CRANE stated at Los Angeles that he knew PEYTON KERR and his wife in San Francisco and later in Washington, D.C., and contacted the KERRS several times on instructions of either CHAMBERS or BYKOV to develop KERR or others through him as information sources. KERR at this time was an economist and possibly employed in the Agriculture or Labor Department.

CRANE stated that KERR had a friend in the State Department and CHAMBERS had instructed CRANE to develop this friend of the KERRS as a source. CRANE was unable to recall this person's name but did recall that he was to develop this man through attentions to the man's wife whom he described as 5'1" or 2", overweight for height, with light brown hair and light complexion and wearing glasses. CRANE was unable to describe the husband whom he had met only once. CRANE stated he was unsuccessful in developing the KERRS or the KERRS' friend and that Mr. and Mrs. PEYTON KERR were in no way involved in the illegal work.

So far as CHAMBERS is concerned he can not recall anyone by the name of PEYTON KERR. He recalls that CRANE did have social acquaintances in Washington and he admits that CRANE may possibly have mentioned PEYTON KERR and suggested the possibility of using KERR. Further, CHAMBERS admits that he may have told CRANE to go ahead with this development.

On Friday, March 18, 1949, Mrs. PEYTON KERR was interviewed at her home, 421 Argyle Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. KERR advised that her husband is now first secretary of the United States Embassy to India at New Delhi, India, and that he had been in this position for approximately four months. She advised that she and the children intend to join him at New Delhi and plan to leave the United States approximately April 5, 1949. Their departure has been delayed in view of the children's illness and they may leave before April 5, depending largely upon the children's health.

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Mrs. KERR after a moment's hesitation recognized a picture of CRANE and correctly identified him. She stated that her husband had met CRANE at the University of California at Berkeley, California, while Mr. KERR was attending college there in about 1933 or 1934. Mrs. KERR stated that her husband was well acquainted with one MARGARET GUTELIUS, a premedical student at Berkeley, and through her met CRANE. Mrs. KERR advised that CRANE and GUTELIUS were subsequently married. Mrs. KERR stated that she and Mr. KERR were married on July 10, 1934, in San Francisco (Mrs. KERR's maiden name being MARGARET WELSON). Mrs. KERR recalls that she associates her first meeting with PEGGY GUTELIUS and WILLIAM CRANE with her own wedding. At this time, according to Mrs. KERR, CRANE was a free lance photographer and resided in Berkeley. In 1935 the KERRS left Berkeley and came to Washington, D.C. Sometime later in 1935 CRANE and his wife moved to New York where CRANE also operated as a free lance photographer.

Mrs. KERR advised that both she and her husband were extremely fond of CRANE's wife but they both regarded CRANE as a braggadocious egomaniac and both of them had an intense dislike for CRANE. Mrs. KERR said that she had advised the wife of CRANE to separate from him and she recalls that in 1936 MARGARET CRANE did in fact leave WILLIAM CRANE and following a brief and unsuccessful reconciliation the CRANES were divorced. Mrs. CRANE, the former MARGARET GUTELIUS, is now Mrs. JAMES F. WATT, a practicing physician and the wife of Dr. JAMES F. WATT, also a practicing physician believed by Mrs. KERR to be with the Public Health Service at Pharr, Texas.

It should be noted that following the unsuccessful reconciliation between the CRANES, MARGARET CRANE told Mrs. KERR that WILLIAM CRANE had made the remark that he was photographing national defense installations in New York City and was being paid for this work by another nation. Mrs. KERR advised that there were no further details in regard to this statement. She says that she and her husband, as well as MARGARET CRANE, could not believe this remark and attributed it to CRANE's usual blustering manner.

Mrs. KERR states that she and her husband saw the CRANES probably no more than five or six times from 1935 through the early part of 1937 at which time the CRANES were divorced. Mrs. KERR recalls that MARGARET CRANE during this time was studying medicine and in the summer of 1936 or 1937 Mrs. CRANE worked in the George Washington Hospital Clinic in Washington, D.C. Mrs. KERR recalls that this employment lasted only about eight weeks and during this time MARGARET CRANE lived at an apartment hotel in the Northwest section of Washington. Mrs. KERR can not recall the exact location of this hotel but states it was "rather far out to the east of Connecticut Avenue." The referenced letter from New York City indicates that CRANE recalls that he did some photographing of documents during one week in the summer of 1937 in Washington, D.C., in the apartment of a girl known to CHAMBERS and that this girl would be away from the apartment while they were doing the photography. He described this girl as being a large athletic type, 5'10" or 11" tall, 150 pounds, with dark hair. He recalled her apartment had been on 16th or 17th Street, NW,

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one block or more from Connecticut Avenue in Washington, D.C. It is observed that CHAMBERS has absolutely no recollection of this girl in Washington, D.C., and does not recall working in Washington with CRANE as set out above.

Mrs. KERR described MARGARET CRANE as follows:

Height	5'3"
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Slender
Age in 1937	28 to 30
Characteristics	Excellent swimmer, formerly held summer employment as counselor for girls camps.

Mrs. KERR further recalled that while MARGARET CRANE lived in Washington, D.C., WILLIAM CRANE maintained their residence in New York City and did not accompany his wife to Washington.

With regard to the unknown individual whom CRANE alleges he attempted to develop, Mrs. KERR could recall no one of her acquaintance who would fit this description and further advised that she was rather sure that neither she nor her husband had ever introduced CRANE to any of their friends. She pointed out that CRANE had been in their home in Washington no more than two or three times and because both she and her husband disliked him very much they had made no effort to introduce him to their circle of acquaintances. She also pointed out that CRANE had never urged her or so far as she knew had never urged her husband to introduce him to any one.

Mrs. KERR said that she had never conversed with CRANE with respect to the Communist Party or Soviet Russia and she advised that she had as a matter of course considered CRANE to be a loyal American citizen or as loyal as anyone with his neurotic tendencies could be. Mrs. KERR has not seen CRANE since either 1936 or 1937 but she has occasionally corresponded with his former wife.

The San Antonio Office should interview Dr. MARGARET WATT at Pharr, Texas, but under no circumstances should Dr. MARGARET WATT become conscious that Mrs. KERR has advised that Dr. MARGARET WATT told her of CRANE's remarks to the effect that he was being paid by a foreign power to photograph defense installations in the New York area. Mrs. KERR furnished this information in confidence and has advised that she has a very high opinion of MARGARET WATT and would be greatly embarrassed if MARGARET WATT could predicate this information to Mrs. KERR.

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 AT ONE TWENTY PM, DOCUMENTS DELIVERED BY INSPECTOR H. R. FLETCHER OF BUREAU
 TO WINCENT P. RUSSO, ATTORNEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION, D OF J. THEY REMAINED IN
 RUSSO'S EXCLUSIVE POSSESSION UNTIL THREE PM, DECEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT,
 WHEN DELIVERED TO MR. RAYMOND P. WHEARTY, FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT
 ATTORNEY GENERAL. ON DECEMBER FIVE, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT, MR. WHEARTY TRAVELLED
 OCCASIONALLY TO NEW YORK CITY AND ON DECEMBER SIX, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT, HE
 DELIVERED THEM TO MR. T. J. DONEGAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE AG. THEY
 REMAINED IN DONEGAN'S OFFICIAL CUSTODY UNTIL DECEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT.
 DURING THAT PERIOD, DONEGAN INTRODUCED DOCUMENTS IN EVIDENCE BEFORE FEDERAL
 GRAND JURY, NYC. ON DECEMBER NINETEEN, THE DOCUMENTS WERE HANDSD TO MR. FRED STRAIN,
 ATTORNEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION, D OF J, WHO RETURNED THEM FROM NYC TO WASHINGTON,
 D.C. AND DELIVERED THEM TO MR. RUSSO ON DECEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT.
 AT SIX THIRTYFOUR PM, DECEMBER THIRTY, THE DOCUMENTS WERE DELIVERED BY MR. RUSSO
 TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D. M. LADD OF THE BUREAU.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : *me* Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General

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

DATE: March 21, 1949

AMC:VPR:jir

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 1, 1949 in which you request the names and official titles of the various individuals in the department who had in their possession during the period from November 30, 1948, at 1:20 P.M. to December 10, 1948, at 6:34 P.M. the original documents produced by Whittaker Chambers at the pretrial deposition hearing at Baltimore, Maryland.

As pointed out in your memorandum, these documents were delivered to Vincent P. Russo, Attorney, Criminal Division, by Howard B. Fletcher, Inspector, Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 30, 1948, at 1:20 P.M. They remained in Mr. Russo's exclusive possession until December 4, 1948, at 3:00 P.M. at which time he delivered them to Mr. Raymond P. Whearty, First Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General.

On December 5, 1948, Mr. Whearty took the documents to New York City and on December 6, 1948, he delivered them to Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. The documents remained in Mr. Donegan's official custody until December 9, 1948. During that time, Mr. Donegan introduced the documents in evidence before the Special Grand Jury conducting an investigation into the activities of Chambers and others.

On December 9, 1948, the documents were handed to Mr. Fred Strine, Attorney, Criminal Division, who returned them from New York City to Washington, D. C. and delivered them to Mr. Russo on December 10, 1948. At 6:34 P.M. on December 10, 1948, the documents, accompanied by a memorandum of transmittal from the Assistant Attorney General to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were delivered by Mr. Russo to Mr. D. M. Ladd, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP. R., INTERNAL SECURITY R. IN CONNECTION WITH CHAMBERS TRIP TO THOMASTON, CONNECTICUT AND PETERBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE ON FEB. TWENTYFIRST AND TWENTYSECOND LAST, CHAMBERS IDENTIFIED GENERALLY LOCALITY IN THOMASTON WHERE HE BELIEVES TOURIST HOME WAS LOCATED. HE, HOWEVER, WAS NOT ABLE TO DEFINITELY POINT OUT INDIVIDUAL HOUSE BUT STATES THAT IT WAS LOCATED IN A TRIANGLE BOUNDED BY ELM STREET, MAIN STREET AND UNION STREET. FURTHER EFFORTS TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF THIS TOURIST HOME BEING MADE BY NEW HAVEN OFFICE. IN PETERBORO, CHAMBERS OBSERVED BOTH INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF QUOTE BLEAK HOUSE UNQUOTE AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED IT AS INSTANT TOURIST HOME. HE DID NOT RULE OUT THREE OTHER POSSIBILITIES WHICH ARE NOT BEING OPERATED AS TOURIST HOMES AT THE PRESENT TIME. FROM ALL INDICATIONS IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE BLEAK HOUSE IS DEFINITELY THE TOURIST HOME IN QUESTION, HOWEVER, AN AGENT OF THE BOSTON OFFICE WAS PRESENT WITH THE NEW YORK AGENTS WHEN THE EXAMINATION OF THESE TOURIST HOMES WAS MADE ON FEB. TWENTY SECOND AND THE BOSTON OFFICE WILL CONDUCT FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE ANY REGISTERS AVAILABLE FOR THE PERTINENT PERIOD FOR THE BLEAK HOUSE AND WILL ALSO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF THE OTHER THREE LOCATIONS MENTIONED BY CHAMBERS AS BEING THE TOURIST HOME IN QUESTION.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
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Bureau File No. 74-133

DATE: February 25, 1949.

Reference is made to statement of Dr. HERBERT INSLEY, Chief of the Minor Products Division, National Bureau of Standards, which is set forth in report of Special Agent ROBERT W. JIC CASLIN dated December 29, 1948, at Washington, D.C., and the subsequent statement of Dr. INSLEY as reported in Washington Field Office letter dated February 7, 1949. 2

Dr. INSLEY was again interviewed by Agents of this office on February 16, 1949, relative to the identification of the unidentified person who addressed one of the meetings which he attended at the home of WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN. This meeting, as Dr. INSLEY indicated, was one of the meetings which he had previously referred to as "secret meetings". It is felt, too, that it is likely to be the same meeting that ARTHUR U. THEUER referred to as "informal meeting" when he was interviewed by the Anchorage Office.

Dr. INSLEY stated that he did recall that on ~~one occasion~~ there was a stranger who was present at one of the meetings. He indicated that this stranger must have been there for the purpose of leading a discussion. However, he said that he could not recall the nature of the discussion advanced by the stranger. He also was of the opinion that both the PIGMANS and the late JESSE S. ROGERS knew this individual. Dr. INSLEY said that he did not recall the individual being introduced by any name but the impression that comes to him now was that the name was "Jewish". He said he definitely recalled that the man had "Jewish features"; that he was dark complexioned, had dark hair and course features. He said he would estimate the man's age as approximately 40 years. He said that he felt the man was of medium build and that he could have been 5 ft. 8 inches in height. Dr. INSLEY said he could not recall any unusual characteristic about the man other than the general appearance which indicated that he was of "Jewish appearance".

Dr. INSLEY said that he could not recall who might have introduced the man if he was formally introduced and added that he assumed ROGERS must have presented the man to the group because it was ROGERS who was the active director of the meetings. Dr. INSLEY was of the opinion that Mr. PALMER, Mr. FLINT and Mr. THEUER were present as well as the PIGMANS and Mr. ROGERS on the evening that this individual attended the meeting.

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Dr. INSLEY said that it was difficult for him to recall what had transpired at the several meetings he had attended and at which meetings the men that he had previously mentioned were in attendance. He remarked that it must have been a meeting after the one at which this unidentified party was present, that he was charged by the late JESSE S. ROGERS to develop an underground press. At the time that ROGERS charged him with this duty he stated that THEUER was present and that he feels now that ROGERS meant for him, Dr. INSLEY, and Mr. THEUER to be responsible for the development of the press. He said that he also felt it was their responsibility to develop the ink which he had previously mentioned was to be of such a type that could not be duplicated in the commercial field. Dr. INSLEY said that he felt that Mr. FLINT and Mr. PALMER could very well be ignorant of the charge placed to him and THEUER by ROGERS.

Dr. INSLEY related during this interview that an interest was shown by the PIGMANS and ROGERS in the union of Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians which was being formed at the National Bureau of Standards. He said they told him they felt that it would be a good idea for him to join the F.A.C.E.T. He pointed out that he later did join this organization and became a charter member. Dr. INSLEY advised that although he had no definite impressions or recollections concerning the suggestion made that he join the F.A.C.E.T. he felt that on further recollection the real purpose for joining the F.A.C.E.T. was to report back to the individual members of the group that were holding the "secret meetings". Dr. INSLEY also related that it was his impression that he was to serve as informer on the activities of the F.A.C.E.T. He said, too, that he imagined that the other members of the group which were holding the "secret meetings" were also charged with similar responsibilities and that perhaps they, too, might have been encouraged to join other union organizations. He pointed out, however, that this was conjecture on his part.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent CLARK E. LOVRIEN dated February 8, 1949, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN identified a photograph of DAVID CARPENTER as being DAVID ZIMMERMAN. PIGMAN said he became acquainted with this party whom he identified as ZIMMERMAN in connection with activities which they had engaged in in the F.A.C.E.T. at the National Bureau of Standards.

Dr. INSLEY, when questioned in this regard without divulging the contents of the interview with WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN, maintained very firmly that although he was not able to identify DAVID ZIMMERMAN

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from photographs which were exhibited to him as being identical with the previously referred to stranger, he was certain in his own mind that ZILBERMAN had not been present at any of the meetings of the F.A.C.E.T., which would therefore appear that perhaps Mr. PIGMAN may possibly be in error as to what type of meeting he had attended with DAVID ZILBERMAN. The impression gathered by Dr. INSLEY, although he was not at all specific, was that this previously referred to unidentified stranger was a "top level functionary and that he, ROGERS and the PIGMANS were in a much higher category in the underground activities which they were endeavoring to establish". In this connection it might be noted that Dr. INSLEY was of the opinion that THEUER, FLINT and PALMER, as well as himself, had never assisted the PIGMANS or ROGERS in the furtherance of their underground activities and that he felt certain that after they ceased attending meetings at the PIGMANS' home their severance did not terminate the activities that the PIGMANS and ROGERS were engaged in.

He said from the apparent setup of the organization of which he was a member, it would appear to him now that ROGERS, the PIGMANS and this "unidentified man" were also involved in another parallel of activity.

Dr. INSLEY expressed the belief that on the evening that the "unidentified man" was present at their meeting, this "unidentified man" would not have been there if all members present were not members of the Communist Party. Dr. INSLEY stated that he recalls that he signed for membership in the Communist Party at ROGERS' insistence at the meeting previous to the one attended by the "unidentified man". He says that he feels that THEUER, FLINT and PALMER had also signed as Communist Party members. He added that he could not conclusively prove this but that the affairs of the meeting would so indicate same.

Concerning membership in the Communist Party, Dr. INSLEY said that he recalled after joining the Communist Party, that ROGERS gave him the membership card on which he used a false name and that he kept the card on his person until he informed ROGERS that he was personally destroying the card and withdrawing from the Communist Party and also that he was dropping out of the group which was holding the secret meetings. Dr. INSLEY expressed the feeling at this time the other members, namely, FLINT, THEUER and PALMER, had also been recruited into the party and that it was his belief that these men took similar action to him in withdrawing. Dr. INSLEY said that he had no documentary evidence at this time which he could produce which would indicate his membership in the Communist Party or his membership in the "secret meeting" group. He also expressed an opinion that none of his associates, namely, THEUER, FLINT or PALMER, would have any information that would conclusively reflect their membership in the group or in the Communist Party if they had joined the Party as he believes they did.

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Mr. ROGERS, Dr. INSLEY said, would have been the only one in his

opinion who would have a personal record of his, Dr. INSLEY'S, membership in the Communist Party. He mentioned that it was quite probable that none of ROGERS' family would be aware of ROGERS' involvement in the "secret meeting" group or in the Communist Party. He said, too, that he was certain none of the members present at the "secret meetings" indicated to their families in any way the nature of the activities they were engaging in or the identity of the group they were meeting with. Dr. INSLEY said that he had never divulged any of this information to his wife and he was certain that none of the other members had informed their wives. He said, "In fact, I personally have tried to forget about this period in my life."

In view of the strong belief on the part of Dr. INSLEY that the other members of the "secret meeting" group must have been members of the Communist Party, it is felt that the Bureau will desire that these members be again interrogated and that their activities in these so-called "secret meetings" be definitely determined.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: JAHAM
PERJURY,
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INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bureau File 74-1333)

DATE: March 1, 1949

Reference is made to New York teletype dated January 20, 1949, which advised that HAROLD R. MEDINA, Jr., had stated that Lieutenant HARRY BLACKMAN of the Metropolitan Police Department had information relative to the membership of ALGER HISS in the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and other front organizations.

The subversive files of the Metropolitan Police Department under the supervision of Lieutenant HARRY BLACKMAN were searched in accordance with the information obtained in referenced teletype with negative results.

Your attention is directed to page eight of the report of Special Agent LUDWIG W. R. OBERNDORF dated February 2, 1949, at Washington, D. C., in the captioned matter. The information appearing under the symbol of T-7 originates from the same source as that mentioned by Mr. MEDINA. Consequently, in order to protect this source of information, it is not being restated in a report emanating from this office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: JAHAM
PERJURY,
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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DATE: March 1, 1949

Re New York teletype February 15, 1949, requesting Washington Field Office to interview Dr. MARGARET MARY NICHOLSON, pediatrician, 1801 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., who treated TIMOTHY HISS or HOBSON and ELLEN CHAMBERS sometime in September or October 1935 while Mrs. CHAMBERS was living with the HISSES.

Dr. NICHOLSON advised on February 17, 1949, that she has recently been approached by the attorneys of ALGER HISS who have told her that for her to make available her records to this Bureau would be a breach of medical ethics.

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She stated there is no record in this Paid Book of any payment made to her by Mrs. BREEN, the name cited in reference teletype as used by Mrs. CHAMBERS.

Dr. NICHOLSON advised that her records are maintained alphabetically and that aside from the alphabetical file, she maintains only the Paid Book which, of course, runs chronologically by dates payments are made to her. Dr. NICHOLSON advised that she has thoroughly searched the Paid Book for any names which are unfamiliar to her, and which might conceivably be the name used by Mrs. CHAMBERS, but that her efforts in this direction have been negative.

Dr. NICHOLSON stated that if Mrs. CHAMBERS could recall the nature of the treatment received by her daughter, ELLEN, then Dr. NICHOLSON might be able to recall this incident and even find a record of it. Dr. NICHOLSON stated that she mentally catalogs the children who are treated by her depending upon the treatment she gives these children and further, that she has an extremely good memory.

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Because the New York Office is in possession of more details in connection with Mrs. CHAMBERS' visit than is this office, the New York Office is requested to determine whether or not Mrs. CHAMBERS should be re-interviewed concerning this matter and to so advise the Baltimore Office.

In this connection, reference is made to report of Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES dated January 27, 1949, page 179 in which the results of a previous interview with Dr. NICHOLSON has been set out. Dr. NICHOLSON stated that if she can locate a record of Mrs. CHAMBERS' visit, she will be perfectly willing to introduce that record into a court of law if issued a subpoena duces tecum.

It is noted that Dr. NICHOLSON is extremely cooperative, but is apprehensive in that she does not wish to jeopardize her medical standing.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was etal
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DATE: March 4, 1949

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

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

Investigation conducted by this office indicates that [redacted] served with the National Recovery Administration, Washington, D. C., when the National Recovery Administration Code was prepared and thereafter he acted as a Consultant to National Recovery Administration. [redacted]

[redacted] confidentially advised that he believed his brother knew SILVERMAN professionally and socially.

The Memphis Office is requested to interview [redacted] Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, regarding the activities of SILVERMAN during the time he was employed at National Recovery Program. Determine the names of SILVERMAN'S associates, especially social and luncheon companions. Determine reasons for SILVERMAN'S leaving NRA, it has been alleged that SILVERMAN engaged in arguments with GUSTAV PECK and SIDNEY HILLMAN, his superiors at NRA. Ascertain any information indicating SILVERMAN knew ALGIER HISS, HENRY COLLINS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, or that he was engaged in subversive activities.

Photographs of SILVERMAN, ALGIER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS are enclosed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: March 7, 1949

Rerep Special Agent JOHN E. DAVIS, dated February 18, 1949, at Atlanta, Georgia, which report sets out a lead to interview FRANCES FAULCONER and LAVANTIA SAMPSON for information concerning HISS and any information they may have with regard to the papers of Mrs. LENONA B. FULLER.

On March 2, 1949, Miss LAVANTIA M. SAMPSON, Special Assistant to the Solicitor, U. S. Department of Agriculture, was interviewed at her office 1022 South Building, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Miss SAMPSON resides at 3133 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. Miss SAMPSON was unable to furnish any direct information in connection with ALGER HISS that she had not previously furnished.

With respect to the records of FULLER, Miss SAMPSON advised that FULLER took these records to New York in 1945 at which time she made her home with her daughter, one Mrs. WORTHINGTON MINER, who now resides at 1 West 72nd Street, New York City. Miss SAMPSON advised that she had seen these records infrequently and was not acquainted with the subject matter of these documents except that they dealt generally with employees of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, including HISS, PRESSMAN, JEROME FRANK, and others.

Miss SAMPSON stated that Mrs. MINER has moved to her present address since the death of FULLER and offered the observation that these records may have been destroyed by Mrs. MINER.

On the same date, Miss FRANCES FAULCONER, room 5043, South Building, who resides at 3615 Upton Street, N. W., was interviewed and furnished no other pertinent details. Miss FAULCONER is a Special Assistant in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The New York Division is requested to contact Mrs. MINER in an effort to locate the documents. It is noted that these documents are mentioned in the report of Special Agent LUDWIG W. R. OBERNDORF, dated February 2, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 7, 1949

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE

SUBJECT: JAHAM
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - RRebulet March 3, 1949, concerning ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING. *W. E. Kelly*Pursuant to Bureau authorization on January 6, 1949, to reinterview SOYRING, the following contacts have been had with her: *J. J. [unclear]*

During telephonic communication with SOYRING on January 13, 1949, she advised that she did not care to be interviewed by Bureau Agents. Subsequently, several unsuccessful efforts were made to contact her, and, when SOYRING was last actually contacted by an Agent of this office on February 24, 1949, she said she still did not want to talk to the FBI about anything and had no information to furnish. She was again requested to contact the Baltimore Office if she ever changed her mind.

~~EXEMPTED RECORDING~~

Accordingly, to date ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING has never actually been interviewed by Agents of this office concerning allegations in connection with this case made regarding her by CHAMBERS. According to Baltimore Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, SOYRING'S mental and physical condition have improved considerably in the recent past. However, because of her condition and even despite her condition, it is still desirable to interview her. Such interview will be conducted whenever she is willing and, if such interview ever materializes, the Bureau and interested offices will be advised of the results immediately.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *Let Room* CIV HOTTEL, SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

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

DATE: March 10, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau letter of February 3, 1949 to the Washington Field Office in which the Washington Field Office is instructed to exhaust all efforts in the conduct of a neighborhood investigation where ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN resided during the latter part of 1936 and the first part of 1937 in an effort to substantiate the fact that he received three rugs during the first part of January, 1937 and subsequently transported two of them in his automobile as alleged by CHAMBERS.

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

According to FLORENCE TOMPKINS, SILVERMAN'S maid from 1935 to 1945, three oriental rugs were delivered to the SILVERMANS in the Fall or Winter of 1936 at 2138 California Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. FLORENCE TOMPKINS states she assisted the SILVERMANS in selecting one of the rugs and that the remaining two were sent to HARRY DEXTER WHITE and possibly ALGER HISS.

The SILVERMAN family subsequently moved from 2138 California Street to Apartment #311, 2325 15th Street, N. W. during the Spring of 1937. Rental records for the latter address reflect that HERRICK E. BEARCE resided in Apartment #312, 2325 15th Street, N.W. during the time of the SILVERMANS' residence there. The forwarding address furnished by BEARCE in September, 1946 was P. O. Box #534, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The Kansas City Office is requested to locate and interview BEARCE in accordance with Bureau instructions set out above.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: JAHAM
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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

There is being enclosed under separate cover to the FBI Laboratory a register of the Peterborough Players, Peterborough, New Hampshire, covering a period of time from June 15, 1936, through the 1938 summer season.

For the information of the Laboratory, the New York Office is desirous that this register be examined to ascertain whether or not it contains known handwriting specimens of PRISCILLA and ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. According to CHAMBERS, he attended a play at Peterborough, New Hampshire, in the 1937 summer session entitled, "She Stoops to Conquer." Investigation has established that this play was put on between August 10 and August 15, 1937. This period is specifically set forth in instant register under the page entitled, "She Stoops to Conquer," with the date, August 10.

The Laboratory is further advised that New York has requested photostatic copies of this register, and it is requested that New York be furnished same.

There are also being forwarded to the Laboratory two additional books previously located by Boston, one commencing with the date, July 16, 1935, and with a final date of August 20, 1938; and a guest book covering 1939. These latter two books were previously located by Boston and New York has requested that they also be processed for handwritten specimens.

There are being forwarded to New York by registered mail two copies of the PETERBOROUGH TRANSCRIPT as made available by ALGER HOLT, Town Clerk, Peterborough, New Hampshire. With reference to the August 5, 1937 publication, the attention of New York is directed to page 1, which carries an advertisement of the Peterborough Players. With reference to the August 12, 1937 edition, the attention of the New York Office is directed to pages 1 and 8, which reflect information concerning the play, "She Stoops to Conquer." Mr. HOLT has turned these over to the FBI and advised Boston agents that he did not desire to have them returned to him.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *JH*
Levm GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field Office

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITAKER CHAMBERS, was; etal
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DATE: March 15, 1949

Reference is made to the report of SA DANIEL F. X. CALLAHAN dated February 17, 1949, at Baltimore, Maryland. In this report the Washington Field Office was requested to locate and interview persons who were suggested by Admiral and Mrs. ALEXANDER SHARP as persons who would possibly have information regarding the HISSSES. The following action has been taken by the Washington Field Office and is being set forth for your information.

Mrs. LORENZO S. WINSLOW, 3411 Volta Place, Northwest, was previously interviewed and the results of this interview are contained on Page 107 of the report of SA COURTLAND J. JONES dated January 28, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

Admiral and Mrs. SHARP indicated that a man whose last name was ~~MARSHALL~~ was believed to be one of the two men who resided at 3415 Volta Place, Northwest, and that this MARSHALL either owned this house or resided at this address.

The report of SA JOHN J. WALSH dated February 24, 1949, at Washington, D. C., on Page 5 reflects that ALGER HISS leased the home at 3415 Volta Place, Northwest, from KATHERINE H. FLANNAGAN, thus it appears that MARSHALL was either a roomer at 3415 Volta Place, Northwest, prior to the time that ALGER HISS leased this home or that he owned 3415 Volta Place prior to the time it was purchased by KATHERINE H. FLANNAGAN. No further action is being taken to locate and interview MARSHALL.

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The report of SA FREDERICK M. CONNORS dated February 23, 1949, at Boston, Massachusetts, on Page 1 reflects that Mrs. FRANCIS A. SORTWELL resided at 3410 Volta Place, Northwest, a frame house directly across the street from 3415 Volta Place, Northwest, from 1938 through 1940, and that she was interviewed regarding the HISSSES.

WALTER LIPPMAN, the Newspaper Columnist, resided on the corner of 35th and Volta Place, Northwest, during the time the HISSSES resided at 3415 Volta Place, Northwest. Mr. LIPPMAN is not being interviewed unless the Washington Field Office is specifically requested to do so.

The SHARPS suggested that ALOYSIUS ----- who lived at 3411 Volta Place, Northwest, be interviewed. The 1937 Washington, D. C. City Directory reflects that

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LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR

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LORENZO S. WINSLOW was residing at 3411 Volta Place, Northwest. Since ALGER HISS did not occupy the residence on Volta Place until January or February of 1938, no further effort is being made to identify, locate, or interview ALOYSIUS -----.

No further effort is being made to locate and interview CHARLES G. MOORE, a Naval Officer who lived at 1545 35th Street, Northwest, for several months up to August, 1936. It is noted that ALGER HISS resided at 3415 Volta Place, Northwest, from about January, 1938, until 1943.

Likewise no effort is being made to locate and interview MORRISON SHAFROTH or Admiral SHAFROTH as MORRISON SHAFROTH leased 1545 35th Street, Northwest, on or about December 1, 1936, for a period of six months. It is again noted that the HISSES resided on Volta Place from January, 1938, through 1943.

The results of investigation regarding the SILCOX family and the interview with Colonel F. W. BOYE, both of whom formerly resided at 1545 35th Street, will be reported at an early date by this office.

No effort is being made by this office to interview ROBERT P. PATTERSON, former Secretary of War, unless the Bureau specifically advises that this interview be conducted.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM *Guy Hottel* Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT *JAHAM* JAHAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

RE: JOSEPHINE FREY ~~HERBST~~

Reference is made to Newark teletype to Washington Field and New York dated February 8, 1949, requesting Washington Field to ascertain from the Office of War Information and Civil Service Commission files, the details surrounding JOSEPHINE FREY HERBST's dismissal from the Office of War Information.

Washington Field Office files contain no additional information concerning JOSEPHINE FREY HERBST which is not in the possession of New York. New York's file on JOSEPHINE FREY HERBST is 77-4400.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *Guy Hottel* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 15, 1949

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

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Rebulet to Washington Field Office dated February 25, 1949 instructing the Washington Field Office to reinterview HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH in connection with ALBERT BLUMBERG and exhibit a photograph of BLUMBERG to WADLEIGH in order that WADLEIGH might identify BLUMBERG as the individual named BLUMBERG who visited WADLEIGH's apartment in the company of ELEANOR NELSON in 1934 and 1935.

On March 14, 1949 WADLEIGH was interviewed in the Washington Field Office and the photograph of BLUMBERG forwarded recently by the Baltimore Office was exhibited to him along with photographs of RICHARD SASULY, SEVERO SCARPATI and ROBERTO SCARICABAROZZI. WADLEIGH advised after viewing these photographs that the picture of ALBERT BLUMBERG most closely resembled the individual named BLUMBERG, a professor of philosophy at Johns Hopkins University who visited in his, WADLEIGH's apartment in 1934 or 1935 in the company of ELEANOR NELSON. WADLEIGH advised he could not be sure that BLUMBERG was actually the individual who visited him in his apartment, but advised that there was a very great resemblance between this picture of BLUMBERG and the individual who visited him as set out above. WADLEIGH at this time could recall no further details of this meeting.

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The Chicago Office should carry forward instructions set out in the third paragraph of the referenced letter. The photograph of BLUMBERG forwarded by the Baltimore Office to the Washington Field Office is enclosed herewith for the use of the Chicago Office and may be retained by the Chicago Office.

For the information of the Bureau and New York City, WADLEIGH stated at this interview that in connection with the rug delivered to him by DAVID ZIMMERMAN, known to WADLEIGH as HAROLD WILSON and HAROLD CARPENTER, he now believes that he made the remark concerning payment of duty on this rug to ZIMMERMAN rather than to CHAMBERS. It will be recalled that WADLEIGH inquired in a facetious manner of CHAMBERS or ZIMMERMAN that he, WADLEIGH, supposed the duty on this rug was paid. CHAMBERS has advised, according to the New York Office, that he cannot recall this remark. This matter will be reported in the next report in this case by this office.

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